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Question - Alderman Ivany - Building of Ships at Halifax Shipyards

Alderman Ivany asked His Worship the Mayor if he had received any word from the Department of National Defence, when in Ottawa, respecting the four ships presently on the drawing boards and if any of these might be allocated to the Halifax Shipyards for construction.

His Worship the Mayor replied that the owners of the Shipyards nor their management have not made him aware of any particular request they wish made to the Defence Department. He had no discussions in Ottawa on this matter.

Question - Alderman Sullivan - Smoke Abatement Committee

Alderman Sullivan asked His Worship the Mayor if the Smoke Abatement Board is still functioning as such.

His Worship the Mayor replied that appointments to the old Board had elapsed and no new appointments have been made pending a draft from the City Solicitor for a stronger Anti Pollution Ordinance. The Regional Authority had before it a draft Air Pollution Ordinance prepared by the County of Halifax and deferred consideration until such draft is received from the City of Halifax, as it is considered that a regional basis would be a wiser course of action.

Question - Alderman A. M. Butler - Ruling of City Solicitor

Alderman A. M. Butler requested the City Solicitor to put in writing his ruling which allowed the introduction of a motion by Alderman Matheson respecting Council's direction to the School Board when the item is not on the Order of Business.

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Council directed that this reply be circulated to the members of Council.

Question - Alderman Connolly - Vandalism North End Branch Library

Alderman Connolly asked if a report is available on the recent window breakages at the North End Library.

His Worship the Mayor replied that a report is not available at present but that he had received a request from Judge Green to consider the establishment of a committee of representatives of the Library Board, the School Board and the Chief of Police to consider what might be done to combat vandalism such as recently happened. He further stated that Judge Green has some ideas and he asked if Alderman Connolly would serve on such a Committee and if the Chief of Police would be willing to attend such a meeting.

Alderman Connolly stated that he would be willing to serve on the Committee and the Chief of Police indicated that he would be willing to attend.

His Worship the Mayor stated he would arrange a meeting.

Question - Alderman Black - Alderman A. M. Butler's reasons for Questioning City Solicitor's Ruling

Alderman Black asked Alderman A. M. Butler if he would put in writing his reasons for requesting the City Solicitor for a report with respect to the motion made by Alderman Matheson pertaining to Council's direction to the School Board and circulate his report to members of Council.

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Alderman A. M. Butler stated that his main reason for asking for such report from the City Solicitor is that it might have a very important bearing on future situations that might arise while he is a member of the Council.

NOTICES OF MOTION

No notices of Motion were given.

ADDED ITEMS

Appointments - Board of Management Halifax Civic Hospital

His Worship the Mayor nominated Mrs. Marjorie Woodill as a member of the Board of Management of the Halifax Civic Hospital for a term expiring October 31, 1967.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Moir that the nomination be approved. Motion passed.

Term of Appointment - Members of the Board of Management Halifax Civic Hospital

His Worship the Mayor submitted the following terms of appointment:

Alderman C. F. Abbott	October 31, 1967
Alderman W. R. Fitzgerald	October 31, 1967
Alderman A. M. Butler	October 31, 1968
Miss Eileen Burns	October 31, 1968
Alderman N. P. Meagher	October 31, 1969
Mr. Ian Langlands	October 31, 1969

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Ivany that the terms of appointment, as submitted, be approved.
Motion passed.

Court House Location

His Worship the Mayor stated that it would appear that the Waterfront location might be finally considered if information is made available to the Court House Commission and

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was informed by Alderman Matheson that a meeting of the Court House Commission would be held December 7th or earlier.

His Worship the Mayor asked the City Manager how soon all necessary information could be made available to all members of the Court House Commission.

Alderman Matheson stated that if Council favours the Waterfront site, it will lose it unless the Council representatives on the Commission can go to the next meeting and state that the location of Harbour Drive, insofar as it affects the Court House, is settled, and a reservation has been made for it; secondly that the land is available and that the buildings will be ready for demolition before their plans can be completed.

The City Manager stated that he could determine the two items mentioned by Alderman Matheson the next day as a Staff meeting is scheduled.

Alderman A. M. Butler requested information as to the cost of the Rainnie Drive and Waterfront sites.

The following information was requested from City Staff:

1. Estimate of the total cost of each site, Waterfront and Rainnie Drive;
2. What reservations have been made for the alignment of Harbour Drive in the area between George and Duke Streets;
3. Approximate date when the Waterfront site could be made available to the Court House Commission.

The City Manager was directed to provide this information to members of Council at the earliest possible time so that the representatives on the Court House Commission will have it prior to the next meeting of the Commission.

