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CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

January 12, 1967

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
January 12, 1967,
8:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Also Present: City Manager, City Solicitor, City Clerk, Commissioner of Works, Chief of Police and other Staff members.

Alderman Black welcomed back Alderman Doyle to Council after his extended illness.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on December 29, 1966 were approved on motion of Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Moir.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chairman advised that the following items are to be added to the Order of Business:

- 20(a) Report - Implementation Committee
- 20(b) Change in Ownership - Rear, 2405 Brunswick St.
- 20(c) Settlement for Fire Damages - Incinerator
- 20(d) Lord's Day Permit
- 20(e) Education Costs
- 20(f) City Charter - Ratio of Tax Rates
- 20(g) Special Council Meetings - Capital and Current Budgets

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- 20(h) Exchange Visit - Sherbrooke, Quebec
- 20(i) Housing Authority Report

Alderman A. M. Butler requested that the following two items be added to the Order of Business:

- 20(j) Proclamation - Sections 248 to 252, 1963
Halifax City Charter
- 20(k) Resolution Re: C. N. R. Grant

Alderman LeBlanc requested that item 20(l) be added "Establishment of Halifax Natal Day".

Alderman Fitzgerald requested that an item be added as 20(m) with respect to Snow Removal Procedures.

Alderman Matheson requested that an item be added as 20(n) respecting the Debates concerning the powers and duties of the Regional Planning Commission and the Regional Authority.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Moir that the above noted items be added to the Order of Business. Motion passed with Alderman Connolly voting against the addition of Item 20(a).

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

DEFERRED ITEMS

Compensation - #2373-75 Gottingen Street

Further deferred.

Staff to contact Mrs. Osborne or her Solicitor before the next regular meeting of City Council.

Motion - Alderman Black Re: Legislation - Composition of Town Board

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that legislation be sought to amend Section 531 of the

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City Charter so as to permit the Town Planning Board to consist of His Worship the Mayor and not more than fourteen other persons, of whom not fewer than seven shall be members of City Council.

Alderman Black spoke to his motion and was supported by Alderman Matheson.

Aldermen LeBlanc and Ivany opposed the motion.

After discussion, the motion was put and passed, nine voting for the same and five against it as follows:

For:	Aldermen Black, Abbott, Moir, Matheson, A. M. Butler, Doyle, Sullivan, Fitzgerald and H. W. Butler	9
Against:	Aldermen Ivany, Meagher, LeBlanc, Ahern and Connolly	5

At this time, His Worship the Mayor suggested that action could be taken under Section 16 of Ordinance #105 "Committee Ordinance" and subsequent decision of Council to provide an opportunity to experiment for a period of two to three months with the Committee of the Whole Council meeting to consider all items now being dealt with by the regular Standing Committees of Council. Certain items could be delegated to Staff for processing as routine business.

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION
No Motions of Reconsideration were heard at this time.

MOTIONS OF RESCISSION
Motion - Alderman Ivany to Rescind Resolution of Council dated January 27, 1966 relating to Parking on Tower Road

At the meeting of City Council held on December 29, 1966, Alderman Ivany gave Notice of Motion that part of the Resolution of City Council approved on January 27, 1966 be re-

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scinded to permit parking on both sides of Tower Road between South Street and Spring Garden Road.

He then stated his reasons for making such a motion. Aldermen Black and LeBlanc were not in favour of parking on both sides of Tower Road in this location.

The City Solicitor stated that the Resolution adopted by City Council on January 27, 1966 was invalid because traffic control and parking are properly the responsibility of the Traffic Authority.

His Worship the Mayor then advised Alderman Ivany that his motion should take the form of a request to the Traffic Authority rather than a motion to rescind an invalid motion of City Council.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the Traffic Authority be requested to consider permitting parking on both sides of Tower Road from South Street to Spring Garden Road.

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

For: Aldermen Abbott, Ivany, Meagher, Ahern and Connolly 5

Against: Aldermen Moir, Matheson, A. M. Butler, LeBlanc, Doyle, Sullivan, Fitzgerald, H. W. Butler and Black 9

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND HEARINGS

No Public Hearings or Hearings were scheduled for this time.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

No Petitions were submitted or Delegations heard at this time.

