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seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that No. 2 be deleted from the recommendation from the Committee on Works. Motion passed with Alderman Black voting against.

After further discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Ivany that Nos. 1 and 3 of the recommendation from the Committee on Works be approved. Motion passed with Alderman Black voting against.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on January 16, 1968 with respect to the following matters:

Symbolite Traffic Signals

The report of the Safety Committee reads as follows:

"The Committee again had for consideration the matter of Symbolite Traffic Signals which are presently installed, on a trial basis, at two intersections in the City.

After hearing from Mr. Cooke of Cooke Sales Limited, the Committee re-affirmed its recommendation dated November 21, 1967 as follows:

- (i) "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. Alderman LeBlanc and Alderman Sullivan voted against."

The matter of underground wiring pertaining to these two installations was also discussed.

The following motion was put and lost, three voting for the same and four against:

- (ii) that the City pay the costs incurred for the underground wiring of the Symbolite Signals at the two locations.

For the motion: Aldermen Ivany, LeBlanc and Sullivan  
Against the Motion: Aldermen Black, A. M. Butler, H. W. Butler and Fitzgerald"

Alderman Meagher suggested that Council hear from Mr. D. Morrison, representing Cooke Sales Limited, on this matter.

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Council agreed to hear Mr. Morrison.

Mr. Morrison said that the City was offered the choice of three proposals from the Company, as follows:

1. The City was to purchase the equipment as is and the Company would reduce the quotation by an amount of \$2,000.00 per intersection, which would amount to a total for both intersections of approximately \$17,500.00;
2. The City was to purchase the equipment without the controller and the quotation would be reduced a further amount per intersection, which would amount to approximately \$16,500.00; or
3. The Company would remove the equipment and the City would pay for the bases and underground work, which would amount to a total of \$2,814.23.

He advised members of Council that any technical questions could be directed to a representative from the Symbolite Company who was in attendance at the meeting.

Alderman Fitzgerald asked if the Symbolite Company holds a complete monopoly on the type of signals installed.

The technical adviser of the Symbolite Company said that a complete monopoly is not held.

Some discussion ensued with respect to the operation and maintenance costs of the Symbolite Signals.

Alderman A. M. Butler was of the opinion that the City is under no obligation to purchase the lights and equipment or even the bases and underground wiring. He felt that Council should go along with the recommendation of the Safety Committee.

Discussion ensued with respect to certain street widening in the area of the two intersections under consideration.

Staff advised that Council has requested previously that a left-turn holding lane be introduced at the Connaught Avenue/Almon Street intersection and funds are to be included in



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the Capital Budget for that purpose. The intersection at Lady Hammond Road, Kempt Road and Windsor Street will be changed completely when the Narrows Bridge approaches are constructed.

After further discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the City of Halifax purchase the equipment from Cooke Sales Limited, as set out in proposal No. 1 put forth by Mr. Morrison.

At this time, the City Engineer was asked to explain to members of Council the reasons why Staff have recommended that the lights be removed.

The City Engineer mentioned the reasons as listed in a Staff Report dated November, 1967 as follows:

1. The lack of approval of the Symbolite Signal by the Council on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Canada.
2. The apparent high cost for installation, operation and maintenance of this type signal and the possibility that because of patent rights these costs may become higher in future installations.
3. The lack of uniformity of signal heads within the system and the signal's inability to be integrated into the City's Central Control System.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Black that the meeting be adjourned.

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

For:	Aldermen A. M. Butler, Black and Moir	3
Against:	Aldermen Matheson, Meagher, LeBlanc, Ahern, Connolly, Doyle, Sullivan, Fitzgerald, H. W. Butler, Abbott, and Ivany	11

At this time Alderman Black rose to a Point of Order and stated that the Council cannot vote for the expenditure of an amount over \$1,000.00 without a recommendation from the City Manager.

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His Worship the Mayor ascertained from the City Solicitor that the statement of Alderman Black was correct and he then asked the City Manager to give a verbal recommendation.

He was of the opinion that the City should secure the best type of lights for the lowest amount of money and that the tender system should be adhered to.

After further consultation with the City Solicitor, His Worship the Mayor ruled the motion out of order until such time as a written recommendation is submitted from the City Manager.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that the meeting adjourn until 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 30, 1968.

