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Members of Council are requested to contact the City Manager by telephone if clarification of any of the Charter sections is required."

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Ivany that His Worship the Mayor be authorized 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. Motion passed.

#### QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Development - City Prison Lands

Alderman Fitzgerald asked how the plans are proceeding for the development of the City Prison lands.

The City Manager advised that it is expected that the contract will be before the Council at its next meeting.

The City Solicitor said that some preliminary work has been done with respect to the organization but no actual work on site as yet.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Traffic Lights - Lady Hammond Road and Robie Street

Alderman Sullivan asked when the traffic lights will be installed at the intersection of Lady Hammond Road and Robie Street.

The City Manager said that as soon as the lights are delivered to the City they will be installed.

The City Engineer advised that a work order has been issued with respect to the installation of the underground wiring for the lights and it is expected to start within the

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next week or two.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Traffic Congestion

Alderman Connolly asked if anything could be done about the traffic congestion at the corner of Brunswick Street and Duke Street, since he has received several complaints about trolleys taking so long to get downtown and people being late for work. He suggested that perhaps a police officer would be able to handle the traffic at that location more effectively than the traffic lights. He asked that Staff look at the problem.

Question Alderman Ahern Re: Parking Under Grand Parade

Alderman Ahern asked Staff to look at the possibility of providing car parking under the Grand Parade.

Question Alderman Ahern Re: Leniency to Christmas Shoppers

Alderman Ahern asked if the Police Department would ease up on Christmas Shoppers with respect to parking infractions. He believed that in most cities across Canada this is done.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Grant for Pockwock Development

Alderman Fitzgerald asked if anything further has been heard about the application for a grant to assist in the development of the Pockwock water supply.

His Worship the Mayor said that staff of the Public Service Commission and staff of the Department of Trade and Industry and the Nova Scotia Water Authority are preparing additional information in support of the Pockwock area for

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the water supply in accordance with Dr. T. J. McKeough's agreement that Pockwock is the most suitable location and the Chairman of the Atlantic Development Board had referred the matter to the Province.

Alderman Fitzgerald asked if there is likely to be a water crisis.

Alderman Abbott, being a member of the Public Service Commission, advised that there is no reason to believe that there will be a water shortage in the City.

Question Alderman Ivany Re: Hot Line for Annexation

Alderman Ivany asked how the newly instituted Hot Line with respect to annexation matters is working out.

The City Manager advised that he will shortly be circulating to members of Council an idea of some of the questions that are being asked and that it seems to be working very well.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Alderman Black - Amendment to Section 17(e)  
City Charter.

Alderman Black gave notice that at the next regular meeting of City Council, he would move that legislation be sought to delete from Section 17(e) of the City Charter all the words following the words "current year" in Line 2 thereof to permit any person on the Assessment Roll of the City be qualified for election as Mayor or Alderman.

Notice of Motion - Alderman Abbott - Introduction of Ordinance  
No. 128

Alderman Abbott gave notice that, at the next regular

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meeting of City Council, he would introduce Ordinance No. 128, Respecting Exemptions from Real Property Tax and Business Occupancy Tax of certain properties in the City of the following types, that is, charitable institutions, institutions of learning, hospitals, religious organizations and property of fraternal and similar type organizations, pursuant to Sections 227 and 232 of the Halifax City Charter, 1963.

ADDED ITEMS

Conveyance of Land by the C.N.R. to the City of Halifax at the Intersection of Hollis Street and Terminal Road

A report was submitted relating to the above noted matter, which report was referred back to City Staff for further consideration, by the Committee on Works at its last meeting. The Staff discussion was related to the Harbour Drive alignment at that location.

The City Manager advised that the matter was discussed with the City Engineer and it was agreed that Council should approve the report, since it involved a technicality only.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Ivany that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute a deed whereby the City of Halifax will confirm that the Plan No. 11558-54 attached to the original conveyance is in error and that the discrepancy of 8 feet be corrected and conveyed to Her Majesty the Queen (C.N.R.) Motion passed.

