

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL
M I N U T E S

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
February 21, 1968,
4:21 p.m.

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council was held on the above date.

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

Also present: City Manager, City Solicitor, City Clerk, Chief of Police, Director of Works, Development Officer, Mr. J. W. E. Mingo, Mr. Ray March, Committee Clerk and other staff members.

At this time, the Committee of the Whole Council met to consider the 1968 Current Budget for the following:

PORT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION - \$86,399. page 219

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Ivany that the budget, as submitted, be approved.

4:23 p.m. Alderman Meagher arrives.

His Worship the Mayor referred to the Port items on budget Supplement #1 and #2.

Alderman Ivany asked if there will be any more studies made in the future.

Mr. Mingo advised that there will be more studies going on for some time to come, and it is hoped to come up with something that will interest the CNR. He said there were two studies presently being carried out, one which will be completed in May and the other approximately late June or early July this year, but until the results are known it is difficult to say

whether there will be a request for funds next year.

He explained that one study was on the feasibility of operating a unit train service from Toronto/Windsor area to Halifax for containerized general cargo to operate in conjunction with a containerized depot service. The second study also involves unit train service from Halifax to the west coast, and what is being studied is the feasibility of traffic moving between Japan and North Europe, being landed at Vancouver in the case of eastbound traffic, and moved across Canada by train to Halifax, then trans-shipped from Halifax in containerized vessels to North Europe. He said there would be traffic moving in the reverse direction, and further explained the reasons for these reports being undertaken.

Alderman Sullivan referred to the drop in employment in the shipyards and in the increase in welfare costs, and asked what the situation was at present and for the future. He said that someone should look after the shipyard and dockyard workers.

Mr. Mingo advised that he could not speak on the situation at the shipyards, but with respect to the dockyard workers he advised that the Commission was submitting a brief to the House of Commons Committee on Transportation, which sets out the analysis of the present situation at the waterfront, and what the long term outlook is.

Mr. Mingo outlined reasons why traffic has been decreasing through the Port which has developed over the last two or three years, and advised that the studies under compilation are an attempt to rectify these matters and put Halifax on a competitive basis.

Alderman Connolly said he had made some enquiries

regarding the Port and had found out that the labour force salaries have decreased by 50% over the last two years.

He made reference to the fact that 12 gangs or 200 men are out of work so 200 freight handlers must also be out of work.

Alderman Sullivan referred to the remarks made by Mr. H. B. Jones, the Welfare Officer, a short time ago when he said the increased welfare costs were due to a decrease in employment on the docks.

Mr. Mingo stated that the remarks made by Alderman Connolly had been going on for two or three years, and unless these studies are made and new technology introduced there will be no waterfront and Halifax is going to be outpriced by every other port in Canada.

Alderman LeBlanc said the remarks made by Mr. Jones were just an opinion, and he did not feel the increase in welfare payments was wholly attributable to a decrease in employment at the waterfront.

Alderman Connolly referred to the new position of Assistant to the Secretary, and asked if this person would be associated with both the Port and Industrial Commission, and if the salary was included in the budget.

Mr. Mingo replied that the person would be attached to both Commissions, and the salary was estimated at \$7,260. per year and included in the budget. He said this would increase the staff establishment for both Commissions to two men and three girls, and these personnel were kept busy all the time.

Alderman Connolly referred to the monthly pamphlet issued by the Port Commission and referred to the words "I know it costs more to ship by rail through Halifax but consider it

worthwhile", or similar words to that effect, and stated he did not consider this should be printed and sent out to all the shippers in Canada, and should be deleted.

4:45 p.m. Alderman Matheson arrives.

Mr. Mingo said he agreed that this should be deleted and he would look into the matter.

The motion was then put and passed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - \$1,525,649. page 33

Alderman A. M. Butler suggested that the City should obtain enabling legislation to permit financing of annexation costs four months prior to January 1, 1969.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the City Manager had approached Mr. Sandford at Dalhousie University Public Affairs Institute to look into the recent annexation report and submit a brief prior to the 28 day appeal period.

Alderman H. W. Butler asked if maps could be supplied to Council members of the areas to be annexed.

Alderman Ahern suggested that the Police Department should do some advertising to educate the general public on the law pertaining to crosswalks at intersections.

The Chief of Police advised that education of the public in this respect did not fall within his jurisdiction and is the type of project that a Service Club could undertake.

