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

In accordance with the provisions of the Halifax City  
Charter in respect to the election of two Aldermen for WARD 5 of  
the City of Halifax, I submit the following returns for the  
election held on October 19, 1966:

WARD 5

J. E. "Gee" Ahern	-	1373
James L. Connolly	-	1056
George Davis	-	876
Thomas L. Trainor	-	443

Majority for J. E. "Gee" Ahern	OVER	James L. Connolly	-	317
Majority for J. E. "Gee" Ahern	OVER	George Davis	-	497
Majority for J. E. "Gee" Ahern	OVER	Thomas L. Trainor	-	930
Majority for James L. Connolly	OVER	George Davis	-	180
Majority for James L. Connolly	OVER	Thomas L. Trainor	-	613
Majority for George Davis	OVER	Thomas L. Trainor	-	433

Respectfully submitted,



R. H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

I therefore declare Mr. J. E. "Gee" Ahern and  
Mr. James L. Connolly duly elected Aldermen for WARD 5 of the City of  
Halifax for a term of three (3) years from November 1, 1966 to  
October 31, 1969.

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Members of the City Council.

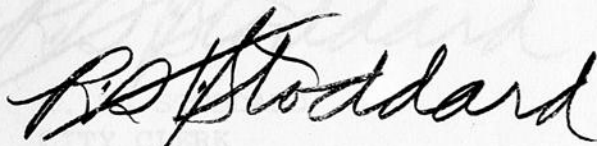
In accordance with the provisions of the Halifax City  
Charter in respect to the election of two Aldermen for WARD 6 of  
the City of Halifax, I submit the following returns for the  
election held on October 19, 1966:

WARD 6

G. E. "Nuggett" Doyle	-	3332
Gerald A. Hollett	-	968
Peter Richard	-	2695
M. D. "Merv" Sullivan	-	2773

Majority for G. E. "Nuggett" Doyle	OVER	M. D. "Merv" Sullivan	-	559
Majority for G. E. "Nuggett" Doyle	OVER	Peter Richard	-	637
Majority for G. E. "Nuggett" Doyle	OVER	Gerald A. Hollett	-	2364
Majority for M. D. "Merv" Sullivan	OVER	Peter Richard	-	78
Majority for M. D. "Merv" Sullivan	OVER	Gerald A. Hollett	-	1805
Majority for Peter Richard	OVER	Gerald A. Hollett	-	1727

Respectfully submitted,



R. H. STODDARD  
CITY CLERK

I therefore declare Mr. G. E. "Nuggett" Doyle and  
Mr. M. D. "Merv" Sullivan duly elected Aldermen for WARD 6 of the City  
of Halifax for a term of three (3) years from November 1, 1966 to  
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To His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

In accordance with the provisions of the Halifax City  
Charter in respect to the election of two Aldermen for WARD 7 of  
the City of Halifax, I submit the following returns for the  
election held on October 19, 1966:

WARD 7

Fred Allen	-	2723
Harry W. Butler	-	2854
Walter R. Fitzgerald	-	3972

Majority for Walter R. Fitzgerald	OVER	Harry W. Butler	-	1118
Majority for Walter R. Fitzgerald	OVER	Fred Allen	-	1249
Majority for Harry W. Butler	OVER	Fred Allen	-	131

Respectfully submitted,



R. H. STODDARD  
CITY CLERK

I therefore declare Mr. Walter R. Fitzgerald and  
Mr. Harry W. Butler duly elected Aldermen for WARD 7 of the City of  
Halifax, for a term of three (3) years from November 1, 1966 to  
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For the Office of Alderman - Ward No. 1

Mr. Gordon S. Black, Q.C.	-	1762	votes
Mr. Cyril F. Abbott	-	1601	"
Mr. R. Ian MacDonald	-	1459	"
Mr. Garfield J. Smith	-	1327	"
Mr. Andrew Mathews	-	340	"

The City Clerk then declared Mr. Gordon S. Black, Q. C., and Mr. Cyril F. Abbott, duly elected Aldermen for Ward No. 1 of the City of Halifax each for a term of three (3) years, from November 1, 1966 to October 31, 1969.

For the Office of Alderman Ward No. 2

Mr. Louis E. Moir and Mr. Hedley G. Ivany were returned to office unopposed.

