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Alderman Ahern asked that an item be added entitled "Mayor's Chain of Office" as Item 20(a).

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the Order of Business be amended accordingly. Motion passed.

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

PRESENTATION TO MR. PETER MACDONALD

At this time, His Worship the Mayor made a formal presentation on behalf of City Council to Mr. Peter MacDonald, a social worker loaned to the City from the Provincial Department of Welfare for the purpose of undertaking the Africville Relocation Program.

His Worship the Mayor paid tribute to Mr. MacDonald for having completed a most difficult task to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Mr. MacDonald, in thanking the Council, said that a large portion of the credit for the success of the Program was due to a great many people especially the members of the City Staff, without whose co-operation the Program could not have been completed.

REQUEST FOR DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASS - THE SEVENTH DAY
ADVENTIST CHURCH

A letter was submitted from the Minister of The Seventh Day Adventist Church requesting permission to conduct a door-to-door solicitation for funds to carry on its program of

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"Humanitarian Uplift Work".

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman
Connolly that the requested permission be granted. Motion passed.

TAX CONCESSION - THE LORD NELSON HOTEL LIMITED

The following recommendation of the Finance and Executive
Committee, which had been deferred at the last meeting of City
Council, was again considered:

"It is recommended that the agreement between the City
and the Lord Nelson Hotel Limited which provides for
exemption of City taxes other than fire protection tax
on the public facilities in the Lord Nelson as long
as such are used as part of the Hotel's convention
and/or public facilities be extended for another
year subject to presentation of the financial
statement of the company for the year 1966 to the
City Manager; and that the necessary legislation be
sought.

A report was submitted from Staff advising that the
Financial Statement of the Lord Nelson Hotel Limited for the year
1966 has been reviewed by the Acting City Manager and it is
recommended that the tax agreement be extended so as to be
effective for the taxation year 1967. The report also advised
that since Council now has the legislative authority for extend-
ing the existing agreement, no further legislation is required.

Alderman LeBlanc expressed himself as being opposed in
principle to the granting of a concession to the Lord Nelson
Hotel contending that the Hotel's operations must be economically
sound in view of the expansion program which is being carried
out by the Company.

Mr. G. B. Robertson, Q.C., solicitor for the Company
said that the request for tax concession was based on the fact
that the tax payments made by the Lord Nelson Hotel and Nova .

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Scotian Hotel were in such "desperate disparity" and legislation had been obtained to grant the Lord Nelson Hotel a tax concession on its convention and/or public room facilities as long as the Nova Scotian Hotel received a tax concession, and the situation was to be reviewed annually.

The legislation provided that the concession could be renewed on an annual basis by Council and Mr. Robertson said that the present request of his clients was for the tax concession for the year 1967.

8:30 p.m. Alderman Black arrives.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ivany that the agreement between the City and the Lord Nelson Hotel Limited which provides for exemption of the City taxes on the convention and/or public facilities of the Lord Nelson Hotel Limited in 1966 be extended to cover the year 1967.

Alderman A. M. Butler said that he would not oppose the granting of a concession for the year 1967 but he would ask the Finance and Executive Committee to examine with the management of both the Lord Nelson and Nova Scotian Hotels as soon as possible the situation with respect to the matter of tax payments for the year 1968. Motion passed with Alderman LeBlanc voting against.

EXPROPRIATION OF LAND - AFRICVILLE AREA

Further deferred.

EXPROPRIATION OF LAND - CREIGHTON STREET HOUSING PROJECT

Further deferred.

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8:30 p.m. Council adjourned to permit the Committee on Works to convene for a short meeting.

8:40 p.m. Council reconvened, the same members being present.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: ALTERATION TO STREET LINES -
WINDSOR STREET & CONNAUGHT AVENUE

A public hearing was held at this time in connection with the proposal to alter the official street lines at the southwest corner of Windsor Street and Connaught Avenue as shown on Section 7-L of the Official City Plan.

The City Clerk advised that the matter had been duly advertised and that no written objections to the proposal had been received.

No person wished to be heard either in favor of or against the proposal.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the Official Plan of the City be amended by altering the official street lines at the southwest corner of Windsor Street and Connaught Avenue as shown on Section 7-L of the Official City Plan. Motion passed.

A formal resolution, as prepared by the City Solicitor to give effect to the foregoing resolution of Council was submitted and is filed with the official minutes.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the formal resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

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PUBLIC HEARING RE: RELOCATION OF BUILDING LINE -
EAST SIDE OF WINDSOR STREET

A public hearing was held at this time in connection with the proposal to relocate the building line on the Eastern side of Windsor Street from the Northern Boundary line of property Civic No. 3711 Windsor Street to Kempt Road.