Alderman Ivany agreed with Alderman Ahern and said he thought this was a good point, and suggested that crosswalks be cross-hatched to be more readily seen by pedestrians.

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the budget, as submitted, be approved.

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Alderman Connolly referred to the police stables in Point Pleasant Park, and asked if the mounted squad was really necessary.

The Chief replied that with the proposed annexation plans in hand, the mounted squad would be very necessary because of the additional outlying areas that are best serviced by mounted police.

The motion was then put and passed.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT - \$177,268. page 17

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Moir that the budget, as submitted, be approved.

Alderman A. M. Butler said that in the past Council had been supplied with a list of salary ranges for employees of the City and asked if one was available at the present time.

His Worship the Mayor stated that should any Alderman wish information on salary scales and rates this information was available in the Personnel Office.

5:15 p.m. Alderman Black arrives.

The motion was then put and passed.

INCREASE IN SALARY SCALE - CITY ENGINEER

A report was submitted from staff respecting the City Engineer (classified as Engineer IV), who was transferred from the Works Department to the Development Department on November 13, 1967, and advising of the additional responsibilities he assumes in his new capacity as Supervisor of the Engineering Services Division. The report suggests that the salary range for the City Engineer be adjusted from his present salary range of \$10,800 - \$12,900, to a scale of \$12,000 - \$14,400 effective January 1, 1968.

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the salary of the City Engineer be adjusted to a scale of \$12,000 - \$14,400 effective January 1, 1968. Motion passed.

At this time a report was submitted from the City Manager relating to the reorganization of the Development Department concerning staff establishment. The report listed the following additional classifications:

1. Engineering Services Division
 - a) Additional position for an Engineer III.
Salary range \$9,000 - \$10,560.
 - b) Additional Engineer I.
Salary range \$7,500 - \$8,550.
 - c) New Draughtsman II position.
Salary range \$4,680 - \$5,580.
 - d) New Sidewalk Inspector position.
Salary range \$4,620 - \$5,460.
 - e) Additional Clerk-Typist I.
Salary range \$2,820 - \$3,300.
2. Planning Division
 - a) Additional position for a Senior Planner.
Salary range \$9,900 - \$11,760.
 - b) Additional Assistant Planner I.
Salary Range \$7,500 - \$8,550.
 - c) New Clerk-Typist 1 position.
Salary range \$2,820 - \$3,300.
3. Inspection Division
 - a) Title for the Supervisor of the Division be changed from Deputy Building Inspector to Building Inspector.
4. Real Estate Division
 - a) New position entitled Tenant Relations Officer, with the salary to be fixed after an advertisement has determined the level which would have to be paid for a suitable person.
 - b) Additional position entitled Development Assistant.
Salary can only be determined after examination of market conditions.
 - c) The appointment of the Director of Development as Rental Authority be rescinded and these responsibilities assumed

by the Supervisor of the Real Estate Division.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Ivany that the staff establishment and salary scales be approved. Motion passed.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Inspection Division) - \$135,686. page 51.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that the budget, as submitted, be approved.

Alderman Matheson asked why this item was not included in the Development Department budget.

The City Manager replied that this was split so that all the accounts ran in conjunction with the Treasurer's returns, and followed certain breakdowns which they require.

His Worship the Mayor directed a question to the Development Officer and asked if the Inspection Division has the capacity to enforce the present laws of the City, with respect to Ordinance #50.

The Development Officer advised that a more complete implementation of the original Ordinance #50 is being carried out every three years and that three Inspectors are working on this programme on a full time basis.

Alderman Sullivan advised that, as a result of an Inspection visit, a lady with four children was given notice to move by March 1st by the landlord, and had nowhere to go. He advised that this was a single family dwelling with two families living in it and she was the extra family, and asked what the City could do to help.

The Development Officer advised that there was an automatic procedure when this happened, and the City attempts

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to find suitable accommodation for those who cannot accommodate themselves.

Alderman Sullivan asked if there was any emergency accommodation available, and suggested the six beds on the ground floor at Basinview Home.

The Development Officer advised that the City attempts to accommodate everyone but it is not always possible.

Alderman Connolly stated that one person was told recently, who was on a limited income, that unless he carried out certain repairs to the house that he owned, he would be evicted.

The Development Officer advised that Ordinance #50 applies to owner-occupied houses as well as rented accommodation.

His Worship the Mayor asked if Council should request staff to exercise a slow-down on the implementation of Ordinance #50 and exercise discretion until more housing accommodation is available.

