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tional grant is known and the people of Halifax generally become immune to the shock of an additional \$3,000,000 a year to absorb this territory. He favored a plebiscite after the "shocking" facts are known.

Alderman O'Brien felt that it would be in error to have a plebiscite unless the public authority calling it intends to be guided by the result of it and in this case, the authority for the decision is the Public Utilities Board. He was of the opinion that issues of this type are too complicated for plebiscites to be the effective way for a democracy to act, but that elected representatives should take responsibility. In this situation, an appointed Board has been given the responsibility and they might want to have a plebiscite, but he suggested that the City not go before the Board advocating a plebiscite, but if the Board wishes a plebiscite it is entirely up to them.

He further suggested that in terms of the study which is required, as pointed out by the City Manager, one of the strongest points which should be made to the Board should be that the City of Halifax feels that the full responsibility for the studies in depth that are required should rest with the Public Utilities Board or the Province of Nova Scotia because it involves more than one municipality.

Alderman Matheson agreed with Alderman O'Brien's opinion respecting a plebiscite. He felt that the City should not annex the whole area without a study in depth by management consultants.

Following detailed discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Moir that if it is the desire of the Public Utilities Board that amalgamation proceed quickly, that this Council look with favor

on the annexation of Rockingham and Fairview and the lands owned by the Public Service Commission provided that a transitional grant formula in amounts and time is worked out that is acceptable to the City of Halifax, but that annexation of any greater area would be delayed until such time as a study in depth has been made by the Board of Public Utilities; that the study produce facts with relation to Provincial financial aid to the City of Halifax and/or County of Halifax if there is to be amalgamation on any wider scale.

There was no seconder to the motion.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson that Council agree to make the City Manager's report to the Council the basis of the submissions to the Public Utilities Board and urge upon the Board that it is not in the interests of the City of Halifax nor the people in the adjoining areas to annex to the City of Halifax areas which are not urban in character, and that, if any annexation is ordered, that it include the watershed lands.

There was no seconder to the motion.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, that:

1. the City favor annexation of Fairview, Rockingham and Watershed lands;
2. the City request transitional grants to be spelled out in amount and time to cover additional City costs;
3. the City request further study in depth of possible annexation of balance of the area to be carried out by the Public Utilities Board. Such study to include determination of the amount of Provincial financial aid to City and/or County required to make it a reasonable proposition;
4. the Public Utilities Board shall obtain through the Province of Nova Scotia the amounts to be paid by the Province in transitional grants.

There was no seconder to the motion.

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3:40 p.m. Meeting adjourned for a short recess.

4:05 p.m. Meeting reconvened, the same members being present.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Matheson, that:

1. The Council of the City of Halifax agree to make the City Manager's Report to the City Council on Annexation, dated February, 1966, the basis of the submissions to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities in the matter of the proposed annexation petitions now before the said Board;
2. The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities be advised that Council looks with favor on the annexation to the City of Halifax of Districts 1, 4, 12 and lands now in the ownership of the Public Service Commission, preferably in whole situated within the Municipality of the County of Halifax;
3. The Council of the City of Halifax requests that before an Order respecting annexation is made, the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities secure a commitment from the Province of Nova Scotia for payment of transitional grants in amounts and duration sufficient to make any proposed annexation a reasonable proposition;
4. Representations be made to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities that further study in depth of possible annexation of the balance of the area outlined in the letters of the Board should be carried out by the Board with such technical assistance as the Board requires. Such study to include determination of the amount of Provincial financial aid to the City and/or County required to make annexation a reasonable undertaking;
5. The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities be advised it is the opinion of the Council of the City of Halifax that in the event any territory is decided upon for annexation to the City of Halifax, the said areas should include the watershed lands now in the ownership of the Public Service Commission of the City of Halifax.

Motion passed.

4:25 p.m. Council reconvened, the same members being present.

The following recommendation was submitted by the

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

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2. The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities be advised that Council looks with favor on the annexation to the City of Halifax of Districts 1, 4, 12 and lands now in the ownership of the Public Service Commission, preferably in whole, situated within the Municipality of the County of Halifax;
3. The Council of the City of Halifax requests that before an Order respecting annexation is made, the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities secure a commitment from the Province of Nova Scotia for payment of transitional grants in amounts and duration sufficient to make any proposed annexation a reasonable proposition;
4. Representations be made to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities that further study in depth of possible annexation of the balance of the area outlined in the letters of the Board should be carried out by the Board with such technical assistance as the Board requires. Such study to include determination of the amount of Provincial financial aid to the City and/or County required to make annexation a reasonable undertaking;
5. The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities be advised it is the opinion of the Council of the City of Halifax that in the event any territory is decided upon for annexation to the City of Halifax, the said areas should include the watershed lands now in the ownership of the Public Service Commission of the City of Halifax.

