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"assessment and occupancy tax on a further 50% of assessment. Considering these facts, the 44% yield from a government building would be further reduced to about 29% of potential."

Alderman LeBlanc said he was not in favour of the rezoning as it would deprive seven families of a home at a time when there was a critical shortage, and he felt the applicant should make use of existing C-2 land and not create new C-2 zone.

His Worship the Mayor then asked if there was anyone present in the gallery who wished to speak in favour of the application, and Mr. Ronald Pugsley came forward.

Mr. Pugsley said he was appearing on behalf of the Workmen's Compensation Board, which, he explained was a non-profit organization, receiving its money from an assessment against all employers in the Province. He outlined the Board's function and stated that it had paid out in excess of 125 Million Dollars in benefits, and that payments were increasing each year. He said the site under consideration was convenient for the Board's operations from the point of view of proximity to railway station and hospitals. He referred to statements made that other suitable sites were available, and said that his client had not been able to find one that suited their purposes, and gave reasons as to why some of the areas mentioned were not desirable.

Mr. Pugsley confirmed that the Board enjoyed crown immunity, and was exempt from paying taxes to the City. He said the employers from whom the Board received its money, would frown on the Board paying taxes when they were not required by law to do so. On the other hand, he said, the Board functioned solely for the benefit of the citizens of the

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Province, which included the City of Halifax, and paid out tremendous sums of money to disabled workers.

Alderman A.M. Butler made a comparison with the the Ralston Building, on which the Federal Government paid full taxes, and said it was time the Province examined this matter of tax exemption and realized that the City depended on the collection of taxes for its existence. He noted that they paid rent to the Provincial Government, from whom they received no financial assistance, so he did not think it illogical that the Board should pay taxes to the City.

Alderman LeBlanc questioned whether it was right to be considering the matter on the tax question, but felt it should be decided with regard to proper utilization of the land, since regardless of where the Workmen's Compensation Board located, they would not be liable to pay taxes.

Mr. George Robertson, Q.C., spoke next on behalf of the owner of the property, and said that the property under discussion was already to some extent commercial, as part of it has been used as a greenhouse and nursery for some time. He said the value of the land has been steadily increasing, but its utilization had become static. He said the present buildings were nearing the end of their use, and some development would be required soon. With regard to possible use of the land for an apartment site, Mr. Robertson said the property had been on the market for some years now, during which time one developer had taken an option, but nothing definite had materialized.

Alderman Black said he did not think the rezoning was objectionable to the residents in the area, but he felt a decision should be postponed in order to give time to work



out a taxation settlement.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman A.M. Butler, that the hearing be adjourned until December 12, 1968 so that the Workmen's Compensation Board and City staff can attempt to work out an equitable formula and agreement on taxation.

The motion to defer was put and passed, eight voting for the same and five against it, as follows:

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| FOR     | - Aldermen Abbott, Ivany, A.M. Butler,<br>Connolly, Sullivan, Fitzgerald,<br>H.W. Butler, Black ..... | 8 |
| AGAINST | - Alderman Moir, Matheson, Meagher,<br>LeBlanc, Ahern .....   | 5 |

PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

Petition Re: Store Hours, "Cove Store", Birch Cove:

The City Clerk advised he had received seventy-five letters reading as follows:

"Whereas our area is not conveniently serviced by nearby shopping centres, and whereas transportation to shopping areas must be by car, and whereas there are no suitable outlets available for off-hour emergency purchases, and whereas the Cove Store provides us with convenient service for basic commodities at hours suitable for families unable to normally shop during the day because of lack of convenient transportation, we respectfully request that The Cove Store be allowed to remain open for business on the same basis as now exists."

In reply to a question regarding what powers the City had to deal with the request, the City Solicitor advised that the only way the City could deal with the matter was to consider the issue on a City wide basis, as it could not make exceptions to the law.

After a short discussion on the matter, during which several Aldermen expressed the wish that the City explore every possibility of complying with the request, the following

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suggestions were put forward:

- (a) a stipulation that the early closing By-law would only apply to businesses over a certain assessment;
- (b) change the By-law as it applies to the whole City;
- (c) request the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities to allow the businesses located in the annexed areas to continue operating on the present basis for a specified period of time, which would allow the new Council time to examine the whole question.