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REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on January 5, 1967 with respect to the following matters:

Final Certificate - Walker & Hall Limited

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, payment in the amount of \$3,712.74 be made to the firm of Walker and Hall Limited being the balance due on account of their contract for the construction of new sidewalks in the City of Halifax for the year 1966. Motion passed.

Final Certificate - Stevens & Fiske Limited

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, payment in the amount of \$4,657.12 be made to Stevens and Fiske Construction Limited being the balance due on account of their contract for construction of reinforced concrete retaining wall at Windsor Street and Connaught Avenue. Motion passed.

Advance to Metropolitan Drug Dispensary

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City of Halifax advance the Metropolitan Drug Dispensary a sum of \$3,000.00 to enable the Dispensary to carry on its work during January and February pending approval of the City's annual grant. Motion passed.

Tax Relief - Children's Hospital

Deferred for a report from the City Manager.

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Request for Use of City Crest

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, permission be granted to the Halifax Coin Club to use the City Coat of Arms in connection with the issuance, by the said Club, of a medal in 1967 to commemorate the Centennial of Canadian Confederation. Motion passed.

Request for Lease - City-owned Land Bounded by Kaye Street, Devonshire Avenue and Barrington Street

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the triangular portion of vacant City-owned land, comprising approximately 4,160 square feet, bounded by Kaye Street, Devonshire Avenue and Barrington Street, be leased to the Robert Morse Corporation Limited for parking purposes on a yearly basis at an annual rental of \$500.00, the said Company to be responsible for keeping the land in a tidy condition and for the removal of snow. Motion passed.

Report - 5169 and 5179 Cornwallis Street

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$26,800.00 (plus the 1966 and 1967 taxes) be paid to Franklin Service Company Limited as settlement in full for all claims arising in connection with the acquisition by the City of their land at 5169 and 5179 Cornwallis Street, which is located in the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Area approved by City Council but outside the area approved for cost sharing by

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the Federal Government, funds to be provided from the Sale of Land Account. Motion passed.

A Resolution to withdraw from the Sale of Land Account was submitted in the amount of \$27,500.00 to give effect to the foregoing motion of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the Resolution, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Possible Settlement - 5431 Gerrish Street

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$26,500.00 be paid to Mr. Max Pascal as settlement in full for all claims arising from the expropriation by the City of his property at 5431 Gerrish Street, located in Stage II, Phase I of the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Area. Motion passed.

Claim for Damages - L. W. Proude - \$84.33

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the claim of L. W. Proude for damage to his automobile, caused by a depression in the street on the corner of Water and Prince Streets, in the amount of \$84.33 be paid. Motion passed.

Tax Appeal - National Harbours Board Property

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, a rebate of 50% of the taxes for the civic year 1965, assessed against tenants of National Harbours Board property, be approved.

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in accordance with Chapter 89, Section 4 of the Acts of Nova Scotia, 1966. Motion passed with Alderman Matheson abstaining and Alderman Black voting against.

Transfer of Appropriation - Police Department - \$4,112.00

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the amount of \$4,112.00 be transferred from Account No. 2-50-1 "Salaries" to Account No. 2-50-56 "Radio Rentals" of the 1966 Budget for the Police Department. Motion passed.

Salary Adjustment - Chief Steam Plant Operator - Basinview Home

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following adjustments be made in the salary scale of the Chief Steam Plant Operator (Fireman 3rd Class) at Basinview Home:

	<u>Min.</u>	<u>1st Step</u>	<u>2nd Step</u>	<u>3rd Step</u>	<u>Max.</u>
Present Range (1964 Approved Rates)	\$3875	4037	4198	4359	4521
Eff. July 1, 1966	\$4140	4320	4500	4680	4860
Eff. July 1, 1967	\$4320	4500	4680	4860	5100

Motion passed.

Tax Exemption - 2445 Brunswick Street

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, legislation be sought at the next session of the Nova Scotia Legislature to exempt the property 2445 Brunswick Street, owned by the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation, from real property and occupancy taxes. Motion passed.

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Grants to Off-set Taxes

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, grants to off-set taxes be made to the following organizations in the amount indicated:

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| (a) Hearing & Speech Clinic | 1966 - \$23.00 |
| 1322-24 Robie Street | 1967 - \$28.00 |
| (b) Medical Society of Nova Scotia | |
| 5880 Spring Garden Road | 1966 - \$22.00 |
| (Cancer Research Department) | 1967 - \$26.00 |
| (c) Police Boys' Club | 1966 - \$147.00 |
| 2662 Gottingen Street | 1967 - \$660.00 |
| (d) Club Kwacha | |
| Lot B, Cogswell Street | 1966 - \$127.11 |

Motion passed.