The City Clerk then declared Mr. Louis E. Moir and Mr. Hedley G. Ivany, duly elected Aldermen for Ward No. 2 of the City of Halifax each for a term of three (3) years, from November 1, 1966 to October 31, 1969.

For the Office of Alderman - Ward No. 3

Mr. G. Robert Matheson, Q.C., and Mr. Allan M. Butler, C.A., were returned to office unopposed.

The City Clerk then declared Mr. G. Robert Matheson, Q. C., and Mr. Allan M. Butler, C. A., duly elected Aldermen for Ward No. 3 of the City of Halifax each for a term of three (3) years, from November 1, 1966 to October 31, 1969.

For the Office of Alderman - Ward No. 4

Mr. N. P. Meagher and Mr. D. G. LeBlanc were returned to office unopposed.

The City Clerk then declared Mr. N. P. Meagher and Mr. D. G. LeBlanc, duly elected Aldermen for Ward No. 4 of the City of Halifax each for a term of three (3) years, from November 1, 1966 to October 31, 1969.



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For the Office of Alderman - Ward No. 5

Mr. J. E. "Gee" Ahern - 1373 votes  
Mr. James L. Connolly - 1056 "  
Mr. George Davis - 876 "  
Mr. Thomas L. Trainor - 443 "

The City Clerk then declared Mr. J. E. "Gee" Ahern and Mr. James L. Connolly, duly elected Aldermen for Ward No. 5 of the City of Halifax each for a term of three (3) years, from November 1, 1966 to October 31, 1969.

For the Office of Alderman - Ward No. 6

Mr. G. E. "Nuggett" Doyle - 3332 votes  
Mr. M. D. "Merv" Sullivan - 2773 "  
Mr. Peter Richard - 2695 "  
Mr. Gerald A. Hollett - 968 "

The City Clerk then declared Mr. G. E. "Nuggett" Doyle and Mr. M. D. "Merv" Sullivan, duly elected Aldermen for Ward No. 6 of the City of Halifax each for a term of three (3) years, from November 1, 1966 to October 31, 1969.

For the Office of Alderman - Ward No. 7

Mr. Walter R. Fitzgerald - 3972 votes  
Mr. Harry W. Butler - 2854 "  
Mr. Fred Allen - 2723 "

The City Clerk then declared Mr. Walter R. Fitzgerald and Mr. Harry W. Butler, duly elected Aldermen for Ward No. 7 of the City of Halifax each for a term of three (3) years, from November 1, 1966 to October 31, 1969.

Accounts Over \$1,000.00

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

<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Finance	H.R.Doane and Company	Annual Audit of Books and Accounts for 1965	\$ 6,300.00
Tourist Bureau	Import Advertising Ltd.	Colored brochures	5,303.15
			<u>\$11,603.15</u>

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

QUESTIONS

Question - Alderman H. W. Butler Re:  
Smoke Nuisance - Windsor Park

Alderman H. W. Butler asked if any information had been received from the Department of National Defence as to their plans for eliminating the smoke nuisance caused by the heating plant at Windsor Park. He said that he had received three complaints in the past week from residents of the area concerning the nuisance caused by smoke and soot from the said plant.

His Worship the Mayor said that the City Manager has been dealing with the Department of National Defence in this regard and the Acting City Manager will check with the appropriate officials to see if some immediate action can be taken.

Question - Alderman Matheson Re:  
Press Report of Investigation - City Prison

Alderman Matheson referred to a recent story in the local Press to the effect that the Municipal Clerk and Treasurer for the County of Halifax has been asked to investigate an incident which took place at the City Prison, and he asked if that official would have jurisdiction in this matter.

His Worship the Mayor said that a report has been filed with the Commissioner of Health and Welfare about certain allegations, which he said should be referred to the



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Public Health and Welfare Committee, together with a report which has been submitted by the Warden of the City Prison to the Commissioner.

It was agreed to follow the course of action suggested by the Mayor.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Alderman Ivany Re:  
Amendment to Ordinance No. 13

Alderman Ivany gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the City Council to be held on Thursday, the 17th day of November, A. D., 1966, he proposed to introduce an amendment to Ordinance Number 13, Respecting the Regulations of Vehicles Transporting Passengers for Hire, whereby the Second Schedule to such Ordinance, being the Rates and Fares, will be amended.

REMARKS BY DEPUTY MAYOR AND OTHER  
MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor Allan M. Butler paid tribute to Mayor Vaughan and to Aldermen Trainor and Richard who were attending their last meeting of Council.