Alderman Fitzgerald said he doubted whether a change in the By-law could be effective by January 1, 1969, so felt the best approach would be something that would buy a little time for the matter to be worked out and at the same time allow the businesses in the annexed areas to continue as at present on January 1, 1969 for a specified period of time.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Ahern, that the City Manager and the City Solicitor look at this problem and advise what action the City can take to allow the Cove Store, Birch Cove to remain open for business on the same basis as at present.

The City Solicitor emphasized at this point that any ruling the City made with regard to closing hours would have to have general application, and could not apply to any individual business only.

In view of the Solicitor's statement it was decided that the only solution would be for the City to approach the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for a ruling that would permit the stores in the annexed areas to remain open as at present for a specified period of time.

Alderman Meagher and Ahern agreed to withdraw their motion in favour of one along the above lines.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman



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Black, that the City apply to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for permission to have stores and commercial establishments in the annexed areas to remain open for a period of three months after January 1, 1969, so as to allow the new Council time in which to study the matter of changes in the Early Closing By-law.

MOVED in amendment by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Ahern, that the time period of six months be substituted for three months. Amendment passed.

The motion as amended was then put and passed unanimously.

REPORT - FINANCE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on November 21, 1968, with respect to the following matters:

Final Plans - Lane Memorial Hospital

A report dated November 27, 1968, was submitted by the City Manager, in which he answered questions raised at a Town Planning Board meeting regarding original estimated costs of the Hospital, and the possibility of reducing costs by the elimination of certain components of the building which would not injure the basic plant. The report concluded as follows:

"To date the City has received approval for \$4,702,000 borrowing authorizations. An analysis of funds now available for hospital construction is:

Total borrowing authorizations	\$ 4,702,000
Expenditures to date	423,297
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	\$ 4,278,703
Approximate balance of architects fees	133,201
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	\$ 4,415,502
Add: Bed-grant from Province, 200 x \$3,000	600,000
Construction funds available	<hr/>
	\$ 4,745,502

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"Based on the figures recently given of a cost of \$5,000,000 for construction give or take 10%, per the above figures, the cost could go as high as \$755,000 over funds now allocated or available for this capital project. If the cost is 10% lower than estimated the authorization will be approximately \$250,000 in excess of requirements. This cost estimate is based on a building of \$222,000 square feet. The increase in area over previous square footage figures is basically the result of recommendations by the Nova Scotia Hospital Insurance Commission.

"Since the 1968 Capital Budget was prepared, annexation became a reality with a consequent need for substantial additions to the City's normal level of capital requirements. The 1969 proposed capital budget is not yet prepared but indications are that it will be much higher than the City may be able to easily finance on the market. The additional debt carrying charges will, of course, increase the strain on the City's capacity as related to current budget requirements. City Council may wish to impose a firm limit on the amount of money which it is willing to consider as the City's contribution to the Lane Memorial Mental Hospital.

"It may be necessary at this time for City Council to state that any additional costs will have to be covered by the Province of Nova Scotia and Dalhousie University inasmuch as they are extremely interested in the teaching aspect rather than the custodial care that is presently relegated to municipalities in the Province."

Alderman Matheson said the new hospital's function was not only custodial, but would also provide treatment and rehabilitation facilities. For this reason, he said, the costs of the building were high, and it was absolutely essential that the City continue to press for a reasonable sharing of costs by the Provincial Government. He said mental hospitals had always been the responsibility of the Provincial Government, and this would be no time for the City to assume full responsibility.

Alderman Moir said he would like the pleasure of moving acceptance of the final plans, which would give the authority to proceed with construction of the building. He said Alderman Lane would have been proud of the building which



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was to bear her name.

Alderman A.M. Butler said that as a member of the Hospital Board, he would like to express appreciation on behalf of Council to the Chairman of the Board and others whose energies were involved in the building. He said a motion approving acceptance of the final plans would also mean the City was assuming the debt, and although it was hoped the Provincial Government would be sharing in the costs, that would require a separate action on the City's part. For this reason, he stated, a motion approving of the plans would require a two-thirds majority.

Alderman Ivany said he had never sat in on the design or development of a building, in which he had become so involved. He stated every detail of the building had been given careful consideration and the only criticism he could offer of it was that possibly it was too small.

The City Engineer spoke next and said that staff had discovered an error in the number of parking spaces shown on the plan, and that the number would be reduced by about 33 parking spaces. Mr. Dodge said he had met with the architect previous to Council meeting and discussed the miscalculation with him.

