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emergency shelter are those with large numbers of children and the mobile homes would not be large enough to house them. He agreed that after annexation mobile home parks might be started in some areas of the City, but not as emergency housing.

Rebate Gasoline Tax - Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Ltd.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that a rebate, in the amount of \$3,382.18, to Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited for the period July 1, 1968 to September 30, 1968, in accordance with the provisions of Section 15, Chapter 8 of the Acts of Nova Scotia, 1965, as it relates to the "Gasoline and Diesel Oil Tax Act," be approved. Motion passed.

Bridge Approach - Robie Street and Memorial Drive

The following report was submitted from Staff:

The consultant for the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission has been proceeding with detailed designs of the Halifax approaches to the Narrows Bridge. As a result of this examination, the consultant has suggested certain changes at the intersection of Robie Street and Memorial Drive.

The approved preliminary design does not affect Robie Street and Memorial Drive. The approaches pass immediately to the north of this intersection but are separated from the intersection by a 40 foot to 45 foot retaining wall. The reinforced concrete guard rail on the top of the retaining wall projects over the bridge approaches. There is an existing grade of about 14 percent on Robie Street and it is the opinion of the consultant and City staff that this is a potentially very dangerous situation. A vehicle coming down the slope could conceivably go through the guard rail and fall 40 feet to the bridge approaches.

In order to overcome this situation, the Bridge Commission has proposed to purchase two complete properties and part of a third at the intersection of Robie Street and Memorial Drive. The intersection would be realigned to draw it back from the bridge approaches by about 50 feet. This realignment would reduce the grade of the intersection to 9 percent and would permit a more logical solution of the elevation problem.

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A plan to illustrate the proposed changes will be available at City Council. If the revised proposal is acceptable, the Bridge Commission has indicated that it would be prepared to accept full responsibility for the costs of acquiring the additional properties and constructing the revised inter-section.

City Staff feel that the revised proposal would result in a much more satisfactory condition at this point and recommend that City Council approve of the change in design.

The City Engineer displayed a sketch plan of the proposed changes and indicated the properties that would need to be acquired by the Bridge Commission.

Alderman Sullivan expressed concern that the persons in the homes would be displaced and he felt that they have not been given sufficient time to find alternative homes.

His Worship the Mayor referred to a memorandum he had received from Staff which indicated that Staff had contacted the Chairman of the Bridge Commission and had told him of Council's concern for the people to be displaced and he advised that the Bridge Commission agreed to notify the people immediately in writing.

Some discussion ensued with respect to the fact that the Bridge Commission has the power to expropriate properties and Alderman Black pointed out that the Bridge Commission has not resorted to expropriation and has acquired properties by negotiated settlements which indicates that fair and reasonable prices have been paid to property owners.

Alderman LeBlanc suggested that a member of Staff or representative from the Housing Committee should approach the property owners who will be displaced as a result of the bridge approaches and offer assistance in their relocation.

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His Worship the Mayor suggested that the matter of negotiations are the responsibility of the Bridge Commission and the Bridge Commission should be informed that if problems are encountered with certain of the relocation aspects, the City would assist as much as possible.

After further discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the revised proposal for the Narrows Bridge approaches with respect to the Robie Street and Memorial Drive intersection, as set out in the Staff Report dated October 15, 1968, be approved. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Ahern Re: Headlines - Tax Hike

Alderman Ahern asked His Worship the Mayor if he was astounded about the headlines in the newspaper respecting a possible 40 cents tax hike in the City in 1969, written under the by-line of Peter Meerburg.

His Worship the Mayor reported that he is not easily astounded by anything written in the newspaper by Peter Meerburg.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Report - Non-exempt Properties

Alderman Fitzgerald asked if the Taxation Report with respect to non-exempt properties will be received soon.

The Acting City Manager advised that he would find out and report later.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Creighton Street Housing Project

Alderman Fitzgerald asked how the 26 unit Creighton Street Housing Project is progressing, and when the units will be ready for occupation.

6:20 p.m. Aldermen Black and Abbott retire.