Fixed Taxation - Halifax Longshoremen's Association - Hiring Hall - #1451 Hollis Street

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Ahern that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, general legislation be sought at the next session of the Nova Scotia Legislature empowering the City of Halifax to annually review and fix the taxes on the premises owned by the Halifax Longshoremen's Association - Local #269, I.L.A. at #1451 Hollis Street, known as the Hiring Hall. Motion passed.

Tax Concession - Nova Scotia Co-operative Abattoir Limited

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the request of the Nova Scotia Co-operative Abattoir Limited for partial tax exemption be denied.

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After discussion, the motion was put and passed,
ten voting for the same and four against it as follows:

For: Aldermen Moir, Ivany, Matheson, A. M. Butler,
Meagher, LeBlanc, Doyle, Fitzgerald, H. W.
Butler and Abbott 10

Against: Aldermen Ahern, Connolly, Sullivan and Black 4

Tax Grants - Boy Scouts of Canada - \$1,847.00

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Meagher
that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee,
the request of the Boy Scouts of Canada (Greater Halifax Regional
Council) for grants to off-set taxes on the property at 1811
Hollis Street in the following amounts, be refused:

1966	-	\$886.00
1967	-	\$961.00

Motion passed.

Float - Dartmouth Winter Carnival Parade

The following report was submitted:

It is recommended that funds in the amount of \$300.00 be
provided for the purpose of erecting a float to be
entered in the Dartmouth Winter Carnival Parade and that
the City Manager be directed to submit a report giving
the total cost picture for presentation to City Council
when this matter is being considered.

A report was submitted from the City Manager and
distributed to all members of Council indicating that the amount
of \$300.00 will be adequate to cover cost of materials, and
that an additional \$90.00 approximately will be necessary to
cover the cost of use of a Works Department vehicle.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by
Alderman Black that funds in the amount of \$390.00 be provided
for the purpose of erecting a float to be entered in the Dartmouth
Winter Carnival Parade. Motion passed.

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REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

None.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

None.

REPORT - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on January 5, 1967 with respect to the following matter:

City Representative - Board of Management of the Mental Health Clinic for Children

The report reads as follows:

It is recommended that Alderman A. M. Butler be appointed as the City Representative on the Board of Management of the Mental Health Clinic for Children.

His Worship the Mayor advised that Alderman A. M. Butler was unable to attend the first meeting of this Board of Management and Alderman Fitzgerald was asked to attend on behalf of the City. He felt that since Alderman Fitzgerald has considerable dealings with children and was very interested, it might be a good idea to appoint him to the Board of Management.

Alderman A. M. Butler agreed with this suggestion and withdrew from the Board of Management.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that Alderman Fitzgerald be appointed as the City Representative on the Board of Management of the Mental Health Clinic for Children. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

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REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the meeting of the Town Planning Board held on January 3, 1967 with respect to the following matters:

Service Station - 7151 Chebucto Road

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the erection of a new service station at 7151 Chebucto Road be approved, subject to agreement by staff on the exact location of the pump islands. Motion passed.

Alteration to a Subdivision - 1343 Hollis Street

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the alteration to a subdivision to combine the three lots at 1343 Hollis Street, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2158 - 00-10-16787, be approved and the public hearing waived. Motion passed.

5651-5663 Kaye Street (1) Rezoning R-2 to C-2
(2) Extension to a Service Station

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board:

1. the application to rezone the property 5659-5663 Kaye Street from R-2 Zone to C-2 Zone, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2165, be approved and that a date for a public hearing be set;
2. property owners in the affected area be notified, as indicated by Staff;
3. the extension to the service station at 5651 Kaye Street, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2164, be approved, subject to the dwelling located at 5659-5663 Kaye Street being demolished before the extension proceeds and further subject to agreement by Staff of the detailed layout of the site.

Motion passed.

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Alteration to a Subdivision - Lots B, C and D MacLean Street

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the alteration to a subdivision of Lots B, C and D MacLean Street, to increase the size of Lot B, be approved and a date set for a public hearing. Motion passed.