Mr. Seldon Bryson, Barrister, spoke next, and confirmed the City Engineer's statement that the parking spaces as shown on the plans would be reduced. Mr. Bryson said that this was probably the one area of the building which had not received every attention possible, and added in way of an explanation that the parking facility actually followed the building. He said the underground parking was only given consideration after it was learned from the test borings that

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blasting would not be necessary to put parking underneath the building. The problem he said arose from the placement of the pillars.

Alderman Moir said that even with the reduction, there still remained sufficient parking spaces for this type of building. Further, he indicated on the scale model, a green area which could, if absolutely necessary, be converted to a parking lot.

Alderman Ivany, however, said he could not take lightly such a miscalculation in the planning of a 5-Million Dollar building, and he said he would like to hear what solution the architect had in mind.

Mr. Bryson, speaking on behalf of the architect, said that a complete answer was not available at the moment, but whatever was decided upon, it would only result in a modest increase, and that there would still remain at least 22 less spaces than indicated on the plan.

In reply to a question from His Worship the Mayor Mr. Bryson confirmed that the architect had not consulted the City Traffic Engineer when planning the parking facilities in the building.

Alderman Moir said he regretted that the parking problem had arisen, but nevertheless in view of the time limit involved, he felt Council should go ahead with approval of the plans.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Black, that the final plans for the Lane Memorial Hospital be approved, subject to the Building Committee and the Board of Management of the Lane Memorial Hospital re-examining the



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parking situation and doing everything conceivable, without incurring additional expense, and within the limits of the plans, to provide maximum parking units, and take whatever action may be deemed necessary regarding ground level parking should it be required. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman A.M. Butler said that the City should not now lose sight of seeking contributions from the Province and Dalhousie University.

His Worship the Mayor said that with regard to Dalhousie University, since Government funds were involved, the Province would have to consent to seek money from the Federal Government, and therefore representation should be made to the Province concerning any sharing of expense by Dalhousie. He suggested that a Committee, made up of himself and two aldermen, should meet with the Minister and Deputy Minister of Health regarding this matter.

Alderman Matheson said the City's legal position in the matter should be determined, as it was his understanding that a Municipality did not have the responsibility for the care of mental patients, so that it was not a matter of depending on the Province's "generosity", but rather what the Province was legally responsible for.

His Worship the Mayor said it was a complicated matter, because the City had accepted a decision of the Province several years ago, which brought this institution under the Hospital Insurance Commission so the City could get one hundred percent of the current cost from the Province. It then became a hospital under the Hospital Act of the Province, and the construction of hospitals in the Province is the responsi-

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bility of either the Municipality or a private body.

Alderman Matheson said he did not see how the Lane Memorial could be one thing under one Act, and something else under another, and if mental patients have always been the responsibility of the Province, this was no time for the City to assume such responsibility.

His Worship the Mayor said that a letter from the Premier of the day, confirming the understanding with the Mayor of the day, was circulated to members of Council, and was accepted by Council at that time.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman A.M. Butler, that this matter be referred to the Finance & Executive Committee, and the City Manager report on the legal position of the City with respect to shared costs of this institution, including the implications of any agreements made between the City and the Province as referred to by His Worship the Mayor. Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Ahern that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following properties be purchased for the sum of \$75,000.00 in full settlement of all claims arising from expropriation proceedings:

#623/27 Barrington Street  
#1971-73 Barrington Street  
#100-104 Upper Water Street  
Vacant Lot, Upper Water Street

which are required for the Cogswell Street Interchange, owned by Franklin & Herschorn Limited and represented by Mr. S. R.



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Appointment - Architect - Mr. George Dixon, Playground Building

MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Mr. Peter Mettam be appointed as architect to design the "George Dixon" Playground Building. Motion passed.

Property Acquisition - #5234 Artz Street

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the property known as #5234 Artz Street and owned by Miss Hilda O'Bryan and represented by Mr. J. D. Hallett, her Solicitor, be purchased for the sum of \$6,200.00 in settlement of all claims arising from the acquisition of the property required for the final phase of Uniacke Square. Motion passed.

Property Acquisition - (i) #623/27 Barrington Street  
(ii) #100/104 Upper Water Street  
(iii) #1971-73 Barrington Street  
(iv) Vacant Lot, Upper Water Street

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Ahern that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following properties be purchased for the sum of \$75,000.00 in full settlement of all claims arising from expropriation proceedings:

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Robertson, Q. C. Motion passed.