The City Clerk advised that the matter had been duly advertised and no written objections had been received.

No person appeared either in favor of or against the proposal.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Black that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the building line on the Eastern side of Windsor Street from the Northern boundary line of Civic No. 3711 Windsor Street to Kempt Road be altered to a thirty foot building line to conform with the existing street line as shown on Plan No. TT-7-17103.

Alderman Fitzgerald asked if the proposal conflicted with the plans for the approaches to the Narrows Bridge.

The City Engineer said that the proposed new building line "fits the proposal of the Narrows Bridge at the present time".

Motion was passed with Alderman Abbott abstaining from the vote.

A formal resolution, as prepared by the City Solicitor to give effect to the foregoing resolution of Council, was submitted and is filed with the official minutes.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman

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Fitzgerald that the formal resolution as submitted be approved.
Motion passed with Alderman Abbott abstaining from the vote.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on November 23, 1967 with respect to the following matters:

FINAL CERTIFICATES

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ahern

that as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee the following accounts be paid:

1. Standard Paving Maritime Limited as per Certificate No. 1 Final - Paving Parker Street \$906.75
2. Standard Paving Maritime Limited as per Certificate No. 1 Final - Paving Windsor Street 410.61
3. Standard Paving Maritime Limited as per Certificate No. 1 Final - Construction of Retaining Wall on Howe Avenue 513.98

Motion passed.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION - REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD
\$1,100.00

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Connolly that as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee a supplementary appropriation in the amount of \$1,100.00 be approved to cover the cost of necessary repairs to one of the bookmobiles operated by the Halifax City Regional Library, funds for this purpose to be provided under the authority of Section 316 "C" of the City Charter. Motion passed.

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(11) APPLICATION FOR TAG DAY - ROY FRASER CHAPTER I.O.D.E

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Abbott that as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee the request of the Roy Fraser Chapter I.O.D.E. for permission to hold a tag day be approved and that the City Clerk be directed to select an open day. Motion passed.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO CONDUCT SALE OF CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS - JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Meagher that as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee the application submitted from the Halifax Junior Chamber of Commerce for permission to conduct a door-to-door canvass on December 11, 12 and 13 to sell Christmas Tree Light Bulbs be approved. Motion passed.

USE OF NORTH WING - HALIFAX MENTAL HOSPITAL - HOME FOR DISABLED

The report of the Committee reads as follows:

"The Committee considered a report from Staff advising that at the request of the Board of Management of Basinview Home City Council had approved the use of the North Wing of the Halifax Mental Hospital as a temporary home for the disabled but that approval by the Provincial Department of Welfare for such use was contingent upon advice from the City that construction of a new Basinview Home would be started without delay. The report recommended that the City of Halifax assure the Province of Nova Scotia of the intent to make an early start on the Basinview Home and request the Province to share the cost of maintaining disabled persons in the North Wing of the Halifax Mental Hospital.

The Committee recommends the following:

- (i) that the Province of Nova Scotia be advised that providing City Council gives the project sufficient priority in its Capital Budget discussion in January and provided that the necessary funds can be borrowed from the Province of Nova Scotia and/or on the market, for the new Basinview Home, the City will undertake to construct the Home for Special Care on the Cornwallis-Creighton-Cunard and Maynard Street site immediately; and

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(ii) that in the view of the above undertaking the Province of Nova Scotia be requested to share in the cost of maintaining disabled persons presently in Basinview Home in the North Wing of the Halifax Mental Hospital.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the recommendations be approved. Motion passed.

At the suggestion of Alderman Fitzgerald, it was agreed to direct Staff to report to Council through the Finance and Executive Committee with its recommendation as to a course of action for the establishment of a limited dividend company to take advantage of a Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation loan which would provide up to \$7,000.00 per bed or \$2,100,000.00 to be payable over forty years toward the cost of construction of the new proposed Home for Special Care.

WRITE-OFF - BAD DEBTS - HOUSING AUTHORITY OF HALIFAX

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Abbott that as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee the Housing Authority of Halifax be authorized to write-off bad debts as per the list as submitted on October 30, 1967 which is attached to the City Staff Report dated November 14, 1967 which debts were incurred in the administration of the subsidized Rental Projects as follows:

Bayer's Road Housing Project	891.00
Westwood Park Housing Project	611.00
Mulgrave Park Housing Project	4,534.50

Motion passed.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION - 2097 BARRINGTON STREET

This item was deferred at the request of Staff.