Modification Lot Frontage, Area, Side Yard and Front Yard - 6005 Leeds Street

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of lot frontage, lot area, front yard and side yard requirements at 6005 Leeds Street, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2163, to permit conversion of a single family dwelling to a semi-detached dwelling, be rejected. Motion passed.

Modification of Lot Frontage and Area Requirements - 2074-2078 Poplar Street

The report of the Board reads as follows:

It is recommended that the application for modification of lot frontage and area requirements at 2074-2078 Poplar Street to permit construction of a four-unit apartment building, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2159, be refused.

The following letter was submitted from approximately twenty-seven residents of Poplar Street, and read by the City Clerk:

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Halifax, N. S.

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Dear Sirs:

Re: Modification Side Yards -
2074-2078 Poplar St., Halifax, N. S.

We, the undersigned, residents of Poplar Street, in the City of Halifax, and neighbours immediately affected by the possible change in the Side Yard Regulations affecting the above property, hereby recommend to the City of Halifax that this change in the requirement be modified to allow the construction of a four-unit apartment building. (of 4 rooms each)

We feel that the above change would improve the values of our own properties in that the present structure on this property is not in keeping with the neighbourhood and that the new structure will greatly enhance the appearance of the street.

This letter was endorsed by Alderman Meagher.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that Mr. Byron Hatfield, Solicitor for the applicant, be heard. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor asked for a Staff resume of the proposal.

The Senior Planning Technician gave a brief analysis of the proposal and the staff recommendations.

Mr. Hatfield addressed Council on behalf of his client and urged Council to permit the construction of this building.

After considerable discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the application for modification of lot frontage and area requirements at 2074-2078 Poplar Street to permit construction of a four-unit apartment building, as shown on Drawing No. P200.2159, be approved.

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MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Moir that the matter be deferred for two weeks to obtain a Staff report indicating whether or not the present building is dilapidated according to law.

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

For:	Aldermen Ivany, Matheson, Fitzgerald, H. W. Butler, Black and Moir	6
Against:	Aldermen A. M. Butler, Meagher, LeBlanc, Ahern, Connolly, Doyle, Sullivan and Abbott	8

The motion was then put and passed, eight voting for the same and six against it as follows:

For:	Aldermen A. M. Butler, Meagher, LeBlanc, Ahern, Connolly, Doyle, Sullivan and Abbott	8
Against:	Aldermen Matheson, Fitzgerald, H. W. Butler, Black, Moir and Ivany	6

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MOTIONS

Motion - Alderman Sullivan Re: Council Representation on Board
of School Commissioners

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Doyle that legislation be sought to amend Section 495 of the Halifax City Charter, 1963, respecting the composition of the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax to provide that representation on the said Board be increased from six to seven members of Council.

Alderman Sullivan said that as Alderman for Ward Six, he was proposing the amendment for the following reasons:

- (1) Ward Six has not had a representative on the Board for two years whereas all other wards are now represented;
- (2) There are approximately five thousand children, ten school buildings and a large group of teaching staff in Ward Six;
- (3) The Ward has the third highest assessment in the City (\$80,000,000);
- (4) It is difficult for an alderman not on the School Board to maintain a liaison with the Board;
- (5) In answer to a question by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Sullivan said that the purpose of his motion is to have an alderman from each ward on the School Board.

After full discussion, the motion was put and passed, ten voting for the same and four against as follows:

FOR: Aldermen Meagher, LeBlanc, Ahern, Doyle, Sullivan,
Fitzgerald, H. W. Butler, Black, Abbott, and
Matheson 10

AGAINST: Aldermen A. M. Butler, Connolly, Moir and
Ivany 4

Motion - Alderman Black Re: Third Tax Rate on Rented Residential
Accommodation

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

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that Council seek legislation permitting the imposition by the Council of a separate tax rate on rented residential accommodation and that the legislation permitting such a rate be determined by the provisions of an ordinance to be passed by the Council.

Alderman Black and Alderman A. M. Butler spoke at length in support of the motion.

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the matter be deferred until after Council has had the report of the taxation study being undertaken by the Institute of Public Affairs of Dalhousie University.

Alderman A. M. Butler asked if any member of Council who owns and operates rented residential accommodation has a right to vote on the issue of a third tax rate on such accommodation.

His Worship the Mayor said that in the absence of an opinion from the City Solicitor, he would rule that members of Council who own and operate rented residential accommodation have a right to vote on the issue on the grounds that such an issue has come before Council on a number of occasions in the past and at no time has the owner of rented residential accommodation been ruled out of order when taking part in the discussion.

