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met this week with Mr. Pratley and members of the Bridge Commission to discuss the Narrows Bridge approaches and he asked when the information will be presented to Council.

The City Manager advised that the City Engineer has a plan showing the proposed approaches to the Narrows Bridge and he asked if he would display it to members of Council.

Question Alderman Ivany Re: Terms of Reference for Committees

Alderman Ivany asked if there are terms of reference for the Committees of Council with particular reference to the Town Planning Board and the Committee on Works.

His Worship the Mayor referred Alderman Ivany to Ordinance No. 105 and he suggested that if the Alderman is not satisfied with the terms of reference as set out, he make a notice of motion to amend the Ordinance.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Creighton Street Housing Project

Alderman Connolly asked if all the necessary inspections are being carried out on the Creighton Street Housing Project with respect to fire, safety and plumbing, etc.

The City Manager advised that he would check into the matter.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Lane Memorial Hospital

Alderman Sullivan asked if tenders have been called for the Lane Memorial Hospital and if not, when will they be called.

His Worship the Mayor asked the City Manager to check into this question.

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Question Alderman A. M. Butler Re: Collection of Judgement
Against Province

Alderman A. M. Butler referred to a question he had asked at a previous meeting of City Council with respect to the collection by the City of a Judgement against the Province. He asked if there was any way in which the City could collect the money, possibly by selling a Provincially owned property by Sheriff's Sale.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that perhaps the City could hold back some money due to the Province. He asked the City Manager and the City Solicitor to check further into this question.

Question Alderman A. M. Butler Re: Hearings Held by Board
of Commissioners of Public Utilities

Alderman A. M. Butler referred to various submissions that were made to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities and asked if the one made by the Board of Trade could be obtained and copies distributed to members of Council. He also asked if the tape recording of the discussions following the Board of Trade submission could be obtained.

The City Solicitor advised that he can get the tape and a copy of the report for members of Council.

Statement - His Worship the Mayor Re: Press Report on
Annexation Meeting held in Spryfield

His Worship the Mayor referred to a press report of the meeting held on June 26, 1968 in Spryfield and indicated that the reporter did not report his statements correctly since he appeared to misunderstand the difference

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between assessments and tax burdens. He clarified the press report and hoped that the newspaper would explain the situation clearly and correctly.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Alderman Matheson - Amendments to City Charter

Alderman Matheson gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council, he would move or cause to be moved a resolution to the effect that Council seek legislation to amend the City Charter to require that all members of the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Halifax be elected.

10:05 p.m. Council adjourned to permit members of Council to view the plan of the proposed Narrows Bridge approaches displayed by the City Engineer.

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Chairman; Aldermen Black, Abbott, Nois, Ivany, Matheson,
A. M. Butler, Meagher, LeBlanc, Ahern, Connolly, Sullivan,
Fitzgerald and H. W. Butler.

Also present: City Manager and City Clerk.

ALLAN O'BRIEN
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD,
CITY CLERK.

CONFERRING FREEDOM OF THE CITY

The following formal resolution was MOVED
by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc:

WHEREAS The Honourable Henry Scott MacKeen, C.D.,
Q.C., B.C., D.C.L., Lieutenant Governor of the
Province of Nova Scotia, has served the people of
this Province with great distinction, integrity
and honesty;

AND WHEREAS His Honour, a long-time resident of
Halifax, has brought great honour to our City;

AND WHEREAS the citizens of Halifax regard their
Lieutenant Governor with deep affection and
respect;

AND WHEREAS the highest honour that the City of
Halifax can bestow is to confer upon him the
Freedom of the City;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council
of the City of Halifax that the Freedom of the
City be bestowed upon The Honourable Henry Scott
MacKeen, C.D., Q.C., B.C., D.C.L., Lieutenant
Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia, with all
the rights and pri - 619 - appertaining thereto.

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DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, Hotel Nova Scotian,
of July in the year of Our Lord, Halifax, N. S.,
NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT, July 4, 1968,
9:30 p.m.

A special meeting of City Council was held
at this time.

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

Also present: City Manager and City Clerk.

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded
by Alderman Connolly that all rules be waived in order to
hear a motion from Alderman Abbott. Motion passed.

