

SOCIAL WELFARE GRANTS - ADMINISTRATION ORDER #6 CONT'D.

Salvation Army Tower 1965-1969 - \$1,000. Recommended for Approval.
Salvation Army - \$2,000. " " "
Halifax-Dartmouth United Appeal - \$20,500. " " "
Maritime School for Social Work - \$500. " " "
John Howard Society - \$1,500. " " "
Walter Callow Wheelchair - \$500. " " "
Children's Aid Society - \$2,500. " " "
Canadian Red Cross Homemaker's
Service - \$2,000. " " "
Welfare Council - \$5,000. - " " "

Recommended for approval - subject to following conditions:

(1) it be specifically allocated to the salary and travel expenses of the Social Planner to be engaged by Welfare Council; and

(2) that it only be granted if the Province certifies the Welfare Council as an approved agency thus, enabling the City to re-cover 50% of its cost from the Provincial Government.

EDUCATION GRANTS - ADMINISTRATION ORDER #6

Nova Scotia College of Art - \$6,500. Reduction of \$5,000. recommended for approval.

Nova Scotia College of Art
1965-1969 - \$2,200. Recommended for Approval.

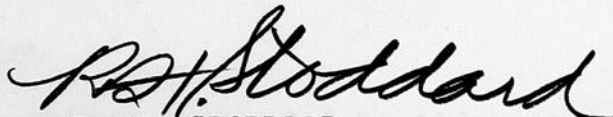
COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS - ADMINISTRATION ORDER #6

Army Museum - \$6,000. Recommended for Approval.
Halifax Symphony Society - \$5,000. " " "
Nova Scotia Talent Trust - \$500. " " "
Halifax Musical Festival - \$750. " " "
Halifax Conservatory of Music - \$5,000. " " "
Y. M. C. A. - \$2,000. " " "
Neptune Theatre - \$15,000. " " "
Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame
\$6,000. Increased of \$3,000. recommended for approval.

MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS - ADMINISTRATION ORDER #6

Bengal Lancers - \$1,000. " " "
Dalhousie University - Re. Land University
Avenue - \$1,725. " " "
Nova Scotia Museum Fine Arts - \$3,000. recommended for approval subject to a report from the Nova Scotia Museum of Fine Arts of the result of its campaign for funds of the other museum and the Province of Nova Scotia.
Canadian Rehabilitation Council - \$58. Recommended for Approval.

Respectfully submitted,


R. H. STODDARD,
CITY CLERK.

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M I N U T E S

Special Council,
February 27, 1968

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
February 27, 1968,
4:08 p.m.

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler
Abbott that the Order of Business,
Motion passed.

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

Also present: City Manager, City Clerk, City
Solicitor, Committee Clerk and other staff members.

The meeting was called specially to consider the
following:

1. 1968 Current Budget
2. Resolution - School Board
3. Resolution Tax Rates
4. Resolution - Interest on Taxes
5. Fire Protection Rate
6. 1968 Legislation

The City Clerk advised there were two items for
addition to the Order of Business as follows:

7. 1969 Canada Games.

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman
H. W. Butler that the item "1969 Canada Games" be added to the
Order of Business. Motion passed.

8. Urban Consolidation

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc
that the item "Urban Consolidation" be added to the Order of
Business. Motion passed.

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

1969 CANADA GAMES

Alderman A. M. Butler advised that the Facilities Committee of the Canada Games Society had explored the situation respecting a Stadium for the 1969 Canada Games and selected the facilities at Saint Mary's University as the most suitable, and the money in the budget, approximately \$200,000, would be used for seating and dressing room facilities. Alderman Butler stated that if money and time was available, a stadium would have been built on City-owned property but under the circumstances this could not be done.

Alderman Ahern felt that before the City committed itself, that civic uses of the Stadium should be established with other parties concerned.

His Worship the Mayor stated that it be made clear the City should be joined in the negotiations as a third party immediately, so that the City's interests can be protected. He also felt that the appropriate Staff member should be present in the negotiations, but with the understanding that anything which relates to the overall design, cost implications or the future use by the City, or any policy questions, will come before Council for approval, and the Staff members would be there to take account of the planning and obtain the best deal for the City.

4:10 p.m. Alderman Matheson arrives.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that since Alderman H. W. Butler was presently on the Facilities Committee, headed by Mr. Peter Mettam, that the Alderman be the liaison with the City

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and it is his responsibility to see that any policy matters are placed before Council.