He thanked them for their cooperation during his term as Deputy Mayor which "rounds out quite a career in civic affairs which, given two more years, will have embraced a span of forty years as Auditor, Commissioner, Trustee, Mayor, Alderman and Deputy Mayor".

He said that Mayor Vaughan had made an outstanding contribution to the City's progress during his two terms as Mayor, and that his achievements will be matters for the local historians to record.



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He also paid tribute to Aldermen Trainor and Richard for their contributions to civic progress and for their acceptance of the heavy executive responsibility during their terms of Office.

Alderman Matheson said that as a new Alderman, he had appreciated the manner in which the Mayor had conducted himself in the Chair, at all times displaying patience and good humor despite the "heavy going".

He also referred to the tremendous contribution to Council made by Aldermen Trainor and Richard and expressed the hope that they will be back in Council at some future date.

Alderman Black joined with the Deputy Mayor and Alderman Matheson in paying tribute to the outstanding contribution made by each of the departing members, saying that he had enjoyed the association over the past three years.

Alderman Abbott also paid tribute to Mayor Vaughan who had helped him greatly over the years; and he referred to the tremendous knowledge of civic affairs which Mayor Vaughan possessed which could only have been acquired after a great deal of study. This knowledge he said had served the Mayor well and had enabled him to make such an outstanding contribution to the City.

Alderman Trainor said that he was proud of his association with the Mayors he had served under and with the Aldermen with whom he had served on Council over the past nine years.



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He said that it had been an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens at large and the people of Ward 5 in particular and at all times he had done what he thought was right and proper and in the best interest of the City.

Alderman Richard said that he made a large number of new friends during his three years of service on Council and that the debates he had engaged in during that time had been honest legitimate expressions of opinion, the individuals involved expressing their points of view as to what is best for the City.

He extended to the incoming Council his best wishes for continued success.

Alderman Meagher extended best wishes for the future to the three retiring members.

His Worship the Mayor expressed his thanks to the members of Council who had spoken on this occasion for the sentiments which they had expressed.

He said that after fourteen and one-half years of service as Alderman and Mayor, he was leaving the Chair with no regrets and with only kind thoughts for all that the members of present and past Councils had done to assist him in working for a better community.

He extended thanks to the members of the City Staff for their kindness and cooperation over the years, and said that he was grateful to them for all that he had learned from them.

He expressed his gratitude to the people of

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Halifax for having given him the opportunity of serving as Mayor for six years and that it was an honor which he will cherish during his lifetime.

He said that the future of Halifax is bright and that he has every confidence that the new Council will make the proper decisions to keep it on the course that has been charted for it.

8:50 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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CHARLES A. VAUGHAN  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD  
CITY CLERK

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
November 1, 1966,  
10:00 a.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 Allan O'Brien, Chairman and Aldermen Black, Abbott, Moir, Ivany, Matheson, Meagher, LeBlanc, Ahern, Connolly, Sullivan, Fitzgerald and H. W. Butler.

Also present were: The City Manager, City Solicitor, City Clerk and other Staff members.

The meeting was especially called to consider:

1. Appointment Deputy Mayor
2. Appointments - Committees, Boards and Commissions.

OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE AND OFFICE

Before proceeding with the Order of Business, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia administered the Oaths of Allegiance and Office to His Worship the Mayor and members of the City Council.

His Worship the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, thanked His Honour for being present and administering the Oaths.

The Lieutenant Governor, after briefly addressing the Council, at the invitation of His Worship the Mayor, ascended the dais while the Order of Business was transacted.



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APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Upon His Worship the Mayor calling for nominations,  
Alderman Moir nominated Alderman Matheson.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Connolly  
that nominations cease. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor then declared Alderman Matheson  
duly appointed as Deputy Mayor for the Civic Year 1966-67.

The Deputy Mayor then expressed appreciation to the  
members of Council for their support and appointment to such  
office.

APPOINTMENTS - COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The list of Committees, Boards and Commissions, as  
prepared by His Worship the Mayor was then submitted to Council  
for consideration.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Black  
that the list, as submitted, be approved.

At this time, Alderman LeBlanc was granted permission  
to make a few suggestions with respect to the list.

Children's Creative Centre Committee

MOVED in Amendment by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by  
Alderman Meagher that the intended functions of the Children's  
Creative Centre Committee become the responsibility of the  
Recreation and Playgrounds Commission. Motion passed.