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PROPERTY ACQUISITION - 2055-57 BARRINGTON STREET
(NO. 62) THE PROVINCIAL REALTY
COMPANY LIMITED

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Connolly that as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee the sum of \$18,500.00 be paid to the Provincial Realty Company, Limited as settlement in full for all claims arising from the acquisition by the City of the property at 2055-57 Barrington Street located within the area required in connection with the construction of the Cogswell Street Interchange. Motion passed with Alderman Matheson abstaining from the vote.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION 316 "C" - SOCIAL ASSISTANCE
PAYMENTS

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Meagher that as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee the following supplementary appropriations be approved, funds to be provided under the authority of Section 316 "C" of the City Charter:

Account No. 6-250-76 Social Assistance \$150,000.
Account No. 6-250-76B Home for Special Care \$35,000.
Motion passed.

STAFF REQUIREMENTS - PERSONNEL TECHNICIAN

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Moir that as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee the Staff establishment of the Personnel Division be amended by the addition of one male employee - Personnel Technician at a salary scale of \$3636 to \$4356 per annum.

MOVED in amendment by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the new employee be classified as "Clerk 3" instead of "Personnel Technician".

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The amendment was put and passed as follows:

FOR AMENDMENT: Aldermen A. M. Butler, Meagher, LeBlanc, Ahern,
Connolly, Doyle and Sullivan. 7

AGAINST: Aldermen Black, Abbott, Moir, Ivany, Matheson and
Fitzgerald. 6

The motion as amended was then put and passed as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: Alderman Moir, Matheson, A. M. Butler, Meagher,
LeBlanc, Ahern, Connolly, Doyle, Sullivan and
Fitzgerald 10

AGAINST: Aldermen Abbott, Ivany and Black 3

ORDINANCE NO. 119 - POLL TAX AMENDMENTS

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Ahern
that as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee Section
3(b) of Ordinance No. 119 be amended by substituting the figures
\$2500. for the figures \$1500. in the fifth line. Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Doyle that
as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee the age
limit of persons liable to pay poll tax remain at twenty-one
years. Motion passed.

RECRUITMENT - INTERNAL AUDITOR

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Meagher
that as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Staff
be authorized to recruit an Internal Auditor at a level of salary
higher than the present level if necessary to obtain a qualified
person; and to report the results of such efforts with a
recommended salary scale. Motion passed.

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REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on November 21, 1967 with respect to the following matters:

Symbolite Traffic Signals

The report of the Committee reads as follows:

"The Committee had for discussion the matter of Symbolite Traffic Signals which were installed on September 9, 1966 and December 7, 1966 at Connaught Avenue and Almon Street, and Kempt Road and Windsor Street respectively, at no cost to the City. In both cases the Company proposed to install fully actuated equipment. (Symtrol 200 Controllers), but the ones installed were Symbolite Signals operated by semi-actuated controllers.

The City was informed by letter on October 24, 1967 by the Manufacturer's Representative that they are unable to deliver the equipment originally offered for trial at these intersections. The trial period for both installations has now expired.

The Company has offered the following three alternatives:

1. The City purchase the equipment as is and the Manufacturer reduce the amount of the original quotation by \$2,000.00 per intersection.
2. The City purchase the installations without the controllers and reduce the original quotation by \$2,350.00 per installation.
3. Remove the equipment and the City pay for the bases, underground work, etc., same placed at locations designated by the City Works Department.

It is recommended that the manufacturer be instructed to remove the equipment at Connaught Avenue and Almon Street, and Kempt Road and Windsor Street, at no cost to the City. Aldermen LeBlanc and Sullivan voted against."

A letter was submitted from Cooke Sales Limited, together with related correspondence, in support of the request.

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that Ordinance No. 122 Respecting the "Establishment of a Parking Authority" (Second Reading)
Considerable discussion ensued with respect to:

1. Cost of the installations;
2. Cost of providing the electricity power and maintenance.

Ordinance No. 122 Respecting the "Establishment of a Parking Authority" (Second Reading)
Quite a number of Aldermen expressed the view that the Symbolite Traffic Signals were highly satisfactory.

Ordinance No. 123 Respecting the "Establishment of a Parking Authority" (Second Reading)
It was then MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Ivany that:

1. the City pay for the electric power from December 1, 1967, while the signals are in operation;
2. the matter be referred back to the Safety Committee for further examination giving particular concern to the suggestion that the City should pay for the electric power used since the time the signals were installed originally.