Alderman Moir said he did not think a slow-down was the answer.

Alderman Black agreed and said that some people will only attack the City if a slow down is approved and say Council is responsible for allowing people to live in substandard housing.

Alderman Matheson said the only way to get rid of substandard housing was to eliminate the profit landlords derive. He said that pressure will build up in the future, due to annexation, and the only way to solve this is to build more accommodation. He said he would be reluctant to advise a slow-down on implementing Ordinance #50.

SURVEYS Alderman LeBlanc suggested that the City Solicitor set up some legislation the City could apply to "stop payment of rent" for other cases than those which come under the Public Health Act.

The Development Officer stated that landlords sometimes use the excuse that the City's Inspection Department has visited his building, to give notice to a tenant.

GRANTS Alderman Black also suggested amending the Ordinance to allow the City to stop payment of rent.

RENTS Alderman Doyle asked what happens if a tenant is given 3 months notice and then is unable to find accommodation.

THIS REB The Development Officer stated that the landlord has to take court action but they usually do obtain alternative accommodation during this time.

WAGE Alderman Connolly contended that the City should only pay expropriation costs for the land if the building is not worth buying.

Alderman Matheson suggested that one solution to the housing problem would be to rehabilitate existing housing, possibly on a block by block basis, and this suggestion is one the Housing Committee will be looking into. He said that if this suggestion was carried out by the City, after completion, the houses could either be sold or rented.

Alderman Ahern said he agreed with Alderman Matheson.

The motion was then put and passed.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING - \$39,831. page 55

and Welfare MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

SURVEYING, DRAFTING & ENGINEERING - \$124,471. page 75

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

6:05 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

6:45 p.m. Committee of the Whole Council reconvened all members being present.

GRANTS - pages 23,45,124/125, 137, 149, 175, 228

A report was submitted from the Tax Concession & Grants Committee listing grants as per the budget and additional requests, along with the Committee recommendation. (Copy of this report attached to the Official copy of the Minutes).

Alderman Meagher referred to the Metropolitan Drug Dispensary grant of \$1,500. and asked how many prescriptions were filled by them.

Alderman Moir advised that this information would have to come from Dr. Fogo.

Alderman A. M. Butler thought the Metropolitan Drug Dispensary should be put under Welfare.

Alderman Matheson asked if the present service was adequate.

Alderman Meagher then requested the following information with respect to this item:

- a) How many prescriptions are being dispensed.
- b) Cost per prescription.
- c) How much can be recovered from the Canada Assistance Act.
- d) Is the present service adequate.

It was agreed to refer this matter to the Public Health and Welfare Committee for a report from Dr. Fogo.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott that the budget, as submitted,

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be approved.

Alderman A. M. Butler suggested that the grant to the Nova Scotia College of Art, be restored to \$11,700.00.

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the report be approved and that the Chairman of the Grants Committee meet with officials of the Nova Scotia College of Art and report to the next budget meeting to determine whether or not they wish to appeal their grant being reduced by \$5,000.00.

Alderman Connolly referred to the grant of \$200.00 for St. George's Anglican Church.

It was agreed that the City Manager should contact the Reverend Hodder as to whether this amount will repair the wall and building of the little Dutch Church.

Alderman Abbott advised that for any future grants it will be necessary for the Groups and Associations to submit financial statements and budgets for the ensuing year, to the Grants Committee before a request will be considered.

Alderman LeBlanc asked what the total amount of the grants is for 1968.

The City Manager advised the total amount is \$290,000.

Alderman LeBlanc requested a report on the number of organizations who receive assistance from the United Appeal and the City of Halifax, and what these amounts are.

It was also agreed that information should be submitted on the following prior to the next budget meeting:

- 1) Children's Hospital - Pediatrics - Out-Patients - \$12,000.
Secure information as to the need for this amount.
- 2) Grace Maternity Hospital - Out-Patients - \$3,250.
Secure information as to the need for this amount.

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3) Atlantic Child Guidance - \$26,539

Secure information as to the proportion of payment
by the City of Dartmouth and the County of Halifax.

The motion was then put and passed.

1968 LEGISLATION

AMENDMENTS TO ELECTION PROCEDURES

Draft legislation was submitted amending various sections
pertaining to the Civic Election Act.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Abbott
that the draft legislation, as submitted, be approved.