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The Director of Development advised that the Project is expected to be completed by the end of November.

Question Alderman Matheson Re: Fees for Petty and Grand Juries and Preparation of Jury Lists

Alderman Matheson referred to the fact that Petty and Grand Juries are paid at a rate of only \$5.00 per day and he asked if any thought had been given to increasing the fees for jurors. He also referred to the preparation of the Jury List by the City Clerk's Office and asked if it could be done more easily and cheaply by the use of the City Assessor's records.

The Acting City Manager said that the suggestions put forward by Alderman Matheson may require an amendment to be made to the Jury Act but that they will be looked into and reported on later.

Question Alderman Ivany Re: Spring Garden Road Development

Alderman Ivany referred to the property at 1452 Queen Street, in which six families were residing and who now have been given notice to vacate. He asked if there will be a report submitted to the next meeting of the Town Planning Board outlining the proposed development of the Spring Garden Road area.

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that the report may be of a confidential nature and suggested that Alderman Ivany contact Staff in this regard.

Question Alderman Moir Re: Election Procedures - Amendments and Changes to Voter's Lists

Alderman Moir asked if the Acting City Clerk could

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outline the procedures to be followed by persons wishing to be added to the Voter's List or to have names or addresses changed.

The Acting City Clerk advised that an advertisement had been placed in the local newspaper setting out the procedures to be followed and reviewed same briefly.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Soot Fallout Account

Alderman Connolly asked if the City has yet received payment of the account submitted to the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited with respect to the Soot Fallout.

His Worship the Mayor said that it is his understanding that the Company have submitted the account to their Insurance people and have not yet received a reply.

Alderman Connolly asked if he could be supplied with a statement of the total costs incurred by the City with regard to the inspections and investigation of the soot nuisance.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Home for Special Care

Alderman Connolly said that he had noticed a property for sale on Cunard Street in the vicinity of the site on which the proposed Home for Special Care is to be constructed and he asked if Staff are considering the acquisition of the property in this connection. He also asked if the Home for Special Care is proceeding as quickly as possible.

His Worship the Mayor advised that there seems to be a problem in connection with the Terms of Reference with

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respect to the design and he further advised that at the request of the City Manager he is seeking an appointment with the Province to clarify the positions of the Hospital Insurance Commission and the Provincial Department of Welfare.

Alderman A. M. Butler said that a meeting of the technical staff was held this week in connection with the problems that have arisen between the two Government departments and he advised that the matter will be referred to the Premier in writing to seek an expedient solution.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Alderman Sullivan - Blocking of Intersections

Alderman Sullivan gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council, he would move the following motion:

WHEREAS I have been receiving complaints to the effect that motor vehicle drivers are blocking intersections by reason of entering same when exit is blocked by vehicles.

AND WHEREAS the City Traffic Engineer has stated that in his opinion we should not paint any new intersection boxes and let the ones we have quietly wear out.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we request the appropriate provincial authorities to include an instruction that a driver shall not enter an intersection when his exit is blocked by vehicle and that this instruction be included in the driver's instruction manual.

Notice of Motion - Alderman LeBlanc - Program to Announce the New and Larger Halifax

Alderman LeBlanc gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council, he would move that a Committee be appointed to prepare a suitable program to herald and announce the new and larger Halifax and that such program be held on the eve of December 31st, 1968 and that representatives of the

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County of Halifax and City Council participate in such a program, also that the Committee submit the program and budget for Council's approval.

Notice of Motion - Alderman Ivany - Rezoning Block Bounded by Almon, Dublin, Young and Windsor Streets.

Alderman Ivany gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council, he would move the rescission of the decision of City Council made at its meeting held on October 18, 1968 earlier today with respect to the setting of a date for a public hearing into the matter of the rezoning of the block bounded by Almon, Dublin, Young and Windsor Streets to R-3 Residential for the purpose of creating additional areas suitable for apartment type construction.

