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and the additional lands required.

Alderman Connolly referred to remarks made by Mr. A. R. Harrington, President of Halifax Developments Limited in the press, who said that the Cogswell Street Interchange could be redesigned if it did not hold up construction. He asked if it would be possible to redesign same and save the seventy buildings between Jacob and Proctor Streets.

The Development Officer stated that if Scotia Square is to be completed on time, the City dare not attempt any change in plans for the Cogswell Street Interchange at this time.

Considerable discussion took place respecting the demolition of buildings, the acquisition of lands and the acquisition costs as estimated by A. D. Margison and Associates for the properties on the Waterfront.

Alderman Matheson referred to an original plan showing Scheme "B" and Water Street and was concerned that the plan now adopted shows the facility below Water Street. He voiced the opinion that lines had been drawn on a flat map originally without showing elevations and on the basis of these plans, Council entered into an Agreement with Scotia Square; then followed the decision to build Harbour Drive and the Cogswell Street Interchange. He asked if the original functional plans were drawn on a flat map without elevations and if Council had received the full information.

The Director of Development replied that there have been adjustments made from the original concept which was not drawn on a flat plan basis but was done to the best knowledge of Staff from the elevation information available.

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Further discussion ensued as to grades, elevations and general contours of the land involved and the necessary changes in the estimated costs of the Interchange.

Alderman Ivany suggested that a Committee of three be appointed to meet with Messrs. Murray Gould, William Hardman and anyone else in an attempt to try to resolve the issue.

In reply to a question from Alderman LeBlanc, the Director of Development advised that the total estimated cost for Scotia Square including acquisitions, the construction of the Interchange, etc., would be approximately \$12,500,000.00 of public funds; 50% of which will be contributed by the Federal Government and a percentage by the Provincial Government.

Alderman LeBlanc said that Council has an obligation to Scotia Square but that prudent consideration of the matter might achieve the same results with less expenditures.

His Worship the Mayor, at this time, gave a brief resume of the evolution of the whole matter up to the present date.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the proposed agreement between the City and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation respecting the acquisition of additional property required in order to implement the Scotia Square Project, be approved as drafted and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute same on behalf of the City. Motion passed.

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Africville — Additional Borrowing - \$70,000.00

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Black, that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, an additional capital appropriation in the amount of \$70,000.00 be approved for the Africville Relocation Program. Motion passed.

A formal Borrowing Resolution to give effect to the foregoing motion of Council was submitted.

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

His Worship the Mayor referred to an article concerning Africville which had appeared in a recent publication of MacLean's magazine and gave a very bad slant on the problem insofar as Halifax was concerned.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Ahern, that Alderman Connolly, Chairman of the former Africville Subcommittee, write a letter to MacLean's magazine correcting the statements made in the article and presenting a true picture of the situation. Motion passed unanimously.

His Worship the Mayor referred to the progress being made by the Neighbourhood Centre Project and it was suggested that the Editor of MacLean's magazine be invited to visit Halifax to learn the truth for himself.

Alderman Connolly stated that he would consult with His Worship before writing to the Editor of MacLean's.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive

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Property Acquisition - James Street - Fire Station Site

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$4,000.00 be paid to Miss Margaret Meehan as settlement in full for all claims arising in connection with the acquisition by the City of a portion of her property measuring 23 feet by 90 feet on James Street, on the site of the new Central Fire Department Headquarters. Motion passed.

Expropriation - 177 Creighton Street

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Ahern that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Staff be directed to institute expropriation proceedings with respect to the property at 177 Creighton Street, required for the Creighton Street Housing Project. Motion passed.

Expropriation - 72-82 Creighton Street, 87-95 Cornwallis Street, 49-51 Maynard Street

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Staff be directed to institute expropriation proceedings with respect to the following properties:

72-82 Creighton Street  
87-95 Cornwallis Street  
49-51 Maynard Street

required in connection with construction of the proposed Home for Special Care. Motion passed.

Property Acquisition - 2347 Brunswick Street, 2351-53 Brunswick Street and Rear Lot, King Mah

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive

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Committee, the sum of \$53,000.00 be paid to Mr. King Mah as settlement in full for all claims in connection with the acquisition by the City of his properties at 2347, 2351-53 Brunswick Street and rear lot. Motion passed.

