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"Area took place. The fact that the whole area was not immediately available would not prevent planning of the whole area once the policy was accepted, and, in any case, the whole area is not immediately required.

"If Council is in agreement with our reasoning thus far, and given that the Watershed Area must anyhow move in the very near future, and given the new climate for industrial development, and given the considerable economic benefits that would accrue from such an industrial park, it would seem that to move the Watershed Area out as quickly as possible becomes a matter of some urgency, on those grounds alone, although it may also be on grounds of adequate water supply.

"Your Industrial Commission, therefore, recommends, if Council is in agreement, that Council take whatever action may be necessary to insist, with the competent authorities, that this be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

"Halifax during the last several years has suffered from grave disabilities in the area of industrial development. As Council is aware, there has been a problem even to retain existing industry. Now that these disabilities are on the way to being overcome, every month that passes represents a loss to the City in new industry that could be attracted if this last impediment were removed.

"If Council agrees with the foregoing, we would respectfully urge that it press for an urgent solution to the problem of providing a new Watershed Area for the City.

"Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd) H.G. IVANY, ALDERMAN

"Vice-Chairman"

Alderman Ivany submitted the following resolution:

WHEREAS annexation offers an opportunity, due to newly acquired land, to develop land for industrial development;

WHEREAS the Area Development Incentive Act appears to be a reality for Halifax, thereby available to new industry;

WHEREAS Pockwock Lake approval, as a source of water supply, is urgently needed in addition to making a portion of the watershed land available for immediate industrial park development;

WHEREAS the Lakeside Industrial Park is almost 80% occupied or optioned;

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BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that City Council first approve the immediate consideration of Pockwock Lake for the Halifax Water Supply and take whatever steps are necessary to bring this about;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Planning Staff consider all the aspects of making the land lying between the 1st and 2nd Chain Lakes, and the Bicentennial Highway, through which the railway runs (reference Halifax Industrial Development Commission letter of October 29, 1968) available for industrial development and report to the Town Planning Board for further consideration and final recommendation to Council.

After a short discussion, the fifth paragraph of the resolution was amended to read as follows:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that City Council fully supports the position of the Public Service Commission in favour of drawing its water from Pockwock Lake, so that the City of Halifax may have land available for industrial development;

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that the resolution, as amended, be approved.
Motion passed.

REPORT - TRANSIT COMMITTEE

It was agreed to consider Item 20(a) "Report - Transit Committee", prior to Item 14 (f). The report from the Transit Committee read as follows:

"The Transit Committee, at its meeting held on October 31, 1968 had for consideration a report from the City Manager dated October 28, 1968 entitled "Terms of Reference for Transit Negotiations and Study", which included the role of a Consultant in such negotiations.

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"It is recommended that the firm of Kates, Peat, Marwick and Company be appointed to assist the City of Halifax in its negotiations with the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited in the setting up of a new transit system."

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Ahern, that as recommended by the Transit Committee, the firm of Kates, Peat, Marwick and Company be appointed to assist the City of Halifax in its negotiations with the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited in the setting up of a new transit system. Motion passed.

REPORT - HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH & COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The following recommendation from the Halifax-Dartmouth and County Regional Planning Commission was submitted:

"HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH AND COUNTY
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Municipal Administration Building
38 Dutch Village Road
Armdale, N.S.

October 30, 1968

"TO: Council, City of Halifax
Council, City of Dartmouth
Council, County of Halifax

Gentlemen:

Regional Transit Study

"The attached Staff Report No. 68/19, October 28, 1968, was considered and adopted by the Halifax-Dartmouth and County Regional Planning Commission at a meeting held October 30, 1968.

"The Commission recommends that the attached draft application made to the Premier of Nova Scotia by the Chairman of the Commission be adopted on the basis that the municipalities concerned will guarantee 25% of the shared cost of \$18,750.00 in the following proportions:- County of Halifax, nil, City of Dartmouth, approximately one third (\$6,250.00), City of Halifax, approximately, two thirds (\$12,500.00).

"Respectfully submitted,
John Preston,
Executive Secretary,
Halifax-Dartmouth and County
Regional Planning Commission"

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Copy of the Staff Report No. 68/19, referred to in the above letter, is attached to the official copy of these Minutes.