Alderman Ahern suggested that Alderman Meagher should also be on the Committee.

It was agreed that Alderman H. W. Butler should be the liaison between the City and the Canada Games Facilities Committee.

Alderman Ivany referred to the matter of parking and many other problems that will have to be considered in the area of Saint Mary's University and said he hoped that matters of this nature would be brought before the Town Planning Board.

Mr. Peter Mettam addressed the Council and advised that the Stadium, which is being proposed and which the Canada Games is contributing toward, is on the basis only that the University contributes in addition. He further advised that due to the Canada Games contributing, it enabled the University to enlarge and bring forward their plans which they had in mind.

4:20 p.m. Council adjourned to meet as a Committee of the Whole.

1968 CURRENT BUDGET

Budget Supplement #3 was submitted together with a report on Current Surplus dated February 27, 1968.

It was agreed to consider the budget supplements in the following order:

Supplement #1 - page 2 - Basinview Home (\$68,630)

Alderman Sullivan referred to the item respecting Basinview Home and asked the reason for the decrease of \$68,630.

The City Manager advised that the disabled patients who were to be transferred from Basinview Home to the north wing of

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the Mental Hospital will now be going to the Scotia Nursing Home at Beavertown to relieve the City of equipping the proposed Annex at the Mental Hospital which was not in a fit condition to warrant the expenditure.

Alderman Sullivan referred to a patient at Basinview who has been transferred to Scotia Nursing Home, and whose relatives visited her constantly while she was at Basinview and carried out laundry duties, but now would find it difficult to travel 46 miles to and from Scotia Nursing Home to see her, and he asked if there was any alternative to this transfer.

Alderman Fitzgerald asked if it would be possible to have these patients in Oceanview Home which is more modern and nearer than Scotia Nursing Home.

It was agreed to defer discussion on this item until the Director of Health was present.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Meagher that Budget Supplement #1 be approved, except the item concerning Basinview Home. Motion passed.

Supplement #2 - page 1
Grouping of Classifications

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Ivany that the item contained in Budget Supplement #2, entitled "Grouping of Classifications", be approved. Motion passed.

Form of Budget Approval

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the item contained in Budget Supplement #2, entitled "Form of Budget Approval", be approved. Motion passed.

Alderman Matheson asked if the Commissioner of Works could buy three trucks instead of one bulldozer if this item was approved.

The City Manager stated that this could be so if he could prove his case and stays within his budget, and something happened during the year that required this.

Alderman Matheson suggested that another look should be taken at the method of submitting budgets if the Manager is going to have this kind of flexibility within divisions of a department budget.

Grants - St. George's Anglican Church

Alderman Connolly referred to page 2 of the Tax Concession & Grants Report dated February 21, 1968, and a report submitted by the City Manager dated February 27, 1968 on Budget Questions, pertaining to the grant given to St. George's Anglican Church. The Alderman said he had spoken to Rev. W. G. Hodder who indicated to him that the grant approved by Council of \$200.00 was a very conservative figure against the cost of repairing the wall of the Little Dutch Church.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the grant be increased to \$600.00 for St. George's Anglican Church. Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Moir that Budget Supplement #2, be approved. Motion passed.

Budget Supplement #3 - page 1
General Government Sundries - \$10,000

Alderman A. M. Butler referred to the General Government Insurance premium of \$10,000.

The City Manager advised that a request for tenders has been called in the eventuality that City Council approved of taking the insurance.

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

Meagher that the item of \$10,000 for General Government Insurance in Supplement #3, be deleted.

After a short discussion, with the permission of his seconder, Alderman A. M. Butler withdrew his motion.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Abbott that Supplement #3 be approved.

Alderman Meagher referred to Supplement #3, page 2 respecting the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission, and asked if the comparison between the grant received from the Commission and taxes at the regular rate were available.

His Worship the Mayor referred to the report of the City Manager dated February 27, 1968 - Budget Questions, which advises the following:

		<u>Tax Yield</u>
Real Property Assessment	\$1,327,100 @ \$4.50	\$ 59,719
Occupancy Assessment	663,550 @ \$4.50	<u>29,860</u>
		<u>\$ 89,579</u>

Based on the present system of calculating tax grants on inventory, the 1968 yield is expected to be \$70,000, an increase of \$5,000 over the amount estimated previously.

Alderman Meagher contended that the Nova Scotia Government was running a monopoly and should be paying what everyone else in any other business is paying on a business tax rate.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that his Worship the Mayor make representation to the Minister in charge of the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission in an effort to have the Provincial Government pay taxes on the various liquor stores at the regular business realty tax rate and also include business occupancy. Motion passed.