7:50 p.m. Alderman Sullivan retires.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the Civic Election
be held on a Saturday in the future.

Alderman Ahern said he supported this suggestion and
he felt the Advance Poll should be held several days prior than
at present.

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc
that the General Civic Election be held on Saturday in future
years.

At this time it was established that if the Advance Poll
was held earlier to Election Day than it is at present it would
not give sufficient time to have lists compiled.

His Worship the Mayor ruled the motion out of order and
Alderman Ahern, with the consent of his seconder withdrew his
motion.

At the suggestion of Alderman Matheson, discussion took
place with respect to citizens who were eligible to vote, but
not included on the voting list, and who would be disenfranchised
on Election Day. Alderman Matheson felt that nothing should

be done to prevent eligible voters being added to the list on Election Day.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Ivany that any person who is otherwise qualified to vote but whose name does not appear on the list, on Election Day, may make application to the Deputy Returning Officer to have his name added to the list; the application shall be made personally and shall be in the form of a declaration, setting forth the qualifications of the person applying, and supported by two eligible voters for a certificate enabling them to vote.

The Amendment was put and lost as follows:

For: Aldermen Ivany, Matheson, Ahern - 3 -

Against: Alderman Black, Abbott, Moir, LeBlanc,
A. M. Butler, Connolly, Doyle, Fitzgerald,
H. W. Butler, Meagher - 10 -

The motion was then put and passed unanimously.

The City Solicitor submitted draft legislation relating to the following:

- 1) To ensure clear title to the lands of S. Cunard & Co. Ltd. for the construction of Harbour Drive.
- 2) Title to a Portion of the South Common to ensure good title to the Children's Hospital.
- 3) Adding the following to Section 582 of Chapter 52 of the City Charter:

"regulating the transporting and storage of fill and other excavated materials".

To control the scattering of fill on the streets from trucks when it is being transported.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the legislation, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

1968 BUDGET

CITY PROPERTY, CITY HALL - \$63,279. page 25

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

8:15 p.m. Aldermen Doyle, LeBlanc and Fitzgerald retire.

CITY PROPERTY - FIRE ALARM - \$410. page 47

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Ivany, that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

STREET LIGHTING - \$268,029. page 53.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS - \$47,831. page 57

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Black that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

TRAFFIC MARKINGS, TRAFFIC SIGNS & PARKING METERS - \$52,575. p. 59

Alderman Ivany suggested that Staff consider the possibility of using another more lasting colour for traffic markings and painting more signs on the streets.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Ivany that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

WORKS ADMINISTRATION - \$234,085. page 63

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Moir that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

CITY PROPERTY - CITY FIELD - \$78,162. page 67

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Moir that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

CITY PROPERTY - POLICE STATION - \$36,080. page 49

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

CITY PROPERTY - MISCELLANEOUS - \$4,881. page 69

MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Matheson that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

ARM WALL REPAIRS - \$400. page 71

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Ivany that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

STREETS - \$163,544. page 77

Alderman Matheson felt this amount should not be reduced. The Commissioner of Works was requested to report on the long-term side-walk programme.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

SNOW AND ICE CONTROL - \$330,000. page 81

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE - \$13,000. page 83

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Moir that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

NEW EQUIPMENT - \$137,250. page 85

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

WORKS ENGINEERING - \$25,315. page 89

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Black that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

CITY PROPERTY - CHLORINATION PLANT - \$7,165. page 93

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Moir that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

SEWAGE PUMPING STATION - \$1,169. page 95

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Black that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

RETENTION TANK - FAIRFIELD ROAD - \$9,070. page 97

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

INCINERATOR - \$20,469. page 99

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

REFUSE COLLECTION - \$239,878. page 101

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

INCINERATION - \$219,862. page 103

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

CITY DUMP - \$50,417. page 105

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

STREET CLEANING - \$189,758. page 107

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Matheson that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

CLEANING CATCHPITS - \$6,593. page 109

MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

SEWERS - \$53,912. page 111

MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Black that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

FLINN Alderman Moir suggested a sewer replacement plan for the City and a standard charge for a connection from the house to the sewer.