Harbour Drive Expropriations - Legal Assistance

The report of the Finance and Executive Committee reads as follows:

"It is recommended that no additional legal staff be engaged in the City Solicitor's Department to handle expropriation work for the City in connection with the properties required for the Harbour Drive Project, but that the matter be reviewed in a year or two to determine the need at that time."

Alderman Black questioned the wisdom of reviewing the matter of additional legal staff in a year or two when certain acquisitions of land are necessary immediately and he asked the City Solicitor for his opinion.

The City Solicitor reported that the commitment by the Agreement with Scotia Square involves a scheme of land acquisitions as early as March 1, 1968 and that expropriation proceedings, relocation problems and settlement of claims will take a great deal of time. He felt he did not have sufficient solicitors to handle the work that would be involved.

The Acting City Manager pointed out that Council had already approved the use of outside Solicitors in connection with properties required for Harbour Drive. The recommendation before Council had to do with additional legal staff in the City Solicitor's Department.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, no additional legal staff be engaged in the City Solicitor's Department to handle expropriation work for the City in con-

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nection with the properties required for the Harbour Drive Project, but that the matter be reviewed in a year or two to determine the need at that time. Motion passed.

Resolution Re: North West Arm Bridge

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Matheson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the last paragraph of the Resolution be amended to read as follows:

"NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Halifax demand, that the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission make immediate application to the Government of Canada and the Province of Nova Scotia, for financial assistance necessary to start the immediate construction of the North West Arm Bridge."

Alderman Ivany suggested that the word "request" be inserted in the Resolution, rather than the word "demand".

Alderman Sullivan reminded Council that this recommendation was made four years ago and he felt that the City had used caution and patience long enough. He urged that the word "demand" be used if any results are to be achieved.

MOVED in Amendment by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the word "demand" be changed to "request".

Following discussion, the Amendment was put and lost as follows:

For:	Aldermen Black, Abbott, Moir, Ivany & LeBlanc	5
Against:	Aldermen Matheson, Meagher, Ahern, Connolly, Sullivan, Fitzgerald and H. W. Butler	7

The motion was then put and passed with Alderman Black recorded against.

Mileage Allowance - Bailiffs

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the scale of mileage allowance applicable to Group 1 of employees required to use their private cars on City business be paid to the City Bailiffs, such allowance to be retroactive to May 6, 1967. Motion passed.

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Comprehensive General Liability Insurance

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following recommendation of the Sub-Committee on General Liability Insurance be approved:

That a single comprehensive liability insurance policy be purchased for all general liability of the City, excluding certain Boards and Commissions. Tenders should be called for this coverage with the following basic requirements:

1. Quotations on \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 with:
  - (a) no deductible
  - (b) \$500 deductible
  - (c) \$1,000 deductible
  - (d) \$5,000 deductible
2. Three year policy with annual payments.
3. Specifications to be prepared and be available for the tendering companies.
4. That the City is not obliged to accept the lowest or any tender. Motion passed.

Interest - Betterment Charges

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, legislation be sought to amend the City Charter to provide that the interest rate charged on unpaid betterment charges be adjusted to within  $\frac{1}{2}$  percent of the coupon rate of the current bond issue so that the rate will be related to the current cost of money to the City.

Joint Accommodation for Welfare Services

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, approval be given to participation by the City of the renting

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of suitable space in a building at the north-end of Agricola Street for joint use by the Halifax City Welfare Department, Children's Aid Society and the regional office of the Provincial Welfare Department. Motion passed.

Agreement with Architect - Central Commons Field House

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee the agreement which was submitted by the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission, drawn between the City and Mettam Wright Associates for architectural services in connection with the Central Commons Field House, be approved and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City; such approval to be subject to Council's action in confirming the appointment of Mettam Wright Associates. Motion passed.

Amendment - Ordinance No. 55 Respecting Tag Days, etc.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ahern that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following policy with respect to the granting of applications made under the provisions of Ordinance No. 55 be adopted and that the City Solicitor be directed to prepare a draft amendment to the said Ordinance incorporating the various points:

1. That only one (1) solicitation (tag day, door-to-door campaign) be permitted per week-end.
2. That door-to-door canvasses be limited to periods of not longer than three (3) days.
3. That no other solicitations under Ordinance No. 55 be permitted during the annual United Appeal Campaign (October 1st to November 15th).



