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doing and have the right to direct him in his relationships with the various departments.

It was agreed that the procedure proposed by the Mayor be followed.

Report - Advisory Committee on Parking

The following report was submitted:

"The Advisory Committee on Parking has held weekly meetings since October 17, 1966, with Mr. David Zive as its Chairman.

The Committee has discussed:

(1) Ways and means to provide more parking facilities in the following areas:

- (a) Quinpool Road
- (b) Hospitals
- (c) H. M. Dockyard
- (d) Universities
- (e) Barrington Street
- (f) Spring Garden Road
- (g) Gottingen Street
- (h) Residential Areas

(2) An Act to Incorporate "The Halifax Parking Authority".

(3) Metered curb parking.

Consequently at meetings held on October 26 and November 9, 1966, the Committee submits the following recommendations to Council for consideration:

(A) That all parking facilities within the City of Halifax shall include not only off-street parking but metered curb parking and be placed under the control of the proposed Parking Authority.

(B) That immediate action be taken to acquire Site #1 recommended in Report #4 entitled "Parking Garages", and that plans be proceeded with to have a parking garage and appropriate related facilities built on the site."

Recommendation "A" -

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

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Meagher, that Recommendation "A" be referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration, and that the City Manager be requested to submit a report, including all legal aspects on the proposal for presentation to the Committee of the Whole. Motion passed.

Recommendation "B"

His Worship the Mayor: "There has been announced a proposal for an adjoining block. The City has no definite information. We do have one copy of a brochure which was placed in the City Manager's hands a month or so ago. I think the Press has indicated that a more definite proposal may be made to Council at a later date. Also, the Downtown Business (Men's) Association has taken the position that the parking facilities in that proposal might service the proposal but would not meet the needs of the downtown area."

Alderman H. W. Butler: "The parking facilities could be extended."

Alderman Abbott contended that the Committee's proposal should not be deferred pending developments on the block west of Grafton Street.

His Worship the Mayor: "The Downtown Business Association came before us some time ago back before we had the Scotia Square proposal, and the Council was urged by the Mayor to defer action until we had the report of the Larry Smith people, and the proposals that were to come for the Central Redevelopment Area. If we postpone action indefinitely, there is the possibility that the older section of downtown may be

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adversely affected by the opening of Scotia Square if something further is not done about parking facilities before that time."

Alderman Matheson: "I think this should be referred to the Committee of the Whole, and the Staff should be prepared to advise us with regard to assessments to give us an idea of the financial implications."

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Moir, that the recommendations be referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration and report to Council.

Alderman A. M. Butler: "I would like to see an outline of the financial structure - the contribution, if any, by the merchants along the way by way of bond subscription. I don't know whether the City should embark on this without a clear cut financial arrangement, stressing the obligation that maybe ours and the obligation that may be, in part, the merchants, assuming that it will be a self-liquidating project. There should be a financial pro-forma statement submitted to that meeting."

Alderman LeBlanc asked that the principals of the Company which has proposed the development on the block bounded by Grafton, Blowers, Barrington and Sackville Streets be invited to meet with Council to explain their proposal.

His Worship the Mayor: "They are free at any time to request a meeting with the Council. We have the right to plan the development of this parking garage, and this is the process we are in at the present time."

His Worship the Mayor said he would ask the City Manager to obtain the information requested by Alderman A. M.

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Butler, and as soon as sufficient information is available from the City Manager he will call a meeting of the Committee of the Whole, and the members of the Advisory Committee on Parking will be invited to that meeting.

Alderman Matheson asked that a plan of the properties involved be prepared for presentation at the meeting, together with a report showing the assessed values of such properties.

His Worship the Mayor said that the Staff would be asked to provide the information requested and to prepare a plan of the area.

The motion was then put and passed.

Recommendation "C"

His Worship the Mayor: "There is a further recommendation from the Committee - the request of the Halifax Construction Association for permission to use the air rights over a portion of the Maitland Street Parking Lot for storing equipment."

Alderman Moir: "Has this had Staff consideration? This is a planning problem."

The Development Officer said that, from the planning point of view, the proposed use looks to be reasonable for the area and will not interfere with any future plans for adding decks to that parking lot. Staff feels that the air rights are being under used. Therefore, the Staff have no objection to the use proposed by the applicant; and if Council feels the request is reasonable, suggests that approval in principle be given.