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

For: Aldermen A. M. Butler, H. W. Butler, Black, Abbott, Moir and Matheson 6

Against: Aldermen Meagher, LeBlanc, Ahern, Connolly, Doyle, Sullivan, Fitzgerald and Ivany 8

Alderman LeBlanc asked if his motion to purchase the lights still stands.

His Worship the Mayor ruled that a motion should be introduced to defer a decision on the matter until the City Manager's recommendation is received.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Black that a decision on the motion be deferred until such time as the City Manager has submitted a written recommendation with respect to the expenditure of the amount over \$1,000.00.

Motion passed.



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Tenders - Parking Meters

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the tender of Central Parking Meter Service be accepted, as follows:

Motion passed.

	<u>Cost Each</u>	
50 - Single-Headed One Hour Limit Ten Cents per hour	\$88.80	\$4,440.00
90 - Single-Headed Two Hour Limit Ten Cents per hour	88.80	7,992.00
10 - Single-Headed Ten Hour Limit Ten cents per hour	88.80	888.00
(Federal Sales Tax Included)	TOTAL	<u>\$13,320.00</u>

Motion passed.

REPORT - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Public Health and Welfare Committee from its meeting held on January 18, 1968 with respect to the following matters:

Tenders for Groceries and Cleaning Materials

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Matheson that, as recommended by the Public Health and Welfare Committee, the tender of Howards Limited, being the lowest tender submitted, for the supply of groceries and cleaning materials for Basinview Home for the three month period February 1, 1968 to April 30, 1968, in the following amounts be approved:

GROUP 1	Baking Ingredients	\$ 92.03
GROUP 2	Fruits, dry and canned	813.22
GROUP 3	Spices and Seasoning	178.83
GROUP 4	Vegetables, Bulk & Canned	776.89
GROUP 5	Biscuits, Breakfast Foods	407.73

Motion passed.

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GROUP 6	Beverages, Soups	\$ 431.93
GROUP 7	Miscellaneous	835.28
GROUP 8	Cleaning Materials	207.53
GROUP 9	Diabetic Fruits	44.58
GROUP 10	Juices	319.93
GROUP 11	Fish, Canned	252.83
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		\$4,360.78

Motion passed.

Tenders for Bread Supplies

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Public Health and Welfare Committee, the tender of Ben's Limited for the supply of Hot Dog Rolls and Hamburger Buns for Basinview Home for the three month period February 1, 1968 to April 30, 1968 in the following amounts be approved:

Hot Dog Rolls (8's)	.21¢ per package
Hamburger Buns (8's)	.21¢ per package

Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Ahern that, as recommended by the Public Health and Welfare Committee, the tender of Berwick Bakeries for the supply of White Bread, Whole Wheat Bread, Brown Bread, Large and Small Sandwich Bread and Raisin Bread for Basinview Home for the three month period February 1, 1968 to April 30, 1968 in the following amounts be approved:

White Bread	20 oz.	sliced	.15	unsliced	.16
Whole Wheat	20 oz.	sliced	.15	unsliced	.16
Brown Bread	20 oz.	sliced	.15	unsliced	.16
Large Sandwich	40 oz.	sliced	.30	unsliced	.32
Small Sandwich	20 oz.	sliced	.15	unsliced	.16
Raisin Bread	20 oz.	sliced	.20	unsliced	.21

Motion passed.



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Ordinance #122 - Tax Concessions for New Commercial & Industrial  
Construction (Second Reading)

Deferred.

Amendments to Ordinance #55 - Respecting Tag Days and the  
Solicitation of Money on the Streets (Second Reading)

Deferred.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the meeting adjourn until Thursday, February 1, 1968 at 4:00 p.m.

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

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

12:10 a.m.

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After the meeting ALLAN O'BRIEN  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD  
CITY CLERK

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Council members of Black, Abbott, Moir, Ivany, Matheson, Boyle, Sullivan, Fitzgerald and S.

Also Present: City manager, City Clerk and other Staff members.

The meeting was called to order and the business remaining on the Order of Business from the meeting of January 25, 1968.