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BUSINESS TAXES

YEAR

- 1950 and prior
- 1951
- 1952
- 1953
- 1954
- 1955
- 1956
- 1957
- 1958
- 1959
- 1960
- 1961
4. That no solicitation under Ordinance No. 55 be permitted after December 15th in any year.
  5. That the last date for filing applications under the Ordinance be set at November 15th in any year.
  6. That the practice be continued of having all applications processed through the Welfare Council to determine the merit of the individual organization and through Staff to control the timing of solicitations.

Motion passed.

Write-off Uncollectible Accounts

1962

1963

1964

1965

1966

1967

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, under the authority of Section 283 of the City Charter, 1931, the following accounts be written off:

PRIVATE WORKS ACCOUNTS

1968

Charton Construction Ltd., Montreal Betterment Charges	\$680.74
Mr. Alcide Sam Vacon - damage to traffic light	75.00
Mr. William Moulton - damage to street light	84.17
Acme Transfer Co. - damage to traffic light	51.62
Halden Incorporated - re-zoning advertisement	82.08

HOSPITAL, DRUGS AND CEMETERY ACCOUNTS

1969

Victoria General Hospital	\$10,702.30
Halifax Infirmary	2,327.00
Children's Hospital	3,860.00
Infectious Disease Hospital	45.00
Camp Hill Cemetery	13,969.19
Eye Glasses Account	39.00
Ambulance Charges	18.00
Nova Scotia Hospital	750.03
V. G. Drug Account	12,340.07

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BUSINESS TAXES

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO BE WRITTEN OFF</u>
1950 and prior	\$2,250.42
1951	2,496.67
1952	5,422.30
1953	5,014.89
1954	6,074.74
1955	6,378.56
1956	4,752.71
1957	2,538.15
1958	2,805.41
1959	4,826.09
1960	7,305.29
1961	4,633.97
1962	4,606.89
1963	7,295.03
1964	3,590.48
1965	2,393.38
1966	1,132.86

A discussion arose as to whether this matter comes within the jurisdiction of Council and the City Solicitor advised that the City Charter says that the Council shall have the power, on the recommendation of the Finance and Executive Committee, to excuse the City Collector from collecting such monies if it is satisfied that the same are uncollectible.

In answer to a question from Alderman LeBlanc, the Acting City Manager advised that the City Collector has certain rights and takes whatever steps are necessary to collect these accounts. He reminded Council that the above accounts are spread over a 20-year period.

Following a brief discussion, the motion was then put and passed.

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REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on October 17, 1967 with respect to the following matters:

Leases - Vehicles for Snow Clearance

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign four leases with the following firms, on behalf of the City of Halifax, for the use of nine machines from December 15, 1967 to March 15, 1968, for snow clearing purposes, at \$400.00 per month per machine:

1. Martell Construction Ltd. - 2 machines
2. G. W. Mills Ltd. - 1 machine
3. Standard Paving Mar. Ltd. - 5 machines
4. Humphrey-Longard - 1 machine

Alderman Fitzgerald asked if the \$400.00 amount is a retainer fee.

The Acting City Manager replied in the affirmative.

The motion was then put and passed.

Tenders for Demolition

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the Committee on Works:

1. The tender of G. A. Redmond (the lowest tender) be accepted for the demolition of 2510-2512 Brunswick Street in the amount of \$1,400.00; funds for this work having been provided in Capital Account No.

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2. The following tenders be accepted for the demolition of buildings:

	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Price</u>
<u>Group One</u>		
2420-22 James St.	Roy Judge Co. Ltd.	\$1,275.00
<u>Group Two</u>		
2432 Maynard St.	John Gray	750.00
<u>Group Three</u>		
5681 West St.	John Gray	675.00
<u>Group Four</u>		
2544 Brunswick St.	G. A. Redmond	300.00

Funds for the demolition of Groups One, Two and Three have been provided in Capital Account 52-12 (New Fire Station), and for Group Four in Capital Account 59-24 (Uniacke Square).

Motion passed.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on October 17, 1967 with respect to the following matters:

Parking Area - North Side of Maitland Street and Prince William Street - Parking Meters

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the parking area on the north side of Maitland Street and Prince William Street be metered immediately for parking at a suggested rate of 10¢ per one-half hour. Motion passed with Alderman Moir voting against.