COMMONS - \$28,097. page 157

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

WANDERERS' GROUNDS - \$3,990. page 159

Matheson MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

MARKET BUILDING - \$7,883. page 177

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Moir that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

QUINPOOL ROAD AND OAKLAND ROAD - FERRY LANDINGS - \$3,703. page 179

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

MAINTENANCE OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS AND OPEN AREAS - \$22,562. p.181

BOUTLEVA MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Matheson that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

GRAND PARADE - \$44,822. page 183

It was agreed that the Barrington Street section of repairs to the Grand Parade Wall be carried out during 1968 and the balance of repairs in 1969.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Black that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

PUBLIC GARDENS - \$108,125. page 185.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Ivany that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

FLINN PARK - \$7,552. page 187

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

FORT NEEDHAM - \$8,543. page 189

Alderman A. M. Butler requested a staff report as to the Development Plan for Fort Needham Park.

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Matheson that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

FLEMING PARK - \$44,548. page 191

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Matheson that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

TREES - \$17,442. page 193

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

BOULEVARDS - \$37,715. page 195

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

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY - \$50,044. page 197

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

CAMP HILL CEMETERY - \$46,114. page 199

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Black that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

CITY PROPERTY - TOURIST BUREAU - \$1,333. page 225

Alderman Meagher referred to the land on which the Fire Alarm Building is erected as it pertains to the proposed Museum of Science.

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It was pointed out that the Province of Nova Scotia is of the opinion that it owns all the property in the area to which His Worship the Mayor replied that the land which houses the Fire Alarm Building is not involved.

Alderman Matheson suggested that a portion of the south side of the City Field property should be retained to widen the Wanderers' Ground track. This matter was referred to the Town Planning Board together with the suggestion that plans for the Museum of Science should also be submitted to the Board for its perusal.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

COMMUNITY SERVICES - SUNDRIES - \$10,871. page 173

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that the Natal Day appropriation in amount of \$5,000.00, plus an additional request of \$5,160.00, be deleted from the budget.

The motion was put and lost as follows:

For:	Aldermen Black, A. M. Butler	- 2 -
Against:	Aldermen Abbott, Moir, Ivany, Ahern, Matheson, Meagher, Connolly, H. W. Butler	- 8 -

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE - page 231/237

Alderman A. M. Butler asked the amount collected from Poll Tax for 1967.

The City Manager replied that the amount was \$450,000.00.

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9:30 p.m. Alderman Fitzgerald returns.

Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Company Limited

The amount of \$140,000. for this item was increased to \$150,000. The City Manager was requested to check for possible increase in the budget and report to the next meeting.

Licenses

The amount of \$33,000. for this item was increased to \$36,000.

The City Manager was requested to consider the following and report to the next budget meeting:

- a) To increasing the fees for Building Permits if the contract exceeds \$25,000.
- b) Possibility of charging outside contractors for constructing buildings in the City.

Rents City Property

The City Manager was requested to check this account for possible increase in budget.

Interest Earned and Penalties on Taxes

The amount of \$175,000. for this item was increased to \$185,000. The City Manager was instructed to check this amount for possible increase above \$185,000. and report to the next budget meeting.

Library Fines

The amount of \$12,000 for this item was increased to \$15,000.

National Harbours Board

The City Manager was requested to check the accuracy of the Harbours Board Grant in lieu of taxes and report to the next budget meeting.

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Nova Scotia Liquor Commission

Alderman Matheson suggested that Liquor Commission Stores should be taxed on the basis of the regular assessment as it is a business. They should also pay occupancy taxes. The City Assessor was requested to submit a report to the next budget meeting respecting the comparison between the grant received from the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission and taxes at the regular rate.

Public Service Commission

Alderman A. M. Butler felt that staff should investigate the possibility of revising the formula used to calculate the surplus and that the City should make application to the Public Utilities Board for a revision.

Alderman Abbott suggested that the City Manager meet with officials of the Public Service Commission with a view to negotiating a change in the formula.

Alderman Matheson suggested meeting with the Provincial Government and submitting a request that they pay more taxes on the property they own in the City of Halifax on a basis similar to the Federal Government.

His Worship the Mayor advised that a brief was being compiled for submission to the Province shortly, and agreed that the City has to keep impressing on the Province the need for more financial assistance.

Alderman Fitzgerald suggested that the City submit a memorandum to the Province for additional revenue.

Alderman Moir suggested writing a memo for each item, one for additional current revenue, and one for capital revenue.

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MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that the City Manager meet with officials of the Public Service Commission to ascertain if it is possible to increase the budget amount and to revise the formula used in the computation of the surplus. Motion passed.

It was agreed that a brief be prepared for submission to the Provincial Government for financial assistance covering current items, and then a brief covering capital items. Motion passed.