His Worship the Mayor, at the request of the members of Council Sections 15, 18, relating to the Rules of Order of Council, the rules be adhered to more rigidly.

Symbolite Traffic Signals

His Worship the Mayor, at the request of the members of Council Sections 15, 18, which had been discussed at the meeting of January 25, 1968, and asked the City Clerk to report on the matter.

The City Clerk advised that the matter be referred to the Council to defer a decision on the matter.



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mendation:

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
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4:05 p.m.

A meeting of the City Council was held on the above

date.

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

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

Also Present: City Manager, City Solicitor, City Clerk and other Staff members.

The meeting was called to consider the items remaining on the Order of Business from the meeting of City Council held on January 25, 1968.

His Worship the Mayor, at this time, reviewed for members of Council Sections 15, 18, 19 and 20 of Ordinance #103 relating to the Rules of Order of Council and suggested that the rules be adhered to more rigidly in future.

Symbolite Traffic Signals

(1) His Worship the Mayor referred to the above matter which had been discussed at the last meeting of the City Council and asked the City Clerk to review the discussion.

The City Clerk advised that Council had agreed to defer a decision on the following motion of Alderman LeBlanc

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until such time as the City Manager submits a written recommendation:

"MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the City of Halifax purchase the equipment from Cooke Sales Limited, as set out in proposal No. 1 put forth by Mr. Morrison."

Proposal No. 1 reads as follows:

"The City purchase the equipment as is and the Company would reduce the quotation by an amount of \$2,000.00 per intersection, which would amount to a total for both intersections of approximately \$17,500.00."

The following report was submitted from the City

Manager:

On January 25, 1968 City Council considered the recommendation of the Safety Committee regarding Symbolite Signals, "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". No decision was taken at that time pending a further recommendation from the City Manager.

Previous staff reports have recommended against the purchase of the Symbolite Signals on the basis of uniformity, costs, integration into the existing traffic system and certain patent rights pertaining to these products.

A major point which has arisen out of recent discussions on this matter is that a great deal of the appeal and advantage of these signals seems to derive from the fact that they are located in a position of prominence over the roadway. It should be recognized that Conventional type signals can also be installed over the roadway in the same position and provide the same advantages.

If it is the decision of City Council to install overhead signals at the two intersections then the following course of action is recommended:-

- (1) That tenders be called for the supply of traffic control equipment, using the regular circular lenses to provide uniformity for these intersections and all manufacturers of traffic signal equipment be invited to bid. It is suggested that tenders be called on two types of signal heads:-



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- (a) Vertically mounted and suspended over the roadway.
- (b) Horizontally mounted as in the test intersection.

This affords the City the opportunity to decide which equipment is best for the City at the most reasonable cost.

- (2) That Cooke Sales Limited be paid a rental fee from January 1, 1968 for the use of their equipment at the two intersections, which would be deducted from the amount of the tender submitted should they be the successful bidder.

After a short discussion, it was MOVED in Amendment by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that:

- (1) the Almon Street-Connaught Avenue lights remain until such time that tenders can be called for similar lights, and that Cooke Sales Limited be paid a reasonable rental for the use of the lights;
- (2) the specifications be drawn so as not to prevent the Company from tendering;
- (3) the Windsor Street-Kempt Road lights remain provided the Company is paid a reasonable rental for a period of 6 or 8 months, or until the Narrows Bridge approaches are determined.

After considerable discussion, the Amendment was put and passed unanimously.

Upon motion of Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ahern, Council agreed to hear Mr. Morrison on behalf of Cooke Sales Limited.

Mr. Morrison read a letter relating to this matter from the City Traffic Engineer dated January 21, 1966.

4:58 p.m. Council adjourned to meet as Committee of the Whole.

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Recreation Facilities - Ward 5

The following report from Staff was referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration:

The question of the ultimate development of the former School for the Deaf site immediately north of the Uniacke Square Housing Project cannot be resolved until a decision is made on an interchange with the Angus L. Macdonald Bridge and other road and traffic matters in the area. There is, however, a strong need for recreational facilities.

It is therefore recommended that consultants be engaged to prepare a plan for a road system and interchange which will reserve as much land as possible for recreation.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the Committee hear from the City Engineer with respect to the road patterns for the area, the Director of Civic Recreation and from the Chief Planner.