Ordinance No. 124 Respecting the "Establishment of a Parking Authority" (Second Reading)
Motion passed.

Amendments - Noise Ordinance #113

Ordinance No. 124 Respecting the "Establishment of a Parking Authority" (Second Reading)
MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the City seek legislation at the next session of the Legislature to amend Section 583 of the City Charter, to enable the City to regulate noises indirectly associated with the operation of a business. Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Moir that the Committee of the Whole Council
9:17 p.m. Council adjourned to meet as Committee of the Whole Council.

Ordinance No. 203 Respecting a "Development Permit for a City Authority" (Second Reading)
Ordinance No. 124 Respecting the "Establishment of a Parking Authority" (Second Reading)

Time. MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Moir

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that Ordinance No. 124 Respecting the "Establishment of a Parking Authority" be read and passed a Second Time. Motion passed.

Ordinance No. 122 Respecting "Tax Concessions for New Commercial and Industrial Construction"(Second Reading)

The Committee agreed to defer this item.

Ordinance No. 202 Respecting a "Development Permit for Civic Number 2675-85 Windsor Street"(Second Reading)

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that Ordinance No. 202 Respecting a "Development Permit for Civic Number 2675-85 Windsor Street" be read and passed a Second Time. Motion passed.

9:18 p.m. Council reconvened, the same members being present.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Ordinance No. 124 Respecting the "Establishment of a Parking Authority" (Second Reading)

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council, Ordinance No. 124 Respecting the "Establishment of a Parking Authority" be read and passed a Second Time. Motion passed.

Ordinance No. 202 Respecting a "Development Permit for Civic Number 2675-85 Windsor Street"(Second Reading)

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council, Ordinance No. 202 Respecting a "Development Permit for Civic Number 2675-85 Windsor Street, be read and passed a Second Time. Motion passed.

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REPORT - BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Report - Recreation and Playgrounds Commission - Recognition Awards - Individual and Team Sports

The following report was submitted from His Worship the Mayor:

"At my request, the Recreation Commission has considered the question of recognition by the City of teams that win maritime or national championships.

The Commission has recommended the following policy:

- (a) That the City hold a large civic banquet in the spring of each year to honor provincial, maritime and Canadian champion teams from the City of Halifax.
- (b) That individuals who have won national or international championships be honored at the same time.
- (c) That teams of national and international importance visiting the City be given civic recognition through a luncheon or banquet.

I would appreciate having Council make the decision on this policy, and if such a policy is adopted I would propose that the Recreation Commission make the arrangements and determine the teams and individuals who are eligible.

If Council adopts this policy it could be an added item in the Recreation budget."

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the recommendation of the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission be approved as City policy. Motion passed.

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the Town Planning Board from its meeting held on November 21, 1967 with respect to the following matters:

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Extension to a Non-conforming Building and Modification of
Side Yard Requirements - 7139-7141 Mumford Road

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Sullivan Ivany that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the extension to a non-conforming building and modification of side yard requirements at 7139-7141 Mumford Road, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2316, to permit the construction of a sun room, be approved. Motion passed.

Extension to a Non-conforming Building and Modification of
Side Yard Requirements - 5768 Harbourview Drive

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the extension to a non-conforming building and modification of side yard requirements at 5768 Harbourview Drive, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2309, to permit the completion of a second storey addition, be approved. Motion passed.

Alteration to a Subdivision and Erection of a New Service
Station - 5651-5663 Kaye Street

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board:

- (a) the alteration to a subdivision to combine the properties at 5651-5663 Kaye Street, as shown on Drawing Nos. P200/2317 - 00-10-17115, be approved and a public hearing waived;
- (b) permission be granted for the erection of a new service station at 5651-5663 Kaye Street, in accordance with the plans submitted with the Building Permit application.

Motion passed.

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three to four hundred persons, and spectator space for at least 1,000, one can see difficulty in parking which can be anticipated with the very limited space at present provided for.

- (e) There may be an opportunity to work out a proposal with the Federal Government on a joint project for parking in conjunction with the Citadel Hill traffic. This should be explored before any other land commitments are made."

Motion passed.