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Alderman Meagher asked if His Worship the Mayor had been advised as to the position of the Province taking over the City Health & Welfare operations.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the Province is unable to accede to the City's request to take over the Welfare operations this year, but as a step in the direction of increasing their share of the cost, the Minister is recommending for inclusion in their estimates an extra 40¢ per capita which totals approximately \$34,000 to the City, which can be accounted for in striking the tax rate.

His Worship advised that he felt immediate representation must be made to the Province, in the light of urban consolidation, to have the Health Department taken over at the latest by January 1st, 1969.

Alderman A. M. Butler referred to the Public Service Commission and the Budget Question report dated February 27, 1968, and asked what was the surplus for this Commission. He felt that a new deal should be negotiated with the Commission.

The City Manager advised that the Deed of Trust and Mortgage relating to the Series "A" bonds restricts the maximum amount the City can receive to \$125,000 in any one year, and until the Deed and Mortgage expires in 1981, he felt there was not much that could be done.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the actual City taxes in 1967 were \$67,000, and the surplus paid to the City was \$58,000. He further advised that the net profit for 1967 of the Public Service Commission was \$16,861.

Alderman Matheson contended that Public Utilities should operate in a businesslike manner, and whether they are publicly owned or privately owned, should pay their own way. He said the Public Service Commission should be paying the City for easements on the streets and taxes on underground facilities and it should be paying what a privately owned utility would pay. He felt the residential taxpayers are subsidizing the consumers of water, and that no one in the City could say that water is expensive, and is the cheapest commodity that can be bought.

His Worship the Mayor felt that it was necessary to have a cheap water supply to attract industry.

Alderman Abbott asked if the Commission was paying the tax at a residential or business rate.

The City Assessor advised that the Public Service Commission was charged at a business and business occupancy tax rate.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that Council consider the matter at a later meeting in time for next year's budget.

Basinview Home (\$68,630)

Referring to the questions earlier respecting the decrease of \$68,630 pertaining to the Annex of Basinview Home, on the arrival of Dr. Fogo, His Worship the Mayor advised him of the points under consideration, that according to Supplement #1 it is proposed to withdraw \$68,630 from the budget by not equipping the Basinview Home Annex and sending patients to Scotia Nursing Home, and that Alderman Sullivan had raised the question about the problems created for people by moving them out of the City, and if there was an off-setting saving if the

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City went ahead with the Annex and did not send patients to Beaverbank and what the service would be like, and if there was any arguments for or against on Health or Welfare grounds.

Dr. Fogo advised that it was suggested originally that the north wing of the Mental Hospital offered certain possibilities for disabled persons. Permission was obtained from the Hospital Service Commission to use this wing, but the Provincial Department laid down certain restrictions as follows:

- 1) that it must be completely separate from the rest of the Mental Hospital, and services such as heat, light and water would be bought;
- 2) it must be administratively separate as far as staff is concerned, etc.

He said that a patient had to be mobile in order to be transferred to the wing of the Mental Hospital because of steep stairways, etc. and only about twenty patients would be suitable. He further stated that it would not be suitable to have disabled people who can come and go as they please in the Mental Hospital wing, in a situation where there is heavy traffic and construction work, as this was felt to be a hazard to their wellbeing. In view of this, it was felt that Beaverbank would be more suitable. Dr. Fogo advised that a directive was received from the Provincial Department of Health instructing that patients who were disabled and presently residing at Basinview Home, should immediately be transferred to Scotia Nursing Home.

5:24 p.m. Alderman Black arrives.

Dr. Fogo stated that Scotia Nursing Home found it more convenient to look after the disabled persons rather than those requiring full nursing care, as due to a change in administration they are practically out of nursing care services now.

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He said drawbacks to using the Mental Hospital are that it is very warm in summer because the north wing is over the laundry and some boilers, and it is also noisy.

His Worship the Mayor asked Dr. Fogo if costs were not a factor, if he would recommend using the Annex and keep the money in the budget, or not.

Dr. Fogo replied that he would not, in view of the fact of increased traffic, parking problems in the vicinity, and the kind of persons the disabled group are, the legal provisions that they must be entirely free and not confined, he thought Beaverbank would be much better for them.

Dr. Fogo further advised that the new Basinview Home will be a Home for the Aged, and that no definite answer has been given from the Provincial Government on a Home for the Disabled.