The City Engineer displayed a sketch plan of a proposed interchange for the Angus L. Macdonald Bridge and outlined the area which will be required to construct the interchange. (Plan No. TT-8-17176).

In reply to a question, the City Engineer advised that the interchange proposal was one designed by De Leuw, Cather and Company some time ago and would take approximately two-thirds of the land remaining in the Uniacke Square Phase I area which was planned for recreation space. He advised that the cost of construction of the interchange would be in the vicinity of \$3,500,000.00. He further advised that some minor changes might be made in the interchange but some construction on the land for recreation could not be avoided.

The Director of Civic Recreation stated that when the



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Uniacke Square Housing Project was designed, it was considered necessary to reserve a fairly large area for recreation. He was of the opinion that if housing is constructed without any recreational space available in the immediate vicinity, the blighted conditions, which are being removed in some locations, are going to spread into others.

Alderman Ahern, at this time, referred to a condition which was placed on the School for the Deaf land when it was conveyed to the City that the area should be developed as park and recreational space.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that all the acreage left from the Uniacke Square area be set aside for recreation.

In reply to a question, the Director of Civic Recreation said that an amount of \$12,000.00 has been approved for the construction of a wading pool in the area and a further amount is being requested in the Capital Budget for the construction of an Activity Centre.

The Committee heard from the Acting Chief Planner in regard to this matter who suggested that perhaps a compromise might be achieved, or an equal amount of land for recreation made available in the vicinity.

After further discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Black that the matter be referred to City Staff for further discussion in an attempt to effect a compromise or an alternative.

The motion was put and passed with Aldermen Ahern and Sullivan voting against.

Terms of Reference - City Field

Proposed Terms of Reference were submitted from the City Manager for the New City Field Building.

His Worship the Mayor asked if there were any unanswered questions relating to the Terms of Reference.

The City Manager advised that there are two matters which are being left open at the present time, the first relating to the salt storage and the second to repair facilities for vehicles. He said that there are several methods of salt storage and a report is in preparation as to the best method. The repair facilities, he felt, could be left with the architect and the Terms of Reference can be varied to permit a better flow of work to result.

Alderman Ivany asked if the questions he had asked at the last meeting of the Town Planning Board had been considered. His questions read as follows:

1. Have the Terms of Reference included any provisions for further accommodation which might be required in the event of annexation, and whether or not there is any merit in providing accommodations for the Commissioner of Works on the City Field site.
2. Has any consideration been given to having the architect appear before the City Council after having received the Terms of Reference for two weeks, at which time he could enlighten Council on any difficulties and the cost factor.

The City Manager advised that consideration has been given to the possible impending annexation and consideration is presently being given to accommodation being provided on the site for the Commissioner of Works, which suggestion has considerable merit. He felt that having the architect appear be-



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fore Council and advising it of the cost factors is a very good idea.

After discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Black that the Terms of Reference, as submitted, be accepted, subject to the qualifications made by the City Manager and consideration given to the suggestions of Alderman Ivany, and that the architect be instructed to appear before Council to present the preliminary drawings.

In reply to a question, the Commissioner of Works advised that it is contemplated to extend MacIntosh Street to Barrington Street.

After further discussion, the motion was put and passed.

6:00 p.m. Council reconvened, the same members being present.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council, the Terms of Reference for the New City Field, as submitted, be accepted, subject to the qualifications made by the City Manager and consideration given to the suggestions of Alderman Ivany, and that the architect be instructed to appear before Council to present the preliminary drawings. Motion passed.

#### MOTIONS

Motion - Alderman A. M. Butler Re: Alternate Proposal  
Cogswell Street/Harbour Drive Interchange

Withdrawn.

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REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

The Town Planning Board, at its meeting held on January 25, 1968, considered various matters of civic business and reports as follows:

Alteration to a Subdivision - Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation, Windsor Street

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, Lot "B-1" and Lot "X", as shown on Plan 00-10-17033 - formerly parts of lands owned by the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation, be added to Lot "A", owned by St. Patrick's High School, to make one Lot "A-1", to permit the construction of the proposed extension to the School, and that a public hearing be waived. Motion passed.