Salary Adjustments - Public Health Inspectors

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following salary adjustments be approved for Public Health Inspectors:

Public Health Inspector Trainee:

April 1, 1967	\$ 2880	3000	3120	3240	3360
April 1, 1968	3000	3120	3240	3360	3480

Public Health Inspector (Uncert.):

April 1, 1967	\$ 4320	4500	4680	4860	5100
April 1, 1968	4440	4620	4800	5040	5280

Public Health Inspector I:

April 1, 1967	\$ 5100	5400	5700	6000	6300	6600
April 1, 1968	5280	5580	5880	6180	6480	6780

Public Health Inspector II:

April 1, 1967	\$ 5700	6000	6300	6600	6900	7275
April 1, 1968	5880	6180	6480	6780	7080	7480

Public Health Inspector III:

April 1, 1967	\$ 6000	6300	6600	6900	7275	7650
April 1, 1968	6180	6480	6780	7080	7480	7880

Motion passed.

Jurors' Fees

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City support any increase in the fees for Jurors of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, up to an amount of \$25.00 per day. Motion passed.



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Narrows Bridge Approaches

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

"It is recommended that approval be given to the following resolution of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission subject to the City of Halifax Bridge Commission representatives negotiating with the Commission, the best possible financial arrangement with respect to the sharing of maintenance costs such as electrical, snow plowing, grass cutting, sewers, etc.:

1. Barrington Street remain a two-way street from its intersection with Harbour Drive south of the Narrows Bridge to a connection with Lady Hammond Road;
2. A portion of Bayne Street be realigned;
4. The Commission to provide access to and a cleared site on City Field or nearby City-owned land for the purpose of bulk salt storage such site to be selected by the City;
5. Adequate access be provided to all properties at the western extremity of Barrington Street (Fairview Developments, Provincial Department of Highways and Abattoir);
6. Construction of the following intersections, as outlined in the previous Staff report:
  - (a) a street from the termination of the Bridge approach road at Africville to Duffus Street;
  - (b) a street from the termination of the Bridge approach road at Columbus Street, to the intersection of Robie Street and Livingstone Street;
  - (c) a revised intersection of Kempt Road and Lady Hammond Road;
7. The division of responsibility between the City and the Commission for maintenance and lighting of streets to be worked out by the respective Staffs.

The Commission advised that it cannot approve, in principle,

3. An estimate of costs be prepared for a bridge structure leading to City-owned industrial land from the intersection of Robie Street and Memorial Drive, and the construction of such bridge if the costs are reasonable.

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The estimate of costs of a bridge structure as set out in Item 3 above was prepared by Mrssrs. Pratley and Dorton at a figure of \$200,000.00. This cost is regarded as unreasonable in relation to the value of the industrial land, and therefore the Commission cannot agree to the construction of this overpass.

Alderman A. M. Butler referred to a letter from the Bridge Commission dated November 25, 1968, copies of which were distributed to all members of City Council, and he read the three concluding paragraphs of the letter as follows:

"1st. The Commission must insist that the line of demarcation regarding maintenance be adhered to.

2nd. Until the matter of maintenance, as shown on the attached plan, is agreed upon, the Commission cannot agree to the new realignment on North Barrington Street.

3rd. The Consulting Engineer is emphatic that, unless these matters are finalized by November 30, 1968, and he is so advised, it is extremely doubtful if any of the approach roads on the Halifax side will be completed by the scheduled date of the Bridge opening, December, 1969."

After some discussion on the matter, His Worship the Mayor pointed out that the Bridge Commission are treating the bridge approaches on the Dartmouth side of the bridge in the same manner as they are in the City of Halifax.

(A copy of the letter dated November 25, 1968 from the Bridge Commission is attached to the Official Minutes of the meeting).

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that the City of Halifax accept the the conditions as outlined in the letter dated November 25, 1968 from the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission with respect to the Narrows Bridge approaches. Motion passed.



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**HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH BRIDGE COMMISSION**

Administration Building,  
P. O. Box 40,  
Dartmouth, N. S.

November 25, 1968

Mr. R. H. Stoddard,  
City Clerk,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission held on Friday, November 22, I was instructed to write the City of Halifax and call attention to certain important matters with reference to the approach roads to the new Narrows Bridge, as if a decision on these matters is not reached on or before November 30 it will mean (so the Commission are informed by their Consulting Engineer), that in all probability these approach roads on the Halifax side of the Harbor will not be available in December, 1969, at which time the Bridge is scheduled to be opened. May I therefore review the situation as it stands at the present time.