Motion passed.

It was agreed that the Annexation Study Report of Urwick, Currie Limited be kept confidential until it is submitted to the Board of Public Utilities.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 p.m.

CHARLES A. VAUGHAN,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R. H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CITY COUNCIL

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1. Lord's Prayer.
2. Roll Call.
3. Minutes: January 13 and February 3, 1966.
4. Approval of Order of Business - Additions or Deletions.
5. Deferred Business:
  - (a) Rezoning of Land, Block bounded by Spring Garden Road, Brenton Street, Brenton Place & South Park Street from R-3 Zone to C-2 Zone (Awaiting Proposal by Developer).
  - (b) Rezoning of Land, Southeast Corner of South Park and Fenwick Streets from C-1 Zone to R-3 Zone. (Awaiting opinion of City Solicitor Relating to Non-conforming Buildings - C-1 Use in a Residential Zone).
  - (c) Rezoning of Land, Northwest Corner of Tower Road and Point Pleasant Drive from C-1 Zone to R-2 Zone. (Awaiting opinion of City Solicitor Relating to Non-conforming Buildings - C-1 Use in a Residential Zone).
  - (d) Appointments to Housing Authority of Halifax. (His Worship the Mayor Processing).
  - (e) Urwick Currie Recommendations. (Special Meeting of Council).
6. Motions of Reconsideration:
  - (a) Motion - Alderman Black to reconsider Resolution of Council approved March 3, 1966 re: Alteration to Ward Boundaries.
7. Motions of Rescission: NONE.
8. Public Hearings: NONE.
- Petitions and Delegations.
10. Report - Finance and Executive Committee:
  - (a) Property Acquisition - Vacant Lot - Corner Barrington & Artz Streets.
  - (b) Property Acquisition - #5423 Gerrish Street.
  - (c) Acquisition of Properties - Use of Assessment - Valuation in Lieu of Appraisals.
  - (d) Resolution Re: Repeal of 11% Sales Tax on Building Materials, Etc.
  - (e) Tax Exemption - St. Vincent's Guest House, Windsor Street.
  - (f) Halifax Natal Day.
  - (g) Proclamation of Sections 249 to 252 Inclusive - Halifax City Charter, 1963.
  - (h) Additional Appropriation for Africville Relocation Program.
  - (i) Property Acquisitions - Africville - Buildings Nos. 71, 75, 76, 80, 81, 82, 83 and 117.
  - (j) Financial Assistance - Former Residents of Africville.

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11. Report - Committee on Works:

- (a) Tenders - Demolition - #2400-2402 Brunswick Street.

12. Report - Safety Committee:

- (a) Heart & Lung Bill.  
(b) Holidays - Police Department.

13. Report - Public Health & Welfare Committee:

- (a) Renovations - Superintendent's Home - Robie Street.

14. Report - Committee of the Whole Council, Boards & Commissions.

Report - Town Planning Board:

- (a) Rezoning - R-3 Residential to Park & Institutional -  
Joseph Howe School - Creighton Street.  
(b) Alteration to Subdivision - #6069 Belmont and #6064 Oakland Roads.  
(c) Alteration to Subdivision - Lots #33 and #34 - Waterloo Field  
Subdivision - #1165-71 Waterloo Street.

16. Motions:

- (a) Motion - Alderman Trainor Re: Proclamation Section 248,  
City Charter, 1963, relating to Poll Tax.

17. Miscellaneous Business:

- (a) Accounts Over \$1,000.  
(b) Letter - Halifax-Dartmouth & District Labour Council Re: Proposed  
Causeway - Arm Bridge.  
(c) Letter - Halifax-Dartmouth & District Labour Council Re:  
Housing Project - Creighton Street.  
(d) Transfer of Appropriations within Budget.  
(e) Improvements - Armdale Rotary.

QUESTIONS.

19. Notices of Motion.

20. Added Items.

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Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
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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 Mayor C. A. Vaughan, Chairman; Aldermen Abbott, Moir, Matheson, A. M. Butler, Meagher, LeBlanc, Trainor, Connolly, Doyle, Richard and H. W. Butler.

Also present were Messrs. P. F. C. Byars, R. H. Stoddard, W. J. Clancey, G. F. West, D. F. Murphy, and J. L. Leitch.

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MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler, that the minutes of the meetings of City Council held on January 13 and February 3, 1966 be approved. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS - ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

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

DEFERRED ITEMS

Rezoning of Land, Block bounded by Spring Garden Road, Brenton Street, Brenton Place and South Park Street from R-3 Zone to C-2 Zone

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that no action be taken on this matter at this time until a proposal is submitted by the applicant. Motion passed.