Amendments to Ordinance #50

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

1. No provision be included in Ordinance #50 to permit appeals to be made to the Town Planning Board.
2. Amendments be drafted to delete reference to habitable rooms not being more than 50% below grade and substituting the following provisions:
  - (a) that habitable rooms be dry, well drained and protected against flooding from sewer backup;
  - (b) that habitable rooms be adequately ventilated by windows or mechanical means;
3. An Amendment be drafted to provide that a habitable room be permitted of a height of 6 foot 6 inches from floor to ceiling with no rigid projections of the building or its equipment below 6 foot 6 inches;



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4. Amendments be drafted to provide that habitable rooms in basements or cellars should be provided with windows with a glass area of 5% of the floor area of that room, with not more than one-half the window area below grade;
5. An Amendment be drafted to bring the requirements of the heating system portion of the Ordinance in line with current practice;
6. A section be added to the Ordinance respecting requirements affecting the safety of occupants from a fire point of view, which would include clarification of needs for exits and means of egress and for fire separation of the basement occupancy from the remainder of the building and from a furnace room.
7. A section be added to provide for a minimum temperature requirement of 70 degrees at a distance 5 feet from the floor in any habitable room;
8. Amendments be drafted to provide that repairs and/or improvements to properties should be completed within three months;
9. A section be added relating to maintenance of properties by use of paint or certain other materials.

Motion passed.

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Motion - Alderman LeBlanc Re: Private Informal Meeting with  
City Staff and Unions

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that City Council arrange at the earliest possible time an informal meeting with a representative from each of the departments of the City of Halifax. The representative to be decided by the individual departments.

The purpose of such a meeting is to establish a closer dialogue with staff, and afford the Mayor and Manager the opportunity to outline the City's current position as it relates to matters affecting staff and departmental operations and plans. Such a meeting would also create an opportunity for staff representatives to ask questions of the Mayor, Manager, Personnel and Training Officer, or Aldermen; submit proposals; and discuss any other items relevant to insure and foster satisfactory staff and Council relations.

Items normally falling into the category of Union, Pension Committee, or Confidential staff matters would not be discussed.

After a short discussion, it was agreed that copies of the motion be distributed to all members of Council.

Alderman Matheson was of the opinion that some of the matters listed were management matters and not the business of City Council.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Moir that the matter be deferred until the next regular meeting of City Council.



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After further discussion, the motion to defer was put and resulted in a tie vote, as follows:

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

His Worship the Mayor cast his vote in favour of the motion and declared the same passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accounts Over \$1,000.00

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the City Manager be authorized to pay the following accounts over \$1,000.00:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Might Directories		
Atlantic Limited	1967 City Directories	\$1,528.80
Partridge Motor Boat Service	Repairs sewer outlet - North West Arm	<u>7,976.96</u>
		<u>\$9,505.76</u>

Some discussion ensued with respect to the number of City Directories purchased, and in reply to a question, the City Manager stated that the number was twenty-one purchased and the need for that number was mainly due to the fact that certain City departments are located in different sections of the City.

The motion was then put and passed.

Report - Housing Committee

The following report was submitted:

"The Committee had for consideration a Staff Report, dated January 22, 1968, relating to the development of the City Prison Lands.

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The report concludes with the following paragraphs:

"If the City wishes to undertake development of the City Prison lands, it is obvious that City Staff is not presently in a position to undertake the work. It will, therefore, be necessary to obtain outside assistance. The cost of this assistance should, along with the cost of services, be recovered from the sale of land. In addition, the City should seek a large enough return on the raw land itself to make a substantial contribution towards the cost of relocating Basinview Home so that a new and efficient institution can be attained and full development potential of the Prison site realized.

There are a considerable number of organizations with a proven record of performance in the type of work required to develop the City Prison site. Some have operated in the Halifax area and some have operated elsewhere. City Staff have been led to believe that the fee for such services might vary from 1 per cent to 2 per cent depending on the competitiveness of the bidding and the amount of work required to be carried out. For example, it might be found desirable when the scheme is ready to proceed that the design, construction, and supervision of the services might better be undertaken by City forces rather than by Consulting Engineers. This could reduce the fees of the development coordinator.

