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His Worship the Mayor suggested a concensus of Council as to whether, apart from financial, area and date, they felt there should be any appeal made against the principle of annexation of some area at some time.

Alderman A. M. Butler stated that Council had agreed by Resolution to certain matters but the area of annexation had been enlarged by the Board.

Alderman Abbott felt the area should be enlarged to take in all the Watershed Land as Alderman LeBlanc had suggested.

Alderman Matheson felt the City would have a very hard fight to obtain better financial arrangements, and suggested that the alternative was to cut down on the area to be annexed, because it costs less to up-date the services in a smaller area than in a large one. He felt that the City should not "bite off more than it can chew", and only annex the area that it can afford, and subsequently take other areas as finances will permit.

Alderman Black referred to Schedule "D" of the Annexation report, "excess over revenue for Study A" based on the 1967 Halifax Budget - \$1,273,964.00 which is in contrast with the proposal, the Board has obtained an undertaking from the Province for grants totalling \$1,400,000.00 to be given to the City. This amount is to take care of additional expenses over revenue in the annexed area and does not make very much sense.

It was pointed out that the Study area differs from the proposed Annexation Area.

Alderman LeBlanc felt that Council could not resolve and decide on what portions of the area are required and relate the economic impact until it can be determined what the possible

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tax return might be derived from the potential residential and commercial development. He agreed with Alderman Matheson that the financial aspect might be overwhelming and the City may be unable to afford it, but in the meantime, there may be lands than can be acquired to subdivide and make available on which the City can receive taxation. He asked if this matter had been studied as to how much land was included.

His Worship the Mayor said that if the County Master Plan was accepted, it should be studied and it may be that the City would prefer some modification after careful examination of what is involved.

Alderman LeBlanc felt there should be some sort of balance in the areas with respect to the residential, industrial, and land for development received, and the tax yield. He felt the purpose of annexation was to have a better planned new City and not just the addition of 35,000 more residents, if the old City has a say in the planning.

His Worship the Mayor said that the Alderman had raised a very good point.

Alderman Fitzgerald pointed out that most of the land in the particular area was either spoken for or not suitable for industrial development, and another point was the tremendous costs in school construction that will be necessary, as this area represents a very high educational budget. He felt there was over \$3 million of school construction needed in the County area to be annexed. He said much of the area was only suitable for residential construction. The Alderman also pointed out that there are areas in Rockingham where schools operate staggered classes and the County is planning to transport some



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of the students to the new Five Islands Lake School if annexation does not take place, and a new School is needed in the Spryfield area at a cost of \$1½ million, and he felt that it would cost \$6 - \$8 million to bring the school system up to standard.

Alderman Ivany felt Council should consider the boundaries very carefully and what areas should be annexed to afford greater benefit to the City, and that the Staff should make a survey on where they consider the boundary lines should be. He stated that in the Fairview area, where a lot of construction has taken place, building permits cannot be obtained because the sewer lines are not designed to take any further load.

His Worship the Mayor said that this problem was an urgent one for discussion with the County and other bodies.

The City Manager was asked what additional information will be forthcoming before March 11 which would have a bearing on the question of whether or not Council might wish to appeal against any of the areas to be annexed, or whether the area should be extended.

The City Manager advised that Staff would be meeting the following day to discuss the points that Mr. Sandford should be asked to consider as well as what points should also be considered respecting planning, recreation, schools, etc. He further advised that Mr. Sandford had perused the report and had come up with 63 points he wished to investigate and he would then be submitting his report as to the financial implications, whether it should be changed or not.

Alderman A. M. Butler asked if the City Manager thought it was rushing into annexation by attempting to implement

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it in ten months time when so many implications and problems have to be investigated. He felt perhaps January 1, 1970 might not make much difference.

His Worship the Mayor felt that the more the County area was in arrears in development, the extended time would make a difference. He felt that discussions should take place immediately with the County to see that there was no hold-up in the school construction programme.

Alderman A. M. Butler asked if there was time enough to do all the things required.

The City Manager answered that in his experience the longer one has to do a job the longer it takes to do, and if pressure is exerted the job gets done on time.

Alderman Fitzgerald felt that it might be beneficial to annex some of the fringe areas of the proposed annexation lands, such as outside Herring Cove, Birch Cove, Kearney Lake and Bedford because there would be substantial lands for controlled development and would cost little more than what is now proposed, as much of this area is already built-up, and he felt there should be a buffer zone.

Alderman Matheson felt there would be a very great increase in joint expenditures after annexation on the liability for the new Court House.