Rezoning of Land, Southeast Corner of South Park and Fenwick Streets From C-1 Zone to R-3 Zone

In answer to Alderman LeBlanc, the City Solicitor stated that he could give a verbal opinion at this time.

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Alderman LeBlanc suggested that the City Solicitor prepare the opinion in writing and distribute the same to the members of Council.

The matter was further deferred.

Rezoning of Land, Northwest Corner of Tower Road and Point Pleasant Drive From C-1 Zone to R-2 Zone

The matter was further deferred.

Appointments to Housing Authority of Halifax

The matter was further deferred awaiting a report from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Urwick Currie Recommendations

The matter was further deferred pending a special meeting of Council to consider the same.

#### MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

Motion - Alderman Black to reconsider Resolution of Council approved March 3, 1966, Re: Alteration to Ward Boundaries

MOVED by Alderman Moir, (on behalf of Alderman Black) seconded by Alderman Richard, that Council reconsider the Resolution approved at a meeting held on March 3, 1966 respecting the matter of the alteration of the Ward Boundaries.

Alderman Moir pointed out that the facts have been before Council and it is well known that there is an inequitable distribution of voters in the Ward. There are as many as three-times the number of voters in one Ward as compared with another Ward. Letters were submitted from the President of the Board of Trade and the Vice-President of the Halifax Homeowners Association requesting such alteration. He pointed out there is some indication that a group in the City will be making an effort to have the Ward Boundaries altered regardless of the decision of Council. In the interests of the proper growth of the City and proper Ward representation, he suggested that Council would be well advised to vote

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for the same on its own rather than have it proceeded with by the  
Municipal Board.

The motion was put and lost, three voting for the same  
and eight against it as follows:

For the Motion: Aldermen Moir, LeBlanc and  
Richard - 3

Against: Aldermen Abbott, Matheson, A.M. Butler,  
Meagher, Trainor, Connolly, Doyle  
and H. W. Butler - 8

PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

Petition to Change Street Name

A petition was submitted from Homeowners on Creighton  
Street Extension requesting that the name of the Street be changed  
to Northwood Terrace. The petition was signed by approximately  
25 persons and was endorsed by Alderman Doyle.

MOVED by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Trainor,  
that this matter be referred to the Committee on Works for con-  
sideration and report back to Council. Motion passed.

REQUEST TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL

Alderman Connolly stated that he had been requested  
by a citizen for permission to address Council on the matter of  
the acquisition of a property in the Uniacke Square Area.

His Worship the Mayor stated that under the Rules of  
Order of Council, any person wishing to address Council must submit  
a letter to the City Clerk at least two (2) clear days before the  
meeting of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman  
Meagher, that Mr. Murray Warrington be heard.

After a short discussion, Mr. Warrington was requested  
to appear before the Finance and Executive Committee to make his  
representations.

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The motion was not put.

MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from meetings held on March 10 and 17, 1966 as follows:

Property Acquisition - Vacant Lot - Corner Barrington & Artz Streets

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$700.00 be paid to Mr. J. Russell Kitz as settlement in full for all claims arising from the purchase by the City of his property (vacant lot) at the southeast corner of Barrington and Artz Streets, located in the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Area. Motion passed.

Property Acquisition - #5423 Gerrish Street

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$8,000.00 be paid to Mr. J. D. Harrison as settlement in full for all claims arising from the purchase by the City of his property at #5423 Gerrish Street, located within the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Area, Phase I. Motion passed.

Acquisition of Properties - Use of Assessment -  
Valuation in Lieu of Appraisals

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following policy, with respect to the acquisition of properties, be adopted for the balance of 1966:

If, as a result of Staff negotiations, the owner of a property required for civic purposes is

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to the year willing to accept in settlement an amount  
Institution equal to the 1966 civic assessment on the  
Motion passed said property, there shall be no need to hire  
appraisers to make appraisals of such property  
and the 1966 assessment figure will be accepted  
in lieu of appraisals.

Motion passed.

Resolution Re: Repeal of 11% Sales Tax on Building Materials, Etc.

The Committee considered a request from the City of Windsor, Ontario for an endorsement of a resolution requesting the Government to repeal the 11% sales tax on building materials, etc.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Richard that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, rather than endorse the resolution of the City of Windsor, His Worship the Mayor be requested to prepare a resolution for presentation at the annual convention of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities requesting the Federal Government to remove the eleven percent sales tax on building materials used in the construction of public housing erected by municipalities; and that the resolution point out the fact that the high cost of construction of schools, public housing, libraries and hospitals in this area has placed a tremendous burden on the taxpayers in this area; also, pointing out that the federal sales tax is unfairly imposed against the extremes of the country where transportation is an added factor of cost, and consumers in the eastern and western parts of Canada are, in fact, paying a tax on transportation. Motion passed.