Concurrence of the Federal partner would then be sought and if granted, a report would be submitted to Council setting forth

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the financial details.

His Worship the Mayor: "How would the value be determined if we don't have a tender call?"

Mr. Grant: "It would be a negotiated value based on the Charter provision regarding actual value."

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the request of the Halifax-Dartmouth Construction Association for permission to use the air rights over a portion of the Maitland Street Parking Lot for equipment storage be approved in principle, and that the request be forwarded to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for its consideration. Motion passed.

Alderman Matheson stated that these are the first reports Council has had from the Advisory Committee on Parking and there are two matters which cause him some concern:

1. It has been suggested that Council go ahead with matters such as parking garages and it was his recollection that Council wished to have this matter out of the control of Council for two reasons:

- (a) that the Parking Authority would construct such garages by issuing its own bonds with Council guaranteeing them;
- (b) to get the matter entirely out of the realm of politics.

2. The Committee is reporting directly to Council and if recommendations are not submitted to a Standing Committee, they should go to the Committee of the Whole Council.

His Worship the Mayor asked that, in future, when reports are received from the Advisory Committee on Parking, they will be referred to the Committee of the Whole; and that all information be made available at that time.

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He said that the Parking Authority would operate any garages that are built in the future but, in order to use the time between now and the time when legislation is obtained, the planning is being done with the aid of the Advisory Committee. He maintained that in time the City could have the architects working on the plans for garages, and when the Parking Authority is set up, everything would be transferred to it. In the meantime, he contended that there is a desire not to lose time on the downtown parking garages.

It was agreed that the procedure proposed by the Mayor be followed.

At this time it was agreed to consider the item 8(a) which had been deferred awaiting the arrival of the Solicitor for the applicant.

Public Hearing Re: Rezoning of Land Western Corner of Charles and Maynard Streets from R-3 Zone to C-2 Zone

A public hearing was held at this time in connection with an application to rezone the land at the northwest corner of Charles and Maynard Streets, as shown on Plan No. TT-6-16761, from R-3 (Third Density Residential) Zone to C-2 (General Business) Zone.

The Acting Chief Planner displayed a map of the area and explained the proposal.

Mr. H. A. J. Wedderburn appeared on behalf of the Nova Scotia Association for Colored People in opposition to the proposed rezoning, contending that rezoning at this time is premature because the most important thing required by the res-

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idents of the area is a decision as to what sort of overall development the City has in mind for the area. He also contended that rezoning would lead to rapid commercial development in the area which would diminish the amount of land available for housing for the colored people.

No other person wished to be heard in opposition to the rezoning.

Mr. Stewart McInnes appeared on behalf of the applicant, Thompson and Sutherland Limited, and said that his clients have owned the property for many years and now wish to improve same by a new form of physical structure which will be used for a commercial enterprise, which will bring the area in conformity with the present use and the surrounding area.

No other person wished to be heard in favor of the proposed rezoning.

Alderman Connolly expressed concern for the safety of the children of the area and those attending Joseph Howe School, contending that the proposed commercial use of the land in question would engender increased traffic on Maynard and Charles Streets.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Matheson, that the application for rezoning of the land on the northwest corner of Charles and Maynard Streets, as shown on Plan No. TT-6-16761, be rejected.

Motion passed with Aldermen LeBlanc and H. W. Butler voting against.

At the request of Alderman Matheson, the Staff was

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directed to investigate the parking arrangements pertaining to the Dominion Stores lot, immediately adjacent, northwardly, to the lot which was the subject of the foregoing public hearing, to determine whether or not Council can exercise control over vehicles entering or exiting the lot on Maynard Street.

Resignation - Acting Chief Planner

A report was submitted from the City Manager advising that Mr. Malcolm Latham, the Acting Chief Planner, had tendered his resignation to become effective on December 15, 1966, as he has accepted the position of Chief Planning Officer for the City of Dunedin in his native Country, New Zealand.

Alderman LeBlanc expressed regret over the fact that Mr. Latham had decided to leave the City employ as he had found him to be an extremely capable, flexible and understanding employee as head of one of the important Departments in the City organization.