His Worship the Mayor stated that following the Transit Committee's meeting held this morning, the City Manager had conferred with Mr. John Preston, the Regional Planner, Messrs. Kates, Peat, Marwick & Company (the consultants recommended by the Transit Committee to assist in negotiations with the Light and Power Company), and Canadian British Engineering Consultants Limited, which firm was carrying out the Regional Transit Study. As a result of this meeting, the City Manager submitted the following:

"The City of Halifax should agree to the proposed Regional Study, subject to the following:

"1. Kates, Peat, Marwick & Company be engaged as consultants to act on behalf of the City of Halifax in its interests, and that Kates, Peat, Marwick request enlargement and extension of the study as required for the purposes of the City of Halifax, such additional work, if any, to be paid for by the City.

"2. Agreement by the Regional Planning Commission that Kates, Peat, Marwick would have full access to such material as required for the purposes of the City of Halifax in any studies that it may require on its own account.

"3. That approval be given by the City of Dartmouth, the Province of Nova Scotia and the Atlantic Development Board (or other Federal agency) almost immediately, to allow the City of Halifax to complete a transit study in sufficient time for the setting up of any new system that is required."

Alderman LeBlanc felt that the City should hold off making any decisions concerning the transit system, until the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities had announced their decision in the case of the Company's application for abandonment. He also stated that the City Manager's report and

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the lengthy document from the Halifax-Dartmouth and County Regional Planning Commission, had not been received by Council members in time for them to have fully studied the material and be in a position to make a decision this evening. He felt, therefore, the matter should be deferred until the next regular meeting of City Council.

His Worship the Mayor outlined the events which led up to Halifax and Dartmouth jointly referring the matter of a metropolitan transit study being tied in with the Highway Study, to the Regional Planning Commission, for the reason that by so doing it was estimated a saving of about \$20,000 could be achieved. He stated that in order to take advantage of the opportunity, a decision would have to be made soon, as the Consultants doing the Highway Study were approaching the point in their study where they would begin to tie in a Metropolitan study. He referred to the cost-sharing formula, and said that the City of Halifax's commitment would be dependent on the other parties concerned agreeing to the proposed formula. With regard to the work which Kates, Peat, Marwick & Company would carry out on behalf of the City, he said the City Manager would work out with them the means by which any duplication of work between them and the Consultants doing the Regional Study could be avoided.

MOVED by Alderman A.M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Black, that the recommendation contained in the report of the Halifax-Dartmouth and County Regional Planning Commission's report dated October 30, 1968 be approved subject to the following:

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1. Kates, Peat, Marwick & Company be engaged as consultants to act on behalf of the City of Halifax in its interests, and that Kates, Peat, Marwick request enlargement and extension of the study as required for the purposes of the City of Halifax, such additional work, if any, to be paid for by the City.
2. Agreement by the Regional Planning Commission that Kates, Peat, Marwick would have full access to such material as required for the purposes of the City of Halifax in any studies that it may require on its own account.
3. That approval be given by the City of Dartmouth, the Province of Nova Scotia and the Atlantic Development Board (or other Federal agency) almost immediately, to allow the City of Halifax to complete a Regional Transit Study in sufficient time for the setting up of any new system that is required.

Alderman A.M. Butler said his reason for making the motion was he felt that by so doing the City would gain participation of other Governments in the study, which might not be available were Kates, Peat, Marwick & Company to do the study on their own.

His Worship the Mayor again pointed out that Kates, Peat, Marwick & Company would be working in different areas than the Consultant doing the Regional study, but at some point they would combine their results. Also, he said, if approval from the other parties concerned for sharing in the costs of the study was not forthcoming by a date to be specified, the City would withdraw from the Regional approach and continue with its own study.

Alderman LeBlanc said he did not see how a transit study could be properly carried out at this time, when the City had not yet drawn up a master plan which would include such things as industrial development, as transit would form a part of such development. He suggested approving the recommendation in principle but delaying action on it until a later date

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when an overall master plan of the City's development was available. Alderman LeBlanc then asked what the City's Planning Department views were regarding a transit study at this time. The Chief Planner stated that his Department felt such a study was necessary at the present time.