Alderman Black agreed with Alderman Matheson and suggested that consideration should also be given to County expenditures for the Children's Hospital Grant.

His Worship the Mayor asked that the matters respecting joint expenditure increases, County grants which the City may be asked to assume part of, should be investigated by



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Mr. Sandford as to whether the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities had taken into consideration or included these items in the financial aspects of annexation.

Alderman Matheson asked if it would be possible to request the Legislature to extend the 28 day appeal period.

His Worship the Mayor said that during the Hearings there was all the time anyone could wish for, plus an opportunity to go and appear after having read all the evidence.

DATE FOR ANNEXATION

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the Annexation Committee submit a preliminary report to Council by the following week. Motion passed.

Alderman A. M. Butler suggested the appeal period be extended if all the information is not submitted in time.

His Worship the Mayor advised that he discussed the matter informally with the Board and it was his understanding that if there are any appeals, the Provincial Cabinet has to take the matter under consideration, and they have to have time to consider them. So that if the City made an appeal that requires further information, there may be a dialogue between the Province, County and the City. If by March 11, the City is not satisfied, then it appeals on the basis that more time is needed to present a full case.

The City Solicitor advised that the appeal to the Clerk of the Executive Council must state the reasons for the same.

The City Manager advised that Mr. Sandford would be at City Hall on March 5 to discuss his preliminary work with Staff.

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CITY COUNCIL

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His Worship the Mayor suggested that the Committee of the Whole Council should meet with Mr. Sandford, and this could be a private consultation.

Alderman A. M. Butler did not feel it should be a private meeting.

Alderman LeBlanc suggested that the County Councillors in the affected areas should be invited to attend the meeting.

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the Councillors in the affected areas of the County be invited to attend the meeting. Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that the meeting be open to the public. Motion passed.

9:15 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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ALLAN O'BRIEN,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R. H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.



ORDER OF BUSINESS

CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 29, 1968

8:00 p.m.

1. Lord's Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes: February 15, 1968
4. Approval of Order of Business, Additions & Deletions
  
5. Deferred Items:
  - (a) Expropriation of Land - Africville
  
6. Motions of Reconsideration:
  - (a) Motion - Alderman Black - Resolution of Council February 15, 1968  
Re: Informal Meeting of Council
  
7. Motions of Rescission: NONE
  
8. Public Hearings & Hearings: NONE
  
9. Petitions & Delegations
  
10. Report - Finance & Executive Committee:
  - (a) Possible Acquisition - #2306 Barrington Street
  - (b) Authority to Expend in Excess of \$1,000
  - (c) Daylight Saving Time
  - (d) Resolutions for Mayors' Conference - Deadline Date March 31, 1968
  - (e) Repeal of Section 310H City Charter - Survivors' Benefits
  - (f) Assignment of Lease - #5418 Gerrish Street
  - (g) Possible Acquisition - #2001 Brunswick Street
  - (h) Final Certificates
  - (i) Salary Scale - Engineering Assistant
  - (j) Staff Report - Historic Buildings - Brunswick Street
  
11. Report - Committee on Works:
  - (a) Tenders - Demolition of Buildings
  - (b) Fuel Loading Facilities and Office Building - #3479 Barrington St.
  - (c) Cogswell Street Interchange - Phase I - Tenders
  
12. Report - Safety Committee: NONE
  
13. Report - Public Health and Welfare Committee:
  - (a) National Health Week

14. Report - Committee of the Whole Council, Boards & Commissions:  
 (a) Amendment to Ordinance #55 - Respecting Tag Days and the Solicitation of Money on the Streets (SECOND READING) (DEFER)
15. Report - Town Planning Board  
 (a) Modification of Front Yard, Lot Frontage and Area - #6162 Chebucto Road  
 (b) Alteration to a Subdivision and Modification of Front Yard - #6026 North Street  
 (c) Acquisition of Property - Saint Patrick's High School Extension
16. Motions:  
 (a) Motion - Alderman A. M. Butler - Repeal Ordinance #121 "STORE HOURS" - (FIRST READING)  
 (b) Motion - Alderman Sullivan - Construction of New Basinview Home  
 (c) Motion - Alderman LeBlanc - Amendments Committee Ordinance #105 - (FIRST READING)
17. Miscellaneous Business:  
 (a) Accounts Over \$1000  
 (b) Report - Housing Committee  
 (c) 1968 Legislation  
 (d) Annual Report - Halifax Forum Commission, December 31, 1967
18. QUESTIONS.
19. Notice of Motion
20. Added Items



CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
February 29, 1968,  
8:03 p.m.