Enforcement Ordinance No. 50 (Minimum Standards)

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, Sections A and B of the Staff Report dated November 15, 1967 respecting Enforcement Ordinance #50 be adopted, as follows:

A. INSPECTION

A program of inspections by the Building Inspection Division with the intention of completing six inspections per day in the following priority:

1. Approximately one hundred occupied buildings owned by the City of Halifax;
2. Dwellings in the areas to be occupied by planned redevelopment projects within the next five years which are owned by absentee landlords;
3. Dwellings in the same area as (2) above in which the owner lives;
4. Basement apartments throughout the City;
5. Systematic coverage of those districts of the City which appear to be deteriorating. Examples are the Morris-Hollis Street district, the Victoria Road area and the remainder of the Old Northern Suburb;
6. Re-inspection on a three-year schedule.

B. REPAIRS

1. Immediate repair of the more serious items as they are discovered or reported to Staff. (This is a daily operation through City Field staff and by contractors if the work is beyond the capacity of the Staff);

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2. Reconditioning of all occupied City-owned dwellings to minimum standards as indicated by the Inspection in (A.1.) above. Three months is considered a reasonable time in which to accomplish this phase;
3. A continuing program of periodic inspections and repair. Inspections of City-owned housing are considered necessary once every six months;
4. City to supply materials, such as paint and glass, to tenants who are able to repair the City-owned properties themselves, at the discretion of Staff.

Motion passed.

Senior Citizens Housing - Gottingen Street

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Ahern that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, City Council request the Province and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to proceed with development of the project proposed by the Halifax Senior Citizens Housing Corporation for 154 one-bedroom units on the west side of Gottingen Street opposite Phase I of Uniacke Square under the provisions of Section 35A of the National Housing Act.

Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor referred to a communication from Mr. E. L. Roach, President of the Senior Citizens Housing Corporation Limited requesting assistance from the City in the acquisition of one piece of vacant land. He said that this request has been referred to the City Solicitor who will report on the matter as soon as possible.

Alteration to a Subdivision - Hiseler Property - Windsor Street

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, an amendment to the alteration to a subdivision at 2675-2685 Windsor Street

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to make one lot, be approved, and that the Development Permit be amended accordingly. Motion passed.

Rezoning R-2 and R-3 Zone to C-2 Zone - 2638-2686 Windsor Street, 6229 Seaforth Street and 6226-6238 Summit Street

The report of the Town Planning Board reads as follows:

"It is recommended that the application for rezoning from R-2 and R-3 Zone to C-2 Zone at 2638-2686 Windsor Street, 6229 Seaforth Street and 6226-6238 Summit Street, as shown on Drawings No. P200/2298 and P200/2306, be rejected."

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Ahern that Mr. David Stewart, solicitor for the applicant, be permitted to address City Council.

After a short discussion, the motion was put and passed.

Mr. David Stewart, on behalf of Sobeys Stores Limited spoke in support of the application and suggested that City Council should set a date for a public hearing so that the residents of the general area could express their views. He contended that the majority of the residents are in favour of a supermarket in that location. He referred to a survey that had been undertaken which indicates that Windsor Street, along its length from Quinpool Road to Young Street, has 30% commercial and industrial usage, 12.5% Church development, 5.4% park area and 54% residential. He said that it is proposed to provide a parking area for customers and to permit the parking area to be used on Sundays by worshippers attending the various churches in the area.

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At the request of Council, the Senior Planner displayed a map of the area and indicated the area for which rezoning is requested together with the other types of zoning in the area. He also displayed a map showing the location of other small grocery stores and supermarkets within a radius of 2500 feet of the proposed location of the supermarket. He outlined briefly the views of Staff with respect to the application and explained the reasons for their opposition.

Mr. Stewart concluded his presentation by reiterating the request that City Council consider the matter carefully and set a date for a public hearing.

After considerable discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that the recommendation of the Town Planning Board be approved. Motion passed.

Alderman Matheson referred to the R-3 Controls in the Zoning By-law and suggested that it is time these controls are reviewed. He asked Staff to take a look at the controls and make a report.

Alderman Ivany suggested that an approach be made to the applicants for the rezoning requesting them to consider residential development in that location.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accounts Over \$1,000.00

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Moir that the Acting City Manager be authorized to pay the following

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accounts over \$1,000.00:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Department of Municipal Affairs	Printing of bonds	\$ 1,836.09
R. K. Kelley & Co. Ltd.	Fleet Insurance	<u>11,466.30</u>
		<u>\$14,515.51</u>

Motion passed.

Appointments - Committee, Boards and Commissions

A supplementary list of proposed appointments to Committees, Boards and Commissions was submitted from His Worship the Mayor. (Copy attached to the Official Minutes).