The City Manager said there was an urgency in getting the study underway, inasmuch as in its application to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, the City had asked they be given until July 1, 1970 to set up a new transit system, and even if the transit study got underway immediately, it would be September of 1969 before it was completed, which did not leave too much time between then and the commencement of the new system. Also, he said, there was the possibility that the Board's decision might involve the City in an earlier commencement date of a new transit system.

Alderman Matheson said that in all their previous discussions concerning a new transit system, emphasis had been placed on the use of transit as a "planning tool", and it disturbed him to find no reference to this in the terms of reference for the study. His Worship the Mayor said that this could be added to the motion as one of the conditions for agreement to the Regional Transit Study.

The motion was then put and passed, with the following addition:

4. That the Regional Transit Study advise the City of Halifax concerning the use of transit as a planning tool in development of the metropolitan area.

Alderman LeBlanc voting against.

Amendments - Ordinance #55 re: Tag Days, etc. - SECOND READING

Further deferred.

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REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the Town Planning Board from its meeting held on October 22, 1968 with respect to the following matters:

Rezoning - R-3 Residential Zone to C-2 Commercial Zone -
#5660-62 South Street and #5659-65 Fenwick Street - Date
for Hearing

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Black that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board:

1. the application for rezoning from R-3 Residential to C-2 Commercial of the property at 5660-5662 South Street and 5659-5665 Fenwick Street, as shown on Drawings No. P200/2517 to P200/2519, be recommended to City Council for approval to permit the construction of a Workmen's Compensation Centre;
2. a date be set for a public hearing into the matter;
3. the area outlined on the plan attached to the Staff Report dated October 18, 1968, be designated as the area within which people will be notified of the public hearing.

Motion passed.

Modification of Lot Frontage and Lot Area Requirements -
3622 Gottingen Street

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of lot frontage and lot area requirements at 3622 Gottingen Street, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2510, to permit the construction of an addition at the rear and conversion of the single family dwelling to a three-unit apartment building be refused, but that the requested modifications be approved to permit the conversion of the building to a duplex. Motion passed.

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Modification of Side Yard, Lot Frontage and Lot Area Requirements - 5879 Stairs Street

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of side yard, lot frontage and lot area requirements at 5879 Stairs Street, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2508, to permit the conversion of a single family dwelling to a duplex by internal alterations be refused.

Alderman Sullivan stressed the fact that there is an extreme housing shortage in the City and he was of the opinion that any accommodation which would provide a home for another family should be permitted, whether it quite met the requirements of the Zoning By-law or not. He suggested that perhaps the Zoning By-law needs to be changed to permit such conversions as the one in question.

Alderman Connolly said that it would appear that there was sufficient room on the lot for the conversion and the parking of another car and he noted from the Staff Report that the conversion would be accomplished by internal alterations.

The Chief Planner outlined the proposal to members of Council and explained Staff's recommendations in that the deficiencies were too great to recommend approval of the application.

After further discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that the matter be referred back to the Town Planning Board for further consideration as to policy.

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The Chief Planner said that if Council wished to change its policy then the matter should go back to the Town Planning Board.

Alderman Ivany said that where Staff consider an application as a borderline case, they note it in their report, but this one was not considered as such.

The motion to refer back to the Town Planning Board was then put and passed, with Alderman Sullivan voting against.

Amendment to the Zoning By-law Regarding Proposed Professional Zone - Date for Hearing

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Black that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board:

1. the amendment to the Zoning By-law creating a C-4 (Professional Zone) be recommended to City Council for approval;
2. the amendment to the Zoning By-law limiting the extent of professional uses in an R-3 Zone be recommended to City Council for approval;
3. a date be set for a public hearing into the matter of the Zoning By-law amendments.

Motion passed.

Rezoning - Northeast Corner Robie Street and Spring Garden Road from R-3 Zone to C-4 Zone - Date for Hearing

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Black that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board:

1. the rezoning of the property on the northeast corner of Robie Street and Spring Garden Road from R-3 Residential to C-4 Commercial to permit the construction of a 12 storey office building to be known as the Halifax Professional Building, be recommended to City Council for approval;
2. a date be set for a public hearing into the matter of the rezoning;

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3. the area outlined on the plan attached to the Staff Report dated October 18, 1968 be designated as the area within which people will be notified of the public hearing.