ADDED ITEMS

Port Work

Alderman Sullivan said that he had not asked for this item to be placed on the Order of Business to criticize the work of the Port Commission, but he wanted to stress the concern of the Longshoremen and Freighthandlers about the lack of work on the Halifax Docks. He was of the opinion that more salesmanship was necessary to sell the Port of Halifax to steamship firms and possibly representations made to Ottawa in any attempt possible to obtain more employment for the Port.

Alderman Matheson felt that there was considerable merit in advertising the City of Halifax and setting out its resources and opportunities in an attempt to encourage business and consequent increased employment. He thought it might be

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necessary to include an increased amount in the 1969 Budget for advertising and promotional efforts.

After some discussion on the matter, Alderman Fitzgerald suggested that the Port Commission should consider this advertising aspect as one which is vitally important and he thought that the Information Officer of the City might consider and develop some programme promoting the Port of Halifax in conjunction with the Port Commission.

APPEAL TO MINISTER - FAIRMOUNT SUBDIVISION

The Acting City Manager reported that at the last meeting of the Town Planning Board, the matter of the Fairmount Subdivision plans for approval of several lots was referred to City Staff. He said that it is Staff's view that the matter of the approval of the subdivision should be appealed to the Minister. He advised that the matter is one of some urgency since if it was considered by the Town Planning Board at its next meeting, the time for appeal would have elapsed.

Council agreed that Staff should appeal the Fairmount Subdivision to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

6:40 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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ALLAN O'BRIEN  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

JOY P. LAMB  
ACTING CITY CLERK

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CITY COUNCIL

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8:00 p.m.

1. Lord's Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes: October 17, 1968
4. Approval of Order of Business, Additions & Deletions
5. Deferred Items:
  - (a) Minutes - September 26, 1968
6. Motions of Reconsideration: NONE
7. Motions of Rescission:
  - (a) Motion - Alderman Ivany to Rescind Resolution of Council, October 18, 1968 Re: Rezoning Block Bounded by Windsor, Almon, Dublin and Young Streets
8. Public Hearings & Hearings
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10. Report - Finance & Executive Committee:
  - (a) Halifax-Dartmouth & County Regional Planning Commission - Request for \$3,770.00 - Advance from 1969 Budget
  - (b) Request for Use of City Crest - Webster's China & Gifts Limited
  - (c) Staff Requirements - Rental of Office Space, Etc. - Social Assistance Department
  - (d) Possible Acquisition - #2559 Gottingen Street
11. Report - Committee on Works: NONE
12. Report - Safety Committee:
  - (a) Tenders for Police Vehicles
13. Report - Public Health & Welfare Committee: NONE
14. Report - Committee of the Whole Council, Boards & Commissions:
  - (a) Amendment to Ordinance #109, Respecting "The Opening of Stores, Canteens, Fruit Stands, Laundromats, Billiard Halls & Pool Rooms on the Lord's Day" - SECOND READING
  - (b) Ordinance #122, Respecting "Tax Concessions for New Commercial & Industrial Construction" - SECOND READING
  - (c) Ordinance #125, Respecting "The Court of Assessment Appeal" - SECOND READING
  - (d) Ordinance #129, Respecting the "Adjustment of Assessments & Taxes on Residential Properties Destroyed by Fire" - SECOND READING

14. Report - Committee of the Whole Council, Etc. (Continued):  
(e) Report - Industrial Development Commission  
(f) Report - Halifax-Dartmouth & County Regional Planning Commission  
(g) Amendments - Ordinance #55 Re: Tag Days, Etc. - SECOND READING - DEFER

15. Report - Town Planning Board:  
(a) Rezoning - R-3 Residential Zone to C-2 Commercial Zone -  
#5660-62 South Street and  
#5659-65 Fenwick Street - DATE FOR HEARING  
(b) Modification of Lot Frontage & Lot Area Requirements -  
#3622 Gottingen Street  
(c) Modification of Side Yard, Lot Frontage & Lot Area Requirements -  
#5879 Stairs Street  
(d) Amendment to the Zoning By-law Regarding Proposed  
Professional Zone - DATE FOR HEARING  
(e) Rezoning - Northeast Corner Robie Street & Spring Garden Road  
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(f) Legislation - Unsightly Premises