Appointments - Forum Commission

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman  
Connolly that the appointments to the Forum Commission be de-  
ferred until the next regular meeting of Council. Motion passed

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with Alderman Abbott voting against.

Appointments - Council Representatives - Centennial Committee

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Moir that the appointments to the Centennial Committee be deferred until the next regular meeting of Council. Motion passed.

Appointments - Regional Library Board

Alderman Connolly suggested that the appointments to the above Board be deferred and that consideration be given to some member of Council being appointed from either Ward 5 or Ward 6 as the Branch Library is in Ward 5.

At this time, Alderman Moir declined the nomination to the Regional Library Board.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that Alderman Sullivan be appointed as a member of the Regional Library Board to fill the vacancy created by the declination of Alderman Moir. Motion passed.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Black that the list, as amended, be approved. Motion passed.

GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO ALDERMEN A. M. BUTLER  
AND G. E. DOYLE

At the suggestion of the Deputy Mayor, it was agreed to add to the Order of Business, a resolution expressing best wishes to the Aldermen mentioned above.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Ivany that Council express best wishes for a speedy recovery



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to Alderman A. M. Butler and Alderman G. E. Doyle who are patients in the Victoria General Hospital. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor then congratulated the members of Council on their election to office.

11:00 a.m. Meeting adjourned.

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ALLAN O'BRIEN  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD  
CITY CLERK

The City Clerk read the motion of Council calling this meeting as follows:

"MOVED by Alderman DeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Trany that City Council be enabled to vigorously review, re-examine and study all implications and aspects of the possible safety, traffic, travelling, aesthetic and planning which would result because of the proposed additions to Queen Elizabeth High School and St. Patrick's High School, and to discuss all aspects pertaining to the construction of a new high school or schools in the North End or North West End of Halifax; and that a meeting of City Council and the Board of School Commissioners be held at the earliest possible moment following the City Council meeting of October 27, 1966 to review and re-examine the proposed high schools enlargement program."

The City Council, at a meeting held earlier in the year, approved a resolution to borrow the sum of \$1,000,000.00 for proposed additions to Queen Elizabeth and St. Patrick's High Schools.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Committee of the Whole,  
November 9, 1966.  
Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.  
November 9, 1966,  
8:00 p.m.

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

There were present Mayor Allan O'Brien, Chairman; Aldermen Black, Abbott, Ivany, Matheson, A. M. Butler, LeBlanc Ahern, Connolly, Sullivan, Fitzgerald and H. W. Butler.

Also present were Messrs. Leo Peddle, David Chipman, Arthur Conrad, Murray Rankin, J. D. MacMillan, Dr. Maurice Keating, David Lugar and David Driscoll of the Staff and Board of School Commissioners.

Messrs. P. F. C. Byars, Colin MacKenzie, R.H. Stoddard and other City Staff members were in attendance.

The meeting was called to consider all aspects of the proposed High School Construction Program in the City of Halifax.

The City Clerk read the motion of Council calling this meeting as follows:

"MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Ivany that City Council be enabled to vigorously review, re-examine and study all implications and aspects of the possible safety, traffic, travelling, aesthetics and planning which would result because of the proposed additions to Queen Elizabeth High School and St. Patrick's High School; and to discuss all aspects pertaining to the construction of a new high school or schools in the North End or North West End of Halifax; and that a meeting of City Council and the Board of School Commissioners be held at the earliest possible moment following the City Council meeting of October 27, 1966 to review and re-examine the proposed high schools enlargement programme."

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At the outset, Mr. David Chipman, a member of the Board, submitted and read a prepared brief dealing with the following titles:

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| (1) History        | (5) Distance         |
| (2) Cost           | (6) Amalgamation     |
| (3) Delay          | (7) Traffic Problems |
| (4) Size of School |                      |

The brief is attached to the official copy of these minutes.

Alderman LeBlanc stated that there are certain aspects of school philosophy which he would not become involved in, and he did not wish to elaborate. He referred to a conversation he had had with a member of the School Board who told him that other land sites were not available. He asked if the Bayers Road and Oxford Street location had been investigated.

His Worship the Mayor replied that the Board had requested such a site and that negotiations had taken place between the Board's engineer and the Federal Government.

Alderman LeBlanc then stated that the City was advised by the Federal Government that the site was not available.