Alderman Sullivan said he was concerned of the fact that some of the elderly patients transferred to Beaverbank, who had elderly relatives visiting them at Basinview, would not find it convenient to travel the 46 miles to and from Scotia Nursing Home, and felt that if beds were available they would be happier at Oceanview Home.

Dr. Fogo advised that it was his understanding that Oceanview Home was not authorized as a Home for the Disabled, but as a Home for the Aged.

It was agreed that Dr. Fogo look into the matter of placing disabled persons in Oceanview Home and report at a later date.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the amount of \$68,630 for the Basinview Home Annex, be

eliminated from the 1968 Budget. Motion passed.

Public Service Commission

Returning to the matter of the Public Service Commission, Alderman Matheson felt that there was really no merit in the arguments put forth by His Worship the Mayor. The Alderman was of the opinion that by having a Public Utility that paid its way, the City would have a better case with the Atlantic Development Board than having a Utility subsidized out of paid property tax as it is at present. He stated that if the proper costs are charged against the water system there will be a more reasonable and just apportionment of the cost of service in the City because the householder who will pay a little more for water is going to pay a little less in taxes, and the large consumers are going to pay what they should pay, i.e. the cost of providing water in the same way as the cost of providing electricity. He contended that the charges against the water service should be the proper costs of providing the water service and this in turn will relieve the taxpayer from property tax and people will pay who are not paying their share.

The City Solicitor was asked if there was any course of action open to Council which would get around the \$125,000 limit on the total of taxes or surplus receivable from the Public Service Commission prior to 1981.

Alderman Matheson said the Deed of Trust relates only to payment out of surplus and the \$125,000 limit is going to be reduced by the amount of taxes, so that the City has taxes that exceed \$125,000. He felt that the City could collect this amount because it would not come out of surplus and it

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would be an operating expense. He suggested that the City can perhaps tax the Commission on the pipes under City streets, and whatever else it has such as pumping stations, etc.

The City Assessor advised that pumping stations are taxed.

The City Solicitor was also asked if there was any other way of obtaining a total payment above \$125,000, assuming that taxes are less than that amount.

The City Solicitor advised that under the existing structure of the Trust Agreement, this cannot be done. If any modifications were sought, the Board of Public Utilities would have to be approached.

In answer to the question, is there any other means by which the tax can be raised above the \$125,000, the City Solicitor advised that this could only be done within the framework of the existing assessment sections.

The City Manager advised that the current surplus at December 1966 for the Public Service Commission was \$325,288.

It was agreed that the amount for the Public Service Commission of \$55,000 contained in the 1968 Budget, be approved.

The motion to approve Supplement #3 was then put and passed.

5:35 p.m. Alderman LeBlanc retires.

Current Surplus

The revised figures for the amount to be raised by taxation was calculated, taking into account the Budget changes approved by the Committee of the Whole at this meeting, as follows:

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Revised Proposed Expenditures (Supp. #3)	\$22,974,417.	
<u>Add:</u> Additional Grant to St. George's Anglican Church	<u>400.</u>	
	<u>22,974,817.</u>	\$22,974,817.
Revised Estimated Revenues (Supp. #3)	\$ 8,819,552.	
<u>Add:</u> Additional Revenue from Province of Nova Scotia re Health Department	<u>34,717.</u>	
	<u>8,854,269.</u>	<u>8,854,269.</u>
<u>BALANCE TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION</u>		<u>\$14,120,548.</u>

The City Manager advised that, based on the assumption of taking \$400,000 from the current surplus off the \$14,120,548. this would bring the total amount to be raised by taxation to \$13,720,548. By making this reduction a smaller tax increase will be received than what was budgeted for in the government grants in lieu of taxes, so the City would lose approximately \$47,238. leaving the required amount to be raised at \$13,767,786. This would require a 15¢ increase in the tax rate, with the fire protection rate down one cent for this year.

Alderman A. M. Butler recommended that \$500,000. should be utilized from current surplus which he said was based on sound municipal practice.

Alderman Abbott felt that \$500,000. should be utilized from current surplus but would like to have the City Manager's feelings about this.

The City Manager stated that the revenue estimates were calculated as high as he felt they would be likely to go and there was no margin. He said that many of the items that made up the surplus should probably be regarded as non-recurring and that, in his opinion, as far as taking all the surplus for

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current revenue purposes, his feeling was that if a person investing in the City sees that a reasonable surplus is retained on a regular basis, he may feel the City is trying to maintain a good financial position. He felt that keeping \$134,000. in the surplus account was a reasonable cushion against any emergency items that may arise during the year 1968.