CONFERRING FREEDOM OF THE CITY

The following formal resolution was MOVED
by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc:

"WHEREAS The Honourable Henry Poole MacKeen, C.D.,
Q.C., LL.D., D.C.L., Lieutenant Governor of the
Province of Nova Scotia, has served the people of
this Province with great distinction, integrity
and humanity;

AND WHEREAS His Honour, a long-time resident of
Halifax, has brought great honour to our City;

AND WHEREAS the citizens of Halifax regard their
Lieutenant Governor with deep affection and
esteem;

AND WHEREAS the highest honour that the City of
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of the City of Halifax that the Freedom of the
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MacKeen, C.D., Q.C., LL.D., D.C.L., Lieutenant
Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia, with all
the rights and privileges appertaining thereto.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 4th day
of July in the year of Our Lord One Thousand
Nine Hundred and Sixty-eight".

Motion passed unanimously.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by
Alderman H. W. Butler that this special meeting of City
Council be adjourned. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned: 9:50 p.m.

At this time, His Worship the Mayor
presented the Lieutenant Governor with:

- (1) the Formal Resolution signed by His
Worship the Mayor and City Clerk
with the City Seal affixed thereto;
- (2) the Certificate conferring the
Freedom of the City upon The
Lieutenant Governor which was also
signed by His Worship the Mayor and
City Clerk with the City Seal
affixed thereto;
- (3) the Freeman's Pin.

ALLAN O'BRIEN
MAYOR & CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD
CITY CLERK

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8:00 p.m.

1. Lord's Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes: June 18 and 27, 1968
4. Approval of Order of Business, Additions & Deletions
5. Deferred Items:
 - (a) Motion - Alderman Ivany Re: Expropriation Procedure
 - (b) Motion - Alderman Ahern Re: Changes in Road Patterns Affecting the Wanderers' Grounds
6. Motions of Reconsideration: NONE
7. Motions of Rescission: NONE
8. Public Hearings & Hearings:
 - (a) Public Hearing - Rezoning #6955-65 Mumford Road from R-1 Zone to R-3 Zone
9. Petitions & Delegations
10. Report - Finance & Executive Committee:
 - (a) Property Acquisition - #5226-30 Artz Street
 - (b) Property Acquisition - #5218 Proctor Street and #236-40 Upper Water Street
 - (c) Property Acquisition - #2026-30 Upper Water Street
 - (d) Halifax Housing Authority - 1968 Budget
 - (e) Final Certificates: (1) Sewers - Scotia Square (2) Sidewalk Construction
 - (f) Paving Streets - Annexation Areas
 - (g) Feasibility Study - Halifax Civic Hospital
 - (h) Claim - City of Halifax vs Larry M. Latimer
 - (i) Demolition Charge - #37 Maynard Street
 - (j) Settlement of Claim - Sewer Damage - #1673 Fairfield Road
 - (k) Cogswell Street Interchange - Paving
 - (l) Administrative Changes - Routine Matters
11. Report - Committee on Works:
 - (a) Claim - Damage to Wheel Disc - Mr. E. L. Bain
 - (b) Building Permit - Single Family Dwelling - Pine Hill Divinity College
 - (c) Possible Disposal of the Littleford Asphalt Plant

12. Report - Safety Committee: NONE
13. Report - Public Health & Welfare Committee: NONE
14. Report - Committee of the Whole Council, Boards & Commissions:
 (a) Amendments - Ordinance #55 Re: Tag Days, etc. - SECOND READING - DEFER
 (b) Amendments - Ordinance #116 Re: Taxis - SECOND READING - DEFER
 (c) Amendments - Ordinance #4 Re: City Electrician - SECOND READING
15. Report - Town Planning Board:
 (a) Modification of Side Yard, Lot Frontage and Lot Area Requirements - #6168 North Street
 (b) Extension to a Non-conforming Building and Modification of Front and Side Yard Requirements - #5758 Inglis Street
 (c) Alteration to a Subdivision - #5648-58 South Street
 (d) Surveyor's Plans Re: Modification of the Zoning By-law
 (e) Modification of Front Yard, Side Yard, Lot Frontage and Area Requirements to Legalize a Duplex Dwelling - #6490 London Street
 (f) Alteration to a Subdivision - #2675-85 Windsor Street
 (g) Dutch Village Road Widening - Howe Avenue to Bayers Road
16. Motions:
 (a) Motion - Alderman Matheson Re: Election of Members to the School Board
17. Miscellaneous Business:
 (a) Accounts Over \$5000
 (b) Lord's Day Permits
 (c) Report - Housing Committee
 (d) Letter - Alderman A. M. Butler Re: Resignation as Secretary-Treasurer on Executive Committee - Canada Games Society
 (e) Resolution Re: Municipal Winter Works Incentive Program
 (f) Appeal Against the Refusal of the Building Inspector to Issue an Occupancy Permit for a Pizza Take-out Shop - #5509 Normandy Drive
 (g) Appointment - Delegates - Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Conference - Sydney, Nova Scotia - August 25 to 28 inclusive
 (h) Resolution Re: Rebate on Gasoline Tax - N.S.L. & P. Co., Ltd.
 (i) Request - Alderman Ivany Re: Citizens "to paint up, fix up and decorate" for Halifax Natal Day
 (j) Partial Settlement - Expropriation Martell Property, Gottingen St.
 (k) Report - Historic Buildings - Cogswell Street Interchange
18. QUESTIONS
19. Notice of Motion
20. Added Items