16. Motions:  
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(b) Motion - Alderman D. G. LeBlanc Re: Appointment of Committee to  
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December 31, 1968  
(c) Motion - Alderman M. D. Sullivan Re: Blocking Intersections

17. Miscellaneous Business:  
(a) Accounts Over \$5000  
(b) Report - Social Planning Committee  
(c) Report - Housing Committee  
(d) Appointment - Traffic Authority  
(e) Waterfront Historic Buildings  
(f) Annual Grant - Neptune Theatre

18. QUESTIONS

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20. Added Items

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Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
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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 Acting City Clerk, joined in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

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

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

TRIBUTE - LATE CHIEF OF POLICE VERDUN MITCHELL

Alderman Matheson paid the following tribute to the late Chief of Police, Verdun Mitchell:

"Verdun Mitchell was a great public servant. His death a few days ago cast a shadow of sadness over this Council, our Police Force, and over the entire community. This personal sense of loss, and the urge to say 'farewell' to an outstanding figure was made manifest at his funeral by not only the attendance of representatives of all levels of Government, but as well of literally hundreds of persons, ordinary citizens of Halifax from all walks of life who came to pay their final respects.

"Chief Mitchell was made a sergeant after a little more than five years' service, having placed first in competition for that position. His high standing in the Canadian Police College and other Police Schools brought his exceptional qualities to the attention of our predecessors who appointed him head of our force in 1950, when he was but 33 years of age. Aldermen Ahern, and Alderman Abbott, I believe, are the only serving Aldermen who were present when that wise decision was made.

"The public knew and respected him as a dedicated policeman, but few citizens and, I fear, not many members of

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"Council, appreciated the extent of his dedication to the responsibilities of maintaining peace and good order in this City.

"A working day with prescribed hours of duty was not his approach to the performance of the functions of Chief of Police. Neither the days of the week, nor indeed if you consider it necessary to spend time on vacation, were the months of the year important to him. He was, in a word, a 24-hour day, seven day a week, public servant.

"Most of us have served on the Safety Committee and knew his attitude towards the obligations of his office. When he considered his course to be right then, although marked by courtesy and restraint, his position was stated with clarity and firmness. He was not concerned about the popularity of his decisions. Yet he had that quality, and it is rare enough, that he could present an opposing view in a way at which no opposition could take offence. It is a quality from which we in Council among other lessons that his life presents, could learn and profit.

"I move that this Council go on record as expressing our profound sense of loss and our deepest sympathy to his family and particularly to his widow, with the hope that their grief may be lessened in some small degree by the knowledge that it is shared by this Council and the community.

"Bishop Thomas Ken some 250 years ago might have written his epitaph when he said:

'Away my soul and with the sun  
The daily stage of duty run;  
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
To pay thy morning sacrifice.' "

Alderman Sullivan seconded the motion embodied in the tribute, and it was passed unanimously. Aldermen Abbott, Ahern, and A.M. Butler, amongst others, all added tribute to the late Police Chief.

#### MINUTES

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald, that the minutes of the October 17th meeting of City Council be approved. Motion passed.

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APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

It was unanimously agreed by Council that the following items be added to the agenda:

- 20 (a) - Report - Transit Committee.
- 20 (b) - Appeal - Fairmount Subdivision.
- 20 (c) - Expropriation - Purdy Bros. Property, Upper Water St.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that Item 17 (c) "Report - Housing Committee", be removed from the agenda, in view of the fact that the report from that Committee's meeting the previous day was not available to members of Council until their arrival at the Council Chamber this evening.

There was considerable discussion regarding Council being asked to consider matters on which they had no information supplied them previous to the meeting, or possibly only a day or two before, which did not allow them time to fully study the implications involved in passing a motion. It was generally agreed that something should be done to correct this situation, but both Aldermen Matheson and Moir gave reasons why the item presently in question should be left on the agenda.