Alderman Matheson also felt that \$500,000. should be utilized from surplus.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Ivany that the net increase in the tax be 14¢ for residential and business rates, with 1¢ less for fire protection rate, and that \$400,000 from the current surplus account be used against the amount to be raised from taxation.

At this time it was MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the Health Department budget as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

Alderman A. M. Butler suggested that \$500,000. be transferred from the surplus account and applied to the current budget for 1968, as he contended it belonged to the citizens and taxpayers of Halifax and he was opposed to any municipal tax that does not utilize to the full all available surplus, and for this reason he recommended the use of \$500,000.

6:15 p.m. Deputy Mayor Meagher assumes the Chair.

His Worship the Mayor advised that with respect to Supplement #2 something like \$100,000. was deducted from the budget for anticipated unfilled positions for 1968, which seemed a reasonable thing to do in light of past experience as this is where some of the surplus has arisen previously. He felt that the situation was different this year because,

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regardless of difficulties that will arise after January 1, 1969, staff will be burdened with a great deal of planning for the adjustments that will have to take place, and it will be very unfortunate if the level of unfilled positions is the same as at present, and the City should be at full staff throughout the year to do this planning. He felt that, in this year, there was a need to have some surplus as a cushion as the City should enter into the new City with the best financial health. He felt it may be in the interests of the taxpayers of the old City to have some special matters considered this year so that the City is ready for the tremendous undertaking that it will be faced with. He felt that the suggestion of taking \$400,000. of surplus is more in keeping with wisdom on this occasion.

6:20 p.m. His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair.

Alderman Matheson said he failed to see, on reading the Annexation Report, where any allowance has been made for the seven or eight months the Assessor and various other Departments will have to work on the annexed areas. He contended that the City has a good case for transitional grants payable for this year in 1968, as work which has to be done before January 1969 should not be at the expense of the taxpayers of the City of Halifax. He felt that any additional costs related to annexation are entirely irrelevant to the consideration of the 1968 budget. If any costs are applicable to the City of Halifax, then he felt they should be applied to the enlarged City in 1969 and should not come out of the 1967 or 1968 surplus, but should come out of 1969 revenue. He felt that the taxpayers of Halifax should be relieved of the burden of annexation costs as long as possible.

and that Alderman Ahern also maintained the taxpayers of
Halifax should benefit as long as possible.

MOTION PASSED MOVED in Amendment by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded
by Alderman Ahern that the residential and business tax rates
be increased by 13¢, to \$1.98 and \$4.63 respectively per \$100.00
of assessment, and that \$500,000. be transferred from the surplus
account and applied against the current budget, and that the
fire protection rate be decreased by 1¢.

The Amendment was then put and passed as follows:

For: Aldermen Matheson, A. M. Butler, Meagher,
Ahern, Connolly, Sullivan, Fitzgerald, and
H. W. Butler - 8 -

Against: Aldermen Black, Abbott, Moir, Ivany - 4 -

The amended motion was then put and passed.

6:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

7:05 p.m. Meeting reconvened, the following members
being present:

Aldermen Black, Abbott, Moir, Ivany, Matheson,
A. M. Butler, Meagher, Ahern, Connolly, Sullivan, Fitzgerald
and H. W. Butler.

7:06 p.m. Council reconvened.

RESOLUTION - SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES 1968

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman
A. M. Butler that the estimates as submitted by the Board of
School Commissioners for the Civic Year 1968, amounting to
\$7,088,665, be amended as follows:

ADDITIONS

1. Fire Alarm Systems - three schools	\$ 6,000
2. Paving and landscaping - six schools	<u>15,000</u>
	<u>\$21,000</u>

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and that a copy of the estimates, as so approved, be forwarded to the Board of School Commissioners for its information.
Motion passed.

RESOLUTION TAX RATES

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the estimates for the Civic Year 1968 be set at a total amount of \$22,974,817; that the Residential Tax Rate be determined at \$1.98 per \$100.00 of assessment and that the City Manager be authorized to withdraw from the Current Surplus Account a sum of \$499,184. to produce a Business Tax Rate of \$4.63 per \$100.00 of assessment.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the sum of \$7,000. covering new seats be deleted from the Forum budget.