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City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.
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8:00 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 Abbott, Moir, Ivany, Matheson, A.M. Butler, Meagher, Ahern, Connolly, Doyle, H.W. Butler, Sullivan, and Fitzgerald.

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

AMENDMENT TO MINUTES

Alderman Moir requested an amendment to Pages 599, 600, and 601 of the Minutes of June 27, 1968, where he was not present at the meeting but was recorded as seconding motions. The amendment was approved.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ivany, that the Minutes of the meetings of City Council held on June 18th and June 27th, 1968, as amended, be approved. Motion passed.

TRIBUTE - LATE WILLIAM DOYLE

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that Council extend its sympathy to Alderman Doyle and his family, on the loss of his father the late William Doyle, who was a former City employee and well-known in the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

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FUNERAL - LATE MAYOR RUSSELL URQUHART OF SYDNEY

Alderman Sullivan said he wished to express his gratitude to Council for allowing him to represent the City of Halifax at the funeral of the late Mayor of Sydney, N.S., Mr. Russell Urquhart. He said the wife of Mayor Urquhart had expressed her thanks for representation by the City of Halifax.

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 H.W. Butler, it was agreed to move up Item 16 entitled "Motion - Alderman Matheson Re: Election of Members to the School Board" in order to accommodate the Chairman of the School Board who was present.

At the request of Alderman Connolly it was agreed to add the item "Soot Nuisance" as Item 20(a).

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

TRIBUTE - LATE ANDREW MATHEWS

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Ahern, that an expression of sympathy be forwarded to the family of the late Andrew Mathews, who had played a great part in the life of the City dating from World War I. Motion passed.

Alderman Black arrives - 8:05 P.M.

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MOTION - ALDERMAN MATHESON RE: ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE
SCHOOL BOARD

Before moving his Motion, Alderman Matheson submitted and read from a prepared statement:

He said that he wished to emphasize at the outset that the remarks he had to make about the effectiveness of the School Board did not reflect on any person or persons serving on the Board, but dealt with the system itself. He said that a typical School Board agenda had little to do with education itself, but dealt with items like staff reports, action to be taken on broken windows, condition of furnaces, etc., etc., or a great deal of time could be spent on debating whether it was good for children to eat ice-cream during recess periods.

He said such matters as curriculum and teaching methods must be left in the hands of the professionals and be beyond interference by laymen, but that the ultimate control of application and direction must remain with the laymen, made up of persons interested and knowledgeable in the subject and who had the time to investigate and understand the problems, programs, and performance of our education system. He said if this policy was not carried out it would result in a non-controllable bureaucracy in charge of education in this Province, as education was becoming more and more centralized and local authority were losing all control over policy. At present, he said, the appointed Board included seven Aldermen who were already overburdened with work and tended to look on the School Board as just

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another Committee, which it was not, since its spending accounted for one-third of the City's revenue. Another problem, he said, lay in the fact that Government appointees have traditionally not been re-appointed, which meant that just when they were in a position to make a significant contribution, their 3-year term expired.

He said that under the present system, the Aldermen on the Board reviewed the School Board budget but even if they rejected it, which they rarely did, there was an appeal beyond them to the Minister, so that the elected representation of the people did not have control over the taxation of the public for educational purposes.

Alderman Matheson pointed out that the majority of the Canadian provinces had elected school boards so this was some indication that the Canadian public favoured that system. Certainly, Alderman Matheson said, the elected school board represented a more democratic process than an appointed Board, and he found it ironic that in Nova Scotia, where so many democratic processes were first fought for and won, the School Board was not elected by the people.