Dr. Keating advised that in the first report the site at Bayers Road and Oxford Street was not available but two other possibilities were listed:

- (1) the land at Micmac and Huron Streets; and
- (2) land at Westmount School Grounds plus an adjacent Playground Area.

These areas were considered by the Board and when the financial aspect was discussed, it then studied the matter of an addition to the present schools. It was felt that the land sites were not suitable in view of the price to construct new schools.

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Alderman LeBlanc, replied that it was his understanding that there was a consensus among citizens to indicate that the Board had vigourously negotiated to purchase land in the North and Northwest sections of the City but it was not able to procure the same at any cost.

Alderman Ivany suggested that all members of Council should meet with the School Board to review and study all phases of possible safety, traffic, aesthetics and planning. He asked that the plan for the Queen Elizabeth High School addition be looked at as well as with a view to ascertaining what effect the addition would have on traffic and safety in the area. He asked if the Planning Officer had been consulted with respect to the suggested addition to Queen Elizabeth High School and was advised in the negative. He also asked if the Safety Authorities had been approached for their opinion and the answer given was also in the negative. He suggested that other possibilities exist with respect to consolidating Junior High and Common Schools in the Northwest section of the City. He also suggested that possibly one of the following schools might be available in a year or two due to the enrolment factor:

Ardmore,  
Westmount, and  
Saint Andrews

Mr. Chipman replied that from studies presently available, such a move would not be possible. He said that the Board had looked at other sites and considered land costs generally.

Alderman Black then referred to the remarks of



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Alderman Ivany and stated that he (Alderman Ivany) was making a suggestion that possibly by reason of population trends, that one of the Junior High or Elementary Schools might not be necessary.

Dr. Keating replied that it is possible, if the trend of lower enrolment continues for three, four or five years, the immediate need is to make provision for students at Queen Elizabeth High School and not in three or four years time.

Alderman LeBlanc said he understood that the enrolment of Cornwallis Junior High averages 22 per classroom but was advised by Dr. Keating that it is about 31 per classroom. Alderman LeBlanc then contended that there is an indication that class enrolment for the smaller grades is diminishing and it may be possible to dispose of one of such schools to make land available. His opinion was that it is wrong as wrong can be to construct the proposed addition to Queen Elizabeth High School. He expressed general disappointment in the general attitude of the School Board and the City of Halifax in the approach to the problem. He felt that certain ideas were rejected without proper thought.

8:30 p.m. Alderman Moir arrives.

The City Clerk then read the following letter:

St. Stephen's School,  
3669 Highland Ave.,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
October 29, 1966

The Hon. Allan O'Brien  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.

Your Worship:

In view of the present high school issue, we of Saint Stephen's Education Association feel that there are other

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solutions to the problems which exist in our over-crowded high schools.

We therefore petition that you look into the possibility of re-locating next year's grade ten classes in some of the existing elementary schools. We suggest that portable classrooms be constructed to accommodate these students. This would eliminate the need of the proposed building schedule, which could not be completed for the opening of schools in September.

We make this appeal as an alternative to the construction of a new high school which you have already rejected.

Yours very truly,

(Signed)

T. C. Shute, President.

(Signed)

Sister John Camille,  
Secretary.

Alderman Ivany then asked Dr. Keating if it were not true that the schools in the City of Dartmouth operate on two shifts and also that the teachers in Queen Elizabeth High School oppose such a system.

Dr. Keating replied that he was told that the City of Dartmouth schools operate on double shift but whether this is meeting the needs of education, he could not say. He also said that there has been no particular objection to the organization presently operating at Queen Elizabeth High School this year. There were some changes made in the administrative set up and some re-arrangement of classes. He visited the school and it was operating fully without interruption and the present arrangement is giving satisfactory service but he did not think it should be continued over a longer period of time unless it is absolutely necessary.

Alderman Ivany suggested that the use of portable classrooms might help the situation to which Dr. Keating replied that there is one portable classroom operating in the school at



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present and there will be a decrease in the academic school population. The introduction to a comprehensive school program is going to be commercial classes into the high school which is one of the reasons for the proposed addition or a new school whichever is finally decided.

Alderman Ivany then suggested that the Planning Department of the City should have played an important part in the matter and that such would have been the case if an apartment building had been proposed for the corner as well as consideration being given to traffic implications. He also referred to the question of car parking on the wedge-shaped parcel of land.