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The City Clerk was directed to send out notices for a Special Council Meeting, December 7, 1966 and that the item "Court House Site" be added to the Order of Business.

Donation of Picture

His Worship the Mayor stated that the picture displayed in the Council Chamber has been presented to the City by Miss H. Gladys Pennington of Ottawa, who is a Grand Niece of Joseph Howe. The picture is reputed to be over 100 years' old.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that a letter be sent to the donor expressing Council's appreciation of the gift and that it be hung in City Hall with a small plaque affixed giving the name of the donor. Motion passed.

11:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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

ALLAN O'BRIEN
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

Present: His Worship Mayor and Aldermen Abbott, Ivany, H. W. Butler, A. M. Butler, DeBlanc, Fitzgerald, Hoyle and Sullivan.

R. H. STODDARD,
CITY CLERK
Also Present: City Manager, City Solicitor, City Clerk, Development Officer, Chief Planner, Traffic Engineer and other Staff members.

The meeting was called especially to consider those items as follows:-

1. Parking
2. Arndale Rotary Improvements
3. Court House Site

7:35 p.m. Alderman Black arrives.

MOTION by Alderman Hoyle, seconded by Alderman Abbott that approval be withheld for one hour for each item to permit equal consideration.

The motion was put and lost, four voting for the same and five against as follows:

For: Aldermen Abbott, Hoyle, Sullivan and Fitzgerald.
Against: Aldermen Black, Ivany, A. M. Butler, DeBlanc and H. W. Butler.

7:36 p.m. Alderman Matheson arrives.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
December 7, 1966,
7:30 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.

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

Also Present: City Manager, City Solicitor, City Clerk, Development Officer, Chief Planner, Traffic Engineer and other Staff members.

The meeting was called especially to consider three items as follows:-

1. Parking
2. Armdale Rotary Improvements
3. Court House Site

7:35 p.m. Alderman Black arrives.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Abbott that debate be limited to one hour for each item to permit equal consideration.

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

For:	Aldermen Abbott, Moir, Sullivan and Fitzgerald	4
Against:	Aldermen Black, Ivany, A. M. Butler, LeBlanc and H. W. Butler	5

7:36 p.m. Alderman Matheson arrives.

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Mr. Silverman MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that Council adjourn to meet as Committee of the Whole. Motion passed.

7:37 p.m. Council adjourned to meet as Committee of the Whole.

PARKING GARAGE SITE

His Worship the Mayor advised that Mr. Allan Silverman was present, who wished to put forward an alternative proposal for the location of a parking garage.

It was agreed to hear Mr. Silverman.

Mr. Allan Silverman objected to the site proposed on behalf of his client Julius Silverman, whose business would be disrupted by the proposed site in the block bounded by Blowers, Barrington, Sackville and Argyle Streets. His reasons were as follows:

1. Too many buildings would be affected by this proposal.
2. Wanton destruction of part of the core of the Central Business District.
3. Cost too high, possibly in the vicinity of \$1,500,000.00.

Mr. Silverman then put forward his proposal for an alternative site for the corner of Barrington and Blowers Streets south of the Staff proposal. He maintained that:

1. Demolition costs would be lower, with fewer buildings;
2. Little business disturbance, Lohnes Restaurant only;
3. Larger site, 40,000 square feet as against 18,000 square feet;
4. Cheaper to obtain, two owners only;
5. Does not involve so many commercial enterprises;
6. Better use of the corner and extend shops on Barrington Street;
7. Allows Sisters of Charity to relocate in a more suitable location.

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Mr. Silverman then displayed a sketch of his conception of a parking garage complex at this location with Blowers Street and Barrington Street as pedestrian malls.

His Worship the Mayor asked the Committee to permit Mr. David Zive, Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Parking, to speak.

The Committee agreed to hear Mr. Zive.

Mr. Zive stated that the location suggested by the Advisory Committee on Parking was the site most favoured by Staff as set out in Report No. 4 of the Parking Series, entitled "Parking Garages." He felt that Mr. Silverman's suggestion has a great deal of merit. He suggested that if the Parking Garage is constructed in the block suggested by Staff, the Silverman property could be retained and the properties to the north of the Family Theatre acquired, as far as the Tip Top Tailors, which include the City Club, and the top floor of the new Parking Garage could be made available to the City Club as their new premises. He contended that some retail facilities, such as a Supermarket, should be included in a parking garage complex and that he had not heard Mr. Silverman mention such facilities. He felt that Council should act as quickly as possible to acquire a site as parking was urgently needed.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Black that negotiations be commenced immediately with the owners of the land as described by Mr. Allan Silverman on plan submitted by him which is approximately 200 feet south on Barrington Street and approximately 200 feet west on Blowers Street with a view

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to acquiring title to the lands for a parking garage.