A number of development consultants have indicated an interest in coordinating the City Prison Project. If City Council decides that immediate development is desirable, it is suggested that Staff be instructed to develop specific Terms of Reference and invite proposals based on these Terms of Reference from all those who might be interested."

It is recommended that City Staff be instructed to prepare specific Terms of Reference for firms of Development Consultants who might be interested in coordinating a plan of development for the City Prison Lands."

It was MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Housing Committee, City Staff be instructed to prepare specific Terms of Reference for firms of Development Consultants who might be interested in coordinating a plan of development for the City Prison Lands.

Alderman Ivany was concerned that the whole area of land from Duffus Street to the waterfront should be included in any plans of development. He felt that any development should



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not take place in a piecemeal manner. He suggested that Staff should prepare a preliminary development plan of the whole area and present it to the Town Planning Board for consideration.

After discussion, it was agreed that the matter should be placed on the Order of Business for the Town Planning Board and consideration be given to the development of the whole area including Africville and the Allen Property.

After further discussion, the motion was put and passed.

Report - Advisory Committee on the Preservation of Historic Buildings

Reports were submitted from the Advisory Committee on the Preservation of Historic Buildings dated January 17 and 24, 1968.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the following resolution, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on the Preservation of Historic Buildings, be approved:

IT IS RESOLVED that the following policies of the Government of the City of Halifax be re-stated;

(a) that a policy of urban renewal be carried out involving the elimination of conditions of blight, decay and deterioration as they affect buildings, structures and their surroundings; and

(b) that essential economic, functional, social and cultural values must be renewed, restored and preserved in the public interest; and

(c) that the citizens of Halifax have a right to enjoy and profit by a City which is beautiful, as well as safe and healthful;

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AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the government of the City of Halifax institute a program for the preservation, rehabilitation and use of buildings, areas and objects of historic and architectural value to the City, Province and Nation; and that such a program be developed within a framework of a Master Plan encompassing the social, economic and cultural needs of the citizens and institutions of Halifax.

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

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on the preservation of Historic Buildings, the following resolution be approved:

IT IS RESOLVED that the Interim Civic Advisory Committee on the Preservation of Historic Buildings be directed to proceed immediately to develop a program of survey, evaluation, economic feasibility and design investigation in order to properly define the manner and means by which preservation activities can be made an integral part of the community development process, considering the following points:

- (a) potentials for financial assistance in undertaking such an urban renewal study from CMHC;
- (b) potentials for financial assistance in physical restoration from Historic Sites Division of Department of Northern Affairs;
- (c) emphasis for development of such a study to be placed on the Central City core (the area bounded by the Citadel, Waterfront, Central Victualling and Spring Garden Road) and Brunswick Street, between Cogswell and North Streets, areas in immediate need of such analysis and design projection;
- (d) return to City Council with draft outline of such a program within 30 days, including scope of work, costs, funding and organization procedures and recommendations.

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



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MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman  
Fitzgerald that City Council request the Advisory Committee  
on the Preservation of Historic Buildings to:

- (a) present to City Council a preliminary inventory of buildings which are deemed to have architectural and/or historical value and, therefore, should be considered for retention as part of the City's heritage with specific reference to buildings on Brunswick Street;
- (b) to make recommendations concerning continued use or re-use of such buildings; and where it is deemed necessary, the acquisition of certain of them by the City;

and that City Council direct City Staff to find suitable tenants for a number of city-owned properties, including those surveyed by Mr. John Stevens for the Federal Government, on Brunswick Street which are now unoccupied, to prevent further damage to the buildings by vandals.

Motion passed.