Alderman Fitzgerald stated that the educational standards would not improve in a high school that will increase its enrolment the way Queen Elizabeth High School and Saint Patrick's High School will. He suggested counting the number of guidance counsellors at Queen Elizabeth High School and some of the reports of the American Educators. The lunch-counter space should be looked at, the science laboratories as well as the record of the science students at Dalhousie University. He then asked about the possible acquisition of the land at Oxford Street and Bayers Road and was advised that the Mayor of the day made a direct approach to the Department of National Defence and received an answer "NO".

He agreed that the enrolments in the Elementary and Junior High Schools are dropping each year but 23 out of 100 students went on to high school. He felt that in the next 5 years, a larger percentage of the students will attend high school. He also agreed that there is a great need for commercial

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classes. He contended that with the coming into being of the comprehensive education system, the sizes of the classes are not going to decrease in the high schools but will grow if anything. He stated that when a school is required for 1500 to 2000 students, specialized services, guidance, counselling is needed as well as specialists and A-1 administrators and not one administrator for 750 students or 2 for 1500. He contended that the first choice of the School Board was for a second school. He further contended that the educational standards of the pupils is what counts. He maintained that in the next five years some pupils will suffer but if the proposed additions are proceeded with, a lot more will suffer for many years in future.

Alderman Matheson referred to Page No.2 of the report, Project "C" and "D" and asked whether a substantial part of the \$1,000,000.00, which is what the North End school will cost, is attributable to the need for a gymnasium-auditorium in the school and that they will not be needed in the other schools.

Mr. Driscoll replied that the \$226,000.00 is for any of the three projects and said that it is included in the cost for the North End school.

Alderman Matheson stated that he could not understand where the saving would be.

Dr. Keating replied that any commercial classes provided are paid for by the Provincial Government and it also shares in the cost of the other facilities in proportion to the academic facilities. A large proportion of the additions are commercial classes so that the Board receives a greater share



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for the new school. If the commercial classes are put into three or four schools, there is a very low proportion in the new schools so that the Board does not receive a larger share in proportion. He said that the plans do not draw attention to the fact that with separate buildings, it would be necessary to add a commercial to St. Patrick's High School and Queen Elizabeth High School.

Alderman Matheson suggested the construction of a commercial high school and place all the commercial classes in one building and the Queen Elizabeth High and St. Patrick's High present buildings could look after the academic course.

Alderman Ahern suggested that the School Board proceed with the present plans as they are experts but he was prepared to support a North End High School as it is needed. He referred to the land that was sold to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for its building and suggested that if it had not been sold, there would be land available for Queen Elizabeth High School expansion. He pointed out that capital funds in an amount of \$5,000,000.00 would be required for the 1969 Summer Games and surely \$1,000,000.00 could be found for the high school in the North End of the City. He then stated he would support the additions to Queen Elizabeth High School as well as the North End high school. He asked how many pupils there are in Wards 5 and 6.

In reply to this question, a map was displayed showing the number of pupils in various areas of the City.

Alderman Black maintained that the School Board has a well documented case and that the condition of the high

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schools in the City is a temporary one. He stated he was going to support the School Board in its recommendation.

Ald. Ivany: Dr. Keating stated that the prime interest of the Board has been good education and the welfare of the students. He then submitted and read a brief entitled "What Size Should a School Be" and same is attached to the official copy of these minutes.

Ald. LeBlanc: "Was that the Conant Report, 1938?"

Dr. Keating: "That was a report made in 1938 on the study that was made over a long period."

Ald. LeBlanc: "That was eighteen years ago; I was just wondering if there were many changes with everything advancing so."

Dr. Keating: "Changes have come in other ways. Changes have come through a greater consolidation of schools. Conant's Report was made just five or six years ago. There are other reports across Canada. You look at some of the other Provinces and you can see a definite trend towards consolidation. With the comprehensive program, you do need a large enrollment to give the kind of service that is needed if you are going to educate a large group of children. You must have enrollment of students. If you have a narrow academic curriculum then you can restrict it to a much smaller size."

Ald. Ivany: "What is the enrollment now, Doctor Keating?"

Dr. Keating: "About 1500."

Ald. Ivany: "So this will accommodate approximately 300 more students."

Dr. Keating: "The addition that is suggested for Queen Elizabeth High School is not to allow for more academic students, as much as to give space to the students presently in the high school."



At this point, an outline of a map on enrollment was shown.