His Worship the Mayor also expressed regret that the City is losing the valuable services of Mr. Latham; and, referring to the fact that Mr. Latham had made his decision before October 19, 1966, he said: "I am not at all sure that we are correct in not making public his letter of resignation. There is food for thought in his letter of resignation, and it is not underlined in the City Manager's memorandum to Council.

"If the City Manager and Mr. Latham do not object, we should circulate to the members of Council his letter of resignation."

The City Manager and Mr. Latham both indicated that

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they had no objection to the letter being circulated to the members of Council.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the letter of resignation submitted from the Acting Chief Planner be circulated to the members of City Council. Motion passed.

Letters Re: Smoke Abatement - Federal and Provincial Government Buildings

Letters were submitted from the Federal Minister of Public Works and the Provincial Deputy Minister of Public Works in response to letters written by the City Clerk on behalf of Council requesting that Governments of Canada and Nova Scotia endeavour to find a permanent solution to their smoke problems by way of inhibiting devices.

The letters indicated that both levels of government will continue their efforts to combat the problem of air pollution insofar as buildings under their control are concerned.

INFORMATION

Advanced Management Training - Mr. G. F. West

A report was submitted from the City Manager advising that Mr. G. F. West, Commissioner of Works, has filed a letter stating that he contracts to remain in the employ of the City for a period of at least two years after completion of the 51st Harvard School of Business Administration Advanced Management Program Course which he will be attending commencing on February 12th, 1967.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Matheson, that the report be filed. Motion passed.

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Resolution Re: Students' Council, Sherwood Heights School,
Alberta, Re: National Holiday, Jan. 11, 1967

Submitted at this time was a letter from the Students' Council of Sherwood Heights School, Sherwood Park, Alberta, requesting that Council support a resolution to have January 11th, the birthday of Sir John A. MacDonald, Canada's first Prime Minister, declared a national holiday.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Black, that because of its national significance, copies of the letter be sent to the Members of Parliament for Halifax for consideration. Motion passed.

Report - Special Committee Re: Aquarium

Alderman Matheson submitted and read the following report:

I am reporting on behalf of the Special Committee appointed by Council on 29th September, 1966.

Following the meeting of 29th September, members of the Committee and His Worship Charles A. Vaughan met with the Confederation Centenary Celebration Committee of the Province of Nova Scotia.

As instructed by Council we asked whether an extension of time might be granted to allow time to seek financial assistance from other sources, and whether the Committee might consider an alternative proposal. I attach a copy of a letter received from the Secretary of the Committee.

On 14th October, three members of the Committee, namely Aldermen Ivany, LeBlanc and Matheson met with the Honourable H. J. Robichaud, Minister of Fisheries for Canada, and presented a Brief prepared by Dr. E. Gordon Young, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Halifax Centennial Aquarium, and a member of the Special Committee. A copy of Dr. Young's Brief is also attached. Mr. Robichaud assured us of his sympathy and his desire to co-operate, but was unable to offer any financial assistance at this time. He told us that he had twice made favourable recommendations to the Treasury Board, but each time failed to obtain approval of further Federal expenditure for this project.

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It appears obvious that the principal reason why Federal assistance is not available is that a precedent would be established which might bring a flood of similar applications from other Municipalities in Canada which are experiencing financial difficulties with Centennial projects, although the demand for funds for other commitments of the Department of Fisheries is also a factor.

Members of the Committee have met informally with members of the Provincial Government, but no assurances have been received which might suggest that further assistance will be received from the Province.

Your Committee respectfully suggests further consideration be given to the following alternatives:

(1) We proceed now with an Aquarium that can be built for \$600,000.00, with the view of applying at a later date to the Federal Government for a grant to enlarge the facilities. We feel that in a few years an application for assistance will more likely be successful, because an addition will not be classified as a Centennial project.

(2) We might approach Dalhousie University with the view of a portion at least of the Aquarium being tied in with the research and educational facilities of the University. We understand that the Vancouver Aquarium is considered to be virtually an extension of the University of British Columbia and that it was basically on this ground that Federal funds were made available during recent years. We could not expect a large financial contribution from Dalhousie, but their involvement would change the nature of the project to some extent and distinguish it from other Centennial projects.