A 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.

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

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

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Council held on February 15, 1968 were approved on motion of Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Connolly.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

The Order of Business, as prepared by the City Clerk, was submitted for approval.

At the request of Alderman Sullivan, Council agreed to transfer Item 16(b) entitled " Motion - Alderman Sullivan - Construction of New Basinview Home" to Item 5(b) on the Order of Business.

At the request of Alderman Meagher, Council agreed to transfer Item 16(a) entitled "Motion - Alderman A. M.

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Butler - Repeal Ordinance #121 "Store Hours" - (FIRST READING)"  
to Item 5(c) on the Order of Business.

At the request of Alderman LeBlanc, it was agreed  
to add an item entitled "Site New Court House" as Item 5(d).

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman  
Matheson that an item entitled "Seats Halifax Forum" be added  
to the Order of Business as Item 5(e).

Alderman Matheson asked that an item be added  
to the Order of Business respecting employment of handicapped  
people, and he said that today's newspaper carries a Letter to  
the Editor concerning this matter.

At the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor, it  
was agreed to refer the matter to Staff for any communication  
they may wish to make to Committee and/or Council on the subject.

Alderman Matheson referred to another item which  
appeared in today's Press respecting the Display of Flags at  
the Tourist Bureau.

Alderman Ivany said that the matter in question  
had been discussed at a meeting of the Visitors and Convention  
Bureau and that a report would be submitted to City Council in  
due course.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, it was  
agreed to transfer Item 5(c) to Item 4(a) on the Order of  
Business.

The City Clerk stated that a letter had been  
received from the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission respecting



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approach roads and he asked that the matter be added to the Order of Business .

It was agreed to add it as Item 20(a).

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

Acquisition of Property - Saint Patrick's High School Extension

The following report was submitted from the Town Planning Board:

"The Board had for consideration a confidential report from Staff relating to the evacuation of the Maritime Conservatory of Music which is necessary for the construction work for the St. Patrick's High School Extension to proceed.

It is recommended that the School Board be requested to consult with the City Manager before issuing any change order to the St. Patrick's High School extension contract based on delay in vacating 2060 Windsor Street (Maritime Conservatory of Music)."

The City Clerk said that the following supplementary report dated February 29, 1968 had been submitted from Staff:

"The City today purchased the old St. Mary's College property from the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation, for the St. Patrick's High School extension. The property is occupied by the Maritime Conservatory of Music.

The contractor for the extension to St. Patrick's High School has indicated that possession of the old St. Mary's College building may be necessary by April 15, in order to avoid additional costs to the contract price for the construction of the addition to the school.

A meeting between the contractor, School Board officials, the City Solicitor, and Mr. Wyman on behalf of the Maritime Conservatory of Music, was held earlier this week. A number of possibilities exist for the possible relocation of the Conservatory of Music. There is every indication by the meeting that alternate accommodations for the Conservatory will be available by April 15, and the School Board and the Conservatory are working together in this direction

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at present.

The City should be in a position to control the possibility of increased costs arising out of its contract for the construction of the addition to St. Patrick's School. It is therefore recommended that the City Manager be authorized to terminate the existing tenancy of the Maritime Conservatory of Music as of March 31, 1968."

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that the City Manager be authorized to terminate the existing tenancy of the Maritime Conservatory of Music at the old St. Mary's College property which is required for the St. Patrick's School Extension as of March 31, 1968.

His Worship the Mayor asked what protection the Maritime Conservatory of Music has to ensure that it will be able to continue its teaching function until the end of the current term.

The City Solicitor said that meetings have been held with representatives of the parties involved and it appears that there will be a solution; nevertheless, it is within Council's prerogative to determine whether or not they will require vacant possession after the present tenancy expires on March 31, 1968.

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

#### DEFERRED ITEMS

##### Expropriation of Land - Africville

Further deferred.

##### Motion - Alderman Sullivan - Construction of New Basinview Home

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the following resolution be adopted:



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"WHEREAS it is understood that there are, at least, 106 patients in Scotia Nursing Home, Beavertown, being paid for by the City of Halifax and said patients are consequently over twenty miles away from the City;

AND WHEREAS it is further understood that the sum of \$3,200,000 is to be provided for in the 1968 Civic Budget for construction of the new Basinview Home;

AND WHEREAS the present building is totally inadequate for maintaining maximum treatment facilities for the present patients;

AND WHEREAS the shortage of long term bed treatment facilities is very serious in this area;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that construction of the new Basinview Home be commenced as soon as possible in the calendar year 1968."