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City of Halifax Submission to Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Re: Transit

MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Matheson that Council give formal approval to the following recommendations made by the Committee of the Whole Council at its meeting held on October 2, 1968:

1. With respect to the application of Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for permission to abandon its transit service in the City of Halifax, the City inform the Board that it opposes such abandonment at any date, prior to July 1, 1970.
2. That the City inform the Board that it opposes also the imposition on users of electrical service in the City any surcharge in support of deficits of the Company's Transit Division as proposed by the Company in the application referred to.

Motion passed.

Older City Housing

Alderman Ahern referred to approximately five older homes on Brunswick Street that have been boarded up prior to demolition and he felt that the City should make a speedy effort to put the houses in shape so that some of the needy families could live in them, especially since winter is fast approaching and there are families who urgently need accommodation.

His Worship the Mayor felt that the suggestion of Alderman Ahern should be considered by Staff immediately.

Alderman Sullivan referred to an eviction case where a mother was separated from her children when they were put out on the street and he was concerned that the City was not able to find accommodation for the family.

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His Worship the Mayor pointed out that the eviction which took place was not one instituted by City action.

The City Manager briefly explained the assistance that was given to the family under discussion and he said that it is hoped that accommodation will be found within a few days.

Some discussion ensued with respect to the suggestion of Alderman Ahern.

Alderman LeBlanc referred to an older home on Robie Street which has been boarded up and he believed was in the ownership of Imperial Oil and he thought that some investigation should be made by Staff to see whether or not the property could be rented by the month to accommodate some families.

It was agreed that Staff should study the suggestions put forward.

#### Parking Restrictions

Alderman LeBlanc suggested that some amendments should be made to the all night parking ban on City Streets during the winter months whereby local City streets could be used for all night parking until the first snow fall of the winter. He understood that Dartmouth's restrictions were different to the City's.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the matter be referred to the Committee on Works for a full discussion.

Council agreed to His Worship the Mayor's suggestion.

12:05 a.m. Meeting adjourned.

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MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD  
CITY CLERK

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- (b) Bank Borrowing Association
- (c) Honorarium - Chairman - Board of Management, Halifax Civic Hospital
- (d) Tax Deposit Certificates
- (e) Possible Acquisition - Imperial Oil Limited Wharf - Upper Water St.
- (f) Legislation - Tax Exemptions for Widows, Unmarried Women and Deserted Wives
- (g) Administrative Order No. 8, Respecting Taxation of Real Property of Character or Nature other than Residential  
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- (h) Amendments - General By-law - FIRST READING
- (i) Advance Grant 1968 - Minister Child Guidance Centre - \$5000.00
- (j) Boxing Day, November 26, 1968
- (k) Renting of Commercial Imperial Bank of Commerce for Decentralized Office for the Social Assistance Department
- (l) Halifax Regional and County Regional Planning Commission - Budget



ORDER OF BUSINESS

CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 12, 1968

8:00 p.m.

1. Lord's Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes
4. Approval of Order of Business, Additions & Deletions
5. Deferred Items:
  - (a) Adjourned Hearing Re: Rezoning #5660-62 South Street and #5659-65 Fenwick Street from R-3 Zone to C-2 Zone
6. Motions of Reconsideration: NONE
7. Motions of Rescission: NONE
8. Public Hearings and Hearings:
  - (a) Closing of Ogilvie Street from View Street to Brussell Street
  - (b) Closing of View Street from Point Pleasant Drive northwardly to dead end
  - (c) To lay down the Official Street Lines of both sides of Jubilee Road from Summer Street to Robie Street as shown on Section 15C of the Official City Plan
  - (d) To lay down the Official Street Line at the southeastern end of James Street and also a portion of the southwestern street line of James Street at the said southeastern end of James Street, as shown on Section 12C of the Official City Plan
  - (e) To lay down the Official Street line, northwestern side of West St. across former James Street as shown on Section 12C of the Official City Plan
9. Petitions and Delegations:
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  - (a) Appointment of Weed Inspector
  - (b) Bank Borrowing Resolution
  - (c) Honorarium - Chairman - Board of Management, Halifax Civic Hospital
  - (d) Tax Deposit Certificates
  - (e) Possible Acquisition - Imperial Oil Limited Wharf - Upper Water St.
  - (f) Legislation - Tax Exemptions for Widows, Unmarried Women and Deserted Wives
  - (g) Administrative Order No. 8, Respecting Taxation of Real Property of a Character or Nature other than Residential or Business - FIRST READING
  - (h) Amendments - Rental By-law - FIRST READING
  - (i) Advance Grant 1969 - Atlantic Child Guidance Centre - \$5000.00
  - (j) Boxing Day, December 26, 1968
  - (k) Renting of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce for Decentralized Office for the Social Assistance Department
  - (l) Halifax-Dartmouth And County Regional Planning Commission - Budget