MOVED in amendment to the motion to defer by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the matter be deferred until a date in January, 1967, when His Worship the Mayor will call a special meeting and a public hearing on the matter.

After discussion, it was agreed by the movers and seconders of the original motion, the motion to defer and the motion to amend the motion to defer, to withdraw all such motions.

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It was then MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that Council fix Monday, January 30, 1967, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, Nova Scotia, as the time and place for a public hearing in connection with the proposal to establish a third tax rate to be applied to rented residential accommodation in the City of Halifax; and that notice of such public hearing be advertised in the local newspapers. Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accounts Over \$1,000.00

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

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Finance	R. K. Kelley & Co. Ltd.	Fire Department Fleet Insurance	\$1,731.86

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the account be approved for payment. Motion passed.

Funds - Centennial Celebration Committee - \$1,500.00

A report was submitted from the City Manager respecting funds for the Centennial Celebrations Committee.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Ahern that funds in the amount of \$1,500.00 be provided for the Centennial Celebrations Committee to cover the salary of the Centennial Affairs Officer plus incidental expenses until the 1967 Current Budget is approved. Motion passed.

Appointment - Halifax Housing Authority

His Worship the Mayor nominated Mrs. John Phillips for

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re-appointment to the Halifax Housing Authority for a term of three years expiring on December 31, 1969.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Moir that the appointment of Mrs. John Phillips to the Halifax Housing Authority for a term expiring on December 31, 1969, be approved. Motion passed.

Act to Incorporate the Halifax Parking Authority

A report was submitted from the City Manager enclosing a proposed act to incorporate the Halifax Parking Authority, which act had been approved by the Advisory Committee on Parking.

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for thorough examination and report in time to meet the legislative deadline. Motion passed.

1967 Legislation

Draft legislation respecting an act to amend Sections 4, (1)(J), 27(2) and 42 of Chapter 90 of the Acts of 1966, Halifax Superannuation Act, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Black that the draft legislation be referred to the Retirement Committee for consideration and report. Motion passed.

Draft legislation, as prepared by the City Solicitor, respecting an act to amend Chapter 52 of the Acts of 1963 of the Halifax City Charter, and an act relating to the City of Halifax was submitted.

A copy of the draft legislation is attached to the official copy of these minutes.

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Item #3 of the draft legislation, respecting amendments to Section 587 of the City Charter, was discussed.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Matheson that this item be deleted from the City Bill and that a committee composed of the City Manager, City Solicitor and the City Clerk be appointed to order the disposal of certain City records.

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

FOR: Aldermen Ivany, Matheson, Fitzgerald,
H. W. Butler, Black and Moir - 6 -

AGAINST: Aldermen A. M. Butler, Meagher, LeBlanc,
Ahern, Connolly, Doyle, Sullivan and
Abbott - 8 -

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that item #3, respecting section 587 of the City Charter, be deleted and that the preservation, destruction or other disposal of certain City records be regulated in the following manner: the City Manager to submit a list of such records to the Finance and Executive Committee with his recommendation as to their disposal; and the Finance and Executive Committee shall report to City Council with its recommendation. Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that item #10 in the draft legislation, respecting an amendment to the Town Planning Act, be deferred for further redrafting by the City Solicitor. Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Black that the draft legislation as amended be approved. Motion passed.

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QUESTIONS

Question - Alderman Sullivan Re: Loss of Cargo Tonnage in Port of Halifax

Alderman Sullivan asked if the City has taken any action to question the local members of Parliament to determine the reason for the loss of cargo tonnage in Halifax this season.

He said that he had received a telephone call from an executive member of the local Longshoremen's Association who had expressed deep concern about the drop in tonnage this year and felt that the City should stir up some interest in gaining more tonnage.

His Worship the Mayor stated that Council should ask the Port Commission, the members of which are dealing with port matters from day to day and are in frequent touch with ministers of the Crown and departmental officials in Ottawa as well as officials of shipping companies, to refer to City Council important matters of this nature so that Council could assist in developing better liaison with appropriate officials in Ottawa.

Question - Alderman Ahern Re: Re-assessment

Alderman Ahern asked if a re-assessment of property is being made in the City at the present time.