The motion was then put and passed as follows:

For: Aldermen Abbott, A. M. Butler, Meagher, Ahern,
Connolly, Sullivan, Fitzgerald, and H. W. Butler - 8 -
Against: Aldermen Moir, Ivany, Matheson and Black - 4 -

The Resolution on the Tax Rate was then put and passed unanimously, but due to the previous motion the estimates for the Civic Year 1968 were amended, deducting the \$7,000. from the Forum Budget, to \$22,967,817.

RESOLUTION - INTEREST RATE ON TAXES

The following resolution was submitted:

WHEREAS by subsection (2) of Section 425 of the Halifax City Charter, 1931, as that Section is enacted by Section 7 of Chapter 63 of the Acts of 1957, the Council may be resolution passed on or before the first day of March in any year, provide that on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid on the day to be named therein, interest shall be payable thereon until the same are paid, at such rate as the Council may from time to time by resolution determine, and such rate so determined shall continue in effect until such time as Council shall otherwise determine.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, excepting as otherwise provided in the Halifax City Charter, 1931, on all rates and taxes unpaid to the City Collector on or before the first day of June in the year in respect of which such rates and taxes were levied, interest at the rate of eight per centum (8%) per annum shall be payable.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the resolution, as submitted, be approved.
Motion passed with Aldermen Sullivan and Ahern voting against.

FIRE PROTECTION RATE

The Commissioner of Works submitted a recommendation that the Fire Protection rate of seven cents per one hundred dollars of assessment for the year 1968, be approved.

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the Fire Protection rate be established at seven cents per one hundred dollars of assessment for the year 1968. Motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET SUPPLEMENT #1.

Budget Supplement #1 was submitted revising Proposed Expenditures to \$23,015,308.00 and Estimated Revenue to \$8,511,553.00 with a balance of \$14,503,755.00.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, Budget Supplement #1, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

INCREASE IN GRANT - ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Ahern that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, the grant to St. George's Anglican Church be increased by \$400.00 making a total grant of \$600.00. Motion passed.

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BUDGET SUPPLEMENT #2.

Grouping of Classifications

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by Committee of the Whole, approval of a certain number of "Clerk" positions within each employment classification, and that the division of those positions between the various grades be decided by the Administration. Motion passed.

Form of Budget Approval

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by Committee of the Whole, each Department be given approval of its budget as a total figure with permission being granted to vary expenditures within the total budget as required during the year, subject to the approval of the City Manager. Motion passed.

Budget Supplement #2 was submitted revising Proposed Expenditures to \$22,917,242.00 and Estimated Revenue to \$8,695,237.00 with a balance of \$14,222,005.00.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by Committee of the Whole, Budget Supplement #2, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

BUDGET SUPPLEMENT #3.

Budget Supplement #3 was submitted revising Proposed Expenditures to \$22,974,417.00 and Estimated Revenue to \$8,819,552.00 with a balance of \$14,154,865.00.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by Committee of the Whole, Budget Supplement #3, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

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RESOLUTION - NOVA SCOTIA LIQUOR COMMISSION

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that, as recommended by Committee of the Whole, His Worship the Mayor make representations to the Minister in charge of the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission in an effort to have the Provincial Government pay taxes on the various liquor stores at the regular business realty tax rate and also include business occupancy. Motion passed.

1968 LEGISLATION

Amendments to Section 17 and 18 of the City Charter
Respecting Qualifications and Disqualification of Mayor and Aldermen

The following report was submitted dated February 27, 1968:

The Special Committee appointed by City Council on December 14, 1967 to study the matter of amendments to Sections 17 and 18 of the City Charter respecting qualifications and disqualification of the Mayor and Aldermen has held two meetings to consider the matter.

The Committee reports that it is unable to arrive at any conclusions at this time because of a lack of sufficient time to study the complicated problems involved and because of the ramifications of the whole question.

Alderman Matheson, Member of the Committee, dissented and wished to be recorded as offering a minority report suggesting that:

(1) Council seek legislation at the present sitting of the Nova Scotia Legislature to amend Sections 17 and 18 of the City Charter in a manner that will make employees of the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Halifax and Public Service Commission of the City of Halifax eligible for election to City Council, and;

(2) that the Special Committee be requested to consider and bring recommendations to City Council relating to employees of other Boards and Commissions of the City of Halifax with the view of obtaining a further amendment at the next ensuing session of the Nova Scotia Legislature, whereby, such employees will be eligible for election to City Council.

Alderman Ivany felt that Alderman Matheson's suggestions had merit but contended that the Committee had not

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had sufficient time to give necessary study to a proposal to change something which has been long standing and which affects so many Boards and Commissions.