He said the matter was considered important enough by the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union that they had made it a creed:

"The Nova Scotia Teachers' Union believes that the schools should be under democratic control and the Board that administers Public Schools should be directly elected, and that urban and municipal School Boards should be fiscally independent."

In closing Alderman Matheson said he hoped Council would give serious consideration to this matter.

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MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Ahern, that Council seek legislation to amend the City Charter to require that all members of the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Halifax, be elected.

After some discussion on the points raised by Alderman Matheson, it was decided the matter would require further consideration.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ivany that the matter be referred to the Special Committee studying the qualifications and disqualifications of Mayor and Aldermen, who will study it and submit a report and recommendation to Council.

Alderman Moir said that the Chairman of the School Board, Mr. J.R. McQuinn, was present and asked His Worship the Mayor if Council would be interested in hearing his views on the matter.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the Chairman of the School Board be invited to express his views on the subject. Motion passed.

Mr. McQuinn proceeded to read the following letter:

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

"Your Worship and Gentlemen:

Submission re Elected School Boards

"On July 8, 1968, members of the Halifax Board of School

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"Commissioners, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, discussed at some length the matter of "Elected School Boards" which apparently was scheduled for consideration by members of the City Council.

"Since the current members of the School Board had not been aware of any serious questioning of the present organization of the Board or of any major lack in its effective operation, the proposal for an "elected board" came as a very distinct surprise. As might be expected, our Board has a very definite interest in this matter and wishes to avoid any precipitous action which might jeopardize the existence of an organization which has contributed and is contributing to the very effective operation of our schools.

"Out of the discussions which took place among the School Commissioners, the following points emerged.

1. If the present Board organization is performing a satisfactory function, why change it?
2. Why is this matter being brought forward at this time?
3. Are we clear on the particular advantages or disadvantages inherent in an elected board?
4. Would an elected Board assume financial responsibility for school costs, including capital costs?
5. How would the present interest of the Provincial Government in school matters be represented on an elected Board?
6. Can the present organization and procedure be improved without moving into an elected Board?
7. Does not our present type of organization have very much to commend it?

"While these and other specific items were discussed, it was the general agreement of the Board members that the recommendation for an elected Board should not be allowed to pass without question or opposition. The Board members agreed, however, that they were prepared to assist in any serious study of the topic, but felt that any final recommendations should be avoided until the Board and Council members were better informed on the subject.

"Respectfully submitted,
On behalf of the Board of School
Commissioners for the City of Halifax.

(Sgd) J. R. McQuinn, Chairman"

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Alderman Matheson said he was not opposed to having the matter referred to the Special Committee, but he did question the size of the Committee, as he felt something as important as the matter under discussion should have a good cross-section representation, and felt that the Committee should have at least half of the Council on it.

His Worship the Mayor put the question to Council if they were in favour of increasing the number of members on the Special Committee from 3 to 7, and there was unanimous consent.

At this point the Motion was put and passed unanimously.

With regard to the increasing of the Committee from three to seven members, His Worship the Mayor said that in addition to Aldermen Matheson, A.M. Butler, and Meagher already named, he would nominate Aldermen Connolly, Fitzgerald, Black, and Sullivan. He suggested that the Deputy Mayor convene the first meeting of the Committee and that it choose its Chairman at that meeting. Council agreed to the above nominations.

DEFERRED ITEMS

Motion - Alderman Ivany re: Expropriation Procedure

At the request of Alderman Ivany, it was agreed to further defer this matter.

Motion - Alderman Ahern Re: Changes in Road Patterns Affecting the Wanderers' Grounds

Alderman Ahern said he wished to proceed with his Motion and the City Clerk was asked to read the Motion as originally put:

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"THAT City Council review the proposed changes and road patterns in the vicinity of the Wanderers Grounds and that Staff come prepared to answer questions with respect to the proposed changes and traffic patterns."

His Worship the Mayor said that final approval of the boundaries for the Museum of Science land was given at the last Council meeting, and there was no possibility of rescinding that decision at Council tonight, but that the Motion as made above was in order.

Alderman Ahern said his objection to the plan was that if they prepare the ground as staked out, they would cut off the finish of the running events, as well as a considerable part of the grounds near the present Works Department building. He said he did not see why the Engineers could not revise the plan so as to alter the road lines enough that the Wanderers Grounds would not be affected.