Motion passed.

Legislation - Unsightly Premises

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the City seek legislation, similar to that sought at the last session of the Legislature which was refused, whereby the City can enter on a property which is deemed unsightly, after the owner has been given a certain amount of time to clean up the premises, do the necessary work and charge the cost to the owner. Motion passed.

MOTIONS

Motion - Alderman A. M. Butler Re: Letter from the Council of the Halifax Board of Trade Re: School System in the County Areas being Annexed.

At the request of Alderman A. M. Butler, Council agreed to withdraw this item from the Order of Business.

Motion - Alderman D. G. LeBlanc Re: Appointment of Committee to Prepare a Program to Herald the New City on December 31, 1968

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc that a committee of three elected representatives from the City and County be appointed to plan an appropriate program for the night of December 31, 1968 to commemorate and celebrate the annexing of parts of Halifax County with the City of Halifax.

The program would involve Halifax and County residents concerned and include participation by elected officials of Halifax and the County of Halifax.

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The budget for such a program would be \$1,969.00 and would be appropriated under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter.

Alderman Ahern indicated that he would be glad to second the motion.

His Worship the Mayor advised that if Council wished to pass the motion, a recommendation from the Acting City Manager would be necessary for the \$1,969.00.

The Acting City Manager indicated he would recommend the appropriation.

The motion was then put and passed with Aldermen Black and Moir voting against.

Alderman Matheson felt that a Councillor from one of the annexed areas should be included on the Committee.

His Worship the Mayor asked Alderman LeBlanc to discuss the formation of the committee with him during the coming week.

Motion Alderman M. D. Sullivan Re: Blocking Intersections

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan that the following resolution be approved:

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 a vehicle and that this instruction be included in the driver's instruction manual.

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Alderman Connolly seconded the motion.

After a short discussion, the City Solicitor suggested that perhaps the City should request an amendment to the Motor Vehicle Act to make the blocking of an intersection an offence, it could then be included in the instruction manual issued to beginner drivers.

Alderman Moir thought that if an amendment is made to the Motor Vehicle Act, it should be brought to the attention of all drivers.

Alderman Sullivan, with the approval of his seconder, amended his motion to request the provincial authorities to amend the Motor Vehicle Act to make the blocking of intersections an offence.

The motion was then put and passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accounts Over \$5,000.00

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ivany that the City Manager be authorized to pay the following account over \$5,000.00:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Workmen's Compensation Board of Nova Scotia	1968 Assessment	\$ 18,262.00

Motion passed.

Report - Social Planning Committee and Housing Committee

Alderman Moir referred briefly to the discussions which took place during the meeting of the Social Planning Committee and suggested that the report from the Housing Committee, which relates to the recommendations of the Social

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Planning Committee, could be considered at this time.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Social Planning Committee, Council approve that the role of the Social Planner be defined in the following manner:

The Social Planner shall be responsible for the formulation of policies to provide all those social services that are necessary for the well-being of the community as a whole, paying attention to, but not necessarily restricted to, the following particular points:

1. To assist the Development Department, the Social Planning and the Housing Committees in formulating housing policies, especially as they apply to the elderly and disadvantaged families.
2. To maintain liaison with the various welfare agencies in the City, whether private or government, and to encourage them to develop programs and policies that will ensure the maximum use of staff and funds.
3. To review the organization and administration of the Social Assistance Department and to determine whether changes have to be made. To develop an in-service training and staff development program for the personnel of the Social Assistance Department and Basinview Home.
4. Ensure that the Social Assistance Department formulates and carries out policies that are designed to encourage the effective rehabilitation of people requiring financial assistance.
5. Follow up on the Africville relocation program. Interview individuals who are affected by the move and prepare a report on the changes in their circumstances.
6. Recommend to the City Manager programs re the development of Day Care, Homemakers, Sheltered Workshops, training programs, housekeeping courses and other related programs.
7. Investigate the needs of the elderly. This includes responsibility for a share in the planning of the Basinview Home.