Tax Exemption - St. Vincent's Guest House, Windsor Street.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, legislation be sought to amend Section 370 of the Halifax City Charter, 1931 to provide that the St. Vincent's Guest House on Windsor Street shall be exempt from real property tax retroactive

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to the year 1965 and that such exemption apply only while the said institution is wholly operated as a non-profit nursing home.

Motion passed.

Halifax Natal Day

It is recommended that Wednesday, August 30, 1966, be declared as Halifax Natal Day.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, that the recommendation be approved.

There was no seconder to the motion.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler, that Halifax Natal Day be observed on Wednesday, July 27, 1966. Motion passed. Alderman Trainor voting against.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler, that the City of Halifax proclaim a civic half-holiday in honor of Dartmouth Natal Day, August 10, 1966. Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler, that the City of Dartmouth be requested to proclaim a civic half-holiday in honor of Halifax Natal Day on July 27, 1966. Motion passed.

Proclamation of Sections 249 to 252 Inclusive -  
Halifax City Charter, 1963

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Richard that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Governor in Council be requested to proclaim Sections 249 to 252 of the Halifax City Charter, 1963, relating to Poll Tax. Motion passed.

ACQUISITION PROPERTIES NOS. 80, 81, 82 and 83 AT AFRICVILLE -  
MR. DAVID DIXON

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Richard

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that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee,

1. Mr. & Mrs. Dixon be considered as the alleged owners of property Nos. 80, 81, 82 and 83;
2. that the City consider purchasing the above identified property for \$6,529; \$5,500 be paid to Mr. & Mrs. Dixon for their property and \$29 towards an outstanding Victoria General Hospital Account;
3. that \$1,000 be approved for the purchase of necessary household items;
4. that a Quit Claim Deed be signed in favour of the City by Mr. & Mrs. Dixon;
5. that Dwelling No. 80 and the outbuildings 81, 82 and 83 be demolished as soon as they can be conveniently vacated.

Motion passed.

ACQUISITION PROPERTY NO.117 AT AFRICVILLE - MR. & MRS. ROMEO BYERS

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Trainor that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee,

1. Mr. Byers be considered as the alleged owner of Property No.117;
2. City purchase property for the sum of \$7,913.95; \$5,000 of this amount to be paid to Mr. Byers upon receipt of a Quit Claim Deed;
3. \$1,000 be retained to provide for necessary household items, \$1,913.95 for the outstanding Victoria General Hospital Account;
4. Assistance be provided in the purchase or rent of alternate accommodations;
5. Demolition of Property No.117 as soon as it can be conveniently vacated.

Motion passed.

ACQUISITION PROPERTIES NOS.75 & 76 AT AFRICVILLE -  
MR. & MRS. CLEMENT MARSMAN

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman

A. M. Butler that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee,

1. the City consider Mr. & Mrs. Marsman as the alleged owners of Properties Nos. 75 and 76;

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2. the City purchase Properties Nos. 75 and 76 for the sum of \$5,979.07; \$4,500 to be paid to Mr. & Mrs. Marsman; \$1,000 for the purchase of necessary household furnishings; \$63.07 for tax arrears and \$241.00 for an outstanding Victoria General Hospital Account;
3. the service of the Legal Department be made available if it is so desired;
4. Assistance in movement of furniture if so desired;
5. City assume the cost of Deed Transfer Tax \$175.00;
6. A Quit Claim Deed be signed in favour of the City by Mr. & Mrs. Marsman;
7. Properties Nos. 75 and 76 be demolished as soon as it can be conveniently vacated.

Motion passed.

ACQUISITION PROPERTY NO.71 AT AFRICVILLE - MR.& MRS.WM. CLAYTON

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Richard that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee,

1. Mr. & Mrs. Clayton be considered as the alleged owners of Property No.71;
2. City purchase Property No.71 for the sum of \$4,642.41; \$3,500 of this amount to be paid to Mr. & Mrs. Clayton; \$12.10 for the payment of an outstanding Victoria General Hospital Account; \$35.31 for the payment of outstanding taxes; \$1,000 toward the purchase of furniture be made payable to Mr. & Mrs. William Clayton;
3. a Quit Claim Deed be signed in favour of the City by Mr. & Mrs. Clayton for their property in Africville;
4. Assistance be offered Mr. & Mrs. Clayton in the movement of their furnishings from Africville to their new home;
5. Demolition of Property No. 71 as soon as it can be conveniently vacated;
6. City assume the cost of the Deed Transfer Tax \$95.00;
7. Services of the City's Legal Department be offered if so desired.

Motion passed.