It was also agreed that a dinner meeting be arranged with Council and the Halifax Members of the Legislative Assembly to solicit their support for the City of Halifax.

Revenues - page 236

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the budget revenue items on page 236, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

Revenues - page 237

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the budget revenue items on page 237, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

IMPLEMENTATION OF URWICK CURRIE REPORT -
ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT

A report was submitted from the Implementation Committee as follows:

The Implementation Committee has reviewed the recommendations of the Urwick-Currie Report insofar as they affect the City Assessor's Department. Where necessary, staff views on the recommendations were obtained. The Committee unanimously agreed that the following items should be implemented as soon as possible:

- 1) The position of Principal Clerk should be deleted and

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replaced by that of Assessor II. This will provide for a rotation of jobs between the office and street work and will not tie up a qualified assessor at a desk job. It is suggested that this should be effective from January 1, 1968.

- 2) The transfer of the responsibility for the work of the Assessment Court of Appeals from the City Clerk's Department to the City Assessor's Department. Proceedings of the Court are informal, necessary information is recorded by the judges, and the work done by City staff is mainly that of scheduling court times. This scheduling disrupts the Clerk's office but would fit in with the Assessor's schedules and enable the Assessment Department to be responsible for the complete assessment function.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the position of Principal Clerk be deleted and replaced by that of Assessor II, effective as of January 1, 1968.

Motion passed.

Alderman Matheson said he did not agree with the recommendation of transferring the work of the Court of Appeals to the Assessment Department. He felt that the Appeal Court should not be associated in any way with the Assessor's Office. He suggested, to avoid disruption of the routine business in the City Clerk's Department, that sufficient staff be engaged when this Court is hearing the Tax Appeals to handle the extra work.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the recommendation of the Implementation Committee, be rejected. Motion passed.

It was agreed that the City Manager confer with the City Clerk to ascertain any other possibility of this work being handled, and if not, sufficient staff be engaged to handle the work created by the Court of Tax Appeals.

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URWICK CURRIE RECOMMENDATION - PERSONNEL
ASSISTANT

A report was submitted from the Implementation Committee as follows:

At a recent meeting of the Implementation Committee, the report dated September 15, 1967, from Mr. D. E. MacNair of Urwick Currie and Partners Limited was discussed.

Mr. MacNair expressed satisfaction over the way in which various recommendations mentioned in the Urwick Currie report, are being implemented. There was one item, however, which he felt had not been given the correct attention. This is the clerk position in the Training and Personnel Department which was recently approved by Council.

Mr. MacNair states in his letter in part "the Clerk position recently approved by Council will not provide adequately for covering of the real needs in this area; it will take too long to train and upgrade the person contemplated by the clerk position. While I sympathize with Mr. Ward's economic motivation by trying to "make do" with a less qualified person, I strongly believe the overall needs for progress in the training area would suffer because Mr. Ward would be forced to continue doing much of the personnel work which could otherwise be delegated." The need for a well qualified assistant is also indicated by the statement in the same letter that indications are that work in the labour relations area will increase.

It is the opinion of the Committee that this portion should have a larger scope than was previously envisaged and therefore recommend the change in the establishment from a Clerk to a Personnel Assistant, at a salary range of \$6,600. - \$7,620.

At the time of the meeting of the Implementation Committee, Alderman H. W. Butler was unable to attend, and therefore his views are not represented in this report.

Alderman A. M. Butler suggested this matter be deferred and should be studied further. He said that the Personnel Department had to prove itself, to him, a little more than it has done to date, and Council had approved a Clerk position of a much lower salary than is requested now.

The City Manager replied that the idea is to get someone who is already trained in personnel work, in order to relieve

the Training & Personnel Officer to get on with his main job of training. In addition there are thirteen Union negotiations coming up this year with an enormous amount of research work to be done that a Clerk would not be competent to carry out.

Alderman Connolly agreed with Alderman Butler that the matter be deferred until the Department had proved itself.

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the matter of Personnel Assistant be deferred until the next budget meeting.

Alderman Matheson said that in view of annexation and the need for more staff and staff training, he thought the recommendation should be approved.

The City Manager said he strongly recommended the approval of a Personnel Assistant.