On September 19, 1967, the City agreed, in accordance with the following Resolution, to accept title to and assume responsibility for the maintenance of all Narrows Bridge approaches not on elevated structures:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Halifax undertakes to grant to the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission rights-of-way and easements over land owned by the City, for the construction of approach roads by the said Commission, which, upon completion, would become part of the street system of the City of Halifax.

"AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Halifax accept title to and assume responsibility for the maintenance of all Narrows Bridge approaches not on elevated structure".

On December 15, 1967, the City advised the Commission that it had no funds with which to construct the necessary connecting streets to the Narrows Bridge, originally agreed upon to have been constructed at City expense.

In view of the City's inability to build these approach roads the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission decided, at their meeting held on March 29, 1968, to assume this responsibility, subject to the City's agreement to provide the Commission, free of charge, with title to, rights-of-way and easements over land owned by the City and required by the Commission for the construction of roadways and streets for the purpose of the Narrows Bridge. In other words, the Commission agreed to relieve the City of Halifax of the construction of streets estimated by the City to cost \$2,678,500.

Some of this expense, it is true, included land and other costs, and since the Commission were to be provided with this land free of charge they assumed that these approach roads could be constructed at a minimum cost of \$2,000,000. The City would therefore be relieved of an overall obligation of \$5,750,000, as in order to raise the required \$2,000,000 the Commission will be obliged to pay a minimum of 7½% extended over a period of 25 years, which means an interest obligation of \$150,000 per year.

On July 25, 1968, the City agreed in principle to the Commission's plan for the Narrows Bridge approaches, subject to seven conditions which were discussed in great detail by the respective staffs of the Commission and the City and tentatively agreed upon. These conditions, when later submitted to the Finance Committee of the City, were agreed upon, I believe, with the exception of the question of maintenance.

The matter of maintenance and lighting, as tentatively agreed upon by the staffs of the City and Commission and as laid down on the attached plan, is relatively clear cut. It means that the City will accept responsibility for the maintenance and lighting of those portions of the approaches as are essentially City streets, i.e., such streets as are undoubtedly used to a greater extent for intra-city traffic than for Bridge traffic, while the Commission will be responsible for the maintenance and lighting of the streets that lead directly to the Narrows Bridge and therefore may properly be designated as approach streets.

This would seem to be the logical and reasonable division of maintenance responsibilities and the Bridge Commission must therefore insist that this line of demarcation be adhered to.

In this connection it should be remembered that the responsibility assumed by the Commission in connection with approach roads is much greater in this particular instance than that assumed by those responsible for the construction of any other bridge on this continent.

There is one problem which it is difficult to settle without a winter's experience, and that is snow removal. The situation is complicated by the lengthy cuts through which some of these streets proceed, but the Bridge Commission are most willing to play their full part in this connection.

It must be pointed out that the suggested new realignment of the North Barrington Street approach as laid down on the attached plan, if agreed upon by the Commission will complete one-half of the projected Harbor Drive and thus relieve the City of a very substantial expenditure. However, the Commission cannot agree to this new realignment until the responsibility for maintenance is finalized. As this, like all other elevated structures, is composed of pre-stressed concrete instead of steel as originally decided upon, it will call for a very minimum of maintenance.

To summarize and in view of the foregoing:



- 1st - The Commission must insist that the line of demarcation regarding maintenance be adhered to.
- 2nd - Until the matter of maintenance, as shown on the attached plan, is agreed upon, the Commission cannot agree to the new realignment on North Barrington Street.
- 3rd - The Consulting Engineer is emphatic that, unless these matters are finalized by November 30, 1968, and he is so advised, it is extremely doubtful if any of the approach roads on the Halifax side will be completed by the scheduled date of the Bridge opening, December, 1969.

Yours truly,

(Signed) A. M. MacKay  
Chairman

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Solicitation of Funds - Nova Scotia Institute of Technology  
Technical Association - December 9, 1968

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, permission be granted to the Technical Association of the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology to hold a door-to-door canvass selling Christmas Tree Tinsel; funds to be used in support of the Halifax Neighbourhood Centre. Motion passed.