(3) The Aquarium might in some fashion be affiliated with the new Provincial Museum, and on that ground might qualify for aid from the Province. The City has made a substantial contribution towards the new Museum by transferring a valuable piece of land to the Province for nominal consideration. If we could obtain, in return, a contribution from the Province to the Aquarium project, the Committee feels this would justify renewed efforts for a matching Federal grant.

The Committee shall appreciate receiving further instructions from Council.

His Worship the Mayor said that during the week he had questioned the City Manager as to who was responsible for co-ordinating the City's efforts with respect to a Centennial Project, and he had received the answer that nobody, in a staff

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sense, is responsible because Council had not set it up that way.

He suggested that Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole for a full discussion on the matter of the Centennial project.

10:05 p.m. Council adjourned to meet as a Committee of the Whole. No recommendations were made to Council.

11:00 p.m. Council re-convened, the same members being present.

Appointments to Board of Management - City Prison

It was agreed to delete this item from the Order of Business, advice having been received from the City Solicitor that a Board of Management of the City Prison is not required by law.

Appointment of Citizen Members to Housing & Social Planning Committee

His Worship the Mayor submitted the following nominations for appointment to the Housing and Social Planning Committee:

Mr. H. A. J. Wedderburn, 2953 Winston Place, Halifax
Mr. H. E. Newell, The Welfare Council (Halifax-Dartmouth Area)
419 Roy Building, Barrington Street, Halifax
Mr. R. M. Medjuck, 1 Sackville Place, Halifax
Mrs. Arnold Smith, 2454 Creighton Street, Halifax
Mr. George W. Davis, 2194 Gottingen Street, Halifax
Representative to be named by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.
Representative to be named by Nova Scotia Housing Commission
Representative to be named by Halifax-Dartmouth & District Labour Council
Mr. R. D. Mussett, Chairman, Housing Authority of Halifax

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the appointment of the above-named to the Housing and Social

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Planning Committee be confirmed. Motion passed.

Appointment - Emergency Measures Organization

His Worship the Mayor nominated the following for
appointment to the Emergency Measures Organization:

Alderman J. E. Ahern
Alderman M. D. Sullivan
Mr. A. M. MacKay
Mr. I. B. MacCallum
Mr. E. W. Mingo
Mr. D. L. Calkin
Mr. L. T. Hancock

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Moir,
that the appointment of the above-named to the Emergency Shelters
Organization be confirmed. Motion passed.

Appointment - Jury List Revisors

His Worship the Mayor nominated the following for
appointment as Jury List Revisors:

City Clerk
City Assessor
Tax Collector

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman H. W.
Butler that the appointments be confirmed. Motion passed.

Appointment of Citizens to Historic Buildings Committee

His Worship the Mayor stated that he is not prepared
to submit his nominations for appointment to the Advisory
Committee on the Preservation of Historic Buildings but will
submit same at the next meeting.

It was agreed to defer the matter.

QUESTIONS

Question - Alderman Connolly Re: Little Dutch Church

Alderman Connolly asked about the improvements to the

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Little Dutch Church, and he questioned why two committees had reported separate actions on this matter.

His Worship the Mayor advised that Alderman Ahern had asked a question concerning the Little Dutch Church at Council which had been referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for a report and recommendation. He stated that the City Manager is to gather information from all interested parties and submit a report.

Question - Alderman Moir Re: Traffic Accident Assessment Report

Alderman Moir asked if the City Manager would report to the Safety Committee as to the advisability of having in the City's Traffic Engineering Division a person who would be known as Traffic Accident Assessment Officer. The duties of such a person would be to assess reported traffic accidents to determine the cause of such accidents and suggest ways and means of preventing similar accidents.

The City Manager was so directed.

Question - Alderman Connolly Re: Payment to Urwick, Currie Limited

Alderman Connolly asked that the members of Council be supplied with information as to the total amount paid to the firm of Urwick, Currie Limited for their services in carrying out a survey of the organization and administrative management of the City.

Question - Alderman Connolly Re: Review of Economic Situation

Alderman Connolly asked if His Worship the Mayor would prepare a report for the benefit of the members of Council in the form of a review of the economic situation which had

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resulted in the City having to abandon the Aquarium project and other projects.