Aldermen Black and Ivany commented on Mr. Silverman's suggestion.

His Worship the Mayor then said that there are two matters on which the Committee should hear from Staff:-

1. Whether this site on the southwest corner was given any consideration;
2. Whether there are any planning considerations that have not yet been mentioned relating to this site.

The Chief Planner was asked to comment on Mr. Silverman's suggestion.

Mr. Latham explained why the site preferred by Staff was selected and he stated that the opposite corner was not considered as practically the whole block was given over to institutional and school uses which might be affected detrimentally by the construction of a parking garage. He maintained that future school plans in the block are not known.

Some discussion followed respecting the future traffic pattern for the area and the possibility of constructing Barrington and Blowers Streets as pedestrian shopping malls, and the possibly relocation of the schools.

Alderman A. M. Butler felt that Staff should take a further look at the site proposed by Mr. Silverman and report back to the Committee.

Alderman Matheson disagreed with Alderman A. M. Butler and felt that a decision should be made at this meeting to proceed with the proposal and he strongly urged that no more reports be requested from Staff as they have submitted enough to permit a decision.

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Alderman A. M. Butler was concerned about the financial arrangements for such a facility and asked for a pro forma statement and if the merchants would be participating financially.

Alderman Ivany felt that the Advisory Committee was favouring the downtown area and also questioned where the Parking Authority enters the picture.

His Worship the Mayor advised that after legislation passes the Legislature in the Spring of 1967, the Parking Authority will be appointed and the whole parking garage construction and operation will be turned over to it for management. He also advised that he proposes to call an early meeting, perhaps during the first week of January to discuss the 1967 Capital Budget and that the approved Budget be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval prior to any consideration being given to the Current Budget during February.

Alderman Matheson stated that the only necessity is perhaps a report from Staff of two or three pages on the financial implications.

The Development Officer stated that Staff have given every consideration to this aspect in preparing the four Parking Reports and that the matter of raising parking meter rates is inter-related with this problem, which would make the parking garage attractive to customers.

The following Staff Report was submitted dealing with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Public Parking:

City Council at its meeting of November 24, 1966 considered the recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Parking. These recommendations were:

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- A. That all parking facilities within the City of Halifax shall include not only off-street parking but meter curbed parking and be placed under the control of the proposed Parking Authority;
- B. That immediate action be taken to acquire site No. 1 recommended in Report No. 4 entitled "Parking Garages" and that plans be proceeded to have parking garages and appropriate parking facilities built on the site.

City Council referred the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Parking to a special meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council and, in so doing, requested the City Manager to submit a report dealing with:

1. All aspects of recommendation A including legal complications;
2. Outlining the financial implications of acquiring the site referred to in recommendation B and construction of a garage thereon - the report was to deal with possible financial participation by merchant groups.

The purpose of this report is to attempt to deal with the questions raised by City Council in respect of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Parking.

Curbside parking in the City of Halifax is under the control of the Traffic Authority. The Traffic Authority is appointed by City Council and his authorities stem from the Motor Vehicle Act of the Province of Nova Scotia. Under this Act, the Traffic Authority has the authority to impose such controls as he deems necessary providing only that cost of imposing such controls have been approved by City Council.

The principal purpose of the control of curbside parking is to permit the use of streets for the purpose for which these streets were constructed. Controls of any nature including meters are, therefore, not so much a matter of controlling parking or revenue as a matter of controlling the movement of vehicles on the streets. Transference of the control of curbside parking including meters to the Parking Authority would affect transfer of a very significant sector of traffic control to the Parking Authority and would, therefore, divide responsibility for traffic control. This would not appear to be desirable from an administrative point of view.

The Motor Vehicle Act of the Province of Nova Scotia places the authority for the installation of meters with the Traffic Authority, unless the Parking Authority is designated as the Traffic Authority, a transfer of control of curbside parking

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could not be made without an amendment to the Motor Vehicle Act. This would require Provincial legislation. At the same time, there is no reason why control of curbside parking could not remain with the Traffic Authority; and the net revenues from meters be disbursed to the Parking Authority to assist in the provision of off-street parking facilities.

The questions raised in respect of recommendation B of the Advisory Committee on Parking are somewhat more difficult to deal with. The recommendation simply requests the City to acquire one of the sites recommended in Report No. 4 entitled "Parking Garages" but does not contain any specific recommendations as to how the parking garage might be constructed. (There is no indication in the recommendation of the size of such garage or how it should be operated). There is also no indication that the Merchants Association would be prepared to participate financially in the construction of such a garage.