The motion was then put and lost as follows:

For:	Aldermen A. M. Butler, Meagher, Ahern, Connolly	- 4 -
Against:	Aldermen Moir, Ivany, Matheson, Fitzgerald, H.W. Butler, Black Abbott	- 7 -

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Moir that the change in establishment from a Clerk to a Personnel Assistant, at a salary range of \$6,600 - \$7,620, be approved. Motion passed with Aldermen Ahern and Connolly voting against.

CURRENT SURPLUS

Alderman A. M. Butler asked what the existing current surplus amount was.

The City Manager replied it was \$534,000.

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Alderman A. M. Butler suggested that with \$½ million surplus from 1967 it was a healthy accumulation from the earned revenue accounts which meant they were not accurately being calculated, and that probably the same thing will happen this year, and he thought a good amount of it should be utilized for the benefit of the present City taxpayers.

The City Manager agreed to provide a report how the surplus was accumulated and an analysis of it.

Discussion took place as to the use of the whole amount of surplus funds.

Alderman Matheson suggested that with annexation in mind, some surplus should be accumulated.

Alderman Moir said he agreed a back surplus should be accumulated in view of annexation and did not agree that the City should use all its surplus in order not to give advantages to the annexed areas.

His Worship the Mayor referred to the statement on page 5 of the budget, made by the City Manager, which states, "if a reduction in expenditures is required then it will probably be necessary to change budgeted programmes rather than individual expense classifications", and he felt it might be better to cut a service than to have a percentage reduction, and asked if the Members of Council agreed with this thought.

Alderman Abbott thought a percentage reduction would be preferable to permit the City Manager to delete items during the year which he feels can be deleted.

Alderman Moir thought a percentage reduction could not be implemented properly.

His Worship the Mayor said that where a percentage had to be deducted it had to be stated in the motion.

Alderman Matheson suggested that the budget be cut by 2%.

The City Manager stated the over and under budget figures for 1967 shows the City overspent by \$59,600 on expenditures, and the reason it was not over the figures authorized by Council, was because he transferred revenue out of the expense account which had been netted. So for 1967, he said the actual expenditures were right on the amount budgeted. There was several 316C items last year on Welfare, which amounted to around \$300,000. so if there had been no overages last year the City would have ended up with a $\frac{1}{2}$ million deficit. He said that most of surplus was made up of salaries from unfilled positions, and the School Board switched from an accrual method of income which amounted to \$76,000. which was not envisaged. He felt if 2% was deducted from the budget this year, the City would end up with a deficit.

Discussion took place as to the feasibility of cutting budget items by 2%.

Alderman Matheson suggested that discretion be left with the City Manager to try to accomplish this through the year.

Alderman Black did not think a 2% cut was practical.

The City Manager stated that if Council thought a cut was necessary, he felt the best way would be to eliminate a programme that Council considered was not necessary to be carried out at present.

Alderman Connolly suggested deleting \$17,000 in the Forum budget requested for paving the parking lot and renewing

the seats.

Further discussion took place on the use of the surplus and 316C of the City Charter.

Alderman Black suggested spending the \$534,000 surplus amount and then if the anticipated surplus at the end of 1968 is \$220,000 on revenue, then the total would be \$754,000, and if during the year the anticipated revenues were not realized, then the manager could say "you can't spend under 316C, because we are not getting these anticipated revenues".

It was agreed that His Worship the Mayor and the City Manager report to the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 27, 1968, with suggestions as to what could be done to reduce the budget by using the surplus account, etc.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that the item of \$17,000 in the Forum budget, for paving the parking lot and replacing seats, be deleted. The motion was put and lost.

Following the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Matheson gave notice that, at the next Special Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday, February 27, 1968, he will move that the City Manager, in preparing the final summary of the budget, be asked to apply \$750,000 reduction of the amount required to be raised through taxes, by using the accumulated surplus and anticipated surplus for 1968.

AMENDMENTS TO ELECTION PROCEDURES

Alderman Fitzgerald referred to the amendments to the Civic Election Act discussed by the Committee earlier, with respect to persons being disenfranchised on Election Day. He

said he was concerned, with annexation taking place and all the changes which will have to be made, that some people might be missed when enumeration takes place in the annexed areas. He suggested that persons who were not on the voting list on Election Day, appear before the Revising Officer with a voter, take an oath and then vote at City Hall. He asked if this could be done.

After discussion it was agreed that the Alderman submit his proposal in writing to the meeting of Council scheduled for February 27, 1968.

11:25 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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ALLAN O'BRIEN,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R. H. STODDARD.
CITY CLERK.