Alderman Sullivan spoke in support of his motion making reference to the shortage of hospital beds for elderly patients and pointing out that approximately 329 elderly Halifax residents are being paid for as patients in various nursing homes and similar institutions, 139 of whom are maintained at the Basinview Home, all of whom could be accommodated in the new Home for Special Care. He said that he had been approached by a number of people who had expressed concern about the delay in providing decent accommodations for the elderly people who are in need of help.

He pointed out that, as stated by a prominent Clergyman in Ward 6, the concern is three fold:

(1) the need to replace the antiquated building. It is such an age and structure that it is a fire trap. Its structure and age seriously limit the ability of the finest staff to keep it clean and impossible to rid it of cockroaches.

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(2) (2) There is excessive crowding in the home. Such is not tolerated in hospitals or in private nursing homes. There are four beds in one room with approximately two hundred square feet of floor space. Beds are so close that the small bedside table has to be moved before sides of the bed can be lowered.

(3) No provision is made to assist the patients to occupy their time. Idleness of mind and hands is a great factor in contributing to discontent and hopelessness.

He said that he had urged that immediate action be taken to have the new home built on its present location as it would be less costly to construct since the City owns the land.

Alderman Sullivan referred to the inadequacies of the building and he urged Council to give its most hearty support to the motion.

Alderman Moir pointed out that the construction of the New Home for Special Care to replace the Basinview Home is a capital item and should be considered when the Capital Budget is before Council, and at that time its priority in relation to other Capital projects can be determined.

In answer to a question by His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager stated that preparation of the Capital Budget will be completed before the end of March.

Alderman A. M. Butler made the following points:

(1) the resolution calls for a definite contract and commencement of construction in 1968 but no provision for the necessary funds;



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(2) The Board has also discussed with the Officials of the other levels of Government the matter of financial support from those sources but the details with respect to the type of facilities to be provided in the new building have not been worked out with the Provincial Officials.

(3) The proposed annexation of the county area to the City will have a considerable affect on the planning of the new building;

(4) The location of the new home should be the site selected by Council the block bounded by Cornwallis, Creighton, Cunard and Maynard Streets.

Alderman Matheson referred to the allegation made earlier to the effect that the present Basinview Home is a fire trap; and he asked for a report from the Fire Chief or the Director of Health in this regard. Neither Official was present at the meeting but His Worship the Mayor said that the Director of Health was scheduled to be present after 9:00 p.m. and would be asked to comment after his arrival.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Black that the matter be deferred for consideration until the Capital Budget is before Council.

Alderman Moir withdrew his motion to defer.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that the matter be referred to the Board of Management of Basinview Home for consideration of the allegation quoted by Alderman Sullivan, and its recommendation as to where the new Home for Special Care should be located.

Alderman Sullivan said that there were a number of interested citizens in the gallery and he asked if a represent-

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ative could be permitted to address Council on this matter.

Alderman A. M. Butler suggested that any interested person be invited to make his opinions known to the Board of Management of the Basinview Home in writing or by attendance at the meeting of the Board when the matter is to be discussed.

Council agreed to this suggestion.

The motion was then put and passed.

Motion - Alderman A. M. Butler - Repeal Ordinance #121 "STORE HOURS" - (FIRST READING)

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Alderman A. M. Butler moved adoption of the following motion, notice of which he had given at the meeting of Council held on February 15, 1968:

"BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Halifax, as follows:

1. Ordinance Number 121, Respecting the Closing and Observation of Holidays of Certain Classes of Shops in the City of Halifax, is hereby repealed."

The motion was seconded by Alderman LeBlanc.

Alderman A. M. Butler spoke in support of his motion and read the following extract from the minutes of the meeting of City Council held on July 31, 1967 during consideration of the item "ORDINANCE No. 121 - STORE HOURS - SECOND READING"

"Considerable discussion ensued during which time it was suggested that if the City of Dartmouth has not applied for legislation to adopt a similar Ordinance in that City before next February, Halifax City Council should reconsider the matter at that time."

He contended that there was an implicit commitment given by Council at that time to reconsider the matter from the point of view of action taken by the City of Dartmouth. He then pointed out that, at a recent meeting of Dartmouth City Council,



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the matter of a Store Closing Ordinance had been put off until January, 1969.

He further contended:

- (1) there should be regional agreement on Store Closing Hours since the Halifax-Dartmouth area is one economic unit;
- (2) Council must provide the people of Halifax with equal opportunities for private enterprise on a competitive basis as those that are enjoyed in Dartmouth;
- (3) the present Store Hours in Halifax are the more acceptable, but because this is a regional matter it should be decided by the Legislature, by the passage of an act, whereby the County of Halifax is brought under one common law relating to Store Hours.