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8. Investigate the needs of the disabled with particular reference to the provision of homes for the disabled and make any recommendations considered necessary for remedial action.

Motion passed.

Alderman Moir pointed out that the following recommendations were contained in a report prepared by the Social Planner dated October 18, 1968. He advised that the Housing Committee had reviewed the recommendations of the Social Planning Committee relating to Housing and have amended part (b) of that recommendation. It was then MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Social Planning Committee and amended by the Housing Committee, the following recommendations be approved:

1. Accessibility and Effectiveness of Social Agencies
 - (a) Priority should be given to take the necessary steps to make those welfare services which are the direct responsibility of the City as effective and productive as possible.
 - (b) This requires that additional space be made available as soon as possible for the Halifax Social Assistance Department. Ideally services should be decentralized with an office in the northend, one in the southend, and a third in the annexed area.
 - (c) The policies and procedures of the assistance department should be reviewed with the objective of formulating policies that reduce the overcrowding in line-up for assistance that now exists. Such policies should make possible the maximum use of staff skills and be oriented towards rehabilitation as well as financial need. In developing such a manual of policy, views of the consumer of the product, the welfare recipient, should be taken into account.
 - (d) An analysis and classification of the caseload should be carried out immediately. Such an analysis should provide the basis for establishing the need for various types of rehabilitation programs, (such as retraining, Daycare, family counselling, medical services, Homemaker services, etc.).

- (e) Since the assistance office must be relocated it would appear to be an ideal time to encourage the provision of comprehensive neighbourhood social services. Financial assistance should be only one of the resources offered to people experiencing a crisis in their lives. If families are to be truly helped towards self-sufficiency they may need family counselling, child welfare services, mental health services, etc. These should be conveniently located in the same building and in some instances under the same administration.

2. Services for Elderly Persons

A placement and community care program for the elderly should be organized. Such a program through the provision of auxiliary services (such as homemakers, home nursing, volunteers, daycare, meals on wheels, etc.) should make it possible for the elderly to remain in their own homes for a longer period of time. A service of this type could also ensure that when placement is necessary, alternate choices are available.

3. Assistance to Families Relocated from Africville

Efforts should be made to determine the specific difficulties that families who were relocated from Africville are encountering. If the results so indicate, a program of social and economic training should be offered and a social worker made available to whom they could turn for help and information.

4. Housing

(a) Social and economic retraining should be made available to families who are forced to relocate and increased opportunities for home ownership should be offered where practical.

(b) Housing development in this area is being impeded by a lack of serviced land. The scarcity of building lots makes it totally impossible for the average wage earner to compete for a suitable building site and he cannot meet the increased costs of construction. Subsidies should be paid by the three levels of government to enable moderate income families to make it possible for them to acquire a home either through private, condominium or co-operative housing. Public housing is certainly necessary but families of modest income should also be given the opportunity of solving their own housing problem through home ownership. Steps should be taken to ensure that serviced land is made available in the annexed area as quickly as possible.

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- (c) It should be recognized that the Halifax Housing Authority is required to carry out policies that are established by the three members of the partnership, mainly, the Federal Government, the Provincial Government and the City. The policies under which the Housing Authority operates would appear to be tension-producing at times. There are instances where the rent structure seems to mitigate against personal saving and any possible move out of public housing. For example, any increase in family income through overtime work is immediately reflected in an increase in the rent. The current Housing Authority policies should be studied by the Social Planning Staff and any practical recommendation for change presented to members of the partnership.

Motion passed.

Alderman Ivany asked how the brief being prepared by City Staff to the Hellyer Task Force is progressing.

His Worship the Mayor advised that it is hoped that a draft of the brief will be ready about the middle of next week when the Housing Committee could meet and discuss it.

Appointment - Traffic Authority

The following report was submitted from Staff:

The position of Traffic Authority for the City of Halifax has been vacant since the resignation of Mr. Alfred Howard, former Traffic Engineer. With the passing of Chief of Police V. W. Mitchell, the position of Deputy Traffic Authority has also become vacant. It is not clear that this function is automatically assumed by the Deputy Chief of Police and it is therefore felt that a formal appointment should be made by Council.