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Work Release Sentencing

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the matter of Work Release Sentencing be referred to the Provincial Government with a request that it seriously consider whether it should be put into effect. Motion passed.

REPORT - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Public Health and Welfare Committee from its meeting held on October 19, 1967 with respect to the following matters:

Tenders for Groceries and Cleaning Materials

MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the Public Health and Welfare Committee, the tender of Halifax Wholesalers Limited for the supply of groceries and cleaning materials for Basinview Home for the three month period November 1, 1967 to January 31, 1968 in the following amounts be approved:

GROUP 1	Baking Ingredients	\$ 85.60
GROUP 2	Fruits, Dry and Canned	827.09
GROUP 3	Spices & Seasoning	187.92
GROUP 4	Vegetables, Bulk & Canned	830.27
GROUP 5	Biscuits, Breakfast Foods	372.48
GROUP 6	Beverages, Soups	422.57
GROUP 7	Miscellaneous	890.98
GROUP 8	Cleaning Materials	252.14
GROUP 9	Diabetic Fruits	43.00
GROUP 10	Juices	301.83
GROUP 11	Fish, Canned	264.14
		<u>\$4,478.02</u>

The Public Health and Welfare Committee had requested Staff to prepare a report explaining the reduction in the cost of Group 6, Beverages, soups, which in the latest

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tender is \$311.43 less than in the previous tender, and the following report was submitted:

"At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on October 19, staff were requested to prepare a report for submission to City Council explaining a reduction of costs for the supply of beverages and soups to Basinview Home.

Group Six was reduced by an estimated amount of \$311.43 following an amendment to the specifications which deleted five 18/10 ounce cases and two 50-pound drums of instant powdered coffee because of the relatively small quantity required for Institutional purposes. The small jars are no longer used and approximately 150 pounds or three drums were required during the past twelve months.

It is proposed to request quotations as supplies of instant coffee are requisitioned."

The motion was then put and passed.

#### Tenders for Bread Supplies

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Public Health and Welfare Committee:

1. the tender of Ben's Limited for the supply of sliced White Bread, sliced Whole Wheat Bread and sliced and unsliced Brown Bread for Basinview Home for the three month period November 1, 1967 to January 31, 1968 in the following amounts be approved:

White Bread	20 oz.	sliced	.15½
Whole Wheat Bread	20 oz.	sliced	.15½
Brown Bread	19 oz.	sliced .15½	unsliced .17½

2. the tender of General Bakeries Limited for the supply of unsliced White Bread, unsliced Whole Wheat Bread, sliced and unsliced Large Sandwich Bread, sliced and unsliced Small Sandwich Bread, Hot Dog Rolls and Hamburger Rolls for Basinview Home for the three month period November 1, 1967 to January 31, 1968 in the following amounts be approved:

White Bread	20 oz.	unsliced	.16
Whole Wheat Bread	20 oz.	unsliced	.169
Large Sandwich	40 oz.	sliced .33	unsliced .33
Small Sandwich	20 oz.	sliced .15½	unsliced .16

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Hot Dog Rolls  
(split) 8's .20 per package  
Hamburger Buns  
(split) 8's .20 per package

Motion passed.

3. the tender of O'Malley's Limited for the supply of sliced and unsliced Raisin Bread for Basinview Home for the three month period November 1, 1967 to January 31, 1968 in the following amounts be approved:

Raisin Bread 16 oz. sliced .18 unsliced .19

Motion passed.

Senior Citizens Housing Project - Northwood Towers

The report of the Committee reads as follows:

It is recommended that City Council pass a resolution recognizing the excellent work done by the persons concerned in connection with the construction of Northwood Towers, the name of the Senior Citizens Housing Project in the City of Halifax.

Alderman Matheson suggested that the name of Mr. Edward Roach should be included in the resolution, and it was MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Ahern that City Council pass a resolution recognizing the excellent work done by the persons concerned, and in particular Mr. Edward Roach, in connection with the construction of Northwood Towers, the name of the Senior Citizens Housing Project in the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the Town Planning Board from its meeting held on October 17, 1967 with respect to the following matters:

Modification of Side Yard Requirement - 6475-77 Summit Street

MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Black that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the

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modification of side yard requirement to permit the construction of a carport at 6475-77 Summit Street be approved.