The City Manager said that the plan, under discussion, was only a proposal made by staff, and when Council had looked at it some months back they had agreed the plan had merit but the matter of actual street lines was left for approval at a later date.

His Worship the Mayor said that as he understood the plan, the Wanderers Grounds would be larger in area if it were carried out. It was then agreed that any discussion on the matter should take place at the time Staff present a plan of street lines for approval.

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

No Motions of Reconsideration were scheduled to be heard at this time.

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MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

No Motions of Rescission were scheduled to be heard at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING & HEARINGS

Public Hearing - Rezoning #6955-65 Mumford Road
from R-1 Zone to R-3 Zone

A public hearing into the matter of the rezoning of 6955-65 Mumford Road from R-1 Zone to R-3 Zone, was held at this time.

Mr. Lubka, Chief Planner, displayed a plan which showed the proposed apartment dwelling and the surrounding territory. He said the apartment dwelling would utilize four lots on which four single family dwellings were presently located. He said staff favoured the project as they felt the site was a good location for the apartment, being close to shopping facilities, schools, and a public transit route.

Mr. Lubka stated that the building would be a five-storey 50-unit apartment house, and would be of excellent appearance. The area was mainly composed of commercial and institutional buildings, so that Staff felt there should be no objection to construction of an apartment dwelling.

Although the entrance to the building was on Mumford Road, there was a right of way along Winston Place, and Mr. Lubka was asked if the access through Winston Place would be open to vehicular traffic. He said it was his understanding that the developer intended Winston Place access as a foot-path only, but suggested that the developer could

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probably answer the question.

Mr. Seldon Bryson, Solicitor for the applicant, was then invited to address Council. He gave a brief resume of the background of the development and the design of the buildings.

Alderman Fitzgerald said he felt the project would be an excellent one and serve to fulfill a real need in the area; however, he said he wanted a written guarantee that the Winston Place access would remain for pedestrians only, and that the applicant would not return at a later date and request, even demand, permission for vehicular access from the building to Winston Place.

Mr. Bryson said that a twenty foot drop in elevation from Winston Place to the point where automobiles would enter into the building ruled out the possibility of a vehicular right of way, but if required, he said he felt sure the developers would give a written guarantee in this regard.

His Worship the Mayor asked if there was anyone present who wished to present a case against the rezoning. No persons appeared. He then asked if there was anyone present who, though possibly not against construction of the building, might want to raise some questions regarding any aspect of the project. Mr. Wedderburn said he owned a home on Winston Place and that his only concern was that Winston Place might be turned into a vehicular access for automobiles, but that if there was a guarantee this would never happen, he would not oppose the scheme. He also said he felt the right of way should be reserved for use

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A formal resolution was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald, that the Resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed with Aldermen Connolly and Sullivan voting against.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

A petition was submitted endorsed by Alderman Meagher, signed by fifteen taxpayers, against the use of a vacant lot at the corner of Quinpool Road and Poplar Street for the parking and storing of transport trucks, delivery vehicles and other used and dilapidated cars.

It was agreed that the petition be referred to the Town Planning Board and that a Staff report be prepared.

Property Acquisition - 22-24-26 Upper Water Street

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$15,000.00 be paid to Mrs. Mary Morgan as settlement in full for all claims in connection with the acquisition by the City of her property at #2026-30 Upper

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REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee of its meeting held on July 4, 1968 with respect to the following matters:

Property Acquisition - #5226-30 Artz Street

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$10,500.00 be paid to Mr. Ralph W. Kane of 1548 Walnut Street as settlement in full for all claims arising from the acquisition by the City of his property at Civic Nos. 5226-30 Artz Street required in connection with the later stages of the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Project. Motion passed.

Property Acquisition - #5218 Proctor Street, 235-240 Upper Water Street

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ahern that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$7,000.00 be paid to the Estate of John Ead as settlement in full for all claims arising from the acquisition of his property at Civic No. 5218 Proctor Street and 236-240 Upper Water Street required in connection with the construction of Harbour Drive. Motion Passed.

Property Acquisition - #2026-30 Upper Water Street

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$15,000.00 be paid to Mrs. Mary Morgan as settlement in full for all claims in connection with the acquisition by the City of her property at #2026-30 Upper

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Water Street required in connection with the construction of Harbour Drive. Motion passed.