The motion was put and lost as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: Aldermen Black, A. M. Butler, LeBlanc, and H. W. Butler - 4

AGAINST IT: Aldermen Abbott, Moir, Ivany, Matheson, Meagher, Ahern, Connolly, Doyle, Sullivan and Fitzgerald - 10

SITE NEW COURT HOUSE

The following report was submitted from Staff:

"TO: His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of City Council

FROM: S. A. Ward, City Manager

DATE: February 29, 1968

SUBJECT: Staff Report - Court House Site

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In the Staff Report, dated February 19, 1968, a copy of which is attached, it was indicated that there were three basic alternatives available in respect of the form of Harbour Drive south of Buckingham Street. It was further indicated that if

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Council decided on a one way pair arrangement using Water and Hollis Streets, the Court House could be located on the site agreed to by Council on December 7, 1966. If either a six lane divided or limited access highway was decided upon, it would be necessary to relocate the Court House elsewhere.

It is the opinion of Staff that a one way pair connecting to the Cogswell Street Interchange south of Buckingham Street will provide an adequate traffic connection for a limited period of time. It will not provide as good a street system as a six lane divided highway. At some stage in the future, the one way pair system will probably become obsolete. If this occurs, it will be necessary to seek alternative traffic routes through the Central Business District.

The one way pair system is illustrated on Plan No. TT7-17100A which will be available for review by City Council. This plan shows the connection of the Cogswell Street Interchange to the 70 foot right of way on Water Street which was laid down by Council on May 11, 1961. It is to be noted that the plan will necessitate construction of a fairly obvious reverse curve which is considered undesirable on traffic grounds. Nevertheless, the scheme may work for an unpredictable period of time.

Staff are concerned, however, that Council should have every opportunity to consider the siting of buildings, such as the Court House, so that all reasonable precautions can be taken to ensure that possible improvements at some future date can be made without the need for removing new buildings. If Council decides that a one way pair is to connect to the Cogswell Street Interchange in accordance with Plan No. TT7-17100A it would seem advisable to attempt to ensure, if at all possible, that a six lane divided highway might be constructed at some future date if the need for such a highway is established.

Water Street as half of a one way pair can be constructed on a 70 foot right of way. If Harbour Drive is in the future to become a six lane divided highway, a 98 foot right of way is required. There are two critical points in that portion of Harbour Drive between Buckingham Street and George Street. These points are the southern end of the Interchange and the existing Post Office building at the southwest corner of George and Water Streets. At George and Water Streets, it is necessary to maintain a 98 foot clearance between the Post Office building and the proposed Court House building.

Since the report of February 19, 1968, Staff have examined the possibility of reserving such a right of way. This examination is illustrated on Plan No. TT7-17100B, which will be available for examination. In essence, this plan envisages that

estimated that an expenditure of \$100,000 will be sufficient to reclaim all of the land necessary to provide a site of at least 72,000 square feet for the Court House. This possible site area is illustrated by an overlay on the two plans previously



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a six lane divided highway might be constructed at some future date by reconstructing a relatively small portion of the proposed Interchange and rerouting the six lane facility through the block now occupied by Morse's Tea. If the rights of way illustrated on Plan No. TT7-17100B are preserved, it will be possible, albeit expensive, at some future date to convert from a one way pair system to a six lane divided highway.

It might be argued that if there is a possible need for a six lane divided facility, the proposal should be examined in detail at this time with a view to constructing this facility now rather than at a later date. In fact, A.D. Margison and Associates, at the request of City Council, examined this possibility and recommended against it. City Council approved of this recommendation by A.D. Margison and Associates on July 19, 1967. The principal reasons for rejecting immediate construction of this scheme are that it would cost approximately \$800,000 more, there is no cost sharing arrangements with other levels of Government on acquisition of lands, and there is no present justification for this facility.

If Council decides that it wishes to proceed on a one way pair system but agrees that it would be wise to reserve a right of way suitable for construction of a six lane divided highway at some future date, it is necessary to re-examine aspects of the siting of the Court House. According to the Architect, the proposed Court House can be sited on a 70 foot or even on a 95 foot Water Street. The six lane divided road way allowance would necessitate reserving 10 and possibly 15 feet more land for the roadway on the east side of Water Street. These measurements indicate the maximum encroachment. Over most of the site the additional lands would be somewhat less.