Ald. Ivany: "In your assessment of a northend school, what were you planning for - a 300 student school?"

Dr. Keating: "Six hundred. To get your six hundred, you are going to come down fairly close to the other figure because there are not six hundred in the area."

Ald. Matheson: "Is there an advantage to having the commercial students in the high schools? Wouldn't they be just as well off in their own schools?"

Dr. Keating: "The Province has been interested in getting them out of Vocational School. They have made the recommendation that they go back to the school in their own area."

Ald. Matheson: "Wouldn't they be as well off in a Halifax Commercial High School?"

Dr. Keating: "Then the problem arises - why not leave them in the Vocational School?"

Ald. Matheson: "I don't know."

Ald. Abbott: "Your Worship, for Alderman Ahern's benefit, the Council already voted the money and by so doing, they endorsed the School Board's action. They have given the O. K. to the School Board and voted the funds. The only way Council can do anything about it now is to rescind their previous motion. But what I would like to find out, Your Worship, from Dr. Keating and Mr. Chipman is how far has the School Board gone with their plans. Just what would be involved if we stopped at this time?"

Mr. Driscoll: "They have gone to the point of preliminary plans being approved by the School Board. We cannot go any further until we get the money."

Ald. Matheson: "Where would you build a new gymnasium- auditorium at Queen Elizabeth and Saint Patricks High Schools?"

Mr. Driscoll: "You wouldn't build a new gymnasium-auditorium; you would use the one existing."

Ald. Matheson: "The new north end school would have to build an auditorium and a gymnasium."

Mr. Driscoll: "Your Worship, in the new school, there were not any plans to put an auditorium the size of Queen Elizabeth or Saint Patrick's in, but it would need to have a gymnasium-auditorium which is a combination."

Ald. Matheson: "The gymnasium at Queen Elizabeth, built for 1200 students, is now adequate for 1800."

Mr. Driscoll: "With the program that is planned, yes."

Ald. Moir: "First of all, I would just like to answer Alderman Matheson's question as a layman on bringing the secretarial departments back to the high schools. I consider that anything that can be done in this matter is advantageous to a particular student. To separate them in school is, in my opinion, not advantageous. If they can mix with and rub shoulders with the children taking the other schooling, it would seem to me to be advantageous to them and I think perhaps this is the thought behind it as far as our Provincial Government is concerned. I think there might be some logic behind it. I felt I should say a few words, Your Worship, as the only member of this Committee, besides the Chairman of the School Board, who did some of the preliminary work on this; and as a member of the School Board, I must state clearly here that this Committee, in my humble opinion, worked only for the good of the student and not with any thought of what it would mean to them in personal



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taxes or what it would mean to them as a member of this Committee or a member of the School Board. They worked diligently and I think their decisions were based on honest consideration to what is proper and right for the students as the decision of the School Board was and, of course, as the decision of the Council has been.

"From a personal interest point of view, I have to rebut Alderman Fitzgerald slightly. I have as much interest as he has, maybe a little more in the future of the high schools, having a number of children and only one so far entered our system and I presume a great number more, God willing, that will make the exalted level of getting to high school; and I therefore do have a very personal interest and my personal interest I cannot separate from my opinion.

"My personal interest was sufficient that I did confer with Dr. Keating and other education administrators in the area and I was happy that Dr. Keating confirmed the opinions that were given to me as to the size of high schools. I mentioned to the School Board when we were discussing this that when I entered University many years ago, the 1500-1700 at the university was considered absolute maximum and a good University was 500-600 students. Now we have Universities right here in the level of 5000-6000 students and I suggest that the level of instruction that is coming out of them has not diminished; I would say it has increased.

"I think the University student now is obtaining more in the larger class than he did in the smaller class and I think this is probably quite logical. I only wish to add that there is one point that has bothered me and one of the reasons

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why I had some reluctance about not building a new high school was a matter of transportation for the north end students. I felt, as the Committee did, that finances would be more but this was not insurmountable. The site was a most difficult problem and I'm not prepared as Alderman Fitzgerald is to sacrifice the children for the next five years for any questionable advantage after that time. I'm not prepared to sacrifice one more minute than is necessary to get the addition up.

"Queen Elizabeth High School conditions are extremely bad. If the additions are made, there will be elbow room for students and teachers. There will be lab space, many things will be available that weren't in the old class; and it should, in my opinion, with proper administration resolve much of the problems. The problem of transportation, I suggest, is still in my mind and I know it is in the minds of other members of the School Board.