Motion passed.

Extension to a Non-conforming Building - 6355 Seaforth Street

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for an extension to a non-conforming building at 6355 Seaforth Street, to permit the construction of a dormer, as shown on Drawing Nos. P200/2296-2297, be approved. Motion passed.

Parking - Anderson Square

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board:

1. The City agree to the proposal of the Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Council as set forth in their letter of September 28, 1967, addressed to the Mayor and the Aldermen, for the temporary operation of an off-street parking lot on Anderson Square;
2. The Rehabilitation Council be exempted from all taxes during the first two years of operation of Anderson Square as an off-street parking facility;
3. If the parking operation extends beyond a two-year period, the question of taxes be reviewed;
4. The parking rate be set at \$25.00 per month, and that any profit over and above \$7,500.00, be used to pay taxes on the property.

Motion passed.

Alteration to a Subdivision - James Street

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the alteration to a subdivision, as shown on Drawing Nos.



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P200/2288 - 00-10-17068, be approved and the public hearing waived. Motion passed.

Disposition of Land Bounded by Leeds Street, Gottingen Street,  
Robie Street and Africville Area

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, an advertisement be placed in two or three newspapers stating the City of Halifax is considering the disposal of a parcel of land bounded by Leeds Street, Gottingen Street, Africville Area and Robie Street and, before making its Call for Proposals within certain guide lines, would appreciate expressions of interest from private developers which might help determine such guide lines. Motion passed.

Alteration to a Subdivision - Quinpool Road, Yale Street  
and Harvard Street (Withdrawn)

The Town Planning Board report indicated that a letter was received from Stewart, MacKeen & Covert, Solicitors for the applicant, requesting that the above application be withdrawn as all of the lots are not now owned by the same owner.

Alderman Matheson expressed the view that the whole matter of this application and the policy under which City Council approved the rezoning of this land should be debated in an attempt to avoid the possibility of a similar situation arising in the future.

Alderman Black agreed with Alderman Matheson and felt that in future no person should be permitted to apply for rezoning of certain land until such time as he holds

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registered title to the land.

Aldermen Ivany and Matheson suggested that since the matter is of great concern to members of Council, the specific application, the principle involved and any possible changes in the Zoning By-law should be discussed at the next meeting of the Town Planning Board.

Council agreed to the suggestion.

MOTIONS

Motion - Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Use of School Gymnasias

Alderman Fitzgerald asked Council to agree to defer consideration of his motion until the next regular meeting of Council since the matter is presently being considered by the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission and the Board of School Commissioners who might be able to present specific information at that time.

Council agreed to defer this item.

Motion - Alderman A. M. Butler Re: Acceptance of Aldermanic Stipend

The item was deleted from the Order of Business since Alderman A.M. Butler was not present to move the motion.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Recommendations - Advisory Committee on Historic Buildings

The following recommendations were submitted from the Advisory Committee on Historic Buildings:

1. That, in view of the fact that the proposal for the Cogswell Street Interchange is going to, in actual fact, completely eliminate one of the City's most precious historic areas with great potential, that the City Council be requested to consider at its earliest opportunity, the "Preservation Planning Report" submitted by the Urban Design Group of Newport, Rhode Island, with

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Scotia St. a view to the reconsideration of the Cogswell Street Interchange as it may affect this Water-front area.

for 2. That this Committee recommend to His Worship the Mayor and the City Council that on the occasion of the consideration by Council of the Preservation Planning Report submitted from the Urban Design Group, the Staff Director and Urban Design Consultant (Messrs. Kerr and Gutheim) of the said firm be invited to present, in person, the findings contained in their report.

AFTER: After a short discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Ivany that recommendation No. 2 be approved.

will be: Alderman Moir suggested that before Council considers the report, an expression of the Staff's views should be received and discussed. He thought that Staff might prefer to present their views verbally or in writing to a special meeting of City Council. He felt this was necessary so that Council members could discuss intelligently the report with Messrs. Kerr and Gutheim.

City Hall: After further discussion, the mover, with the permission of the seconder, withdrew his motion.