Alderman Moir stated that the Housing Committee had considered a report from the Social Planning Committee and that all the Housing report did was change one sentence in the Social Planning Committee's report, so that actually he felt items 17 (b) and 17 (c) should be considered together. Furthermore, he said, the subject matter of the report had actually been sent out to all members of Council a week previous, so that all members had had the opportunity to

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familiarize themselves with the report.

Aldermen Black and LeBlanc agreed to withdraw their motion, and all members of Council with the exception Alderman Connolly agreed to the withdrawal of the motion. A further short discussion followed on the matter, after which His Worship the Mayor said he assumed agreement was unanimous.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Matheson, that Items 17 (b) "Report - Social Planning Committee" and 17 (c) "Report - Housing Committee" be considered together as one item. Motion passed.

Alderman Ahern requested to have the item "Rents - Uniacke Square" added as Item 20 (d), and Council agreed on the condition that no Motion was made.

His Worship the Mayor said that there were two items to be discussed in private after the meeting was adjourned.

#### DEFERRED ITEMS

It was agreed to amend paragraph 1. at the top of Page 806 of Council minutes for September 26, 1968 meeting to read as follows:

"1. THAT the Transit Committee be instructed to continue, with the assistance of the City Manager, negotiations with the Nova Scotia Light & Power Company Limited, based on their proposals contained in their letters of April 25 and May 3, 1968, with particular emphasis on the financial implications under either arrangement for the purpose of determining operating deficits and the cost of acquisition if the agreed arrangement includes an option to purchase; and

THAT the Transit Committee come back to Council with a firm recommendation."

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald, that the minutes of September 26th Council, as amended, be approved. Motion passed.



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MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

Motion - Alderman Ivany to Rescind Resolution of Council,  
October 18, 1968 Re: Rezoning Block Bounded by Windsor,  
Almon, Dublin and Young Streets

The City Clerk advised that the Resolution in question had been defeated by a 5 for, 8 against vote at the October 18th, 1968 Council meeting.

His Worship the Mayor then quoted Section 46 from Ordinance Number 103:

"46. When a motion has been resolved in the negative, it shall not be again brought before the Council, except by the approval of two-thirds of the Council, until two months have elapsed, and, if again resolved in the negative, shall not again be brought before the Council until the expiry of twelve months."

Alderman Matheson asked if the motion had been to approve a Town Planning Board recommendation, and His Worship the Mayor asked the City Clerk to read the motion as put at the October 18 Council meeting.

"MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, a date be set for a public hearing into the matter of the rezoning of the area bounded by Windsor, Almon, Dublin and Young Streets to R-3 Residential for the purpose of creating additional areas suitable for apartment type construction.

For the Motion: Aldermen Black, Abbott, Moir,  
Ivany, Matheson..... 5  
Against the Motion: Aldermen Sullivan, A.M. Butler  
Meagher, LeBlanc, Ahern, Connolly,  
Fitzgerald, H.W. Butler ..... 8"

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that since the motion did not receive a two-thirds majority at the October 18th Council, it was very unlikely that Alderman Ivany's motion to have it brought before Council this evening would receive the necessary two-third's approval, but he would be free to introduce his motion after the above noted two months had elapsed.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS AND HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings or Hearings scheduled for this evening's meeting.

PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

There were no petitions submitted or delegations to be heard at this time.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the Report from the Finance and Executive Committee, of its meeting held on October 24, 1968 with respect to the following matters:

Halifax-Dartmouth and County Regional Planning Commission - Request for \$3,770.00 Advanced from 1969 Budget

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Ahern, that as recommended by that Finance and Executive Committee, the City's share of the first quarter's budget for 1969, amounting to \$3,770.00, be advanced to the Halifax-Dartmouth and County Regional Planning Commission to enable it to continue to function until the end of the present year.

Alderman Matheson said he was disturbed by the fact that this organization was retracting its activities at a time when they should be expanding, so that in effect the passing of this motion meant paying out more money for less service.

After a short discussion the motion was put and passed.