The Staff report referred to in the recommendation indicates that the recommended site appears to be suitable as a site for a parking garage of undetermined size. The report further suggests that the site could probably be acquired for about \$500,000. While the "Parking Garages" report suggests the suitability of the site, the suggestion recommended for approval by the Advisory Committee is only one of a number of recommendations made in the series of reports prepared by City Staff on off-street parking. This series consisting of four reports has been distributed to City Council. It is suggested that these reports reflect the views of Staff on all of the implications involved in the provision of off-street parking.

The considerations required to be examined in respect to the provision of off-street parking by the City are complex and it would be virtually impossible to summarize these in a manner which would provide adequate information to permit Council to make a decision on the Advisory Committee's recommendations. For example, Section IV of Report No. 3 attempts to set forth the financial implications for the construction and administration of parking garages. Report No. 2 compares the relationship of the cost of curbside parking to the cost of parking off-street garages.

Recommendation B above from the Advisory Committee on Parking was one of the recommendations contained within the four reports on parking submitted to City Council. It was, however, a conditional recommendation which anticipates decisions by City Council on quite a number of other matters related to off-street and curbside parking. It was anticipated that the related matters would be dealt with before a firm decision as to site would be taken.

In view of the brief comments outlined above, it is suggested that Council might like to re-examine the four reports on public parking previously submitted before reaching a decision on the Advisory Committee's recommendations.

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CONTROL OF CURBSIDE PARKING

The Advisory Committee on Parking recommended that:

All parking facilities within the City of Halifax shall include not only off-street parking but meter curb parking and be placed under the control of the proposed Parking Authority.

Mr. Robert Strand, a member of the Advisory Committee on Parking, explained his reasons for making this motion and he felt that if the Parking Authority is going to build parking garages basically, then the cost of on-street parking facilities must be made commensurate with off-street facilities. He contended that if the Traffic Authority, in consultation with the proposed Parking Authority, can work out a system whereby these two facilities are more equal in cost, then he would certainly say that this would be a preferable situation.

Alderman Black asked if it is a responsibility of the Council to set rates for on-street parking.

His Worship the Mayor replied that it is Council's responsibility to authorize the Traffic Authority in this regard.

After some discussion respecting the change-over periods of parking meters and an equalization of rates for on-street and off-street parking facilities, it was agreed that no decision on this recommendation was required at this meeting, but that such a decision will have to be made in the near future.

It was agreed to consider the item dealing with the Court House Location next.

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COURT HOUSE SITE

The following report was submitted from Staff to which was attached a plan outlining a suggested Waterfront Court House site.

Attached is a plan showing the Waterfront Court House site. The properties listed from one to eleven on this plan are as follows:

<u>Property No.</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Estimated Acquisition Cost</u>
1	City)
2	City)
3	City)
4	City)
5	City)
6	City)
7	City)
		\$120,000.00
8	Franklin Service Co. Ltd.)
9	Franklin Service Co. Ltd.)
10	Franklin Service Co. Ltd.)
11	Franklin Service Co. Ltd.)
		\$292,000.00

With the addition of the Franklin Service Company Limited property, now in one ownership, a site of more than 60,000 square feet could be made available at approximately \$305,000. The attached plan shows how this site would be obtained after making allowances for Harbour Drive and the Ferry Terminal.

Assuming that design and working drawings would take several months to complete, there is no reason why the land could not be acquired, the buildings demolished, and the site delivered well before a start is made on actual construction.

A decision would be required by the City on a reservation for Harbour Drive before the site could be delivered. This reservation is shown on the plan as being 70 feet. This is the width recently agreed to by City Council on other sections of the proposed Harbour Drive route along Water Street. However, even if the reservation were extended to 95 feet (the second dotted line shown on the plan) sufficient land would still be available for a Court House which could be designed in several forms. The detailed design of access arrangements and the actual boundary of Harbour Drive could be worked out within these broad reservations together with the detailed design of a Court House building.

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Alderman Matheson stressed the urgency to make the City-owned land available to the Court House Commission immediately at a price of \$120,000; to determine the boundaries of the reservation for Harbour Drive; and to ascertain if the Franklin Service Co. Ltd. buildings are available; so that a packaged deal would be ready for the next meeting of the Court House Commission and the site made available for immediate construction.

Alderman A. M. Butler asked if the cost of the waterfront site would be \$412,000.

The Chief Planner stated that the waterfront site could be made available at approximately \$305,000 and the Rainnie Drive site would cost approximately \$237,000.