Ballfax: It was then MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Connolly that His Worship the Mayor call a special meeting of City Council to consider the Preservation Planning Report submitted by the Urban Design Group, to hear the views of Staff on the report and discuss the report with Messrs. Kerr and Gutheim who should be invited to attend the meeting. Following: Motion passed.

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Scotia Square - Stage II

The following report and letter were submitted for the information of City Council:

TO: His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of City Council

FROM: S. A. Ward, Acting City Manager

DATE: October 19, 1967

SUBJECT: Staff Report - Scotia Square, Stage II

City Council on August 17, 1967, with approval of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, agreed to postpone receipt of the documents required for Stage II of Scotia Square until October 13, 1967. Attached for the information of City Council is a copy of a letter, dated October 13, 1967, from Halifax Developments Limited in respect of these submissions.

The City and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation have a period of 21 days in which to accept or reject the submissions. The staffs of the Corporation and the City are now examining the information provided.

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HALIFAX DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED

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City of Halifax  
City Hall  
Halifax, N. S.

Attention: Mr. S. Arnold Ward  
Submission Acting City Manager

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with the Agreement made between Halifax Developments Limited and the Partnership of the City of Halifax and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, it is a requirement that on this date we submit to you the following information:

- a) Final construction drawings, specifications and cost estimates for Stage 2;

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- b) A statement of equity capital of the Company that is available to be invested in Stage 2 and a letter of confirmation from a lending institution stating the amount of such funds the lending institution will advance for Stage 2. The total of both of these items will equal the cost of Stage 2 or signed leases or offers to lease for at least 60 percent of the rental space available for occupancy on the date of completion of Stage 2 (excluding therefrom space designated as parking).

In accordance with the above Agreement, we would advise as follows:

- 1) Final architectural working drawings for Stage 2 were submitted to the Partnership on October 10, 1967. Detailed mechanical, electrical and structural plans and the overall specifications for Stage 2 will be in your hands by Monday, October 23, 1967.
- 2) We enclose herewith a list of tenancies for Stage 2 which total approximately 60 percent of the rentable space available. We would ask that you keep this list confidential; however, we are prepared to have you examine the Offers to Lease and Letters of Intent representing the above, in our office.

We believe that this meets all legal requirements in regard to the Agreement between the Partnership and our Company. We apologize for the late delivery of some of the working drawings; however, we are sure that this will not unduly inconvenience you.

Yours very truly,  
HALIFAX DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED

(Signed) C. E. MacCulloch  
President.

Submission - Alderman LeBlanc

A report was submitted by Alderman LeBlanc dated October 23, 1967 and entitled "Stimulus to Increase Results".

(A copy of the report is attached to the Official Copy of the Minutes).

Alderman H. W. Butler suggested that a small committee of three be appointed to study the report.

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Council agreed to this suggestion and His Worship the Mayor stated that he would have a small committee appointed at the next regular meeting of City Council when, as set out in the City Charter, the Standing Committees are appointed.

Letter - Halifax-Dartmouth and District Labour Council Re:  
Meetings Recreation & Playgrounds Commission

The following letter was submitted for information:

Halifax-Dartmouth and District Labour Council C.L.C.  
P. O. Box 1061,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

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Mayor and Council of City of Halifax.

Dear Sirs:

This letter is in answer to yours of 29 August concerning my previous letter dealing with meetings of the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission.

The intent of my letter was to press for the meetings of the committee as called for by its constitution.

There was no intent to disparage the work of the committee. The Halifax-Dartmouth and District Labour Council agrees that much good work is being done. We only feel that this work must be kept up and even increased in future.

It has been suggested that one member of the committee feels that the recommendations of the Council are rubbish.

If this be so we suggest that the member in question take into consideration the amount of study and thought that goes into our recommendations.

We feel that a better environment is a better environment not only for Labour but for all citizens.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) Charles R. Grineault  
General Secretary

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Appointment Deputy Mayor

Alderman LeBlanc nominated Alderman Meagher for the appointment of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott that nominations cease. Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that Alderman Meagher be appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Ahern, at this time, paid a tribute to Alderman Matheson who has been Deputy Mayor for the past year.

Alderman Meagher expressed his thanks to members of Council for the honour afforded him in appointing him Deputy Mayor for the coming year.