#### 1968 Legislation

Draft Legislation was submitted for the year 1968 relating to the following subjects:

1. Fixed Tax - Longshoremen's Association
2. Exemption from Taxation - St. Vincent's Guest House
3. Grant to Juvenile Court
4. Temporary Borrowing - Capital Projects
5. Application of Excess Capital Funds for purposes other than original
6. Change of Name - Tourist and Convention Bureau
7. All Members of Police Department to be Provincial Constables
8. Correcting Printing Error - Chapter 105, Section 7, Acts of 1967
9. Flexibility of Interest Rate on Betterment Charges
10. Deleting the word "grant" from the first line of Clause (e), subsection (1) of Section 402 of the City Charter

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11. Write off and cancellation Business Occupancy Tax - George B. Kline Jr. 7191-93 Quinpool Road
12. Write Off Taxes - 1965, 1966 and 1967 - St. Vincent's Guest House
13. Write off and cancellation Betterment Charge - Lots 6 to 17 Regent Road, assessed to H.M. Queen
14. Write off accrued Interest - 3890 Kencrest Avenue
15. Grant to Province - Establishment of Museum of Science
16. Grant to Children's Hospital
17. Appointment Member of Staff - Bargaining Agent
18. Authority - City Manager to Lease City-owned Property for Commercial Use on a Month to Month basis, term not exceeding one year.
19. Amendment - Poll Tax Ordinance - Refund Portion of Poll Tax - Assessment for Real Property

The City Solicitor advised that the legislation submitted relating to Unsightly Premises, is to be redrafted.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that the legislation, as submitted, be approved.  
Alderman Fitzgerald referred to a motion made some time ago respecting the establishment of a Public Works Commission.  
Motion passed.

#### QUESTIONS

Question Alderman LeBlanc - Meetings of Industrial Development Commission

Alderman LeBlanc asked if it was usual procedure to bar the press from meetings of the Industrial Development Commission.

His Worship the Mayor replied that there is no regulation in this regard but since the nature of some of the discussions at the meetings is confidential, it is understandable why members of the press might be barred.

Question Alderman Sullivan - Removal of Boat Near City Dump

Alderman Sullivan asked if it is possible to have the unsightly boat removed from the shores of the Bedford Basin close to the City Dump.



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He was advised that discussions and investigations have been continuing for a long period of time and any suggestions as to how the boat might be removed can be handed to Mr. Churchill of City Staff.

Question Alderman Sullivan - New Basinview Home

Alderman Sullivan asked if the new Basinview Home can be placed high on the list of priorities when they are established.

His Worship the Mayor said that this can be done when the Capital Budget is considered.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald - Sewers and Other Services to  
Public Service Commission

Alderman Fitzgerald referred to discussions that had taken place some time ago respecting the sewers and other services which might be put under the Public Service Commission and he asked if there was any particular reason why nothing further was done about it.

His Worship the Mayor said that the matter was shelved when the Commissioner of Works was at Harvard University and on his return the pressure of other work caused the matter to be delayed further, he hoped that consideration of the matter can be continued after the Capital and Current Budgets have been dealt with.

Question Alderman Ahern - Proposed Stadium - Canadian Summer Games

Alderman Ahern asked if anything further has been heard about the location of the Stadium for the Canadian Summer Games.

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His Worship the Mayor advised that nothing has been heard and he realized that members of Council are concerned.

After considerable discussion, it was agreed that members of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Summer Games should be invited to a meeting of City Council to be held on February 8, 1968, so that Council can be informed on the progress made to date.

Question Alderman Ivany - Litter from Trucks Carrying Fill

Alderman Ivany displayed a piece of rock which fell from a truck hauling fill to the Seaward Defence site and felt that something should be done to stop the littering of streets in this way. He said that this was only one of three pieces of rock which fell.

Staff were instructed to see if anything can be done about the problem.

Question Alderman Ivany - Statement by Mr. Ray March - Africville Area

Alderman Ivany referred to a statement by Mr. Ray March relating to the Africville Area, which indicated that the whole area will be unuseable as industrial land owing to the approaches to the Narrows Bridge cutting it into small pieces. He asked if this matter could be placed on the Order of Business for the Town Planning Board, and some discussions held on the need for a development plan for that area.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Alderman Black - Legislation to Amend City Charter

Alderman Black gave notice that at the next regular



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meeting of City Council, he will move, or cause to be moved, a Resolution to seek legislation to amend the Halifax City Charter, 1963, in the following respects:

(1) By repealing Sections 154 and 156 and substituting therefor the following:

154. (1) The City Manager shall have the power to employ such Officers, Directors and Employees as he may deem necessary.

(2) Persons appointed as Officers, Directors or Employees of the City shall be paid such annual salaries as the Council from time to time determines.