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REPAIRS TO NO.3188 ALBERT STREET - MR. & MRS. STANLEY DIXON

MOVED by Alderman Richard, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City of Halifax assume the responsibility for the payment of the following accounts in connection with repairs to No. 3188 Albert Street:

Mr. W. S. Redmond for plumbing - \$90.00;

L..R. Jackson Limited for  
plastering - \$75.00.

Motion passed.

PAYMENT FOR MOVING EXPENSES OUTSIDE CITY - MR. & MRS. H. CARTER AND  
MR. & MRS. W. BYERS

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Trainor that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following account be approved for payment:

Mills Transfer - \$45.00

Motion passed.

ADDITIONAL BORROWING - AFRICVILLE RELOCATION PROGRAM - \$100,000.00

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, an additional borrowing in the amount of \$100,000.00 be approved for the relocation program at Africville. Motion passed.

A formal borrowing resolution to give effect to the foregoing motion of Council was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

BRIEF TO PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
AFRICVILLE PROGRAM

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee,

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His Worship the Mayor prepare a submission for presentation to the Provincial and Federal Governments seeking financial assistance in connection with the Africville Relocation Program. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - MR. CLARENCE BROWN - LADY HAMMOND ROAD

MOVED by Alderman Richard, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, financial assistance be provided Mr. Clarence Brown on a weekly basis as follows:

Mortgage .....	\$35.00	
Groceries .....	28.00	
Fuel .....	4.00	
Electricity .....	<u>4.00</u>	
		\$71.00

and that same be made on compassionate grounds for a period not to exceed three months and at the end of such time, the matter be reviewed. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works, at a meeting held on March 8, 1966, as follows:

Tenders - Demolition - #2400-2402 Brunswick Street

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Matheson that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of George A. Redmond, the lowest tender meeting specifications, be accepted for the demolition of #2400-2402 Brunswick Street, in the amount of \$950.00, provided a Performance Bond in the amount of \$1,900.00 is submitted by him to the City.

Alderman LeBlanc asked if the City Manager had had an opportunity to prepare a report giving comparative prices over the last two or three years respecting tenders for demolition.

The City Manager replied that the report is being prepared and it will be submitted as soon as possible. There has been

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an increase in the number of tenderers and at the next Committee meeting, there will be a change in the tenders as well as a reserve bid by the City which will prove to be the lowest tender.

The motion was then put and passed.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee, at a meeting held on March 8, 1966, as follows:

Heart & Lung Bill

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Safety Committee,

1. the findings of the Staff Report respecting the proposed Heart and Lung Bill be accepted and that Local 268, International Association of Fire Fighters be notified that in the opinion of the Committee set up to study this matter, there are no reasons advanced to warrant the City seeking amendments to the City's present pension and pension proposals because of the contention of the firemen;
2. a copy of the Staff Report be forwarded to the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities with the request that the scope of study into the mortality of members Police Departments in Canada presently being carried out by the Federation be extended to include Firemen as well as Policemen;
3. copies of the Staff Report be forwarded to the Private and Local Bills Committee and that a representative of the City Solicitor's Department appear before the Committee in the event that the firemen make application for legislation during the present session of the Legislature.

Motion passed.

Holidays - Police Department

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Safety Committee,

1. 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

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or declared holidays consistent with the needs of the Police Department;

2. that a policy be established whereby members of the Halifax Police Force be granted annual vacation in accordance with the following schedule:

- (a) after one year's service - two weeks' (10 working days) vacation;
- (b) after four years' service - three weeks' (15 working days) vacation;
- (c) after twenty years' service - four weeks' (20 working days) vacation;

and that (a) and (b) above apply only to new employees hired after January 1, 1966.

Motion passed.

REPORT - PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Public Health and Welfare Committee, at a meeting held on March 10, 1966, as follows:

Renovations - Superintendent's Home on Robie Street

The following report was submitted:

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

The Public Health and Welfare Committee, at a meeting held on March 10, 1966, considered various matters of civic business.

A report from the City Manager respecting the feasibility of using the building on Robie Street, formerly occupied by the Superintendent of the Halifax Mental Hospital, as a possible residence for Ambulatory Municipal Home Patients was considered.

It is recommended that steps be taken to renovate the building on Robie Street, formerly occupied by the Superintendent of the Halifax Mental Hospital, (the renovations to include an adequate sprinkler system) at an approximate cost of \$7-8,000 to make it suitable for ambulatory municipal home guests; and that a detailed report, including a breakdown of the capital expenditure involved for the conversion of the building and the fire alarm system, be circulated prior to the recommendation being considered by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD,  
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Expenditures in putting this residence in operation would involve the following for furnishings and equipment:

Settees, chairs, tables, lamps, T.V., refrigerator, range, straight chairs, window blinds and drapes would amount to approximately ..... \$2,000.00

Equipment such as sheets, pillow cases, towels, bedspreads, wash cloths, electric toaster, electric kettle, tumblers and dishes, knives and forks, would amount to approximately ..... 1,000.00

Mops, pails, cleaning materials and soaps would amount to approximately ..... 160.00

Total ..... \$3,160.00

The latter items are not capital items but would be additional items on the Basinview Home Budget requiring additional expenditures during the year two-thirds of which should be recoverable from the Province.