His Worship the Mayor said that with the assistance of the City Manager, he would be glad to prepare such a report for presentation to Council.

Question - Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Removal of Snow, Mumford Road and Bayers Road Railroad Bridges

Alderman Fitzgerald referred to the fact that during the winter season, the street plows pile the snow on the sidewalks of the railway bridges on Mumford and Bayers Roads with the result that school children in the area are forced to walk on the roadway; and he asked if the Commissioner of Works could take any action to obviate the potential safety hazard.

The Commissioner of Works stated that this department has been aware of the problem referred to by Alderman Fitzgerald and in the past has attempted to get to these areas as quickly as possible but that street plowing is the first responsibility of the snow-clearing force. He said that during the coming winter, his Department will do its best to dispatch vehicles to these areas quickly to make sure that the children are safeguarded.

Question - Alderman Matheson Re: Facilities in Council Chamber

Alderman Matheson asked if action could be taken with respect to the following: (a) Provision for a suitable type of microphone for use when persons are making presentations to Council and while standing at the lectern; (b) Arrange to open the windows in the Council Chamber from the top to provide

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better ventilation of the Chamber.

At the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor, it was agreed to direct the City Manager to prepare a report dealing with the matter of acoustics, neck microphone, visual aids and ventilation of the Council Chamber.

Question - Alderman Sullivan Re: Outdoor Skating Rink - Highland Park Area

Alderman Sullivan referred to inquiries he had received as to the possibility of providing an outdoor skating rink in the Highland Park Area. He asked if any action could be taken to provide a rink in the area which is quite far removed from the Forum.

It was agreed to refer the matter to the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission to consider the possibility of including the provision of a rink in the Highland Park Area as part of its winter program.

Question - Alderman A. M. Butler Re: Financial Situation

Alderman A. M. Butler referred to the request of Alderman Connolly for a report on the economic situation and he asked that he be permitted to make his own comments on the financial situation.

At the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor, it was agreed that a committee composed of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman A. M. Butler and the City Manager be appointed to examine the total financial picture of the City, current and capital, and to advise the Council in advance of current budget time, what the situation seems to be and if there is any action Council should take.

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Question - Alderman Moir Re: Liability Insurance - Taxis

Alderman Moir referred to the action taken at the Safety Committee meeting held on November 8, 1966, to amend Ordinance #116 to provide that the amount of the liability insurance coverage to be carried by each taxi be increased from \$35,000 to \$100,000. He suggested that a large percentage of taxi operators cannot obtain this amount of coverage.

The City Manager was directed to check into the matter and advise the Safety Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Alderman Black - Amendment to Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission Act

Alderman Abbott, on behalf of Alderman Black, gave notice that at the next meeting of the City Council, he will move a resolution that the City seek legislation to amend the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission Act to provide that the City appointees to the said Commission shall hold office at the pleasure of City Council.

Notice of Motion - Alderman LeBlanc - School Board Borrowing

Alderman LeBlanc submitted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the proposed capital expenditures for the enlargement of St. Patrick's High School and Queen Elizabeth High School involve additions to schools which are -

(1) too far removed from very large numbers of north and north-west-end students and this alone should be reason enough as it presents a financial and travelling problem to many north-end families.

(2) would be adding a modern addition to schools which are

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now outdated and impracticable.

(3) and would create additional traffic problems in the immediate area, and,

WHEREAS the proposed addition to the Queen Elizabeth High School would spoil forever the appearance of a most attractive area which involves the central commons which has undergone costly and extensive improvements, and

WHEREAS many north-end citizens do not favor such additions and many have expressed surprise and disappointment at the School Board's action, and,

WHEREAS with proper projection and planning a suitable location can be found for a new school or schools.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I shall, at the next Regular Meeting of City Council, Move that the previous action of City Council authorizing the capital borrowing presently before the Minister of Municipal Affairs as it affects the financing of additions to St. Patrick's High School and Queen Elizabeth High School, be rescinded.

NOTICES OF MOTION - ALDERMAN MOIR

Alderman Moir gave notice that at the next Regular or special Meeting of Council, he will Move that the Resolution previously passed by City Council which approved the construction of an aquarium as the City's Centennial project, be rescinded.