His Worship the Mayor expressed the view that Council has made an excellent choice in appointing Alderman Meagher as Deputy Mayor and he expressed his appreciation to Alderman Matheson for his help over the past year and said that he has indeed made his own position less onerous.

In reply to a question, the City Solicitor advised that Alderman Meagher is appointed Deputy Mayor as of this date.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman LeBlanc - Proposed National Harbours Board  
Pier - Traffic Routes

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Alderman LeBlanc asked if Staff has had an opportunity to study the matter he raised at the last regular meeting of Council with respect to the routes which might be

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arranged for trucks carting fill to the National Harbours Board pier at the South End of the City.

His Worship the Mayor replied that he had discussed this matter with Mr. Jack Mitchell, Port Manager, and has been given to understand that the source of the fill may be such that it will be brought to the site by barge. He stated that if the fill is to be brought over land, the National Harbours Board have agreed to consult with the City to determine truck routes.

Question Alderman LeBlanc - Blight Problem - Windsor Street  
between Summit and Seaforth Streets

Alderman LeBlanc referred to questions that had been raised in Committee meetings in connection with blighted buildings on Windsor Street between Summit and Seaforth Streets.

The Acting City Manager advised that Staff are presently checking into the matter and that letters have been sent today giving the owners forty-eight hours to clean up the properties.

Question Alderman Connolly - Agreement with Central Mortgage  
and Housing Corporation

Alderman Connolly asked if the Agreement approved earlier in the meeting with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation included acquisition of the Central Victualling Depot and the properties to the south of it.

The Director of Development advised that the agreement includes partial acquisition of the Central Victualling Depot and partial acquisition of the properties



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to the south. He further advised that all the property owners who might be affected have been informed of the position by letter.

Question Alderman Connolly - Parking Area North East of  
Branch Library

Alderman Connolly referred to the fact that side-walks have been installed and sodding has taken place in the area which the City is to attempt to obtain private housing development for and he said that people are still using the area for parking and driving over the sodded portion. He asked if the area could be used temporarily for parking until housing development is obtained.

His Worship the Mayor asked Staff to take note of the question and investigate the suggested possibility.

Question Alderman Ahern - 1969 Canadian Summer Games

Alderman Ahern referred to the 1969 Canadian Summer Games and the fact that a stadium is to be constructed in the City of Halifax. He was of the opinion that the stadium should be built on the Exhibition Grounds and asked the City representatives on the Steering Committee for the Summer Games to keep this thought in mind.

Alderman H. W. Butler informed Council that the next meeting of the Committee is to be held next Tuesday when the names of the heads of the fifteen committees will be announced and of the directors. No decision has been made yet, he said, on the location of the stadium.

Alderman Ahern said he would make a recommendation

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to have the stadium built on the Exhibition Grounds at a later meeting of Council.

Alderman Fitzgerald stated that at a meeting which he attended with respect to the Summer Games, several alternative sites were suggested for the location of the stadium, one of which was the Exhibition Grounds.

Question Alderman Ivany - Prepayment of Accounts

Alderman Ivany asked if there was a good reason why property owners who have work done by the City, say, paving driveways, etc., are requested to pay accounts in advance.

The Acting City Manager advised that he did not know why the procedure was adopted by the City.

The Director of Works advised that the procedure was established several years ago when it had been a problem to collect accounts and seems to be working very well, he said that very few people had questioned the procedure over the years.

Question Alderman Ivany - Appointment of Traffic Engineer

Alderman Ivany asked if any applications had been received for the position of Traffic Engineer.

The Personnel and Training Officer advised that several applications for engineering positions have been received and passed to the City Engineer but he did not know whether any of them were for the position of Traffic Engineer.

The City Engineer advised that none of the applications passed to him were for the position of Traffic Engineer.

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Question Alderman Fitzgerald - Vacant Land Surrounding  
Dingle Park

Alderman Fitzgerald referred to the large area of vacant land surrounding the Dingle and asked if it would be possible to engage some casual labour during the winter period to clear pathways through the wooded area to enable persons to walk through and enjoy it.

His Worship the Mayor asked Staff to look into the matter.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald - Christmas Tree on Commons

Alderman Fitzgerald referred to a suggestion made last year that a Christmas Tree be placed on the Commons, he asked if it is proposed to put one up this year.