Housing Authority Budget 1968

The report of the Finance and Executive Committee read as follows:

"It is recommended that the proposed 1968 budget of the Halifax Housing Authority be approved and that Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and Province of Nova Scotia be asked to concur in such approval."

Alderman Ivany referred to the fourth paragraph of the letter dated June 24th, 1968 from the Chairman of the Halifax Housing Authority to Mr. S.J. Langmaid, Supervisor of Real Estate Division for the City, in which a reference was made to anticipated maintenance expenses involved with the take-over of the Uniacke Square Project which were NOT included in the Budget, and a further indication in the same paragraph that some of those expenses were of a major nature. Alderman Ivany asked His Worship the Mayor if he had a report which would clarify what the expenses were for and how much money was involved, and His Worship replied that he had received nothing in this regard.

It was therefore agreed that the matter should be deferred until the question of these additional expenses were examined by Staff and reported to Council.

Final Certificates

(1) Sewers - Scotia Square

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, final payment in the amount of \$5,550.80 be made to Fraser

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Construction Limited as per Certificate No. 6 (Final) on account of their contract for the construction of Storm and Sanitary Sewers at Scotia Square in the City of Halifax.

Motion passed.

(2) Sidewalk Construction

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee final payment in the amount of \$7,354.53 be made to Cameron Contracting Limited as per Certificate No. 6 (Final) on account of their contract for the construction of the new sidewalks in the City of Halifax for the year 1967.

Motion passed.

Paving Streets - Annexation Areas

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee the request of the Municipality of the County of Halifax that the City absorb the normal County share of the cost of paving 370 feet on Rexdale Avenue, Jollimore, amounting to \$1,207.00, be granted. Motion passed.

Feasibility Study - Halifax Civic Hospital

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Matheson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, in view of the fact that a feasibility study of the hospital requirements of the Metropolitan area is to be undertaken in September of this year by a Committee of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia with the assistance of the Hospital Insurance Commission, that the request for a feasibility study of the Halifax Civic Hospital be deferred

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until the findings of the Committee of the Medical Society have been tabled and studied. Motion passed.

Claim - City of Halifax vs Larry M. Latimer

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Moir, that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee the City accept the amount of \$1,800.00 as settlement in full of the claim of the City of Halifax against Larry M. Latimer for damage to City property incurred on October 14, 1967 in the amount of \$1,909.00 and that His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an appropriate release.

Motion Passed.

Demolition Charge - 37 Maynard Street

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee -

(a) the City accept the amount of \$262.50 plus interest from 1960 on behalf of Andrew Mathews as settlement in full for the City's claim for demolition charges amounting to \$525.00 on the property at 37 Maynard Street demolished by the City under order of the Board of Works passed in July, 1960; and

(b) that legislation be sought at the next sitting of the Nova Scotia Legislature to write off the balance of the account amounting to \$262.50, plus interest. Motion passed.

Settlement of Claim - Sewer Damage - 1673 Fairfield Road

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee the sum of \$154.50 be paid to Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Gale of 1673 Fairfield Road as settlement in full of all claims

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for damages caused to their finished basement by floods occasioned by sewer blockage; such payment to be made on the signing of an appropriate release by Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Gale. Motion passed.

Cogswell Street Interchange - Paving

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee the cost of paving two additional lanes (estimated at \$16,880.00) be included in the second contract for the Cogswell Street Interchange, tenders for which will be called in July and a contract awarded August 15, 1968. Motion passed.

Suggested Changes to Relieve Aldermen of Routine Matters

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee the following administrative changes be approved:

1. The staff establishment be approved in total, rather than by Department, thus giving an opportunity to meet changing needs. Approval of this would also require the ability to transfer salary appropriations along with the positions, subject to remaining within the overall approved salary budget. (Resolution required)
2. New positions to be created as required, and salary ranges established therefor, provided that the overall approved annual budget totals are not exceeded. In other words, redundant positions would be allocated, where necessary, for more essential needs. These new positions would have to be confirmed by City Council during the annual budget discussions. (Resolution required)
3. Administrative orders relating to departmental organizations should be prepared as soon as possible. The content should be such that flexibility is built in to provide the administration with the ability to make changes as circumstances warrant. (Resolution required)
4. That the City Manager be authorized to accept low tenders for goods and services not exceeding \$5,000.00 in value,