Alderman Moir gave notice that at the next Regular or Special meeting of Council, he will Move that the Centennial project for the City of Halifax be a swimming pool to be constructed in the Cogswell Street area.

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Question - Alderman Matheson Re: Centennial Project

Alderman Matheson said that at some stage of the discussion concerning the Centennial Project, it had been suggested that it is the policy of the Provincial Centennial Committee not to approve projects which municipalities had already undertaken to proceed with; and he asked that this understanding be confirmed or denied before Council deals with the matter.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that Alderman Moir, who is going to move the motion with respect to the Centennial Project, discuss the matter with Mr. H. R. Wyman, Chairman of the Provincial Centennial Committee, before the next meeting of City Council.

ADDED ITEMS

His Worship the Mayor referred to the resolution which had been passed by Dartmouth City Council requesting the sister Municipalities to appoint three delegates each to join with the delegation from the City of Dartmouth in an approach to the Government to obviate the closing of Defence Bases in the area.

He said that he had been advised by the Mayor of Dartmouth that an appointment in Ottawa, with the Associate Minister of Defence, had been arranged for the following Tuesday morning and that he would be in Ottawa at that time and will attend the meeting. He asked if Council felt that any purpose would be served at that time in having two other representatives from the City attend the meeting.

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MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Moir that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to represent the City at the meeting with the Associate Minister of Defence in Ottawa on November 22, 1966. Motion passed.

Statement - His Worship the Mayor Re: Private Meetings between
Council Members and the City Manager

His Worship the Mayor requested the indulgence of Council in order to make the following statement which was granted:

" The press has headlined the statement 'Council Meets in Secrecy'."

The public should know the facts. No Council business will be done secretly while I am Mayor. But as long as I am Mayor, I shall not be intimidated by the press from calling meetings of the Aldermen and the Manager in which privacy will permit the following:

- (a) the right of the Manager to consult Council members in regard to his negotiations with unions or other matters relating to personnel and administration;
- (b) the right of the Solicitor or other City Staff to consult members of Council in regard to our position on court cases or other private negotiations;
- (c) the right of the Mayor to consult the Aldermen on matters such as the strategy for our negotiations with other levels of government.

The right to private consultation cannot be denied, but decisions will be made publicly in the presence of the City Clerk who will record for public examination all City Council

business. "

11:25 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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Black, Abbott, Moir, Ivory, Matheson, A. M. Butler, LeBlanc,
Connolly, Sullivan, Fitzgerald and A. W. Butler

ALLAN O'BRIEN
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD,
CITY CLERK

His Worship the Mayor said that the meeting was called to order and that the Mayor would like to call attention to the fact that the City Council is planning to have to be faced with the fact that the City is presently under study, and the Mayor is asking that Staff make a presentation to the Committee giving a brief review of the City's planning projects and programs presently under way in the City.

The City Manager requested the Development Officer, as head of the Development Department, to make the presentation.

The Development Officer, with the aid of a plan showing all the redevelopment areas for which development plans have been approved by City Council in principle, those areas where the plans are being implemented and other planning projects presently under study, gave a review of the progress to date in

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL
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November 28, 1966
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
November 28, 1966,
7:35 p.m.

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

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman and Aldermen Black, Abbott, Moir, Ivany, Matheson, A. M. Butler, LeBlanc, Connolly, Sullivan, Fitzgerald and H. W. Butler.

Also present were: The City Manager, City Solicitor, City Clerk, Development Officer, Chief Planner and other Staff members.

His Worship the Mayor stated that this meeting was called to acquaint members of Council with the progress made in planning to date with an overall picture of the problems of planning that have to be faced now and over the next few years. He asked that Staff make a presentation, in summary form, to the Committee giving a brief review on some of the events leading to the planning projects and schemes presently under way in the City.

The City Manager requested the Development Officer, as head of the Development Department, to make the presentation.

The Development Officer, with the aid of a plan showing all the redevelopment areas for which development plans have been approved by City Council in principle, those areas where the plans are being implemented and other planning proposals presently under study, gave a resume of the progress to date on

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all schemes from the inception of the urban renewal programme in the mid 1950's to the present time.

Following this presentation, the Development Officer answered various questions from members of the Committee relating to subjects such as Harbour Drive, the Narrows Bridge approaches, the Hospital Area and the spreading of blight outwards from clearance areas.