Alderman A. M. Butler felt the City should secure the best market price possible for its land and stated that he favored the Rainnie Drive site.

Alderman H. W. Butler felt that if the Commission had wanted the waterfront site, they would not have favored the Rainnie Drive site. Until the Court House Commission indicated a change in site, he would favor the Rainnie Drive site.

Alderman Moir pointed out that Council voted for the waterfront site a year ago and he agreed with Alderman Matheson's views. He questioned the need to reserve 95 feet for Harbour Drive.

The Chief Planner stated that there was a reservation of 70 feet set by Council for the lower end of Water Street. If the design for a Court House were kept back to 95 feet, there would still be sufficient room for the Court House on this site with some degree of flexibility.

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Alderman Moir asked if the Chief Planner felt Council should recommend the 95 feet reservation.

Mr. Latham replied that he felt that a minimum of 70 feet would suit the purpose for which this section of Harbour Drive is envisaged and the Court House could be kept well back.

Alderman Moir felt that the Council could indicate to the Court House Commission that, by a majority, it would be prepared to rescind any previous motion; make this site available at a proper fee and permit the blue line for Harbour Drive to be 70 feet, but would prefer the 95 foot figure.

Alderman Black was of the opinion that Council's position is that it has approved the Rainnie Drive site. He felt the City could indicate that if the Court House Commission were to request the City to make available land shown in red on plan, the City would give it sympathetic consideration but would reserve a 70 foot Street Line for Harbour Drive.

Alderman Meagher arrived at 9:20 p.m.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Moir that City Council give sympathetic consideration to a request, if made by the Court House Commission, to acquire the land outlined in Red on plan attached to the Staff Report dated December 6, 1966, provided that a width of 70 feet, shown on the plan, in an easterly direction from Water Street, be reserved as an area on which the proposed Harbour Drive would be located.

Alderman Matheson disagreed with the motion and contended that the Court House Commission should be advised that this land is available at a certain price and with a reservation

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of 70 feet for Harbour Drive. He felt that the price to be charged for the land would have to be determined by Staff. He stated that the Commission wants action rather than sympathetic consideration.

Alderman Ivany agreed with Alderman Matheson and felt that Council must decide where it wants the Court House to go and based on good planning grounds.

His Worship the Mayor asked if a date could be determined from Franklin Service Co. Ltd. for vacant possession of their properties.

The City Manager read a letter from the Franklin Service Company in this connection.

Alderman Black stated it was his understanding that the occupancy of these buildings is on short term leases and that the buildings could be made available within a reasonably short time.

Alderman Matheson asked how many square feet of City-owned land would remain after the reservation for Harbour Drive and the Ferry Terminal, and was advised that there would be approximately 32,000 square feet.

MOVED in Amendment, by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Ivany, that:

- (1) Council resolve to make available to the Court House Commission the City-owned land shown outlined in Red on the staff plan, reserving 70 feet for Harbour Drive and the area indicated for the Ferry Terminal, for the price of \$120,000;
- (2) This site be made available to the Commission immediately;
- (3) Council agree to discuss with the Commission the relocation of the Ferry Terminal to make additional land available.

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The City Manager favored the Waterfront site for the Court House but stated this was his own personal opinion.

Alderman Black then withdrew his motion.

The amendment then became the motion and on being put was passed as follows:-

For: Aldermen Abbott, Moir, Ivany, Matheson, LeBlanc, Fitzgerald and Black 7

Against: Aldermen A. M. Butler, Meagher, Sullivan and H. W. Butler 4

9:50 p.m. The Committee adjourned for a recess.

9:55 p.m. The Committee reconvened.

ARMDALE ROTARY

A lengthy report was submitted from staff. The purpose of this report was to:

1. Present an analysis of the situation as it exists at the Rotary.
2. Set forth possible improvements to traffic difficulties at the Armdale Rotary.

The Development Officer was requested to comment on the report. He outlined the report briefly and stated that the schematic solution proposed might be quite workable. He pointed out that this was offered as a principle by which traffic improvements might be achieved at the Rotary and that it warrants investigation by other levels of Government such as the County of Halifax and Province of Nova Scotia.

The Traffic Engineer, Mr. Chieu Chang, was then invited to present his suggested improvements for the Armdale Rotary.

Mr. Chang displayed a plan of proposed improvements to the traffic problems at the Rotary and outlined the traffic

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pattern he suggested. He was of the opinion that the solution must be found by at-grade, light-controlled intersection or intersections and the Rotary eliminated.