156. (1) The City Manager shall appoint duly qualified persons as Officers of the City to fill each of the following offices:

- (a) City Clerk
- (b) City Solicitor
- (c) City Assessor
- (d) City Treasurer

(2) The services of all officers and Directors, other than the City Solicitor and the City Assessor, may be terminated by the City Manager in accordance with the procedure hereinafter set forth.

(3) The services of the City Solicitor and the City Assessor shall only be terminated by the affirmative vote of the majority of the total number of aldermen.

(4) To terminate the services of any Officer or Director, other than the City Solicitor or the City Assessor,

(a) The City Manager shall give three months written notice to such Officer or Director stating the reason or reasons for termination of his employment, and a copy of the notice shall be distributed to the Mayor and Aldermen;

(b) During the three months of notice, the Council shall meet with the City Manager to obtain an explanation of his reasons for terminating the employment of the Officer or Director, and during the three month period the Officer or Director shall have the opportunity of conferring with the Council in the presence of the City Manager with regard to the proposed termination of his services;

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(7) Section 162 of Chapter 52 is amended by striking out the following: (c) The City Manager may, after conferring with the Officer or Director and the Council, withdraw his notice terminating the services of such Officer or Director.

(2) Subsection (1) of Section 162 of Chapter 52 is amended by striking out the word "Council" in the first line thereof and substituting therefor the words "City Manager".

(3) Subsection (1) of Section 163 of Chapter 52 is amended by striking out the word "Council" in the first line thereof and substituting therefor the words "City Manager".

(4) Subsection (1) of Section 165 of Chapter 52 is amended by striking out the word "Council" in the first line thereof and substituting therefor the words "City Manager".

(5) Subsection (1) of Section 166 of Chapter 52 is amended by striking out the word "Council" in the first line thereof and substituting therefor the words "City Manager".

(6) Section 169 of Chapter 52 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

169. (1) The City Manager may establish Departments of the City to carry out any of the powers and duties vested in the City Manager by this Act or any other Act.

(2) The City Manager shall set out and define the functions, duties and responsibilities of any Departments so established and may include the establishment of divisions within any Department.

(3) A Department established under the provisions of subsection (1) shall be headed by a Director.

(4) The City Manager may set out and define the duties and responsibilities of

- (a) the Directors of Departments
- (b) the head of a division within any Department

(5) At the next regular meeting of the Council following the establishment of Departments and the defining of the functions, duties and responsibilities, or the alteration of any of them, the Council shall be so notified by the City Manager.

(6) No member of the Council shall be eligible for an appointment as a Director of a Department during the term for which he has been elected.



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(7) Section 173 of the said Chapter 52 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

173. The appointment, suspension and dismissal of all employees, other than as otherwise specified herein, shall be made by the City Manager.

(8) Sections 174, 175, 176 and 177 of said Chapter 52 are repealed.

ADDED ITEMS

Appointments to Hospital Boards, Committees, etc.

His Worship the Mayor submitted the following report and nominations:

"I am advised by Major E. J. Vickery, Director, Emergency Measures Organization for Halifax, that, according to new Regulations, the composition of the City's EMO Control Committee must now consist only of the Mayor and elected representatives, i.e. Aldermen.

On November 16, 1967, Council approved reappointment of the EMO Control Committee comprised of the Mayor, 2 Aldermen and 5 citizens.

In the light of the new regulations, the old Control Committee must now be dissolved and a new Committee appointed.

I would therefore recommend for nomination to the Halifax EMO Control Committee the following:

Mayor (Chairman)  
Alderman J. E. Ahern  
Alderman M. D. Sullivan  
Alderman D. G. LeBlanc  
Alderman H. G. Ivany  
Alderman H. W. Butler"

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Black that the nominations to the EMO Control Committee be approved.

Motion passed.

"The following bodies require civic representation on their Board of Directors.

My nominations are as follows:

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Grace Hospital  
Rehabilitation Centre  
Children's Hospital  
Board of Trade  
College of Art

Alderman C. F. Abbott  
Alderman G. R. Matheson  
Mr. B. O. Macdonald  
Alderman L. E. Moir  
Alderman W. R. Fitzgerald

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman

Ivany that the nominations be approved. Motion passed.

7:05 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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