Request for Use of City Crest - Webster's China and Gifts Ltd.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council refuse the request from Webster's

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China and Gifts Limited, to sell a tray in their retail store with the Coat of Arms of the City thereon, produced by G.W. Reid & Co. Ltd., Truro. Motion passed.

Annexation - Social Assistance Department Requirements

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Matheson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee,

1. Council approve the additional staff requirements as follows:

1 Social Work Supervisor	\$8,025 - \$10,000
1 Welfare Officer II	7,650 - 9,600
1 Welfare Officer I	4,860 - 6,300
1 Clerk Steno	3,480 - 4,140

Unemployment Insurance	240
Canada Pension Plan	265

2. Council approve of the rental of approximately 1200 square feet of office space in the annexation area at an estimated \$4,800.00 per annum, to prevent any further congestion in the present offices on University Avenue and to make the Department's services more accessible to persons living in the annexation area;
3. Council approve of a supplementary appropriation in the amount of \$2,300.00, under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter, to cover approximately 1/12 of the cost of personnel and space requirements of the additional office and to permit recruitment of additional staff by December 1, 1968 for training and orientation;
4. Council give preliminary approval to the 1969 Budget requests of \$1,000.00 for materials and supplies, and \$2,000.00 for office furniture and equipment for the Social Assistance Department.

Motion passed.

Property Acquisition - 2559 Gottingen Street

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$13,500.00 be paid to Mr. Edmund Kosendowski, 2559 Gottingen Street, Halifax, N.S. as settlement in full for all claims arising from the acquisition by the City of

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his property located at 2559 Gottingen Street, required for the final phase of Uniacke Square. Motion passed.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tenders for Police Vehicles

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the lowest tender, that of Wood Motors Limited, at a net tender amount of \$28,633.00 for the supply of ten motor vehicles for the Halifax Police Department, be approved. Motion passed.

8:30 p.m. - Council convened as Committee of the Whole.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Amendment to Ordinance #109, Respecting "The Opening of Stores, Canteens, Fruit Stands, Laundromats, Billiard Halls & Pool Rooms on the Lord's Day - SECOND READING:

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald, that amendment to Ordinance #109, Respecting "The Opening of Stores, Canteens, Fruit Stands, Laundromats, Billiard Halls and Pool Rooms on the Lord's Day" be read and passed a Second Time. Motion passed.

Ordinance #122, Respecting "Tax Concessions for New Commercial and Industrial Construction - SECOND READING:

Alderman A.M Butler stated that it had been suggested he had a certain responsibility to this Ordinance, since he had moved it in the first instance, but on giving the matter further thought he was not now so certain that a concession should be granted, in view of the high degree of prosperity in and around the City of Halifax. He said that the law of supply and demand was working in favour of owners and managers of apartment dwellings, complexes, and office buildings in the City, and that there was

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no longer a need in the City for a tax concession.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the original provision for such an Ordinance went into the 1963 Charter, to be implemented at an unspecified date. He said that within the last year the City had made a commitment that the effective date would not be later than January 1, 1968 as it affected the financial arrangements for Scotia Square, so that Council had to make a decision for a commencement date somewhere between 1964 and 1968.

After a short discussion concerning the feasibility of having the Ordinance restricted to Scotia Square, His Worship the Mayor stated that the City did not have the right to discriminate amongst tax payers in the same year, and that it would have to apply to all.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that Ordinance Number 122, as drafted by the City Solicitor, with the exception that the year 1963 in Paragraph 2 (c) be deleted and the year 1968 substituted, be read and passed a Second Time.

The City Manager said that the Ordinance was not up for the first time, as it was a revamp of an Ordinance passed by Council several months previously, which the Minister had not approved, and which also had specified the year 1968.