(Sgd) N. P. Meagher
Deputy Mayor and Chairman

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the Committee report be approved.

Alderman Matheson felt that the City was out of step with other large cities in Canada. He said that questions were asked of every large city in Canada as to the legislation governing eligibility to municipal council, and also of every Minister of Municipal Affairs asking whether teachers were eligible to be elected to Council, and in every province the answer was "yes" except for New Brunswick which did not reply. He felt that it was difficult to consider this matter objectively because, unless the law is changed, Alderman Fitzgerald will automatically be ineligible to serve on Council on January 1st, 1969, due to annexation. He felt that any amendment to the legislation should not be confined to school teachers. He said that his minority report was to seek legislation, at the present session of the legislature, to permit employees of the School Board and the Public Service Commission to be eligible for election to Council, and then request the Special Committee to bring forward recommendations to Council relating to employees of other Boards and Commissions with a view to obtaining a further amendment, at the next session of the Legislature, whereby such employees would be eligible for election to Council.

Alderman Meagher advised that another problem discussed in the Special Committee was that of persons doing business with the City on declaration of their interest in such business.

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His Worship the Mayor thought the matter of the eligibility of tenants should also be investigated.

Alderman Matheson felt that eligibility should be as broad as possible in the interests of the City, and any employees who can serve on Council, without affecting the public interest, should be eligible if they have no conflict of interest.

Alderman A. M. Butler felt that the City was not out of step with other Provinces, as the School Boards are elected in seven out of the ten provinces. He said the point is that if there is an elected School Board and a number of teachers aspire to City Council, this elected and independent School Board will take a very hard look at the proposal that five, six or nine could be successful in an election. The school teachers could then turn up as members of City Council, and he suggested that an elected Board would be very hesitant to grant permission to serve on such Council. He felt that there was a great difference between an elected School Board and an appointed one.

He also maintained that if maintenance employees of the School Board and the Public Service Commission should be eligible that employees of the Civic and Mental Hospitals should also be eligible. He felt that this whole matter is worthy of further investigation and any legislation sought should embrace more than employees of the School Board and the Public Service Commission.

7:30 p.m. Alderman LeBlanc returns.

Alderman Black felt that the minority report to amend Sections 17 and 18 of the City Charter should be accepted.

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Alderman Ivany felt the matter should be investigated further.

Alderman H. W. Butler said he was not in favour of Civic employees being elected to serve on Council, and suggested that legislation be sought to permit the Alderman in question to serve on City Council until his term expired.

Alderman Connolly felt that sufficient information was not available as to how this would affect other Civic employees, and that if eligibility to serve on Council was open to one specific area of employees, it should be open to all Civic employees. He thought that if only School Board and Public Service Commission employees were eligible, it discriminated against other employees and made them second class citizens. He also felt that businessmen who sat on Council and employees of the City, should be allowed to tender for various jobs pertaining to the City.

Alderman Ahern also felt that legislation should be sought to permit Alderman Fitzgerald to complete his three year term on City Council.

Alderman Abbott was of the opinion that more information and research was required in order to make a decision on the matter.

The motion was then put and passed as follows:

For: Aldermen Ivany, A. M. Butler, Meagher,
LeBlanc, Ahern, Connolly, Sullivan,
H. W. Butler, Abbott

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Against: Aldermen Moir, Matheson, Fitzgerald,
Black

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It was also agreed to further investigate the matter of seeking legislation to amend Sections 17 and 18 of the City

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Charter to include a larger and broader scope of the eligibility of all Civic employees to serve on City Council, and that the following points be considered:

Tenants
Businessmen
Civic employees
Employees of Boards and Commissions
Property qualifications of Aldermen

In answer to a question from Alderman Ivany, Alderman Meagher advised that the Special Committee had received information from the Mayors Federation and many other Canadian Cities but some had not answered as yet.

Amendment City Charter re Accounts over \$1,000.00

A report was submitted from the City Manager dated February 27, 1968 with respect to a proposed amendment to the City Charter re Accounts over \$1,000.00.

The report advised that under the provisions of Section 159(1)(1) the City Manager has power to authorize expenditures for City business which do not exceed the sum of \$1,000.00, and suggests that Council consider increasing the limit imposed under this clause of the City Charter to \$5,000.00 or \$10,000.00 in light of present day costs, and the operating scale of the City budget.