Staff were instructed to check into this suggestion.

Question Alderman Sullivan - Celebration of Anniversary of  
Halifax Explosion

Alderman Sullivan asked if any arrangements had been made to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Halifax Explosion on December 6, 1967.

His Worship the Mayor stated that as a result of a suggestion made some time ago, tentative plans have been agreed to for a special ceremony at which the City and the Province would be joint sponsors and a special invitation has been sent from the Province on a joint basis to an outstanding figure from outside the Country to join in the ceremony. He said that when a reply has been received from the invited person, a small joint organizing committee will probably be appointed and perhaps Alderman Sullivan could be asked to

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represent the City on that Committee. He advised that a Port Dinner is to be held in the evening on that date and plans are being prepared for a Noon or early afternoon ceremony.

It was then agreed that Alderman Sullivan represent the City of Halifax on the joint organizing committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Alderman Ivany - Introduction of Ordinance No. 124 Respecting the Establishment of a Parking Authority

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Alderman Ivany gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of the City Council to be held on Thursday, the 16th day of November, 1967, he will introduce Ordinance No. 124 Respecting the Establishment of a Parking Authority.

Notice of Motion - Alderman Black - Introduction of Ordinance No. 301 Respecting a Tax Concession for Halifax Developments Limited

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Alderman Black gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of the City Council to be held on Thursday, the 16th day of November, 1967, he will introduce Ordinance No. 301 Respecting a Tax Concession for Halifax Developments Limited.

Notice of Motion - Alderman Sullivan - Employment Opportunities with the City of Halifax

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Alderman Sullivan gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of the City Council to be held on Thursday, November 16, 1967, he will move the following motion:

WHEREAS every year there are hundreds of graduates from Universities and High Schools in the Halifax Area,

AND WHEREAS there are thousands leaving the Maritimes every year seeking employment,

The following letter was submitted, and the City

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AND WHEREAS many firms across Canada are beginning interviews for 1968 graduates of local Universities in order to obtain them as employees,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED recruitment visits be made by Staff to local Universities and High Schools as early as possible to acquaint prospective graduates of employment opportunities with the City of Halifax.

Notice of Motion - Alderman Sullivan - Introduction of Ordinance No. 202 Respecting a Development Permit for Civic Number 2675-2685 Windsor Street

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Alderman Sullivan gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on Thursday, November 16, 1967, he will introduce Ordinance No. 202, Respecting a Development Permit for Civic Number 2675-2685 Windsor Street.

Notice of Motion - Alderman Sullivan - Council Support of Tender Submitted by Halifax Shipyards

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Alderman Sullivan gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council, to be held on Thursday, November 16, 1967, he will move the following motion:

WHEREAS it has been announced that 75 employees have been laid off at the local Shipyard,

AND WHEREAS it is understood the local yard is bidding on Escort Vessels and such bids have to be in by approximately 11th December,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council go on record as supporting the bid by the local Shipyard and send a telegram or delegation to the appropriate Minister of Government with a view of supporting the Shipyard tender which if successful will be the means of employment for many workers.

ADDED ITEMS

Request for Alteration to a Building Line - Windsor Street between Strawberry Hill Street and Kempt Road

The following letter was submitted, and the City

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Clerk read same to members of Council:

HALIFAX COMMERCIAL PARK LEASEHOLDS LIMITED

6393 Bayne Street,  
Halifax, N. S.

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His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of City Council,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sirs:

We herein request the building line on Windsor Street between Strawberry Hill Street and Kempt Road be re-located to 30 feet from the existing street line. It is presently 30 feet from the old street line and was not changed when the street line was altered some years ago.

Yours very truly,  
HALIFAX COMMERCIAL PARK LEASEHOLDS LIMITED

(Signed) John W. Lindsay,  
President.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the City Clerk be directed to set a date for a public hearing into the matter of the alteration to a building line on Windsor Street between Strawberry Hill Street and Kempt Road. Motion passed.

Medallions

Alderman Ivany suggested that Aldermen should start wearing their medallions at City Council meetings. He suggested that the City Clerk might be asked to keep them and place them on the appropriate desks before each Council meeting, to ensure that the Aldermen do not forget them.

Council agreed to this suggestion and the City Clerk stated that he would be glad to accede to the request.