Revised Compensation - Acquisition #175 Creighton Street -  
\$12,031.25

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the authorized compensation to be paid to Mr. Arnold Webber for his property #175 Creighton Street be revised from \$10,312.50 to \$12,031.25 as settlement in full for all claims arising out of the acquisition of this property. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on November 19, 1968, with respect to the following matters:

Canada Games Sign

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Black that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the City approve the erection of a 15' high count-down sign, to be supplied by the Canada Games Society, at the proposed location of the center of the traffic rotary at the junction



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of Quinpool Road, Chebucto and Dutch Village Roads, at an estimated cost of \$500.00 to the City to erect and maintain the sign until August 15, 1969. Motion passed.

Alteration to Flag Pole - Grand Parade

Council agreed to defer this item until later, when the Commissioner of Works would be present.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

Deferred.

Alteration to Flag Pole - Grand Parade

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the flag pole in the Grand Parade be changed by adding a nautical yard and gaff which will permit the display of a number of flags in keeping with the marine traditions of the City, which work will be carried out by the Halifax Shipyards Ltd.

Alderman LeBlanc asked how much the work would cost.

The Commissioner of Works advised that the work is expected to cost approximately \$450.00. He further advised that any number of flags can be flown, but it is not expected that any more than five or six will be flown. He suggested that the Nova Scotia flag and the City of Halifax flag be flown and perhaps a flag of a country from which a dignitary is visiting the City.

Alderman Matheson remarked that he hoped the United States flag will not be flown just as a tourist gimmick.

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Alderman Ahern felt that perhaps the Canadian Pacific Railway should be asked if they have any objections to changing the flagpole.

Alderman LeBlanc asked if the job was put out to tender and if not, why not.

The City Manager replied that it is a relatively small job and the gentleman who made the suggestion in the first place is working at Halifax Shipyards.

The Commissioner of Works advised that several firms were approached to do the job and were not interested which is why the Halifax Shipyards are handling it now.

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

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the Town Planning Board from its meeting held on November 19, 1968 with respect to the following matters:

Amendment to Zoning By-law Part V - R-2 Zone - Group Homes

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the following proposed amendments to the R-2 Zone of the Zoning By-law be approved, and that a date be set for a public hearing into the matter:

- (8) The keeping of not more than three boarders or lodgers in a dwelling provided no window display or sign of any kind in respect to the use permitted by this clause shall be allowed;



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- (9) In addition to the use permitted in Clause (8) of this part, the keeping of not more than eight boarders or lodgers in a dwelling provided the age of any such boarder or lodger shall not exceed 16 years of age.

The report from the Board pointed out that the amendment was requested by the Children's Aid Society who wish to accommodate six or eight boys or girls in a group home under the supervision of a married couple and Social Workers from the Society.

The motion was put and passed.

Rezoning - #3415 Dutch Village Road from R-3 Residential Zone to C-3 Industrial Zone - Date for Hearing

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board:

1. The application for rezoning from R-3 Residential to C-3 Industrial to permit the construction of an office and warehouse at #3415 Dutch Village Road, be recommended to Council for approval;
2. A date be set for a public hearing;
3. The area outlined on the plan attached to the Staff Report dated November 14, 1968, be designated as the area within which people will be notified of the public hearing.

Motion passed.

Extension to a Non-conforming Building and Modification of Side Yard Requirements - #5869-71 Kane Street

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for an extension to a non-conforming building and modification of side yard requirements at 5869-71 Kane Street, to permit the construction of a 22.75 foot by 11 foot, two-storey addition to the existing duplex, be approved. Motion passed.

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MOTIONS

Motion - Alderman Black Re: Amendment to Ordinance No. 104  
Respecting the Composition and Meetings of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman  
Abbott that the following amendment to Ordinance Number 104  
Respecting the Composition and Meetings of Council be read  
and passed a First Time:

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

1. Section 3 of Ordinance Number 104, Respecting the  
Composition and Meetings of Council, is repealed and the  
following substituted therefor:

3. The Council shall consist of the Mayor and  
ten (10) aldermen, one alderman representing each  
ward.

2. The foregoing amendment to Ordinance Number 104  
shall come into force on and not before the second day of  
January, A. D., 1969.

Motion passed.

Motion - Alderman Abbott Re: Introduction of Ordinance #126  
Respecting The Assessment of Real Property of Widows and  
Certain Other Persons

The City Clerk requested, on behalf of City Staff,  
that this item be deferred.

Council agreed to defer the item.