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that legislation be sought to amend the City Charter as follows:

"Clause (1) or subsection (1) of Section 159 be amended by striking out the words 'one thousand dollars' in the seventh line thereof and substituting the words 'five thousand dollars'."

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

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Suggested Legislation Limiting Grants to Charities

At this time Alderman Black requested that the Tax Concession and Grants Committee consider the advisability of seeking legislation limiting the grants the City can make to charity, and that this should possibly be phased out over a period of five years.

Alderman Abbott advised that his Committee had agreed to look into this matter and consider all grants very carefully in the year ahead, and it was likely that a recommendation would be submitted to seek legislation to discontinue grants altogether or phase them out over a five year period. He felt that some organizations could do without the grants, and also some duplications are occurring with organizations in the United Appeal. He suggested that a brief should be prepared and submitted to the Provincial Government for permission to tax hospitals and universities as the latter are acquiring residential properties as time goes on.

Alderman Matheson suggested that the Committee should consider this matter very carefully because some of the grants are the only means by which some organizations can provide a public service, and the City grant may be the only financial aid that keeps their programme going. If the City provided the service it would cost more.

Alderman Sullivan felt that when an organization requested financial help, some research should be done as to the work carried out by it and obtain financial statements, in order that the matter could be studied before approving any grants.

It was agreed that the Tax Concession and Grants

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Committee consider the advisability of seeking legislation limiting the amount of grants the City can make to charity.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the two Committees (Tax Concession and Grants Committee and the Special Committee on Disqualification and Qualification of Aldermen) that are considering proposed legislation should submit their reports by early Fall so that there will be sufficient time to discuss them in Council.

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, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council, the draft legislation, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

URBAN CONSOLIDATION

His Worship the Mayor advised that Mr. L. Sandford had been requested to study the financial implications, on behalf of the City, and to have his assessment available for March 11 for discussion. He further advised that the Annexation Committee had listed the areas of investigation that it thought were necessary in order that the City Manager, in conjunction with Mr. Sandford, could produce the facts for Council to consider any representations it may wish to make to the Provincial Cabinet. If the Cabinet considers any representations it receives warrant a second look, it will request the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities to consider the matter again. If the Cabinet feels the annexation order should be made, then

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it will confirm the situation and the Board will issue the order and that will be final. If the Board has a second look and still submits the same decision, under existing legislation the Cabinet cannot even appeal again. He stated that it is possible the order may only state the area and date of annexation. If this is so, the appeal decision is "go ahead" or "not go ahead", then negotiations have to commence between the two municipalities and the Province. He further explained matters of legislation or action to be taken by the City respecting tax rates and zoning bylaws in the annexed areas.

In answer to a question from Alderman Ivany, His Worship the Mayor advised that some residents of Fergusson's Cove and Kearney Lake have expressed interest in being included in the annexed areas, and they would have to apply to the Board for its consideration.

Alderman LeBlanc asked if one of the points listed for investigation was to obtain information, for presentation to Council, outlining just what the City stands to gain in the way of potential industrial development and residential areas.

His Worship the Mayor replied that this was one point asked to be investigated.

Alderman LeBlanc asked if there was enough land in the proposed annexed areas to make it worthwhile for the City to develop and expand for industrial, recreational and residential areas.

His Worship the Mayor answered that it was not clear to him or the Committee whether there was enough land included, and for this reason, the Planning Staff were instructed to

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investigate this question and report to Council.

Alderman LeBlanc suggested that consideration be given to the possibility of acquiring the Watershed Land and of the Public Service Commission taking over the sewer system.

His Worship the Mayor agreed that Council should discuss the matter of the sewer system as soon as possible but this could be dealt with as a separate item.

Alderman Matheson felt that ten months was not enough time in which to prepare for annexation due to all the unknown ramifications involved and perhaps annexation should not take place until January 1, 1970.

His Worship the Mayor felt there might be some risk in the attention the County Council would give to the annexation areas since the decision is made, and if this decision was not implemented for a further year, the new City would be adversely affected.

Alderman Matheson felt that the same argument could be said for his suggestion that if a "study in depth" was not made the present City could be so affected if annexation was implemented under pressure. He said he felt sure that everyone who gave evidence or made representation to the Board said "do a study in depth" and he asked for assurance that this had been done. He stated he was satisfied that the City had to appeal the decision of the Board.

His Worship the Mayor said Council should be clear on what it was appealing and suggested the following points:

1. Whether there should be annexation or not,
2. What the area should be,
3. What the date should be,
4. Anything relating to the financial arrangements.