Council then agreed to hear from Mr. George Cooper, Lawyer, who was appearing on behalf of the Lord Nelson Hotel. Mr. Cooper said it was his opinion that unless the tax concession was made retroactive, it was discriminatory and unfair, and cited the following as an example: Under the Ordinance, if it were not made retroactive, a building completed in 1967 would have its 1969 tax based on one hundred percent of assess-

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ment, where a building completed in 1968 under the same Ordinance would only be paying taxes based on seventy-five percent of its full assessment, so that in effect the City would be subsidizing one competitor over another. He said all business concerned ought to be treated equally, and unless the Ordinance was made retroactive, such would not be the case. He said this applied particularly to the Lord Nelson Hotel, since the Dresden Arms Motor Hotel had had the benefit of this formula for a number of years. He felt there were possibly builders who had constructed buildings over the past few years with the belief that the tax concession would be made retroactive. Mr. Cooper said he therefore felt that City Council ought to exercise the power given it by the Legislature to make the tax concession retroactive, in order to overcome the advantage that would be given one competitor over another.

Alderman LeBlanc questioned Mr. Cooper about the tax concession the Lord Nelson already enjoyed in connection with its public rooms.

Mr. Medjuck spoke next and said he agreed completely with Alderman A.M. Butler's statement that business conditions in the City were presently excellent. He stated that none of the buildings his Company had erected enjoyed a tax concession, and this included the Citadel Inn. He said the matter of a possible tax concession first came up just at the time he was planning a new building, and he saw it as an incentive to go ahead with his plans, although, he admitted that he would probably have gone ahead in any event. Mr. Medjuck said he had made several efforts in the past to have the retroactive

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element of the Ordinance enacted, but the previous City Manager, Mr. Byars, had stated he was not in favour of proceeding with it at that time, in view of the fact that Scotia Square was under development. Concerning the City's commitment to Scotia Square, Mr. Medjuck said he felt it would be the highest form of discrimination, in view of the background of the Ordinance, not to extend the retroactive element to all other commercial buildings. He said it was not a matter of a rebate, as no one was asking for his taxes to be returned, and in view of the City's commitment to Scotia Square, the tax concession would be a mere token to other businesses.

The motion was then put and lost.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Ivany, that Ordinance #122, Respecting "Tax Concessions for New Commercial and Industrial Construction", as drafted by the City Solicitor with the exception that in Paragraph 2(c) the year "1963" be deleted, and "1964" substituted therefor, be read and passed a Second Time. Motion passed with Alderman LeBlanc voting against.

Ordinance #125, Respecting "The Court of Assessment Appeal" -  
SECOND READING

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman A.M. Butler, that Ordinance #125, Respecting "The Court of Assessment Appeal" be read and passed a Second Time, after making the following amendment to Section 5:

- (1) delete the figures "\$60.00" and substitute therefor the figures "\$100.00".
- (2) delete the figures "\$60.00" and substitute therefor the figures "\$75.00".

Motion passed.

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Ordinance #129, Respecting the "Adjustment of Assessments & Taxes on Residential Properties Destroyed by Fire" - SECOND READING

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman A.M. Butler, that Ordinance #129, respecting "The Adjustment of Assessments and Taxes on Residential Properties Destroyed by Fire" as drafted by the City Solicitor, be read and passed a Second Time. Motion passed.

9:15 p.m. - Council reconvened, the same members being present.

Amendment to Ordinance #109, Respecting "The Opening of Stores, Canteens, Fruit Stands, Laundromats, Billiard Halls and Pool Rooms on the Lord's Day" - SECOND READING.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Ivany, that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, Ordinance #109, Respecting "The Opening of Stores, Canteens, Fruit Stands, Laundromats, Billiard Halls & Pool Rooms on the Lord's Day" as drafted by the City Solicitor, be read and passed a Second Time.

Ordinance #122 - Respecting "Tax Concessions for New Commercial & Industrial Construction" - SECOND READING.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Ivany, that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, Ordinance #122, as drafted by the City Solicitor with the exception that in Paragraph 2 (c) the year "1963" be deleted and "1964" substituted therefor, be read and passed a Second Time. Motion passed with Alderman LeBlanc voting against.