These expenditures are not additional expenditures for the care of these people but were submitted in the Budget under Welfare for the care of persons being provided for in Nursing Homes and in Basinview Home, brought about by the transfer of patients under the Regulations coming into effect 1st January, 1966, so that the overall expenses should remain practically the same.

Respectfully submitted,

P. F. C. BYARS,  
CITY MANAGER.

Alderman Moir pointed out that the Children's Hospital Board desired to build their Nurses' Residence on the site of the former Superintendent's Residence on Robie Street as soon as possible

He also pointed out that the Board of Management of the Halifax Mental Hospital desired to use the same building as an office for a psychiatrist. He advised that the Halifax Mental Hospital Board only agreed to permit the Children's Hospital to demolish the Robie Street building if the Children's Hospital Board would make quarters available for the resident psychiatrist for the Halifax Mental Hospital.

He asked if these matters had been considered by Staff to

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which the City Manager replied in the affirmative and stated that the consensus of opinion was that the City does require the Robie Street residence for the purpose of housing the patients who are coming out of the Mental Hospital who are ambulatory persons. He stated that the Robie Street residence could be considered as an annex to Basinview Home.

Alderman Moir stated that Dr. Tainsh was most anxious to acquire the residence for the psychiatrist.

The Commissioner of Health advised that with the removal of 100 or more patients from the Halifax Mental Hospital, it was felt that Dr. Tainsh's outpatients' activity could be carried on within the present building in the space that would be made available by the removal of this number of patients. The Superintendent's Residence would then be free for the placement of Municipal Home patients. This has been discussed with Dr. Tainsh. He said he would have more definite information within a week or ten days regarding the Children's Hospital Nurses' Residence. The problem exists but it has not been resolved up to this point. He pointed out that Council approval was requested pending the plans of the Children's Hospital fitting in with those of the City.

Alderman Moir stated that assurance had been given to the Children's Hospital Board that it could have the land on Robie Street with certain provisions.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the Children's Hospital Board came back and wanted a change in the land. They brought in plans and they were discussed and after several months, they were withdrawn and they went back to the original plan. He was satisfied that there were no great problems involved with respect to the Children's Hospital. He pointed out that the present

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problem is to find a place for people who must be removed from the Mental Hospital.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Moir, that the recommendation be approved subject to the concurrence of the Children's Hospital Board.

Alderman Trainor referred to the proposed installation of two new radiators at an estimated cost of \$220.00. He felt that this was not realistic.

Alderman Connolly suggested that it would cost \$50.00 per day to instal the radiators; one day to drain the furnace and one day to refill it which would involve six days. He estimated that the total cost would be in the vicinity of \$600.00.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the matter be referred back to the Public Health and Welfare Committee for further consideration. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the Town Planning Board, at a meeting held on March 8, 1966, as follows:

Rezoning - R-3 Residential to Park & Institutional  
Joseph Howe School - Creighton Street

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman H.W. Butler that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the rezoning of land occupied by the Joseph Howe School on Creighton Street, from R-3 Residential to Park and Institutional as shown on Drawing No. P200/2012, be approved and that a date be set for a public hearing. Motion passed.

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Alteration to a Subdivision - #6069 Belmont Road and  
#6064 Oakland Road

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the alteration to a subdivision at #6069 Belmont Road and #6064 Oakland Road, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2009-00-10-16508, be approved, subject to Lot "A" being incorporated into Lot 80, Civic No. 6064 Oakland Road, and that the advertising be waived. Motion passed.

Alteration to a Subdivision - Lots 33 and 34 Waterloo Field  
Subdivision - #1165-71 Waterloo Street

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the alteration to a subdivision combining Lots 33 and 34, Civic Nos. 1165-71 Waterloo Street, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2011-00-10-16418, be approved, subject to the existing dwellings being demolished, and that the advertising be waived. Motion passed.

MOTIONS

Motion - Alderman Trainor Re: Proclamation Section 248, City Charter  
1963, Relating to Poll Tax

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Moir that, an Ordinance be introduced for first reading under the authority of Section 248 of the 1963 City Charter relating to Poll Tax which will increase the tax payable to \$30.00 with a discount of \$5.00 provided the tax is paid within a specified time. Motion passed. Aldermen LeBlanc, Connolly and H. W. Butler voting against.