The City Assessor stated that a re-assessment of all property in the City is not being undertaken at this time and that only properties with new additions or structural alterations are being re-assessed this year.

Question - Alderman Ivany Re: Personnel and Training Officer

Alderman Ivany referred to the letter which had been distributed by the City Manager regarding the appointment of

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Mr. Arthur Ward as "Personnel and Training Officer", and he asked if the position has been changed as it had originally been titled "Training and Personnel Officer."

The City Manager stated that the position should be titled as indicated by Alderman Ivany and would be shown as such in all future official documents and communications.

Question - Alderman Ivany Re: Expenditure - Welfare and Poor Relief

Alderman Ivany referred to the fact that the expenditure for Welfare and Poor Relief had just about doubled and he asked if a study had been made to ascertain why the expenditure was so high.

The City Manager replied that it was high at the present time, because of the very matter raised by Alderman Sullivan - the number of people not working because of decreased port activity and he said that Halifax was really suffering on account of this.

Question - Alderman LeBlanc Re: Application of A. G. Brown and Son

Alderman LeBlanc referred to the action taken by the Town Planning Board with respect to the application of A. G. Brown and Son for an alteration to the building line with respect to their property at the corner of Kempt Road and Hood Street, and he said that the City Manager was to arrange a meeting with Mr. Brown and a Mr. Corkum to discuss certain aspects of the proposed building to be erected by A. G. Brown and Son.

Alderman LeBlanc then asked when the City Manager would be meeting with Mr. Brown as he had had a call from Mr. Brown in this connection.

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The City Manager replied that he had a meeting with Mr. Corkum and had had telephone conversations with Mr. Brown, and was now in a position to make his report which he hoped to have ready for the next Town Planning Board meeting.

Question - Alderman Ahern Re: Steering Committee, Proposed 1969 Summer Games

Alderman Ahern referred to the Steering Committee which was appointed in connection with the 1969 Summer Games, and he asked if it would be possible to add to that Committee former well-known local athletes such as Miss Eileen Meagher and Messrs. Leigh Miller, James Archdeacon and Jack Thomas, all of whom have contributed substantially to the promotion of track and field sports in the area.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that Alderman Ahern submit the names and qualifications of the above mentioned persons to Mr. Gordon Price, a member of the Steering Committee, who will submit them to the Committee for their consideration.

Question - Alderman Moir Re: Snow Removal Equipment

Alderman Moir asked that Council be supplied with information as to whether or not mechanical devices are available which can be attached to snow removal equipment to obviate the dumping of snow in driveways during the plowing operation.

His Worship the Mayor stated that Alderman Moir should raise the question later on in the meeting when the matter of snow plowing procedures is being discussed under item 20(m).

Question - Alderman Black Re: Enforcement of Law Respecting Side-walk Snow Clearance

Alderman Black asked whether or not the Police Department

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had the authority to enforce the law of the City with respect to the clearance of snow from sidewalks abutting the property owned by the City, and he referred specifically to the condition of the sidewalks in front of some of the schools after the recent snow storm.

The City Solicitor replied in the affirmative.

Question - Alderman A. M. Butler Re: Legislation Respecting Membership on the Forum Commission

Alderman A. M. Butler asked if draft legislation has been prepared to increase the aldermanic representation of the Forum Commission from three to five aldermen.

The City Solicitor stated that he understood that the purpose of the Council directive was to provide for a majority of Council members on the said Commission, and he said that he had not drafted any further legislation respecting membership on the Forum Commission because Council now has such a majority.

10:40 p.m. Alderman Abbott retires.

Notice of Motion - Alderman Ahern Re: Use of Tokens - Parking Meters

Alderman Ahern gave notice that at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on January 26, 1967, he will move that consideration be given to the possibility of using tokens in parking meters in the City of Halifax.

Notice of Motion - Alderman A. M. Butler Re: Legislation Respecting Membership on the Forum Commission

Alderman A. M. Butler gave notice that at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on January 26, 1967, he will move that legislation be sought to increase the aldermanic representation on the Forum Commission by one.

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Notice of Motion - Alderman Black Re: Amendment - Section 226
City Charter

Alderman Black gave notice that at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on January 26, 1967, he will move that legislation be sought to amend Section 226(b) of the City Charter by substituting the word "forty" for the word "forty-five" in the last line thereof.