"Fifteen years ago, when our transportation system was being used tremendously by the citizens, we had buses every two to three minutes and the cost to the student at the time I think was five cents, a trip which presented no great problems. Today the cost is considerably more and the transit system is not as efficient as it was then. As you know very well, we have a Committee now looking into the problem of transportation and I would suggest that some members of the School Board should be included in that Committee and ~~that~~ if necessary, we should make special consideration for transporting students beyond a certain area. Whether we have to augment the present system financially or whether we have to put on our own buses is something worthy of consideration.



"There is an attempt in both these high school additions to make it possible for students to enjoy a noon-hour at the school for those who find it too far to go away or, from the economic point of view, whose family find it necessary to leave the children in high school. This is becoming increasingly more prevalent as both parents are working more in this day and age that more high school children will of necessity be looking for a place to spend their noon hours where it is not proper for them to go home. Now, if in the building there is sufficient space available for pleasant cafeteria surroundings, with the possibility of the supply of milk and soups, I think this might in itself help a great deal.

"All I am trying to do in these very short moments is tell Council that the Committee and the School Board considered, in my opinion, everything that has been brought up and come to the best possible conclusion, first for the students and then for the City."

Ald. Fitzgerald: "I would like to direct my question to Dr. Keating. Am I correct in assuming that in the School Board's first proposal it was suggested that the school be located in the north end?"

Dr. Keating replied in the affirmative.

Ald. Fitzgerald: "So originally it was to have it in the north end and it was changed in contrary to Alderman Moir's statement of sacrificing children. I'm not in favour of sacrificing children at all, that is why I'm standing here this evening. But getting back, it was originally the north end but because of speed, and I have talked to Mr. Chipman many times, impatience to get the job done and the cost. These were

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the main factors that changed your mind."

Dr. Keating: "There are three factors and the availability of sites is the third and these are not necessarily the major factors. This was one solution."

Ald. Fitzgerald: "In Conant's Report he has made this recommendation that the desirable size is 600 to 2,000 but he also brings in twenty-six other recommendations. Three of the major recommendations that he brings in is that in order to maintain this closeness and understanding of the children, you have to have one guidance counselor for every 250 people or 300. You have to bring in a school psychologist and not only counselors but somebody who would be like a home study or social worker. How many guidance counselors and other special people such as psychologists, child guidance experts does Queen Elizabeth High School have at this particular time."

Dr. Keating: "On the question of psychologists, we had special services department for the City of Halifax, we have a total of 17,000 to 18,000 pupils. We have started a guidance organization in the City which will develop. At the present time, there is one full time guidance counselor, one part time guidance counselor at Queen Elizabeth. Four years ago, we had no guidance counselors there."

"There are things which need to be done in our academic set-up in civic rules. Some of them will be done but this is not something that is relevant to the immediate question of getting a school addition and adequate facilities at Queen Elizabeth or for Saint Patrick's. Once we have the facilities then I think we can expand in necessary staff. One suggestion that was made by the Board was that there would have to be a



new type of administrative set-up for Queen Elizabeth. Presently, Queen Elizabeth does have a principal, two vice-principals and department heads. There is a problem of approximately one member of staff, including your home room teacher, to 18 to 20 pupils."

Ald. Fitzgerald: "In Conant's Report he made allowance for this but he said there should be guidance counselors for every 250 students which Queen Elizabeth doesn't have. It is mainly because of the size we have to have these people if we are going to allow the school to grow. The third question I had was the general course. Alderman Matheson mentioned, in fact, that all these changes are simply being made because the pupils are coming from the Vocational High School. We know that at this particular time there is a new general course, a new commercial course and an academic course which is being sponsored

in an effort to give each individual an education which is fitting their ability. Now with this in mind, do you mean to tell me that this will not bring students into Queen Elizabeth who would perhaps drop out of school, who perhaps would take an academic course and not be put into a commercial course?"

Dr. Keating: "Your Worship, first on the question of Dr. Conant. Dr. Conant made a lot of recommendations which are presently not implemented fully in the United States and definitely are not fully implemented in Canada. I think if you check the proportion of guidance people in the Province of Nova Scotia, there is nobody that can come close to what is recommended as a desirable number of guidance people. I think it will be a while before we do.

"As to the question of the comprehensive program, many