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but that unusual circumstances be referred to Council; also, that a report of all tenders accepted by the City Manager be made to City Council. (Resolution required)

5. Some flexibility should probably be introduced into the capital budget to enable minor changes, say up to \$5,000, to be made in those appropriations which are blanket in effect, e.g., sidewalks, street paving, etc. This could also include approval by the City Manager of capital expenditures up to \$5,000. within the approved budget (including tenders) (Resolution required)
6. Various routine agreements which are on a periodic basis e.g., Society for the Prevention of Cruelty (in relation to operation of the Dog Pound), Band Concerts in Public Gardens, etc., could probably be handled by the administration, unless significant changes were proposed. (Resolution required)
7. That the City Manager be authorized to approve applications made under the Provisions of Ordinance No. 55. (Amendment to Ordinance No. 55 required).
8. That the City Manager be authorized to accept tenders for canteen concessions on City property and to enter into agreements on behalf of the City with concessionaires. (Resolution required).
9. That the City Manager be authorized to settle minor claims made by or against the City up to a limit of \$250. (Resolution required)
10. That the City Manager be authorized to arrange for the disposal of unclaimed articles. (Administrative Order required)
11. Final Certificates be approved in the natural course of events as they are, in effect, final invoices. (Resolution required)
12. Administration to decide on sign and encroachment permits, subject to appeal to the appropriate Committee; also underground gasoline storage tanks. (Subject to it being expressed more specifically for Council) (Amendments to Ordinance and/or City Charter required)
13. That the City Manager be authorized to enter into leases on behalf of the City for the hiring of snow removal and other equipment if provision has been made in the annual budget. (Resolution required)
14. That the City Manager be authorized to approve applications for Lord's Day Permits subject to the right of appeal by the applicant. (Amendment to Ordinance No. 109 required)
15. That the City Manager be authorized to sign renewals of leases on behalf of the City for office space where no significant changes are to be made in the terms and conditions of leases. (Resolution required).

Motion passed with Alderman Ahern voting against.

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REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report from the Committee on Works from its meeting held on July 2, 1968, with respect to the following matters:

Claim - Damage to Wheel Disc - Mr. E. L. Bain

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Black that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, an amount of \$7.10 be paid to Mr. E. L. Bain of Canadian Pacific Express Company, 3461 Kempt Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia, as settlement in full for his claim for damages to the wheel disc on his car. Motion passed.

Building Permit - Single Family Dwelling - Pine Hill Divinity College

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, a building permit be issued to erect a single family dwelling on Park and Institutional lands, Pine Hill Divinity College, Francklyn Street, on the basis that:-

1. the proposed use is accessory to the College use;
2. the land on which the building is to be erected will meet all requirements of the Zoning By-law for a single family dwelling in an R-1 zone;
3. the College will make application immediately for an alteration to a subdivision establishing a lot for the dwelling;
4. the City will not extend municipal services beyond that existing and now provided for Francklyn Street until agreement is reached on the proposed subdivision and related streets.

Motion passed.

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Possible Disposal of the Littleford Asphalt Plant

The report of the Committee reads as follows:

"It is recommended that:

1. the operation of the Littleford Asphalt Plant be terminated by the City as soon as present inventories of raw materials have been manufactured;
2. after ascertaining how much the plant is worth and how much it would cost to store it for one year, the City Manager recommend to Council whether or not the plant should be disposed of immediately by public tender or disposal delayed for a period of one year;
3. all hot and cold mix requirements be purchased from local suppliers since it is felt that there are now enough suppliers in the area to ensure competitive pricing and a supply of materials at all times;
4. the winter patching of streets be carried out by using a cold mix asphalt properly compacted."

The following supplementary report was submitted from the City Manager:

"At the meeting of the Works Committee on July 2nd, the motion passed concerning the disposal of the asphalt plant included a request for certain information concerning the cost and time of disposal of the plant.

The asphalt plant is presently sited in the area which will be used for the construction of the Museum of Science. As it is anticipated that the construction will commence by early September, the asphalt plant will have to be dismantled before that time. If the plant were to be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, with such a short period of time to work in, the likelihood is that the full value might not be realized.

An estimate of the cost of removal and storage on a site in the vicinity of the new City Field and Incinerator is \$2,000. This amount of money could possibly be recovered if sufficient time is taken to ensure the best possible sale price. Storage would also allow the City to review the effects of discontinuing its own production of asphalt. If the new policy proved to be satisfactory after the first few months' trial, a sale of the plant could be arranged to achieve the best possible price.