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REPORT - TAX CONCESSION AND GRANTS COMMITTEE

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

The Members of the Tax Concession and Grants Committee have reviewed the requests for grants as listed in the Budget Estimates for 1968 as well as a number of additional requests and makes the following recommendations. In order to facilitate the consideration of the recommendations with respect to the various organizations, the organizations are listed in the same order as they appear in the Budget.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Dalhousie University Institute of Public Affairs - \$1,000. Recommended for approval.

PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY GRANTS

Monastery of the Good Shepherd - \$1,000. Recommended for approval.
Society Prevention of Cruelty - \$3,000. Recommended for approval.

HEALTH GRANTS

Metropolitan Drug Dispensary (Halifax Dispensary) - \$1,500. Recommended for approval.
Victorian Order of Nurses - \$5,000. " " "
Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society - \$112. " " "
Mental Health Association - \$671. " " "
Halifax County Anti-Tuberculosis League - \$28. " " "
Canadian Red Cross (Rainnie Drive) \$1,100 " " "
Canadian Red Cross (University Avenue) - \$225. " " "
National Heart Foundation of Canada - \$35. " " "
Nova Scotia Brace and Appliance Centre - \$60. " " "
Hearing and Speech Clinic - \$162. " " "
Children's Hospital - Pediatrics Clinic - \$453. " " "
Children's Hospital - Pediatrics Out-Patients - \$12,000. " " "
Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled - \$372. " " "
Canadian Paraplegic Association - \$79. " " "
Medical Society of Nova Scotia - \$58. " " "
Home of the Guardian Angel - \$2,500. " " "
Children's Aid Society - \$21,573. " " "
Colored Children's Home - \$500. " " "
Canadian National Institute for the Blind - \$1,200. " " "
Family Service Bureau of Halifax - \$2,000. " " "

HEALTH GRANTS CONT'D.

Adult Centre - 2088-94 Gottingen Street - \$63.	Recommended for Approval.		
Last Post Fund - \$305.	"	"	"
Neighbourhood Centre - 2421 Brunswick Street - \$2,800.	"	"	"
Saint Joseph's Orphanage - \$5,000.	"	"	"
Halifax-Dartmouth United Appeal - \$38.	"	"	"
Children's Aid Society - \$751.	"	"	"
New Leaf Enterprises - \$407.	"	"	"
E.D.I. Club - \$63.	"	"	"
Protestant Orphanage - \$5,000.	"	"	"

EDUCATION GRANTS

Nova Scotia College of Art - \$3,000.	"	"	"
Dalhousie University - \$500.	"	"	"

COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANTS

Travellers Aid Y.W.C.A. - \$1,000.	"	"	"
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MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS

Rector, Wardens and Vestry, Saint George's Anglican Church - \$200.	"	"	"
Local Council of Women - \$200.	"	"	"
Flying Angle Mission - \$924.	"	"	"
United Kingdom Trade Commissioners - \$323.	"	"	"
Canadian Legion (Cogswell Street) - \$1,304.	"	"	"
Canadian Legion (Cunard Street) - \$394.	"	"	"
Girl Guides of Canada - \$564.	"	"	"
Police Boys' Club - \$887.	"	"	"
Increase of \$70. to \$957 - recommended for approval.			

HEALTH GRANTS - ADMINISTRATION ORDER #6

N.S. Association for Retarded Children - \$800.	Recommended for Approval.		
Canadian Cancer Fund - \$1,000.	"	"	"
Saint John Ambulance - \$750.	"	"	"
Canadian Paraplegic Society - \$1,000.			
Increase of \$500. to \$1,500. - recommended for approval.			
Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society - \$250.	Recommended for Approval.		
Nova Scotia Branch Canadian Mental Health - \$2,000.	"	"	"
Metropolitan Drug Dispensary (Halifax Dispensary - \$15,800.	"	"	"
Grace Maternity Out-Patient - \$3,250.	"	"	"
Atlantic Child Guidance Centre - \$26,539.	"	"	"
Victorian Order of Nurses - \$15,000			
Reduction of \$4,000. to \$11,000. - recommended for approval.			
Children's Hospital 1967-1976 - \$60,000.	"	"	"

SOCIAL WELFARE GRANTS - ADMINISTRATION ORDER #6

Family Service Bureau - \$3,500.	"	"	"
Salvation Army Tower Road - \$500.	"	"	"