He stated that the cost of the plan as shown in his report (Plan No. P303/37) had been estimated by the Commissioner of Works to be \$657,000 but he, himself, felt it could be done for an estimated \$300,000 to \$400,000.

Aldermen Black and Ivany thanked the Traffic Engineer for his excellent presentation.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Meagher:

1. That Council, through His Worship the Mayor, approach the Minister of Highways of the Province of Nova Scotia and the Warden of the Municipality of the County of Halifax to determine their re-action to the proposed traffic improvements at the Armdale Rotary, as shown on Appendix "A" attached to the Staff Report dated November, 1966;
2. That if the Province of Nova Scotia and the Municipality of the County of Halifax agree that the proposal warrants further investigation, such investigation be undertaken on a Partnership basis

His Worship the Mayor asked if the Traffic Engineer had been present at any meetings with the Province dealing with the Armdale Rotary improvements, to which the City Manager replied that Mr. Chang had not, as yet, been engaged by the City when the meetings first began but that City representation was had through the Commissioner of Works.

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The motion was then put and passed.

11:00 p.m. Council reconvened, the same members being present.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Parking Garage Site

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council, negotiations be commenced immediately with the owners of the land as described by Mr. Allan Silverman on plan submitted by him, which is approximately 200 feet south on Barrington Street and approximately 200 feet west on Blowers Street, with a view to acquiring title to the lands for a parking garage. Motion passed.

Court House Site

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council:

- (1) Council resolve to make available to the Court House Commission the City-owned land shown outlined in Red on the staff plan, reserving 70 feet for Harbour Drive and the area indicated for the Ferry Terminal, for the price of \$120,000.00;
- (2) This site be made available to the Commission immediately;
- (3) Council agree to discuss with the Commission the re-location of the Ferry Terminal to make additional land available.

Motion passed.

Armdale Rotary Improvements

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council:

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- (1) Council, through His Worship the Mayor, approach the Minister of Highways of the Province of Nova Scotia and the Warden of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, to determine their re-action to the proposed traffic improvements at the Armdale Rotary, as shown on Plan No. P303/37 attached to the Staff report dated November, 1966;
- (2) If the Province of Nova Scotia and the Municipality of the County of Halifax agree that the proposal warrants further investigation, such investigation be undertaken on a Partnership basis.

Motion passed.

11:03 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

HEADLINES

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ALLAN O'BRIEN
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD
CITY CLERK

SWIMMING POOL - PROPOSED CENTENNIAL PROJECT

CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
December 12, 1966
4:00 p.m.

A meeting of the City Council was scheduled for the above-noted time. As there were not sufficient members of Council to constitute a quorum, it was agreed by the members present to await the arrival of other members.

4:20 p.m. A quorum now being present, His Worship the Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

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

Also present were Messrs. P. F. C. Byars, D. F. Murphy, R. B. Grant, R. H. Stoddard, W. J. Clancey and Gordon Price.

The meeting was called specially to consider the matter of a swimming pool, proposed to be constructed as the City of Halifax Centennial Project.

SWIMMING POOL - PROPOSED CENTENNIAL PROJECT

The following report, addressed to His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council, was submitted from the City Clerk:

"The Finance and Executive Committee, at a meeting held on December 8, 1966, had for consideration a recommendation from the Recreation and Playground Commission that a 50 meter Olympic size swimming pool be constructed as the City of Halifax Centennial Project.

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The Committee recommended the proposed project to Council for approval.

Aldermen A. M. Butler and Matheson voted against. "

Submitted at this time was the following report, signed by the Director of Recreation, which was read by the City Clerk:

"The Recreation and Playgrounds Commission, for the City of Halifax, originally requested that a Municipal Indoor-Outdoor Pool be built encompassing within it, one swimming pool of dimensions 82 feet 6 inches (25 metres) by 44 feet and one separated diving pool of dimensions 35 feet in length and 30 feet in width, at an estimated cost of \$400,000.00

Terms of reference for this pool were drawn up between this Commission and the Planning Department of the City and after being approved by Council, were released to the architect. A stipulation having been made at the time of approval to the effect that the architect be instructed that before any detailed plans be drawn up, to submit an estimate of cost on the required pool to the Finance and Executive Committee. A copy of this estimate is shown for your information (Appendix I).

With the estimate for the required pool, the architect also submitted a number of other suggestions which basically either scale down the pool from its original concept or scale it up to a full-size 50-metre pool. The Recreation and Playgrounds Commission studied the implications of the architect's report along with two other factors which have entered into the picture, since the original terms of reference were made up. (a) The choosing of Halifax and Dartmouth as the site for the First National Summer Games; (b) The transfer of the City's Centennial Project from an aquarium to the Municipal Swimming Pool.