It is considered that the question of the appointment of a Traffic Authority requires further attention by the departments concerned than it has been possible to give in the past week. Staff will, however, be prepared to make recommendations within the near future. In order that proper authority exist in the meantime, it is recommended that John A. Wrin, Deputy Chief of Police be appointed on an interim basis as Traffic Authority for the City of Halifax, under Section 77 of the Motor Vehicle Act.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the Staff report be approved. Motion passed.

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Waterfront Historic Buildings

A report was submitted from Staff for information, relating to the decision taken at the meeting of City Council held on October 17, 1968 to relocate the sewer outfall on the southern portion of the Central Victualling Depot subject to agreement by the Department of National Defence and by the National Harbours Board. The purpose of the relocation was to permit further study of the possibility of preserving the historic buildings on the waterfront.

Staff advise in the report that the Department of National Defence has indicated its conditional agreement to the relocation and that the National Harbours Board has indicated to Staff verbally that no written approval is required from that Department since the proposed outfall is not an additional outfall but replaces the sewer on the northern extremity of the Central Victualling Depot which must be abandoned due to construction of the Cogswell Street Interchange.

The report concludes that in view of the above, City Staff are proceeding to negotiate through the Consulting Engineers for the relocation of the sewer line.

Annual Grant - Neptune Theatre

A confidential report was submitted from Staff relating to a request from the Neptune Theatre Foundation for additional funds to enable the theatre to continue in existence.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that City Council agree to the following:

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1. To pick up 3/8ths of the anticipated deficit of \$75,000 as at December 31, 1968, during the years 1972 and 1973, plus 7% per annum interest on a non-cumulative basis amounting to an additional \$5,880.00.
2. An addition of \$10,000 to the annual grant of \$15,000, to provide a new total of \$25,000 per annum.
3. Seek legislation in 1969 to increase the limit of \$250,000 as provided under Section 202 of the City Charter, to a figure of \$300,000.

Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman LeBlanc Re: Explanation of Taxi Ordinance

Alderman LeBlanc said that he had learned that some concern has arisen over the Taxi Ordinance recently passed by City Council and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Apparently the taxi owners and operators wish to have some explanation of the legislation. He asked if a small committee, representative of Council or of City Staff could organize a meeting at which a full explanation of the Ordinance could be made so that the questions can be answered once and for all.

Alderman Black said that he understood that this matter has been taken up with the Minister of Highways by various groups of taxi owners and operators and they have been informed that any approach should be made through the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

Question Alderman Matheson Re: Rules of Order of Council

Alderman Matheson asked if the City Solicitor could advise why Council has Rules of Order that permit a notice of motion to rescind or reconsider a motion that has been resolved in the affirmative and do not permit such notice of motion if

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the motion has been defeated.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Enforcement of Curfew

Alderman Meagher asked if the curfew regulations with respect to children under the age of 16 being off the streets by 9:30 p.m. are still being enforced, he added that he had received some complaints in this regard.

The City Solicitor advised that within the last month to six weeks there has been at least one prosecution under the curfew regulations.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Rent Control

Alderman Connolly referred to a matter he raised at the last meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee with respect to rent control procedures in the City and he said that he had studied the Rent Control regulations since that time and finds that they are extremely weak. He asked if Staff would look at the regulations and recommend ways in which they could be strengthened.

Question Alderman Ivany Re: City Market Negotiations

Alderman Ivany asked His Worship the Mayor if he could advise Council of the status of negotiations with respect to the City Market and where it might be located when Scotia Square extends its construction.

His Worship the Mayor said that he had been approached by the City Market people and had asked the City Manager for information on the City's position with respect to its commitment to Scotia Square. He advised that a meeting had been arranged between the City Market representatives and the developers of

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Scotia Square, but no arrangements were agreed upon. He suggested to Warden Settle that he might discuss a possible location for the City Market with the manager of the Forum Commission and he understood that negotiations were continuing at the present time.