It is therefore recommended that the asphalt plant be removed and stored, at an approximate cost of \$2,000, until such time within the twelve month trial period as it is decided that

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the policy of outside purchasing of asphalt is operating as expected."

After some discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the Littleford Asphalt plant be removed and stored, at an approximate cost of \$2,000, until such time, within the twelve month trial period, as it is decided that the policy of outside purchasing of asphalt is operating as expected.

Some discussion ensued with respect to the timing of the removal of the asphalt plant.

It was then MOVED in Amendment by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the City Manager make every effort to sell the asphalt plant until such time as it has to be moved to enable the Museum of Science to be constructed and report back to City Council with the best offer received for the plant.

After further discussion, the Amendment was put and lost, five voting for the same and eight against it as follows:

For: Aldermen Black, Abbott, Matheson, Sullivan,
and Fitzgerald 5

Against: Aldermen Moir, Ivany, A. M. Butler, Meagher,
Ahern, Connolly, Doyle and H. W. Butler 8

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

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Amendments - Ordinance #55 Re: Tag Days, etc. Second Reading

Deferred.

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Amendments - Ordinance #116 Re: Taxis - Second Reading

Deferred.

9:55 p.m. Council adjourned to meet as Committee of the Whole.

Amendments - Ordinance #4 Re: City Electrician - Second Reading

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the following amendment to Ordinance #4 respecting the City Electrician be read and passed a Second Time:

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

1. Ordinance No. 4, respecting the City Electrician, is amended as follows:
2. Section 5 of Ordinance No. 4, as that Section was amended in 1941, is further amended by deleting the words "Council, the Mayor or the Commissioner of Works and City Engineer" at the end of that Section, and substituting therefor the words "Director of Works".

Motion passed.

9:57 p.m. Council reconvened, the same members being present.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council, the following amendment to Ordinance #4 respecting the City Electrician be read and passed a Second Time:

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

1. Ordinance No. 4, respecting the City Electrician, is amended as follows:
2. Section 5 of Ordinance No. 4, as that Section was amended in 1941, is further amended by deleting the words "Council, the Mayor or the Commissioner of Works and City Engineer" at the end of that Section, and substituting therefor the words "Director of Works".

Motion passed.

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REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the Town Planning Board from its meeting held on July 2, 1968 with respect to the following matters:

Modification of Side Yard, Lot Frontage and Lot Area Requirements - 6168 North Street

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of side yard, lot frontage and lot area requirements at 6168 North Street, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2454, to permit the conversion of a single family dwelling to a duplex dwelling by internal alterations be refused.

Alderman Connolly considered that the application should be further studied since, in his opinion, the modifications should be approved and he indicated that there was a considerable amount of open space around the building even if two car parking spaces are provided.

After some discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the matter be referred back to the Town Planning Board for further study.

Alderman Black said that the Town Planning Board considered the matter thoroughly and he saw no point in discussing it again.

Alderman Ivany said that Staff gave a strong recommendation to the Town Planning Board and he saw no reason to change his mind at this time.

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After further discussion, the motion to refer was put and passed.

Extension to a Non-conforming Building and Modification of Front and Side Yard Requirements - 5758 Inglis Street

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for an extension to a non-conforming building and modification of front and side yard requirements at 5758 Inglis Street, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2452, to extend the existing single family dwelling by constructing additions to the front, side and rear be approved. Motion passed.

Alteration to a Subdivision - 5648-5658 South Street

The report of the Board reads as follows:

"The Town Planning Board directed the City Clerk to notify the residential property owners on the south side of South Street between the Wood Motors Property and South Park Street of the intention of City Council to consider the application for an alteration to a subdivision and asked to submit their views in writing before the Council meeting on July 11, 1968.

The two residential property owners were duly notified.

It is recommended that the alteration to a subdivision of the property at 5648-5658 South Street, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2453 - 00-10-17327, be approved and a public hearing waived."

The City Clerk advised that one letter of objection was received from Mrs. Mona Dwyer of 5644 South Street.

Alderman Moir felt that since there was an objection perhaps City Council should hold a public hearing into the matter. Alderman Fitzgerald reviewed the discussions held by the Board for members of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that the report of the Town Planning Board be approved.