After studying the report from the architect along with the two points aforementioned, the Commission at the meeting held on December 5, 1966, decided to recommend on a motion from Mayor Allan O'Brien and seconded by Alderman H. G. Ivany that City Council be requested to consider the erection of the full-sized 50-metre pool as this City's Centennial Project, at an estimated cost, from the architect's report, of \$700,000.00.

The reasons for the Commission's decision to change its recommendation are as follows:

1. The original concept of the Municipal Swimming Pool for which terms of reference were set up will cost according to the architect \$500,000.00 and with the additional needed 10-metre diving facility for use in conjunction with the Games, a further \$90,000.00 for a total cost of \$590,000.00.

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This pool in our estimation would be a very good sized pool because it was so designed as to enable as many children and adults to use it as a Recreational and Swimming Instruction Pool.

2. If the pool were scaled down as suggested by items B or C on Page 2 of the architect's report, it would reduce the cost of the project by \$20,000.00 or \$55,000.00 respectively.

The first scaling down as suggested in "B" would not have much effect on the usability of the pool from an Instructional and Recreational view point, and in fact, only reduces the fixed spectator seating somewhat. However, the suggestion made in "C", would have the effect of considerable diminishing that part of the pool area which could be used for Instructional and Recreational swimming, thereby reducing the pool's effectiveness in that area of activity, likely to provide most enjoyment to most patrons.

3. Because of the Selection of Halifax-Dartmouth as the site of the National Summer Games, a 50-metre pool will have to be erected.

In the submission to Council prior to its decision to bid for the Games, the suggestion was made to erect a 50-metre pool on the Northwest Arm at a cost of \$350,000.00 less that amount required to modify the proposed indoor pool to include the 10-metre tower; i.e. from the architect's report \$90,000.00. This is to say that an amount of \$260,000.00 will have to be spent to provide this extra facility.

4. The decision of the City Council to change the City's Centennial Project from the aquarium to the swimming pool has a definite bearing on the Commission's new recommendation.

The erection of a 50-metre pool may be considered as an entirely new project and therefore, would be more likely to receive better consideration in any application to change the contribution of the Provincial and Federal Governments' grant toward the Centennial Project of \$184,000.00.

5. The enlarged pool would be able to accommodate many more children and adults for Instructional and Recreational Swimming at any one time. The difference between the original pool and the larger one now under consideration, in terms of use per period for Recreational Swimming would be:

<u>Season</u>	<u>Original Pool</u>	<u>Larger Pool</u>
Winter	170 persons	310 persons
Summer	510 persons	930 persons

(with Patio area)

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In Conclusion:

Because of the above mentioned points, it was the opinion of the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission that a 50-metre (165 feet) x 44 feet Indoor-Outdoor Pool be built at an approximate cost of \$700,000.00. The pool would include 500 fixed seating accommodation with further provision being made to accommodate a further 600 persons in temporary seating, it would be able to accommodate activity in conjunction with the Summer Games and provide a much greater area for child and adult Recreational and Instructional periods."

APPENDIX I

November 21, 1966

Mr. P. F. C. Byars
City Manager
City of Halifax
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Byars:

Re: Indoor Swimming Pool, City of Halifax

Further to our recent conversation, we have investigated in detail possible adjustments to the stated requirements of this project in order to accommodate the \$400,000.00 figure budgetted by the City.

Basically, the detailed brief of the swimming pool represents a figure of approximately \$500,000.00 including fees, and for this reason the following items may be considered for diminishing the overall cost:

1. Confirm 6 hours for complete re-filtering process instead of 4 to 6 hours.
2. Diving and swimming pools both at same 75 degrees to 80 degrees F. temperature range.
3. Possible reduction in public seating from 350 persons.
4. Eliminate public coat checking room.
5. Swimming and diving areas to be separated by bulkhead, instead of each in separate pools, with 10'-0" walkway between them.

These items could account for a saving of \$20,000.00, bringing the revised total to \$480,000.00.

The only other possible saving would be to separate the swimming and diving areas by means of a moveable bulkhead that can be located in two main positions:

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- a. To accommodate competitive diving.
- b. To accommodate competitive swimming.

Since the two events are unlikely to be held simultaneously, it would require only a staggering of the respective practice sessions; and for simultaneous public swimming and diving, the only disadvantage would be a diminution of the pool length when diving is underway. This could save a further \$35,000.00.