ADDED ITEMS

Report - Implementation Committee

A report was submitted from His Worship the Mayor on behalf of the Implementation Committee re: The Urwick Currie Limited Survey of the Organizational and Administrative Management of the City of Halifax.

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the report be tabled and that the matter be deferred for consideration at the special meeting of City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. on January 17, 1967. Motion passed.

Change in Ownership of Rear 2405 Barrington Street

The following report was submitted from the City Manager.

"On June 16th, 1966, Council approved the acquisition of the above noted property from Mrs. Joseph MacDougall for \$3,600.00. As the land was not within the partnership shared cost area, funds to acquire the property were to be provided by capital borrowing. The Minister of Municipal Affairs approved the Borrowing Resolution on December 15th, 1966.

On searching the title to the property, it was found that following negotiations, but prior to Council's approval, the land in question was sold by Mrs. MacDougall to the Provincial Realty Company Limited.

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Therefore, to complete this property transaction, it will be necessary to have authorization from Council to pay the \$3,600.00, which is settlement in full for all claims arising from the acquisition by the City of this property, to the Provincial Realty Company Limited."

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Ivany that the staff be authorized to pay the sum of \$3,600.00 to the Provincial Realty Company Limited rather than to Mrs. Joseph MacDougallas settlement in full for all claims arising from the acquisition by the City of the property rear 2405 Barrington Street. Motion passed.

Settlement for Fire Damages - Incinerator

The City Manager advised that three cheques totalling \$26,924.22 had been received from the Atlas Assurance Company Limited in settlement of the City's claim for damages to the incinerator caused by a fire which occurred in the latter part of 1965.

He said that it would be necessary for the Council to authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to endorse the said cheques which endorsement constitutes release of claim.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Connolly that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to endorse the said cheques on behalf of the City. Motion passed.

Lord's Day Permit

Application for a permit to operate a grocery store on the Lord's Day was submitted from Mrs. Ruth S. Murray.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Black

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that Mrs. Ruth S. Murray be granted a permit to operate a grocery store at 5986 Spring Garden Road on the Lord's Day between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Motion passed.

Education Costs

His Worship the Mayor reported verbally that following the announcement by the Publication and Information section of the Provincial Department of Education respecting the teachers' new salary scale, he had asked the Superintendent of Schools to indicate the effect of the new scale on the City's current budget.

The report of the Superintendent indicated that if the differentiation between the Provincial Foundation Scale and the City Scale is eliminated entirely and the City teachers moved only to the new Provincial scale where the new scale is higher, and stay the same where the City Scale is higher (which would mean no increase at all), the increased cost to the taxpayer is approximately \$250,000.00 a year.

The effect on the 1967 Budget, since the scale would be effective in August, is approximately \$100,000.00 and if further increases are negotiated by the City teachers for 1967, the additional costs would have to be added to the increased figures already given.

His Worship the Mayor stated that he had made the report for the information of Council.

City Charter - Ratio of Tax Rates

No action was required on this item, Alderman Black having previously given notice of motion to amend Section 226 of the City Charter.

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Special Council Meetings - Capital and Current Budgets

His Worship the Mayor announced that special meetings of City Council have been called for 7:30 p.m., as listed below, to consider the 1967 Capital and Current Budgets:

Resolution No.	January 17	-	1967 Capital Budget
	January 31	-	1967 Capital Budget
The	February 7	-	1967 Current Budget
	February 14	-	1967 Current Budget
	February 21	-	1967 Current Budget

Exchange Visit - City of Sherbrooke, Quebec

His Worship the Mayor said that it would be necessary to determine the dates for the visit of the members of the City Council of Sherbrooke, Quebec, so that invitations could be extended to the members and their wives.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that invitations be extended to the members of the Sherbrooke City Council and their wives to visit Halifax for the period June 21 to 24 inclusive. Motion passed.

Annual Report for 1966 - Halifax Housing Authority

The annual report of the Halifax Housing Authority for the year 1966 was submitted at this time.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that the report be tabled and that the City Clerk be directed to distribute copies to the members of Council. Motion passed.

Proclamation of Sections 248-252 - City Charter

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Black that Sections 248 to 252 inclusive of the Halifax City Charter, 1963, be proclaimed and that staff be directed to

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prepare a draft ordinance, respecting the levying of Poll Tax, the said ordinance to provide that the Poll Tax be increased from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per year. Motion passed with Aldermen Ahern, Connolly and Sullivan voting against.