Ordinance #125, Respecting "The Court of Assessment Appeal" SECOND READING.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman A.M. Butler, that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, Ordinance #125, Respecting "The Court of Assessment Appeal" be read and passed a Second Time, after making the following



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amendment to Section 5:

- (1) delete the figures "\$60.00" and substitute therefor the figures "\$100.00".
- (2) delete the figures "\$60.00" and substitute therefor the figures "\$75.00".

Motion passed.

Ordinance #129, Respecting the "Adjustment of Assessments and Taxes on Residential Properties Destroyed by Fire" - SECOND READING

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman A.M. Butler, that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, Ordinance #129, respecting "The Adjustment of Assessments and Taxes on Residential Properties Destroyed by Fire" as drafted by the City Solicitor, be read and passed a Second Time.

Motion passed.

Report - Industrial Development Commission

The following correspondence was submitted:

"Canadian National Railways  
Moncton, N.B.  
28 October, 1968

"Mr. Ray March,  
Executive Secretary,  
Halifax Industrial Development Commission  
1859 Granville Street,  
Halifax, N.S.

"Dear Ray:

"It was a pleasure to meet with you and your Commission on Friday last to discuss Industrial land potential in the City of Halifax.

"I believe that there is a definite need for the development of additional serviced industrial land in the immediate Halifax vicinity. The Lakeside Industrial Park is at least 80 percent occupied or optioned, and this results in only a small amount of serviced industrial land being available on the west side of Halifax Harbour. With your proposed annexation in January, 1969, of a portion of Halifax County, there is an excellent opportunity for the City to investigate industrial sites suitable to park development. CN Industrial Development will be most happy to work with you in this investigation, and I have

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"assigned Mr. John Cameron, Industrial Development Officer to this task.

"The development of an additional industrial area will provide an excellent choice for industry wishing to locate in the Halifax-Dartmouth Area, making attractive sites on both sides of Halifax Harbour. It also will provide a base from which a balanced industrial promotion campaign could be implemented for the Metro Halifax-Dartmouth area.

"I am arranging for a member of our Headquarters planning staff to be in Halifax at the earliest possible date to carry out preliminary site examination, and we will be in contact with you at that time.

"Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) S.G. DURRANT

Manager, Industrial Development

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"The Halifax Industrial Development Commission  
October 29, 1968

"His Worship the Mayor,  
& Members of City Council,  
City Hall  
Halifax, N.S.

"Your Worship and Aldermen:

"Annexation will provide the City with some land with a potential for industrial development.

"In addition, as members of Council are aware, it now seems practically certain that legislation will be forthcoming that will make the benefits of the Area Development Incentives Act (from which Halifax is presently excluded) available to new industry locating in the City.

"These two factors will greatly improve the City's power of attracting industry.

"In order, however, to exploit the new situation properly, indeed to any significant extent, it is, in the opinion of your Industrial Commission, necessary to be in a position to offer industry a choice of well-located, fully serviced industrial sites at reasonable cost. This can be done economically only by establishing an industrial park of some size (of the order of 100 acres - more if possible). Also, the industrial park technique is the only way of avoiding piecemeal industrial development, and of planning related needs such as residential and transportation facilities and other requirements in the best way and at economical costs.

"Your Commission has therefore been investigating the possibility of establishing an industrial park in the annexation area.

"After careful examination of the land available, and having consulted with the City planning staff, and with industrial development officers of Canadian National Railways and a representative of the Department of Trade & Industry, it appears that the best place for such a park (subject to an engineering survey of sub-soil and other conditions) - and possibly the only place in the annexation area is the land lying between the First and Second Chain Lakes and the Bicentennial Highway, through which the railway runs.

"This is, of course, as Council knows, wholly within the Watershed Area and, so long as it remains so, is not available for any kind of development.

"However, it is generally accepted that the City is rapidly outgrowing the capacity of the present Watershed Area to furnish an adequate supply of potable water, and alternative sources have been the subject of enquiry for some years. One of these, Pockwock Lake, if adopted, would presumably mean a gradual removing of restrictions on development from the present Watershed Area as the new one came by degrees into operation. This would permit at least a start in the development of an industrial park as and when the initial moves from the present Watershed