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accounts over \$1000.00

The following accounts over \$1,000.00 were submitted:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Province of Nova Scotia	Amortization payment re Vocational High School	\$12,991.00
Northern Elec. Co. Ltd.	Luminaires	2,236.00
Robert J. Flinn	Fees re new Tourist Bureau	<u>1,184.57</u>
		<u>\$16,411.97</u>

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the accounts be approved for payment.

Alderman Connolly was of the opinion that the designs and preparation of plans for the new Tourist Building was done by City Staff but that Mr. Flinn was hired to see that the building was erected properly.

His Worship the Mayor felt that Mr. Chang did the basic design of the building but the detailed drawings and specifications were done by Mr. Flinn.

The Tourist Committee has requested the Staff to consider the possibility of utilizing the Fire Alarm Building on Summer Street for a Tourist Bureau when the City adopts a telephone system.

The motion was then put and passed.

Letter - Halifax-Dartmouth & District Labour Council Re: Proposed Causeway - Arm Bridge

A letter was submitted and read from the Halifax-Dartmouth and District Labour Council advising that the Council would like to have assurance that the proposed Causeway across the Arm would not delay the construction of the Arm Bridge.

The City Clerk was directed to acknowledge receipt of

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the letter and advise the Secretary that the City Council holds the same views as the Trades and Labour Council in this matter and that a copy of the letter be sent to the Premier and the Chairman of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission.

Letter - Halifax-Dartmouth & District Labour Council Re:  
Housing Project - Creighton Street

The following letter was submitted and read:

P. O. Box 1061,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
March 4, 1966.

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

Dear Mr. Stoddard:

The Labour Council is protesting any immediate redevelopment project on Creighton Street area, until all the available vacant land is used, and that any low rental project be based on less than the present two thousand requirement wage earners, and that owner occupy units be permitted to be built with government assistance.

Yours very truly,

Walter T. Brooks,  
General Secretary,  
Halifax-Dartmouth and  
District Labour Council.

The City Clerk was directed to acknowledge receipt of the letter and advised that a meeting would be held in the Cornwallis Baptist Church when the matter will be discussed more fully.

Transfer of Appropriations within the Budget

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler, that the City Manager be authorized to permit transfers of appropriations within Departmental Budgets up to a maximum of \$1,000.00 and that such transfers be listed in the Monthly Administrative Report. Motion passed.

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At the 8:50 p.m. Council convened as a Committee of the Whole Council.

IMPROVEMENTS - ARMDALE ROTARY

The following reports were submitted:

To: Members of City Council  
From: Charles A. Vaughan, Mayor  
Date: March 17, 1966  
Subject: Armdale Rotary Improvements

At the March 9, 1966 meeting, City Council approved the following motion:

THAT the proposal for a causeway across the North West Arm at the foot of Quinpool Road be referred to Staff for a report to a meeting of City Council on March 31 or earlier to include the following information:

- (1) the feasibility of moving the whole project further north;
- (2) consider the matter of aesthetics by an orderly placing of flat rocks on the banks of the causeway;
- (3) consider the matter of whether or not the channel outlet is sufficiently large so that the tide will carry the refuse out beyond the causeway, rather than the refuse lying on the flats at low tide;
- (4) that maps be prepared showing the level of tides and the force of flows of the North West Arm;
- (5) that cost estimates be prepared and submitted on the proposed revised project.

It was also agreed that a representative from the Provincial Department of Highways be invited to attend the meeting of Council when this matter is again considered.

Following the March 9 Council meeting, His Worship the Mayor arranged a meeting with the Honourable Minister of Highways for 10 a.m. on March 10, 1966, at which time the respective Staffs of the Department of Highways and the City might consider and possibly resolve the points raised by City Council.

In attendance at the March 10, 1966 meeting were:

City of Halifax

His Worship Mayor Vaughan  
City Manager, P.F.C. Byars  
Traffic Engineer, Chieu Chang  
Comm. of Works, G. F. West

Nova Scotia Department of Highways

Hon. Stephen Pyke, Minister of Highways  
D/Min. of Highways, J. L. Wickwire  
Asst. D/Minister, B. Hault

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At the request of His Worship Mayor Vaughan, Mr. James L. Wickwire, Deputy Minister of Highways explained the reasons for the choice of the Quinpool Road as the site for the proposed North West Arm Causeway.

During these explanations and the group discussions which followed, the questions raised by City Council were generally answered in the order asked, as follows:

Q. 1. The feasibility of moving the whole project further north.

Mr. Wickwire explained that sites further north (between Horseshoe Island and the Rotary) were considered but were abandoned in favour of the Quinpool Road site because of high construction costs and difficult grades.

Q. 2. Consider the matter of aesthetics by the orderly placing of flat rocks on the banks of the Causeway.

The Honourable Minister of Highways stated that the causeway would be made as attractive as possible if all parties concerned mutually agreed to the siting and construction of the facility.