After reviewing the list, Council agreed to the following amendments:

1. Appointment to the Board of Management, Halifax Civic Hospital be deferred until the next regular meeting of City Council;
2. Alderman Doyle to replace Alderman Connolly on the United Appeal Committee.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott that Supplementary Committee List, as amended, be approved. Motion passed.

Report - Advisory Committee on Parking

The following report was submitted:

"The Committee had for consideration a Staff Report, dated November 10, 1967, with respect to the above noted subject.

The report was studied in detail and various points discussed.

It is recommended:

1. that the Suggested new Tax Policy with respect to Parking Structures be approved in principle, as follows:

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- (a) that City Council adopt a policy of taking 2/5 of the total tax liability on parking structures, or 20 per cent of gross parking revenue, whichever is the greater;
- (b) that the policy of tax subsidy (or 20 per cent of gross revenue) apply only in the following cases (excluding any parking spaces now required for residential uses under the Zoning By-law):

A. Parking Structures containing not less than 200 car parking spaces (The 200 car minimum is to encourage facilities which will fully utilize land).

B. Parking structures relating to a building with not less than 30 car parking spaces, provided the following minimum criteria are adhered to:

Offices, banks, etc. 1 space per 1,000 square feet of floor area or part thereof,

Retail uses 1 space per 300 square feet of floor area or part thereof,

Hotel, motel, etc. 1 space per each 1.5 accommodation,

Restaurants or similar eating or drinking places, or places of public assembly 1 space per 5 seats or one space for 100 square feet of floor area, whichever is greater.

If the parking space required under these ratios is less than 30 spaces, then the developer, in order to be eligible for the tax concession, is required to provide sufficient additional parking spaces so that the total will be at least 30 spaces.

2. that the foregoing Policy be subject to periodic review having regard to changes in parking supply and demand, changes in parking rates, required parking ratios, agreements in force and re-assessment;
3. that the necessary legislation be obtained to grant the tax subsidy."

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His Worship the Mayor advised that no action is required by City Council on the report, since approval, in principle, was given at the last regular meeting of Council.

Report - Housing Committee

Terms of Reference

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Black that, as recommended by the Housing Committee, the following Terms of Reference for the Housing Committee be adopted by City Council:

1. To advise City Council on the means of accelerating additions to the City's housing stock to meet the needs of our citizens;
2. To develop a programme of rehabilitation and improvement to existing housing in the City.

Motion passed.

Amendments to National Housing Act

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Housing Committee, City Council ask the Nova Scotia Housing Commission to have the Province raise the matter at the Federal/Provincial Housing Conference in Ottawa of the possibility of amending the National Housing Act to permit the advantages of a 75% subsidy under Section 35(a) of the Act to apply to projects constructed under Sections 35(d) and (e) of the Act which grants a 90% loan for certain developments. Motion passed.

Targets for Housing in 1968

The report of the Committee reads as follows:

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"It is recommended that:

1. City Council set a target of 750 housing unit starts in the City of Halifax for the year 1968 to be administered by the Housing Authority of Halifax;
2. City Council set a target of 300 housing unit completions in the City of Halifax for the year 1968 to be administered by the Housing Authority of Halifax.

Alderman LeBlanc asked if the Committee had given any consideration to the location of the 750 housing units, since there is a grave shortage of land within the City boundaries.

Alderman Matheson said that the Committee had met for the first time this afternoon and had not had too much opportunity to delve deeply into the actual location of the housing units, but he advised that it was the concensus of opinion of the Committee that a target should be set to give the Committee an aim and start some action.

His Worship the Mayor said that of the 750 target, some tentative and some firm plans have already been prepared for 543 housing units, as follows:

Creighton Street Housing	24
Senior Citizens Housing	154
South End Project	125
Brunswick Street Housing	200
Gottingen Street Proposal	40
	<u>543</u>

He said that the Committee raised by 50 his suggestion that a target of 700 starts should be set, and that the City Prison lands were suggested as a suitable location for a number of units.

Alderman LeBlanc asked if approval of the recommendation of the Housing Committee would commit City Council to

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building public housing on the City Prison lands.

His Worship the Mayor replied in the negative.

from Mr. Alderman Matheson said that there is a need for more than 3000 housing units in the City and if the Committee can start action on 750 units during the next year, a great deal will have been accomplished.