Resolution Re: Canadian National Railways Grant

The following Resolution was submitted:

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has recognized that Municipal Governments have a right to receive grants equivalent to full taxation on Canadian National Railways property, and

WHEREAS the non-payment of such grants is clear discrimination against Halifax and other communities in the Atlantic Provinces;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Halifax City Council instruct the Mayor to request Prime Minister Pearson in writing to take immediate action to make the grants payable effective January 1, 1967, and to make a public announcement to that effect prior to the City's tax-rate deadline of February 28, 1967.

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the resolution, as submitted, be approved.

Motion passed.

Date for Celebration of Natal Day, 1967

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Ivany that Natal Day, 1967, be celebrated on June 21. Motion passed.

Snow Plowing Procedures

Alderman Fitzgerald submitted the following questions with respect to snow plowing procedures, to which answers were given by Staff as indicated:

- Q. Is there a way in which the snow gate could be put into operation when plowing streets?
- A. A gate attachment has been used on a trial basis but had not proven too satisfactory and further tests will have

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where to be made before a definite answer is given.

Q. Is it the responsibility of the property owner to clear the sidewalk in front of his property a second time if, by the action of the City snow plow, the sidewalk is filled in with snow?

A. Departmental policy is to dispatch a sidewalk snow plow to clear the sidewalk as soon as possible after complaints of this nature are received.

Q. Is the City responsible for damages to the lawns and other private property?

A. If damage is caused by City owned equipment, efforts are made to repair same by City forces.

Q. Are priorities established for street plowing after snow storms and is it possible for one street to be always last on the list?

A. The City is divided into sections for snow plowing purposes and the operator of snow plowing equipment in each section works according to a list of streets. The order of priority is reversed, on an alternating basis, for each succeeding snow storm.

Q. What is the policy with regard to snow clearing from sidewalks at intersections?

A. The general policy is to clear all intersections if there is time after the trolley coach stops are cleared.

Q. Is a check made after streets are plowed the first time to see if any sections are missed because of parked cars and other reasons?

A. Routine checks are made after all plowing operations to determine if further plowing is necessary.

Q. Is there any control over the hazardous practice of people removing snow from driveways and pushing same across to the other side of the street?

A. Such practice is illegal and is controlled with the co-operation of the Police Department.

Alderman Black asked why the most recently paved street in the City with the least number of houses was the first to be plowed and salted after the last two snow storms (Emscote Drive),

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whereas older streets in the area are ignored.

The Commissioner of Works stated that particular attention has to be paid to Emscote Drive because it is on a sharp slope and is treacherous when icy.

Statement - His Worship the Mayor Re: Halifax-Dartmouth and County Planning Commission and Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority

His Worship the Mayor said that the members of the Halifax-Dartmouth and Regional Planning Commission have been of the opinion that only minor matters of planning are being referred to them and that matters of major importance are not being considered by the Commission.

Also the members felt that the legislation limits the prerogatives of the Commission; consequently, the members felt that legislation should be sought whereby the Commission would have some say in determining general planning matters for the area which would influence the Highways Department in determining location of highways, and other major matters.

He said that a meeting of the Commission was held on January 11, which was attended by representatives of the Regional Authority, the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission, the Department of Highways and the Department of Municipal Affairs, at which time a discussion was held looking to the possibility of "giving some teeth to the Regional Planning Commission" and the possibility of amalgamating with the Regional Authority.

At the meeting, it was decided that all the bodies involved should submit their plans to the Regional Planning Commission and also that the Regional Planning Commission and the Regional

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Authority should meet as soon as possible to consider draft legislation which would be placed before each of the Municipal Councils for consideration.

The Mayor said that there is still quite a bit of work to be done before any action will be taken, but if it is desired that a master plan be prepared for the urban area with respect to traffic arteries, major highways, etc., then the Regional Planning Commission is the body which should determine these things.

Presentation by General Appleyard

At this time, His Worship the Mayor displayed to the members of Council two trays suitably inscribed which were presented by General Appleyard to the City of Halifax to match the loving cups which were presented to the City some years ago by Sir Denys Lawson.

Presentation of Trophy to Chairman of the Recreation Commission

At this time, His Worship the Mayor presented to Alderman H. W. Butler, Chairman of the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission, the trophy for the volley ball championship which was won by the City in 1966.

11:35 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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