The City originally agreed to make available a site containing approximately 63,500 square feet. This initial calculation was based upon general information only. The Architect proceeded with his preliminary drawings on a larger scale drawing and has, in fact, been working to an area of approximately 71,000 square feet. Establishment of a right of way to permit ultimate construction of the six lane divided highway as indicated on Plan No. TT7-17100B will mean that the Court House would have to be relocated unless some other actions are taken.

In the opinion of Staff, it would be desirable to make provision for the possible eventual construction of a six lane divided highway. It is also the opinion of Staff that it would be highly desirable to locate the Court House on a waterfront site. Both these goals, it is suggested, can be achieved by a relatively small expenditure for land reclamation. It is estimated that an expenditure of \$100,000 will be sufficient to reclaim all of the land necessary to provide a site of at least 72,000 square feet for the Court House. This possible site area is illustrated by an overlay on the two plans previously

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referred to.

The problems relating to the Ferry operation, which were mentioned in the report of February 19, 1968, can be overcome if the total site is shifted somewhat north of the George Street Extension. The City is committed to acquire the properties to the north and is, in fact, negotiating for their purchase. A slight shift to the north will permit the retention of approximately 15,000 square feet of land which will lend itself to new redevelopment. It would seem desirable that the Ferry Commission facilities should be replaced within a short time and that, when they are replaced, they should be integrated with a small waterfront oriented development scheme.

It is the view of Staff that Council should give consideration to an expenditure of \$100,000 to reclaim sufficient land to permit siting of the Court House on the Waterfront and to ensure that at some time in the future a six lane divided connection can be made to the Cogswell Street Interchange. If Council agree to this, it is suggested that the site to be conveyed to the Court House Commission should be in accordance with the site shown on Plan No. TT7-17100B.

Respectfully submitted,

(SGD.) S. A. Ward  
City Manager"

The following letters were submitted:

"Halifax, Nova Scotia  
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His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of City Council  
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Your Worship and Gentlemen:

In an effort to assist the appraisal of roadway routing alternatives in the vicinity of the historic waterfront district between Duke and Buckingham Streets, the following comparison of the assessed values of the pertinent groups of properties is presented.

Historic Waterfront District (per City staff  
expropriation report):

\$420,500.00

Properties included - Joseph Simon	\$29,700.00
Sullivan Storage Co. Ltd.	30,300.00
Depot and the Bertone Donald C. Keddy Limited	29,200.00



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Nova Scotia Shippers Limited	\$ 28,200.00
Pickford and Black Limited	115,700.00
James Simmonds and Company Limited	80,600.00
Imperial Oil Company Limited	106,800.00

Upper Water Street (Duke to Buckingham):

\$102,800.00

Properties included - J. E. Morse and Company Ltd.	74,600.00
Tom's Coffee Shop	6,000.00
Pyke Bros. Limited	22,200.00

(1860 Upper Water, corner of Duke, has not been included as it will be removed with the widening of Duke Street.)

Difference in assessed values:

\$317,700.00

Although other cost factors must of course be weighed the last-noted figure would appear to offer at least some hope of worthwhile savings should it be decided that Upper Water Street-lines be moved sufficiently far to the west to enable preservation of the historic waterfront buildings in question.

It is hoped that the foregoing information will be of assistance to all members of City Council in making a decision that has far-reaching implications for all present and future citizens of the City of Halifax.

Yours respectfully,

(SGD.) Gilbert J. Hutton  
for The Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia

(SGD.) D. M. Murray  
for The Committee of Concern."

Halifax, N. S.,  
19 February, 1968

To His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of City Council  
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Your Worship and Gentlemen:

As you are aware, there are a group of buildings of great architectural and historic significance still standing on the Halifax waterfront between the Central Victualling Depot and the Dartmouth Ferry slip. Adjacent to this group, on Hollis and Granville Streets, there are individual and

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groups of 19th Century commercial buildings of considerable merit.

There has been a significantly enhanced awareness in recent months on the part of many members of Council of the potential value of this "historic district," as evidenced by expressions of concern, and by the far-reaching resolutions on preservation policy passed by Council on 1 February 1968.

In view of this, and the important community considerations involved, we feel that it is imperative at this time to respectfully request that a realignment be undertaken immediately of the southern portions of two of the approach roads planned for this area, with a view towards minimizing the extent to which this road system will destroy significant buildings and therefore the possible viability of a restored historic commercial area. We wish to make clear that we are not now asking for consideration of any change involving re-design of the interchange itself, but merely of a realignment of rights of way in one area, which careful consideration has convinced us would still be possible without major inconvenience or unacceptable cost.