10. Report - Finance and Executive Committee: (Cont'd)  
(m) Tenders - Refuse and Garbage Collection - Annexed Areas

11. Report - Committee on Works:

Tenders for Supplies:

- (a) Liquid Asphaltic Materials
- (b) Oxygen and Acetylene
- (c) Furnace Oil, Stove Oil and Bunker "A" Fuel
- (d) Sand and Gravel
- (e) Crush Stone (Mineral Aggregate)
- (f) Application of Asphaltic Materials
- (g) Special Castings
- (h) Lubricants
- (i) Gasoline and Diesel Fuels
- (j) Tenders for Truck

12. Report - Safety Committee:

- (a) Traffic Control Signals - Kempt Road and Windsor Street

13. Report - Public Health and Welfare Committee: NONE

14. Report - Committee of the Whole Council, Boards and Commissions:

- (a) Amendment - Ordinance Number 104 - Composition and Meetings of Council - SECOND READING
- (b) Ordinance Number 132 Respecting Plumbing - SECOND READING
- (c) Amendments - Ordinance Number 55 Re: Tag Days, etc. - SECOND READING - DEFER

15. Report - Town Planning Board:

- (a) Barrington Street Housing Project
- (b) Modification of Lot Frontage, Side Yard and Lot Area - #5847 Grant Street
- (c) Entrance to Proposed New Premises - Harris and Roome Limited
- (d) Modification of Front Yard, Side Yard and Lot Frontage - #5296 Kent Street
- (e) Suggested Procedure for Review of Civic Buildings
- (f) Proposed Rezonings in Annexation Area

6. Motions:

- (a) Motion - Alderman Black Re: Amendment to Section 17 (e) City Charter
- (b) Motion - Alderman Abbott Re: Ordinance Number 128 Re: Exemptions Real Property and Business Occupancy Taxes - FIRST READING

17. Miscellaneous Business:

- (a) Accounts over \$5,000
- (b) Report - Housing Committee
- (c) Report - Social Planning Committee
- (d) Amendment - Administrative Order Number 2 - FIRST READING
- (e) Election Returns
- (f) Use of Armdale Fire Hall as Social Assistance Centre
- (g) Snow and Ice Control - Salt Purchases for 1969

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17. Miscellaneous Business: (Cont'd)

(h) City Council to meet December 30, 1968

(i) Report - Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Re: Transit

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9:05 p.m.

18. QUESTIONS

19. Notice of Motion

20. Added Items

A meeting of City Council was held on the above date.

After the meeting was called to order, the members attending, save the City Clerk, joined in reciting

the Lord's Prayer.

There were present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen Black, Abbott, Wray, Matheson, A.M. Butler, Meagher, LeBlond, Walsh, Crowley, Sullivan, and H.W. Butler, City Manager, City Solicitor, City Clerk, and other members.

REPORTS OF BUSINESS, ADVERTISEMENTS & TELEVISION

It was agreed that the following item be added to the agenda:

20 (a) - Lease Between City of Halifax, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and the Halifax-Dartmouth Construction Association.

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that the following item be added to the agenda:

20 (b) - Demolition of First-Class Properties by the City of Halifax.

Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman A.M. Butler; that His Worship the Mayor advise Council of latest developments concerning the proposed North West Area Bridge.

20 (c) - Status - North West Area Bridge.

Motion passed.