Alderman LeBlanc advised that a meeting of the Forum Commission was held and the original location for the market was ruled out due to some conflict with the Harness Racing Commission who have a five year contract for racing on the Exhibition Grounds, he said that a location on the lower floor of the Industrial Building is now being considered.

Alderman Ivany asked what happened at the meeting with the Scotia Square developers.

His Worship the Mayor advised that apparently the location offered to the City Market was out of doors and not suitable in bad weather.

Alderman Ivany suggested a location for the City Market either at the Armouries or on National Harbours Board property.

It was a general feeling among the members of Council that a location in the vicinity of the Forum would be quite suitable being close to considerable residential development.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Unsightly Premises - Windsor Street between Seaforth and Summit Streets

Alderman Fitzgerald referred to the unsightly lot at the above location, where the building has been pulled down and left and he asked if the City is doing anything about it.

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The City Manager advised that the City obtained two quotes for the removal of the rubbish and has passed the quotes on to the owner. He further advised that the owner has employed a man now who has started to remove the waste material.

Question Alderman Matheson Re: Construction of Arm Bridge

Alderman Matheson said that in view of the rather promising developments regarding Pier C and the efforts of trying to develop housing and industrial projects in the Annexed area and the fact that the area incentive programme may include Halifax, it seemed to him that the City should be following up the Arm Bridge situation, because this is becoming more critical if the City is going to be able to cope with these developments. He asked His Worship the Mayor if he could report to Council on the status of the application to the Federal authorities and whether the change in policy of the Federal Government will make a different approach available to the City.

His Worship the Mayor advised that he raised the question about the Arm Bridge at a meeting of the Bridge Commission this week and the Chairman reported to him subsequently on some very recent correspondence between the Premier and Ottawa on this matter. Ottawa indicated that they did not have an answer yet and the Premier wrote back saying that they had answers in Saint John and other Canadian cities and it is not a case of devising a new policy but of accepting the precedents that have been already established. Furthermore,

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through the Port Commission and the Industrial Commission there have been some more discussions recently which will result in a better documentation of reasons for the Arm Bridge, related primarily to industrial development, Pier C, the Industrial Park at Lakeside and the ones that have to be built in the Annexed area and certainly on this side of the Harbour, and he considered that the Arm Bridge is part of a plan of regional development, that there is now a much stronger case and that the City will get some staff level help from the Province as well as the City in strengthening the case which will provide material to the Premier for follow-ups, since the Bridge Commission has been working through the Premier on this request. He thought that the City is basically in a position, through the Port Commission, of making some major demands on the new Department of Regional Development, whose legislation has not been before Parliament yet, and he thought that the industrial park, Pockwock water supply, the Arm Bridge, Unit Trains and Pier C must be seen along with housing and urban development policies in the County as part of one overall master plan that is forming before our eyes and he considered that the City is on the threshold of some major development and that all these things have to be put together in a way that will convince the new Department of Regional Development that one way and perhaps the best way to lick regional disparity, as far as Nova Scotia is concerned, is to put enough effort into the development of our really booming City right here on both sides of the Harbour.

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Alderman Matheson asked His Worship the Mayor if he would see that this is followed up quickly so that the new reasons can be put before the Government before it turns down the request on the basis of the old brief.

Alderman Fitzgerald asked if this was all new information since the matter was discussed at the Town Planning Board meeting.

His Worship the Mayor said that he was not familiar with the discussions held in the Town Planning Board since he was away at that time. He said that since then there have been meetings of the Industrial Development Commission, of at least the top officers of the Port Commission and the Bridge Commission this week and he advised that he had had some discussions with the Director of the Programme Development Agency, who is a secretary of the Provincial Cabinet Committee on development for Nova Scotia, which suggested to him an increasing interest is focusing on the development potential of this area. He said that although he discussed the Arm Bridge with this particular man over a period of months, he is now beginning to take a hold of it in a big way. Also this week there was a meeting called by the Trade and Industry Department with representatives of Halifax, Dartmouth and the County, the City's Industrial Development Commission and representatives from Ottawa of the Area Development Agency with a view to trying to get a concerted effort for industrial development in this area and trying once again to get the Industrial Commissions together.

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Alderman Fitzgerald asked if there is anything the Council can do to speed up this process at this particular time.