9:10 p.m. Alderman Meagher arrives.

Considerable discussion evolved as a result of a question respecting the City Prison lands and the possible approaches to the Narrows Bridge.

Alderman Ivany questioned the Terms of Reference of the Town Planning Board and felt that the Board was so involved in the consideration of requests for modifications to the Zoning By-law that it has no opportunity to do any forward planning for the future Halifax.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the Terms of Reference for the Town Planning Board are adequate, but that the same problem concerns the Planning Staff. He further stated that the Management Consultants in their study suggested the formation of a Board to deal exclusively with Zoning By-law modifications which would permit the Town Planning Board to consider forward planning for the City.

His Worship the Mayor stated, at this time, that he would like the Committee to discuss two specific items, the first dealing with the Court House location and the second with the relocation of City Field. He felt that although the final

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decision for a site for the Court House is entirely a matter for the Court House Commission, the City of Halifax, which is concerned with the planning of what is best for the City, should have some say in where this building can be located. He said that he had asked Mr. Alan Duffus, a local architect, to come to the meeting to put forward a proposal which he had prepared locating the Court House on St. Paul's Hill in the area of the Grafton Street Parking Lot. He asked that Mr. Duffus be allowed to put forward his proposal. After hearing Mr. Duffus, His Worship the Mayor suggested that the Chief Planner put forward the Staff proposal for the siting of the Court House on the Waterfront, which proposal had been passed over by City Council in favour of the Rainnie Drive location.

Some discussion followed on the advisability of placing another alternative before the Court House Commission in view of the decisions already made.

It was suggested that perhaps Mr. Duffus should approach the Court House Commission which will be meeting on November 30, to which suggestion Mr. Duffus said that he had spoken to the Court House Commission and felt that although the Rainnie Drive site had received a majority vote from the members of the Commission, they would be open to any proposals for a package deal in another location.

It was agreed to hear Mr. Duffus.

Mr. Duffus put forward a proposal locating the Court House on St. Paul's Hill in the area of the Grafton Street Parking Lot involving the acquisition and clearance of only

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three privately owned properties fronting Grand Parade on Argyle Street. He contended that the site would not be as costly as envisioned by Staff and could be acquired for approximately \$500,000.00. He felt that this location would make a very pleasing approach to the Town Clock and Citadel Hill and would remove some of the older deteriorating buildings in the area. He also stated that the Parking Lot has the advantage of being readily available.

Some discussion followed this proposal with respect to the parking lot operations and alternative parking accommodation.

The Chief Planner then presented the Staff suggestion for siting the Court House on the waterfront. He pointed out that one of the main reasons for the recommendation of this location was the cost factor. He felt that the St. Paul's Hill site would cost more than Mr. Duffus had suggested and he stated that the waterfront site could be made available for approximately \$300,000.00. He contended that a Court House on the Waterfront would be better situated in relation to the Central Business District and the law office complex in the downtown area.

In reply to questions, the Chief Planner stated the Staff view was that the Rainnie Drive location is the least desirable of the three sites suggested.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the second thing he would like the Committee to discuss is the matter of the relocation of City Field and the agreement made with the

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Province for the site for the Museum of Science. He felt that it might be a good idea to approach the Province to ascertain its feelings on another location being made available by the City for the Museum which would eliminate the necessity of spending a great amount of money for the relocation of City Field which the City cannot afford.

The Deputy Mayor stated that the relocation of City Field has been talked about for over ten years and that it is a known fact that it will eventually have to be moved. He felt that it may be an important economic factor to move it now when a new location has been found and with impending annexation.

His Worship the Mayor stated that at the time the decision was made, Council did not know that it was already over-committed. He said that commitments had been made to the Bridge Commission, the Children's Hospital, etc. which were brought out in deliberations on the 1966 Capital Budget.

The Deputy Mayor felt that an approach should be made to the Province for more money in view of the fact that the Province has been able to go along for five or six years with no tax increase and the City is faced with one this next year.

Alderman LeBlanc reiterated his previous suggestion that a meeting be arranged with the local Members of the Legislative Assembly to acquaint them with all the problems of the City and obtain their assistance in any approach made to the Province.