Motion - Alderman Ivany Re: Introduction of Ordinance #132  
Respecting Plumbing

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman  
Connolly that Ordinance No. 132 Respecting Plumbing, be read  
and passed a First Time. Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Report - Housing Committee

Alderman Matheson referred at this time, to a reso-



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lution passed at a previous meeting of City Council relating to the City acquiring land, where it is available, in the County areas to be annexed, for housing purposes. He also referred to a suggestion which was made at the Housing Committee meeting and not included in the recommendation to City Council that the City Manager should be authorized to obtain options on such land as he deems of value to the City for planned residential development.

In view of the fact that housing is so urgently needed in the City, it was MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Ivany that:

1. the City Manager be authorized to obtain options on any land in the County areas to be annexed which is available and which he deems of value to the City for residential development;
2. that the City Manager be authorized to use any surplus funds from the Current Budget for the remainder of the year for such purpose;
3. that an appropriation in the amount of \$5,000.00 be approved under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter for the same purpose to permit options to be obtained until the budget for 1969 is approved by City Council.

The City Manager recommended the appropriation.

The motion was then put and passed.

Report - Advisory Committee on the Preservation of Historic Buildings

The report of the Committee reads as follows:

"It is recommended that Council approve the establishment of a Commission, or some other legal entity, to proceed with the planning and development for the preservation and restoration of the historic waterfront area and Brunswick Street, and that the City Solicitor be asked to advise the Committee on the means of establishing this entity."

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Alderman LeBlanc spoke against the recommendation on the grounds that since Council has agreed that all the Committees of Council would be subject to scrutiny and change next year, it would be the new Council's responsibility to approve the formation of a body of this type. He contended that such a recommendation at this stage in the life of the Council is ridiculous.

Alderman Matheson spoke in favour of the recommendation and pointed out the reasons discussed at the last meeting of the Committee for such recommendation. He pointed out that the recommendation was presented to Council for approval so that discussions can continue with respect to the formation of an entity to plan and develop the preservation and restoration of historic buildings in the City only and that no money would be required at this stage.

After further discussion, and after hearing from Mr. L. W. Collins, Chairman of the Advisory Committee, it was MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that, as recommended by the Civic Advisory Committee on the Preservation of Historic Buildings, Council approve the establishment of a Commission, or some other legal entity, to proceed with the planning and development for the preservation and restoration of the historic waterfront area and Brunswick Street, and that the City Solicitor be asked to advise the Committee on the means of establishing this entity. Motion passed with Alderman LeBlanc voting against.



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Report - Special Committee Re: Election of School Board  
Members, etc.

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The report reads as follows:

A meeting of a Special Committee was held on the above date to consider the matter of amending the Halifax City Charter to provide for the election of members to the School Board.

After full consideration of the matter, it was unanimously agreed to recommend:

1. THAT legislation be sought to amend the City Charter to require that all members of the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Halifax be elected;
2. THAT the Board consist of ten (10) members, one (1) to be elected from each Ward;
3. THAT the first election be held on November 1, 1969, and following that they be elected at the same time and in the same manner as the members of City Council;
4. THAT the terms of the elected members shall begin on November 1, 1969 and terminate October 31, 1971;
5. THAT the qualifications of candidates be the same as those applying to candidates for the office of Alderman;
6. THAT a candidate be a resident in the Ward in which he offers for election;
7. THAT the stipend to be paid for the first year of the term be as follows:  

\$1,500.00 per member, per annum  
\$2,000.00 for Chairman, per annum
8. THAT the Board be authorized to fix the stipend for its members after the termination of the first year in office;
9. THAT the Board be given fiscal responsibilities and power to elect its own Chairman and to cancel the terms of the present members;
10. THAT the power of veto now held by the City Council, be abolished.

It was also agreed to recommend that Section 498(2) of the City Charter be amended to delete the words "member of the

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Council" as they appear in lines 5 and 6 and substitute therefor the word "Commissioner" and that the necessary legislation be sought.

On a 4 to 2 vote, it was further agreed to recommend that legislation be sought to amend Section 498 of the City Charter to enable the City Council to appoint to the Board of School Commissioners 6 members of which at least two (2) shall be members of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of City Council.

In making this motion, Alderman Meagher said that the Chairman of the School Board had not had an opportunity to study the recommendations of the Special Committee and he felt that he should be given an opportunity to speak to Council on the matter.

Alderman Matheson said that Council had heard from the Chairman of the School Board previously.

Alderman LeBlanc pointed out that a motion to defer was debatable as to time only.