His Worship the Mayor said that one of the things that is being done is that the Industrial Development Commission of the City approved a draft of a proposal containing detailed arrangements for putting together the City's Industrial Development Commission with the County one and that the joint body would then promote Lakeside and the new industrial parks and he expects a meeting with the County people next week to follow that up. He thought that the various commissions are doing everything they can to pursue these objectives.

Question Alderman Ivany Re: South End Pier being Superport

Alderman Ivany felt that there might be some conflict about the southend Pier being a superport when it is finished.

His Worship the Mayor asked what Alderman Ivany meant as a superport.

Alderman Ivany said that there has been talk about the land bridge concept between Vancouver and Halifax and at this end the City will need a proper containerization port to handle the world trade between Europe and Asia and the National Harbours Board have said that it is not a superport. He asked if His Worship could clarify the word superport.

His Worship the Mayor said that superport is a word that appears in headlines and is not well defined. A superport, if it means an extremely deep water port, has nothing

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to do with containerization terminals or a land bridge which is designed for containerized traffic because the size of ships that are being built to carry containers can go into New York, so the super deep water ports are for bulk carriers mainly for liquid cargo. He said that is not what the City of Halifax or the Port Commission is involved in. They are involved in trying to capture in competition with other North Atlantic ports a very substantial proportion of the general cargo which will be containerized increasingly over the next few years and there are discussions going on with the shipping companies, the Province, the National Harbours Board and the railways almost every day at the present time.

Alderman Ivany asked if the port facilities in Halifax will compare favourably with those being developed in Vancouver.

His Worship the Mayor said that the total land bridge concept is not yet fairly economically feasible, it still needs to be proven, but what has been proven feasible by the studies that have been completed are the unit train services from Toronto and Montreal with possible extensions in through the American Market adjacent to Ontario. The pier at the southend is considered by the C.N.R. to be totally adequate for the foreseeable traffic and it is also considered to be highly suitable by shipping interests who have indicated their intention to use it.

Alderman Ivany remarked that there does not seem to be a great deal of activity there.

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His Worship the Mayor reported that the tenders for the next phase which is practically the whole pier, save only the hardware to go on top, were to close today and some firms had asked for an extension and the National Harbours Board gave them a 7 day extension. 7 days from now the tenders close for the construction of the whole pier.

Alderman Ivany asked that in view of what the consultant has said that Canada is the place for a land bridge, is there anything else that can be done at the present time.

His Worship the Mayor said that one of the City's consultants has said that but the other consultant, which the City has been using much more extensively, is very close to the operational stage of major development and that is Kates, Peat, Marwick and Company.

Alderman Matheson pointed out that no definite decision has been made to use Canada as the land bridge, it might, he said, be Russia that is used.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Increase in Port Work

Alderman Sullivan referred to the Mayor's recent visit to Montreal and asked if there is any likelihood of any increased work in the port during this coming winter season.

His Worship the Mayor said that he was in Montreal on Port Commission negotiations with the C.N.R. that relate to the developments that are not expected to begin before July 1st, 1969, so they do not really relate to this winter season but they could have an important impact on the following winter season if the present negotiations succeed.

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Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Accommodation for an Evicted
Family

Alderman Sullivan asked who he could go to on City Staff to obtain help in the case of an evicted family and who have been taken to Court.

The City Manager advised that the Social Assistance Department would be the correct one.

Alderman Sullivan said that he had written to about five people about this family within the last two months and the situation at present stands that the family has now only ten days to get out.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that Alderman Sullivan give the details of the case to the City Manager, who, with the aid of the Social Assistance Department and the Real Estate Division may be able to provide some answers as to whether or not the City had a responsibility that it did not succeed in filling or what the situation really is.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Alderman Black - Amendment to Section 498(2)
City Charter

Alderman Black gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council, he will move that legislation be sought to delete the words "member of the Council" as they appear in lines 5 and 6 in Section 498 (2) of the City Charter, and substituting, therefore, the word "Commissioner".

Notice of Motion - Alderman A. M. Butler - Legislation -
Board of School Commissioners

Alderman A. M. Butler gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council, he will move that legis-