At the request of the City Manager, Council agreed to meet in private after completion of the evening's agenda, to discuss matters relating to personnel.

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After the meeting was called to order, the members of Council attending, led by the City Clerk, joined in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

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

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

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

It was agreed that the following item be added to the agenda:

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MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that the following item be added to the agenda:

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Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman A.M. Butler, that His Worship the Mayor advise Council of latest developments concerning the proposed North West Arm Bridge.

- 20 (c) - Status - North West Arm Bridge.

Motion passed.

At the request of the City Manager, Council agreed to meet in private after completion of the evening's agenda, to discuss matters relating to personnel.

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DEFERRED ITEMS

Adjourned Hearing Re: Rezoning #5660-62 South Street and #5659-65  
Fenwick Street from R-3 Zone to C-2 Zone

His Worship the Mayor stated that additional information received since the last Council meeting indicated that the Provincial Minister was willing to seek authority which would provide for the payment of a grant by the Workmen's Compensation Board in lieu of taxes.

Alderman A.M. Butler asked what the rate would be, and His Worship the Mayor replied that he had not attended the meeting at which the matter was discussed, but he had been told by staff who were present that the Liquor Control Commission, whose rate is comparable to full business tax, was cited as an example.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the Rezoning of #5660-62 South Street and #5659-65 Fenwick Street from R-3 Zone to C-2 Zone be approved, in view of the Minister's willingness to seek legislation that would permit the Workmen's Compensation Board to pay a grant in lieu of taxes.

Alderman Ivany asked to hear again Staff's recommendation in the matter, and what their objections, if any, were to the rezoning.

The Chief Planner said that staff basically opposed the application for rezoning on the grounds that there were seven livable units on the site which would disappear, and the rezoning would separate one residential area from another. Also, he added, the question of tax payment had been raised by several Council members at the last meeting, which argument might not be applicable if a grant was received.

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concerned Alderman Matheson repeated his statement made at the previous Council meeting that he felt it was improper for Council to decide this matter on the tax question, and to do so would be contrary to the zoning law. For this reason, he said he could not support the motion in its present form.

Aldermen Abbott and Meagher agreed to withdraw the reference in their motion to the Minister of Labour seeking legislation to permit the Workmen's Compensation Board to pay a grant in lieu of taxes.

A short discussion took place on the merits of the rezoning, without consideration of the tax issue.

The question was then put and passed, 8 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:

For	- Aldermen Black, Abbott, A.M. Butler, Meagher, Ahern, Connolly, Sullivan, and H.W. Butler .....	8
Against	- Aldermen Moir, Ivany, Matheson, LeBlanc, and H.W. Butler .....	4

A formal Resolution was submitted by the City Solicitor giving effect to the foregoing motion of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the formal Resolution as submitted be approved.  
Motion passed.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND HEARINGS

#### Closing of Ogilvie Street from View Street to Brussell Street

A public hearing was held at this time into the matter of the closing of Ogilvie Street from View Street to Brussell Street.

Mr. Charles Longley, a resident of the area, came forward to speak on the matter. He said that the residents of the area were not opposing the closing as such, but were

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concerned about the use to which the land was to be put. He said once they knew the answer to that question, they would be in a position to state their position.

The City Engineer said it was his understanding the land was to be used by the National Harbours Board as a back-up lot to Pier C, for storage of containers or rail cars.

Mr. Longley stated that much of the land was zoned R-3, which would permit housing units up to 8 apartments, but not industrial use, which would require re-zoning. He said the residents in the area would not object to a housing scheme, but if the land was to be put to industrial use, they would have to take a second look at the matter, and he felt it only fair that if the National Harbours Board were requesting closing of a street, which will affect residents in the area, they should be on hand to advise what their plans were for the land.

The suggestion was then made that the hearing be deferred until the following Council, in order that the National Harbours Board could be present to answer questions. Alderman Matheson, however, felt that in view of the large sums of money already spent in order to get the container Pier project off the ground, and the fact that the back-up lot was a vital part of it, it would not be possible to ask the Harbours Board to alter their plans.