LeBlanc, Alderman LeBlanc was of the opinion that the City Prison lands should not be used for public housing.

location Alderman A. M. Butler suggested that the Housing Committee should not consider placing public housing on the City Prison lands. He said that the area was worthy of high class development and should be preserved for just such a development.

taken. Alderman Black expressed the opinion that public housing should be constructed wherever land is available and he said that he wished some could be constructed in Ward One where certain areas such as Victoria Road and Smith Street were becoming blighted.

Motion passed. Alderman Ivany requested members of City Council to have faith in the Committee and permit it to make an honest effort to alleviate the housing problems in the City.

Against: Alderman Matheson. His Worship the Mayor stated that before any housing construction takes place in any part of the City, approval of City Council is required.

Alderman Some discussion ensued with respect to the advertisement that has been placed in the local press requesting private developers to express their interest in developing the

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City Prison lands.

His Worship the Mayor referred to a letter received from Mr. Ralph M. Medjuck expressing interest in the lands and the Senior Planner stated that two other letters have been received from developers in Ontario and Montreal.

After further discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the target of 750 housing unit starts be reduced to 543 until such time as a location has been found for that number.

Alderman Ivany again urged the Council to have some faith in the Housing Committee that it has appointed.

Alderman Moir said that housing units are desperately needed in the City and that some action has to be taken. He felt that a target was needed to give the Committee something to work for. He suggested that it might need to be higher than 750.

After further discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the question be put. Motion passed.

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

For:	Aldermen A. M. Butler, Meagher, LeBlanc, Ahern, Doyle and Sullivan	6
Against:	Aldermen Moir, Ivany, Matheson, Connolly, Fitzgerald, Black and Abbott	7

It was then MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Ivany that the recommendation of the Housing Committee be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

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Letter - Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission Re: Council
Resolution North West Arm Bridge

The following letter was submitted for the information of Council:

HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH BRIDGE COMMISSION

November 27, 1967

Mr. R. H. Stoddard,
City Clerk,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Stoddard:

At a meeting of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission held on Friday, November 24, the Resolution of the Halifax City Council regarding the North West Arm bridge, passed on October 26, 1967, was considered and I was instructed to reply as follows:

Par. 1 "WHEREAS the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission in July 1963 recommended construction at the earliest possible date of a bridge across the North West Arm;"

In 1963, the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission recommended the construction of a southend crossing of Halifax Harbour via George's Island, linked to a North West Arm crossing at the foot of Oakland Road. This was a most ambitious plan at an approximate cost of \$40,000,000, but at that time money with a Provincial guarantee could be secured at approximately 5¼%. With financing spread over a 30-year period, the plan indicated an annual deficit for the first eight years. It was felt, however, that even with this disability the southend crossing was the most desirable. Consequently this plan was recommended and submitted to the various municipalities and was tentatively agreed to by the Province, City of Dartmouth and County of Halifax, but was not agreed to by the City of Halifax who submitted an alternative plan which increased the cost by \$12,000,000. This made the proposal quite impossible from a financial point of view.

Par. 2 "AND WHEREAS doubts have arisen as to the construction of a North West Arm Bridge;"

Since the City of Halifax refused to consider the 1963 proposal, costs have arisen to such an extent that the problem of the North West Arm bridge is now a financial one.

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Par. 3 & Par. 4 "AND WHEREAS it has been stated recently by a Minister of Government that the watershed property consisting of 11,000 acres is Halifax's greatest asset;"

"AND WHEREAS construction of a North West Arm Bridge will be the means of opening up this vast watershed area when the new water supply area has been made available;"

The watershed property referred to is located in the Armdale and Prospect areas bisected by the St. Margarets Bay Road. Consequently, since it is much nearer the existing Armdale Rotary approach to the City, it is hardly within the realm of possibility that the residents or possible residents of this watershed property would go miles out of their way to use a North West Arm Bridge located in the Purcell's Cove area. It is, of course, conceivable that this proposed North West Arm bridge might open a new subdivision, but it couldn't possibly have any substantial relation to the watershed property.

Par. 5 "AND WHEREAS it has been stated that inevitably in the wake of bridge construction economic expansion or boom follows;"

That was found to be the case in the construction of the Angus L. Macdonald bridge.

Par. 6 "AND WHEREAS the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission has stated a few years ago that there is also more than sufficient demand for a bridge across the North West Arm;"

If the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission had not believed that there was a demand for a bridge across the North West Arm, they would not have recommended such a bridge in 1963.