The first alternative which we would suggest, and the most preferable from our point of view, would involve leading the access roads to Hollis and Granville Streets and avoid the destruction of any of the architecturally or historically significant buildings. In the eventuality that a southern extension of the roadway system might be established to be necessary and desirable, this alternative would present certain difficulties and therefore a second possibility is proposed. A sketch, indicating in general terms the alignment involved, is attached. The latter alternative would involve the unfortunate sacrifice of the Jerusalem Warehouse (Morse's Tea) and some other buildings in the same block, but preserve intact the related group of early 19th Century buildings to the east of Water St. There are some possible advantages related to such a roadway system which might also accrue from this alternative.

We realize that there would be detailed ramifications, impossible to discuss in this letter, of any realignment. Therefore we would welcome the opportunity to meet at their earliest convenience with members of Council, city staff or the Civic Advisory Committee on Historic Buildings, as deemed necessary and appropriate, in order to arrive at the best possible solution.

Yours respectfully,

(SGD.) Gilbert J. Hutton  
for the Heritage Trust of Nova  
Scotia

(SGD.) D.M. Murray  
for The Committee of Concern.



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Alderman Matheson, speaking as a Member of the Court House Commission, asked that the following matters on which the decision of Council is requested be, placed before the meeting.

(1) the Court House Commission requests Council to make a decision on the Eastern Street Line of Water Street as it affects the proposed new Court House;

(2) the Commission request Council to make a decision on the elevation of that Eastern street line of Water Street;

(3) the Court House Commission requests Council to designate the boundaries of the land to be conveyed to the Commission for the Court House Site;

(4) the Court House Commission requests Council to give an undertaking to the Commission that vacant possession of the land will be given by the City not later than October 1, 1968.

His Worship the Mayor said that Council will undertake to do all the things requested by the Court House Commission at this meeting; and he then asked the City Engineer to explain the proposal.

The City Engineer explained the proposal referring to Plan No. TT7-17100B which was on display.

He stated that the proposed alignment of Water Street involves taking the front portions of the buildings on the eastern side of Water Street which are considered to have historical value but the buildings could be saved if the alignment of Harbour Drive, south of the Cogswell Street Interchange is changed so that it is located to the westward and by

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making Hollis and Water Streets a "one-way pair."

After some discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Moir, that the Council accept the Staff Report (February 29, 1968) to this extent; and Staff be authorized, after consultation with the Architect, to immediately engage the services of qualified people to make test borings to determine whether or not the Court House can be built on the Site proposed in the said Staff Report; and that a meeting of City Council be convened, as soon as the report respecting the test borings is available, to make a final determination on the siting of the Court House.

It was agreed to adjourn the meeting in order that Council could meet as a Committee of the Whole in order to study an alternate plan for the alignment of Harbour Drive south of the Cogswell Street Interchange, and to allow representatives of the Committee of Concern to make any comments they might wish to make.

10:00 p.m. Council adjourned.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The City Engineer displayed a plan numbered TT8-17193 showing the alignment of the Harbour Drive south of the Interchange, which involved the taking of the buildings, including the Jerusalem Warehouse (Morse's Tea Building), in the block bounded by Water Street, Duke Street and Hollis Street, which permits the roadway to be placed further west.

The proposed alignment results in the historic buildings on the East side of Water Street being saved and



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provides sufficient land for the construction of the new Court House on the waterfront site.

It also provides an opportunity for an exchange of land involving the Purdy Brothers land and the Central Victualling Depot.

Discussion ensued during which Messrs. Gilbert Hutton and D. M. Murray expressed their views on the proposals.

10:30 p.m. Council re-convened the same members being present.

After further discussion, Alderman Black called for the question on the motion made by Alderman Matheson.

The motion was then put and passed unanimously.

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Black, that funds in the amount of \$ 2,500.00 be provided under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter for the purpose of carrying out test borings on the site of the proposed new Court House to determine suitability of the site for such construction. Motion passed.

It was agreed to withhold action on the various requests of the Court House Commission until the results of the test borings are known.

#### Cogswell Street Interchange - Phase I - Tenders

The report of the Committee on Works reads as follows:

"It is recommended that the tender of Dineen Construction (Atlantic) Limited in the amount of \$1,361,017.50 be accepted for the Phase I work of the Cogswell Street Interchange and that Staff undertake discussions with Dineen Construction (Atlantic) Limited, before the tender is signed, to determine the implications of their letter of February 12, 1968 which was received after the closing of Tenders.