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His Worship the Mayor stated he would be prepared to arrange a meeting with local members of the Legislature and felt it would be a good idea to acquaint them with the City's problems.

Alderman Moir felt that an approach should be made immediately to the Province offering an alternative site for the Museum and suggested this item be placed on the Order of Business for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on December 1, 1966.

It was agreed to place the Relocation of City Field on the Council Order of Business.

10:35 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

ALLAN O'BRIEN
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 1, 1966

8:00 p.m.

1. Lord's Prayer.
2. Roll Call.
3. Minutes: November 1, 1966.
4. Approval of Order of Business - Additions or Deletions.
5. Deferred Items:
 - (a) Appointments - Industrial Development Commission.
 - (b) Appointments - Centennial Committee.
 - (c) Appointments - Historic Buildings Committee.
6. Motions of Reconsideration: NONE.
7. Motions of Rescission: NONE.
8. Public Hearings and Hearings:
 - (a) Public Hearing Re: Amendment to Part VI Zoning By-law.
9. Petitions and Delegations:
10. Report - Finance & Executive Committee:
 - (a) Tag Day Applications, etc.
 - (b) Change Order - Uniacke Square - Phase I, Stage II.
 - (c) Property - #2369 Maitland Street.
 - (d) Budget Over Expenditures - Basinview Home.
 - (e) Budget Over Expenditures - City Prison.
 - (f) Supplementary Appropriations - 316 "C", City Charter.
 - (g) Request for Transfer of Appropriations - Police Department.
 - (h) Payment of December Salary.
 - (i) Taxation Study.
 - (j) Additional Capital Funds - Africville Relocation Program.
 - (k) Possible Acquisition - Property Nos. 59 and 60, City Plan #P500/46, Africville - Owner, Mr. Nolan Carvery.
 - (l) Possible Acquisition - Property Nos. 105, 106, 107 and 108, City Plan #P500/46, Africville - Owner, Mrs. Sarah A. Mantley.
 - (m) Possible Acquisition - Property No. 57, City Plan #P500/46, Africville - Owners, Heirs of Samuel Brown.
 - (n) Possible Acquisition - Property No. 91, City Plan #P500/46, Africville - Owner, Mrs. Theresa Dixon.
 - (o) Possible Acquisition - Property Owned by Mrs. Frances Cain, Africville, Not Numerically Identified on City Plan #P500/46.
 - (p) Possible Acquisition - Property Nos. 5, 16, 19, 21, 21A, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38, City Plan #P500/46, Africville - Owners, Heirs of William Carvery.
 - (q) Hospital Capital Fund - Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Council.
11. Report - Committee on Works:
 - (a) Final Certificates
 - (b) Amendment to Ordinance #113 - "NOISE ORDINANCE".
12. Report - Safety Committee:
 - (a) Lease - City-owned Property - Water Street - To Purdy Bros. Ltd.

13. Report - Public Health & Welfare Committee:
 - (a) Policy Re: Bursary Supplementation.

14. Report - Committee of the Whole Council, Boards & Commissions:
 - (a) Amendment to Ordinance #130 - Taxi Fare Increase - SECOND READING

15. Report - Town Planning Board:
 - (a) Possible Disposition of Triangular Land - Areas Adjacent to Westmount Subdivision.
 - (b) Modification of Frontyard and Sideyard Requirements - 6982 Churchill Drive.

16. Motions:
 - (a) Motion - Alderman LeBlanc Re: Rescission, Resolution of Council Approving Capital Borrowing - Additions to St. Patrick's and Queen Elizabeth High Schools.
 - (b) Motion - Alderman Moir Re: Rescission, Resolution of Council Approving the Centennial Aquarium.
 - (c) Motion - Alderman Moir Re: Swimming Pool as Centennial Project.
 - (d) Motion - Alderman Black Re: Amendment to Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission Act.

17. Miscellaneous Business:
 - (a) Accounts Over \$1000.
 - (b) Relocation - City Field.
 - (c) Appointments - Advisory Committee on Housing & Social Planning.
 - (d) Lord's Day Permits (2)
 - (e) New Street Lighting Contract
 - (f) Tax Appeal Cases - National Harbours Board.

18. QUESTIONS.

19. Notices of Motion.

20. Added Items.