Par. 7 "AND WHEREAS the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission has stated that a North West Arm Bridge would relieve the Armdale Rotary of most of the existing congestion;"

The Bridge Commission as such had nothing to do with the Rotary and it is hardly conceivable that they would make any such statement as they are well aware that the capacity of the Rotary was supposed to be 20,000 cars per day whereas traffic actually passing through the Rotary is approximately 35,000 cars per day. As the Commission's estimate of the traffic that would pass over either of the proposed North West Arm Bridges doesn't exceed 5,000 cars per day in 1970, it is therefore obvious that the relief to the Rotary would be infinitesimal.

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Par. 8 "AND WHEREAS in July 1963 it was estimated that a North West Arm Bridge would cost \$3,876,000 at Site 'A' and \$4,134,000 at Site 'B' and even though construction costs have increased since this estimate was made it is considered that this is not an insurmountable financial obstacle;"

The cost of \$3,876,000 at Site "A" (Oakland Road) was part of the \$40,000,000 package already referred to, while the cost of \$4,134,000 at Site "B" (end of Robie Street crossing), did not take into consideration approach roads, and at the present time the lowest estimate for a Site "B" crossing with approaches is approximately \$10,000,000.

Par. 9 & Par. 10 "AND WHEREAS it has been stated if the bridge across the North West Arm is built at the same time as the Harbour Bridge it seems likely that the capital could be repaid over thirty (30) years and in the 31st year the annual surplus might be as much as \$5,500,000 and at this rate the province could be reimbursed for the total deficits plus interest in three or four additional years;"

"AND WHEREAS it has been stated if the Arm Bridge is not built it would take approximately thirty three (33) years to pay off the capital cost of the Harbour Bridge and about five more years to reimburse the Province;"

The figures quoted in these two paragraphs and the estimates made have nothing whatsoever to do with, nor can they be applied to, existing conditions or existing or proposed bridges, as they refer in their entirety to the southend George's Island harbor crossing proposed in 1963 and the Arm crossing at the foot of Oakland Road, and they were predicated on all costs (including cost of money), that applied in 1963 and were likewise based on the much heavier volume of traffic that would flow over a southend crossing, and cannot apply or be applied to the Narrows bridge or the proposed Robie Street Arm crossing.

Par. 11 "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."

As has already been emphasized and re-emphasized, on June 23 last application was made by the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission to the Provincial Government for the financial assistance necessary for construction of the North West

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Arm bridge, but so far no reply has been forthcoming. A committee has now been selected to review the matter with the Premier as soon as an appointment can be secured.

Yours truly,

(Signed) A. M. MacKay,
Chairman.

Alderman Sullivan read certain parts of the foregoing letter and expressed great concern over the fact that the Bridge Commission had not seen fit to follow up the June 23 application to the Provincial Government until the present time.

Narrows Bridge Approach Cost

The following report was submitted by His Worship the Mayor:

"At the meeting of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission held on November 24, the Chairman requested a clear statement from the City of Halifax in writing with respect to our inability to finance approach roads for the Narrows Bridge.

Our last resolution on this matter said that we would not approve any Narrows Bridge approaches without a firm commitment with respect to the Arm Bridge.

I believe it is now necessary to write to the Bridge Commission indicating that our capital budget position will not permit us to contribute to the cost of Narrows Bridge approach roads during the next three years when they are required to be built.

I request Council direction on this matter."

Alderman Matheson felt that the City had made a clear statement of its position and suggested that the report be filed and no action taken.

Alderman Black contended that the City has been somewhat inconsistent with respect to the matter of the Narrows Bridge approaches and he suggested that the City clarify its

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position for the Bridge Commission.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that the matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for a full discussion.

Alderman Matheson said that he had lost all confidence in the Bridge Commission.

Alderman A. M. Butler said that Alderman Matheson would have ample opportunity to express himself at the meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee.

Alderman LeBlanc referred to a suggestion previously made by Alderman Ivany that City Council meet with members of the Bridge Commission and the consultants to discuss the matter and he thought it was a good idea.

The motion was then put and passed with Alderman Matheson voting against.

Cost Sharing - Central Commons Field House

The following report was submitted from Staff for information:

"Information has been received from the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs to the effect that the new Central Commons Field House has been approved for cost sharing under the Federal-Provincial Winter Works Program. Sharing will be applicable on expenditures incurred from December 1st, 1967 until April 30th, 1968.

The City is also advised that improvements to Fleming Park have been approved for cost sharing under the Provincial-Municipal Winter Works Program."

Staff Report - Central Victualling Depot

A report was submitted from Staff relating to City Council's agreement in principle to a proposal that the Department of National Defence Central Victualling Depot lands