Alderman A. M. Butler said that the recommendation from the Special Committee contained two matters relating to motions proposed by Alderman Black and himself and which were deferred at the last regular Council meeting to this meeting. He felt that these two items should be acted upon.

Alderman Connolly said that he agreed with the recommendations in the Special Committee but has since thought more about it and felt that the matter should be discussed further.

After further discussion Alderman Meagher, with the the City Charter to enable the City Council to appoint to the



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approval of his seconder, withdrew the motion to defer.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that Items 1 to 10 as contained in the recommendation from the Special Committee be approved, with Item No. 3 amended to read:

3. THAT the first election be held in October, 1969, and following that they be elected at the same time and in the same manner as the members of City Council.

Alderman Matheson spoke to his motion and pointed out that 90% of the people in Canada are represented on School Boards by elected School Board members and he contended that Nova Scotia is out of step.

After further discussion, the motion was put and passed, nine voting for the same and four against it as follows:

For:	Aldermen Ivany, Matheson, A. M. Butler, Meagher, Ahern, Sullivan, Fitzgerald, Black and Abbott	9
Against:	Aldermen Moir, LeBlanc, Connolly and H. W. Butler	4

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Matheson that Section 498(2) of the City Charter be amended to delete the words "member of the Council" as they appear in lines 5 and 6 and substitute therefor the word "Commissioner" and that the necessary legislation be sought.

After a short explanation of the motion by Alderman Black, it was put and passed.

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Matheson that legislation be sought to amend Section 498 of the City Charter to enable the City Council to appoint to the

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Board of School Commissioners 6 members of which at least two (2) shall be members of Council.

Alderman A. M. Butler said that his motion would only take effect if the City was not permitted to have an elected School Board and he briefly outlined his reasons for making the motion.

After some discussion, the motion was put and passed.

#### Tenders - Canada Games and Recreation Facilities

The following report was submitted;

"A tender was called recently on Canada Games and City Recreation Facilities to be provided at Westmount School Field, St. Francis School Field, St. Stephen's School Field, Wanderers Grounds and Central Commons. This is in accordance with City Council agreement of May 30th that the City call tenders on behalf of the 1969 Canada Games Society. Two tenders were received, Spence Contracting Limited - \$182,491.70 and Roy Judge Company Limited - \$216,674.08.

The five separate facilities to be provided by these contracts are multiple use, lighted major sports playing fields. The City has approved borrowing authorizations to cover this work.

It is recommended that the City accept the tender of Spence Contracting Limited, in the amount of \$182,491.70 for these Canada Games and recreation facilities."

MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the City accept the tender of Spence Contracting Limited, in the amount of \$182,491.70, for the above mentioned Canada Games and recreation facilities.  
Motion passed.

#### Joint Committee on Negro Employment

His Worship the Mayor said that arising out of discussions with Dartmouth and the County, it has been decided that two representatives of each Council should be appointed



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to sit down with representatives of Dartmouth, the County, the Provincial Government and the Nova Scotia Association for the Advancement of Coloured People to form an agency to carry on the work started this summer relating to negro employment in the metropolitan area.

It was suggested that His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Moir should be appointed representatives of the City.

Alderman Ahern suggested that Alderman Connolly be named a representative.

His Worship the Mayor said that it is expected that a meeting will be held around December 10th.

After a short discussion, it was agreed that Aldermen Moir and Connolly be appointed to serve as representatives of the City of Halifax on the Joint Committee.

#### Proclamation of Sections of 1963 City Charter

The following report was submitted:

"City Council has approved and given final reading to Ordinance No. 125, Respecting the Court of Assessment Appeal, and Ordinance No. 129, Respecting Adjustment of Taxes on Residential Property Destroyed by Fire. Before these can be forwarded to the Minister for approval it is necessary that Sections 235 and 268 of the 1963 City Charter be proclaimed.

The City Solicitor now advises that he has checked all of Parts VIII, IX and X of the City Charter, dealing with Taxation, Assessments, and Liens and Tax Collections, respectively, and after conferring with the Department Heads concerned, is of the opinion that all the Sections contained in these Parts should be proclaimed and in effect on January 1, 1969.

It is therefore, recommended that City Council authorize His Worship the Mayor to request the Governor in Council to proclaim Sections 189 and 190, respecting the annual current budget, and the fixing of the tax rate, and all of Parts VIII, IX and X of the Halifax City Charter, 1963, and to repeal the relative Sections of the 1931 City Charter, effective January 1, 1969.