At this point, we would like to indicate that the \$400,000.00 figure was apparently arrived at two years ago, and also that the sharp change in level over the proposed site bounded by Cogswell, Gottingen and Rainnie Drive has some bearing on the cost of the project, compared to a flat site.

Now with the hosting of the 1969 games not only does the spectator seating become more important, but the diving facilities require considerable enlargement to accommodate a future 10-metre diving tower. This calls for an additional 4'-0" to 6' -0" depth in the diving pool and also an increase in its area, plus raising the ceiling 16' -0" higher than required in the original programme. All of this leads to total additional costs in the vicinity of \$90,000.00 directly attributed to the extended diving facilities.

In conclusion, we would summarize as follows:

- A. Pool as per original programme requirements - approximately \$500,000.00
- B. Revised as listed items 1 to 5 inclusive - approximately \$480,000.00
- C. Further revised with moveable bulkhead, in addition to "B" - approximately \$445,000.00
- D. To accommodate high diving facility, add \$90,000.00 to any one of preceding figures
- E. If a combined 50-metre indoor pool were required, a further \$125,000.00 should be added to "C"

Concerning completion of preliminary sketches, these would require four weeks from date of final approval of programme, with some consideration to be given for the approaching seasonal holiday.

If your Agenda Meeting brings up aspects of this project that require information from us, please contact us immediately and we will endeavour to provide the necessary data before Thursday's meeting.

Sincerely,

METTAM WRIGHT ASSOCIATES

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MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ivany

that:

- (a) the City of Halifax undertake the construction of a 50-metre indoor-outdoor swimming pool on the Rainnie Drive - Cogswell Street site at an approximate cost of \$700,000.00;
- (b) the said swimming pool be selected as the City of Halifax Centennial Project;
- (c) application be made to the Provincial Centennial Grants Committee for transfer of the grant from the Centennial Aquarium Project to the Centennial Swimming Pool Project;
- (d) if approval of the Centennial Grants Committee of the City's application for transfer of the grant is not forthcoming, that the whole matter be referred back to City Council for re-consideration.

A full discussion ensued during which all members of Council present indicated their views.

His Worship the Mayor said that before putting the motion the Council should have the benefit of the recommendation of the City Manager.

The City Manager stated that he would recommend the construction of a swimming pool as provided for in the motion.

The motion was then put and passed with Aldermen Matheson, Connolly and Sullivan voting against.

5:20 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

ALLEN O'BRIEN,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R.H. STODDARD,
CITY CLERK.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 15, 1966

8:00 p.m.

1. Lord's Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes: November 17 and December 1, 1966
4. Approval of Order of Business - Additions or Deletions
5. Deferred Items:
 - (a) Appointments - Industrial Development Commission
 - (b) Contract - New Street Lighting
6. Motions of Reconsideration: NONE.
7. Motions of Rescission: NONE.
8. Public Hearings and Hearings: NONE.
9. Petitions and Delegations.
10. Report - Finance and Executive Committee:
 - (a) Uniacke Square, Phase I - Subsidized Rental Housing - Borrowing 1967
 - (b) Home for Special Care - Borrowing 1967
 - (c) Possible Acquisition - 5238 (42) Artz Street
 - (d) Property Acquisition - Nos. 95, 96 and 99 Africville
 - (e) Property Acquisition - No. 109 Africville
 - (f) Compensation for Acquisition - 2373-75 Gottingen Street
 - (g) Supplementary Appropriations - 316 "C" - City Charter:
 1. Maintenance - North Common - \$4,100.00
 2. Maintenance - Saunders Park - \$ 900.00
 3. Grand Parade - Maintenance - \$1,000.00
 4. Bicentennial Entrance - \$3,500.00
 5. Halifax Mental Hospital - \$25,000.00
 6. Salary - Court Reporter - \$ 363.00
 7. Annexation of Suburbs - \$ 597.50
 - (h) Tax Deposit Certificates
 - (i) Use of Advertising Agency
 - (j) Part Payment of Expropriation Compensation
 - (k) Maritime Cans Limited - Real Property Tax
 - (l) Neptune Theatre
 - (m) Resolution - City of Windsor, Ontario Re: Policy Review
 - (n) Furniture Allowance - Mr. Robert Cassidy - Africville
 - (o) Accounts - MacDonald, Currie Company and Speed & Speed Limited
Re: Connor Property Expropriation
 - (p) Collective Bargaining Agreement - Local Union 108 -
City Field Workers
 - (q) Collective Bargaining Agreement - Local Union 108 -
Cleaning Service - Female Employees City Hall and
Police Station
 - (r) Citizen's Direct Line
 - (s) Fountain - Victoria Park - Gift of Colonel S. C. Oland