Q. 3. Consider the matter of whether or not the channel outlet is sufficiently large so that the tide will carry the refuse out beyond the causeway rather than refuse laying on the flats at low tide.

Considering the area involved and the volume of water which would move through the proposed channel with each change of tide, it has been estimated that a 20-foot opening would suffice. The opening proposed in the preliminary design of the causeway would be in the neighbourhood of 60 feet wide.

With the addition of appropriate amounts of fill to eliminate the cove which might be formed where Quinpool Road joins the causeway, the conditions which would exist between the proposed causeway and the Rotary would probably be no worse than the conditions which presently exist at the Public Baths bathing beach.

The North West Arm Sewer conveys all sewerage from the head of the Arm at Chebucto Road to the Chain Rock outlet. Combined sewage enters the Arm at Chebucto Road only in times of flood through specially designed overflows. The sewage is further diluted during overflow periods by a large volume of storm water from a storm sewer outlet at the same location as the combined sewer outlet. This storm sewer drains a large area of the County, as well as a considerable area of the north west section of the City.

There are houses on the western shore of the Arm between the proposed Causeway and the Rotary and it could not be definitely determined if any of these drain directly into the Arm.

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However, we are advised that money has been allocated for the installation of a sanitary sewer on Arm Shore Drive, which would serve all of the houses concerned and thus eliminate the possibility of pollution from this source.

- Q.4. That maps be prepared showing the levels of tides and the force of flows of the North West Arm.

The maps requested by City Council are not in the City's possession at the present time but efforts are being made to acquire such plans.

- Q.5. That the cost estimates be prepared and submitted on the proposed revised project.

Estimates of a revised project north of the proposed causeway have not been prepared because the existing grades would require an overhead structure at an elevation of about 30 feet above the level of the existing Rotary. Such a facility would be more costly and in the collective opinion of all concerned would not be as good as the proposed Causeway.

A report can be expected in the very near future from the Nova Scotia Water Authority on the proposed Quinpool Road Causeway proposal and its possible effects on the waters of the North West Arm.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. VAUGHAN,  
MAYOR.

To: The Members of City Council

From: Mayor Charles A. Vaughan

Date: February 1, 1966

Subject: Re: Improvement of Traffic Conditions at Armdale  
Rotary, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Aldermen:

Attached is a copy of a letter addressed to the Minister of Highways and to the Mayor of the City of Halifax, Re improvement of traffic conditions at Armdale Rotary, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and submitted by J. L. Wickwire, Deputy Minister of Highways, and George F. West, Commissioner of Works, City of Halifax.

It is my intention to call together the members of City Council as soon as possible to consider the proposal contained in the letter signed by the two officials.

You will note that the proposal calls for an expenditure of \$484,000 within the City limits, of which one-half, or \$242,000, will be the responsibility of the City of Halifax. This compares favourably with other schemes which had the City responsible for

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sums from three-quarters of a million dollars to an amount in excess of a million dollars.

I request that you read the report very carefully and be in a position to reach a decision when this matter is placed before you in Council session.

Yours very truly,

CHARLES A. VAUGHAN,  
MAYOR.

Honourable S. T. Pyke,  
Minister of Highways,  
Province of Nova Scotia,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Mr. Charles A. Vaughan,  
Mayor, City of Halifax,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Re: Improvement of Traffic Conditions at Armdale Rotary,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to Functional Planning Report respecting Armdale Rotary and North West Arm bridge submitted to the Province of Nova Scotia and the City of Halifax by Foundation of Canada Engineering Corporation Limited, hereinafter called "FENCO", on April 3, 1965 - and in conformance with directives that meetings be held between staffs of City of Halifax and Department of Highways to consider detailed recommendations of such report and to endeavor to arrive at agreement on such recommendations or some adequate modification thereof, the undersigned hereby recommend as follows:

Acceptance in principle of modified submission of "FENCO" designated as Scheme 12 as shown on attached "FENCO" plan No. 3013-18 dated December 3, 1965. Estimated gross cost \$2,074,000 of which \$484,000 is within city limits.

There are indeed 12 separate schemes submitted by "FENCO". Schemes 1 to 3 inclusive are included in the Report above mentioned. Modified Schemes 4 to 12 inclusive are shown on plans subsequently submitted by "FENCO" at the request of City and Department staffs. The Report and all plans referred to accompany this letter.

The combined staffs were not prepared to accept Schemes 1, 2 and 3 shown in the Report since it was judged that great disturbance and property damage would result. Construction would cause severe interference with traffic since complete abandonment of the Rotary was called for. Traffic lights were required which would interrupt the free flow of vehicles in one or more important directions.

The staffs then considered Schemes 4 to 9 which provided various proposals for "flyovers" or for elevating the heaviest traffic flow