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MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Matheson, that the tender of Dineen Construction (Atlantic) Limited in the amount of \$1,361,017.50 for the Phase I work involved in the construction of the Cogswell Street Interchange be accepted.

After having been assured by the City Engineer that Dineen Construction (Atlantic) Limited could proceed with the Phase I work on the Interchange despite possible re-alignment of the portion of Harbour Drive south of the Interchange, the Members of Council unanimously agreed to the motion.

Modification of Plans for Harbour Drive

Council again considered the proposed modification of alignment of Harbour Drive, south of the Interchange, as shown on Plan No. TT8-17193.

After discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Black, that Plan No. TT8-17193 be approved in principle; and that Staff be authorized to negotiate with the Consultant and/or Contractor in an effort to save the historic buildings on the east side of Water Street by aligning Harbour Drive in accordance with the said Plan; and to report back to Council their recommendations within ten days, such report to indicate any increased costs involved.

The motion was passed with Alderman Ahern voting against.

Provision of Funds - Halifax Forum Commission

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Black that the motion passed at the meeting of City Council held on



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February 27, 1968, respecting the deletion of \$7,000.00 from the proposed Budget for the Halifax Forum Commission for the purpose of renewing a section of seats in the Halifax Forum, be rescinded.

His Worship the Mayor ruled that the unanimous consent of Council is required to consider the motion because notice of the intent to propose the motion had not been given.

Alderman Connolly objected to the motion being considered.

Alderman Ahern indicated that he would give Notice of Motion at the appropriate time.

#### MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

Motion - Alderman Black - Resolution of Council February 15, 1968  
Re: Informal Meeting of Council

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MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald, the following motion passed by City Council at its meeting held on February 15, 1968, be reconsidered:

"that City Council arrange at the earliest possible time an informal meeting with a representative from each of the departments of the City of Halifax, to establish a closer dialogue with Staff. The representative to be decided by the individual departments."

The motion was put and lost as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: Aldermen Abbott, Moir, Fitzgerald, H.W. Butler and Black - 5

AGAINST IT: Aldermen Ivany, A.M. Butler, Meagher, LeBlanc, Ahern, Connolly, Doyle and Sullivan - 8

#### MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

No Motions of Rescission were heard at this time.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS & HEARINGS

No Public Hearings and/or Hearings were scheduled for this time.

#### PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

No Petitions and Delegations were heard at this time.

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REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on February 22, 1968 with respect to the following matters:

Possible Acquisition - 2306 Barrington Street

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Moir, that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$9,000.00 be paid to Rabbi Abraham Greenspan as settlement in full for all claims in connection with the acquisition by the City of his property at 2306 Barrington Street required in connection with the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Program. Motion passed with Alderman Connolly voting against.

Authority to Expend in Excess of \$1,000.00

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, in accordance with the provisions of Section 139M of the City Charter 1963, authority be granted for Staff to expend funds in the amount of \$1,775.96 to cover the cost of repairs to a "Wayne mechanical sweeper; funds for this purpose to be provided in Current Account No. 003-110-225 (003-110-015). Motion passed.

Daylight Saving Time

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Daylight Saving Time be observed from 12:01 a.m. Sunday, April 28 until 12:01 a.m. Sunday, October 27, 1968. Motion passed.



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Resolutions for Mayors' Conference - Deadline Date March  
31, 1968

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, His Worship the Mayor be requested to draft a resolution for presentation at the annual conference to be held in Edmonton, Alberta, June 3 to 6, based on the following recommendation contained in the "Report on Taxation in the City of Halifax" as prepared by the Institute of Public Affairs, Dalhousie University:

"(c) Initiation of or support for joint action by the larger Canadian cities, particularly the seventeen cities in census metropolitan area, with a view to the submission of a well documented brief to the federal government regarding the special problems of large cities. The brief could detail those matters in which it is considered the Federal Government, through a newly created Department of Urban Affairs or a branch or division of an existing department, should take more deliberate and effective action than in the past to enable the larger cities and metropolitan areas to cope with some of their most pressing and growing problems. Examples are urban renewal and housing; urban transportation; air pollution control and water pollution control."

Also, that if any Aldermen have any ideas for proposed resolutions they should prepare same for presentation to Council, in time to meet the deadline date of March 31, 1968.  
Motion passed.

Alderman Ivany suggested that the Conference consider a resolution relating to the land bridge concept of Canada.

His Worship the Mayor said that if Alderman Ivany wished to prepare such a resolution the Council would consider it.