Alderman LeBlanc questioned the procedure whereby a decision was made in principle to close streets, after which the public hearing was held, and in the present case where so much was already at stake, the public hearing was pointless. He pointed out that in the present case, Mr. Longley was not opposing the closure, but merely asking for a little information.

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His Worship the Mayor said the City would arrange for the citizens involved in the closing of Ogilvie Street, from View to Brussell Streets, to receive whatever information they required from the Port Commission.

There was no map of the area under discussion available, and His Worship the Mayor said that at future hearings, a map should be displayed for the benefit of the public and the aldermen. He also asked the City Manager to arrange for the Port Commission to supply the answers to the questions raised by Mr. Longley, which information should be available at the next meeting of the Town Planning Board.

With regard to Mr. Longley's reference to re-zoning, His Worship the Mayor pointed out that the hearing this evening dealt only with the street closing, and that another public hearing would be necessary before the land could be re-zoned.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Black, that approval be given to the closing of Ogilvie Street from View Street to Brussell Street. Motion passed unanimously.

A formal Resolution was submitted by the City Solicitor giving effect to the foregoing motion of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Black, that the formal Resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Closing of View Street from Point Pleasant Drive northwardly to  
Dead End

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A public hearing was held at this time into the matter of the closing of View Street from Point Pleasant Drive northwardly to dead end.

His Worship the Mayor asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against the closing as stated, to which



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no one replied.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Matheson, that approval be given to the closing of View Street from Point Pleasant Drive northwardly to dead end. Motion passed unanimously.

A formal Resolution was submitted by the City Solicitor giving effect to the foregoing motion of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Matheson, that the formal Resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

To Lay Down the Official Street Lines of both sides of Jubilee Road from Summer Street to Robie Street as shown on Section 15C of the Official City Plan

A public hearing was held at this time into the matter of laying down the official street lines of both sides of Jubilee Road from Summer Street to Robie Street as shown on Section 15C of the Official City Plan.

His Worship the Mayor asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak on this matter, to which question there was no response.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ivany, that approval be given to the laying down of the official street lines of both sides of Jubilee Road from Summer Street to Robie Street, as shown on Section 15C of the Official City Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

A formal Resolution was submitted by the City Solicitor giving effect to the foregoing motion of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ivany, that the formal Resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

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To lay down the Official Street Line at the southeastern end of James Street and also a portion of the southwestern street line of James Street at the said southeastern end of James Street, as shown on Section 12C of the Official City Plan

A public hearing was held at this time into the matter of the laying down of Official Street Line at the southeastern end of James Street and also a portion of the southwestern Street Line of James Street at the said southeastern end of James Street, as shown on Section 12C of the official City Plan.

His Worship the Mayor said this matter related to the new Fire Department Headquarters presently under construction, and asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak on the subject, but no one indicated a desire to do so.

Alderman Sullivan asked what had happened with regard to the request of Mr. Meehan that a portion of land be left so that trucks could move in and out, and the City Manager said the wall of the Fire Dept. building had been moved 2 ft. south of the boundary to give Mr. Meehan the two feet of land he required. In reply to a further question from Alderman Sullivan, the City Manager confirmed that Mr. Meehan was completely satisfied with this solution to the problem.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that approval be given to the laying down of the Official Street Line at the southeastern end of James Street and also a portion of the southwestern street line of James Street at the said southeastern end of James Street, as shown on Section 12C of the official City Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

A formal Resolution was submitted by the City Solicitor giving effect to the foregoing motion of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that the formal Resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

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To lay down the Official Street Line, northwestern side of West Street across former James Street, as shown on Section 12C of the official City plan.

A public hearing was held at this time into the matter of the laying down of the official street line, northwestern side of West Street across former James Street as shown on Section 12C of the official City plan.

Alderman Ahern asked if this would have any effect on adjacent Roberts Street, and the City Engineer replied not to his knowledge, as all it did was establish the street line across James Street. No one spoke for or against the street line.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that approval be given to the laying down of the official street line, northwestern side of West Street across former James Street, as shown on Section 12C of the official City plan. Motion passed unanimously.

A formal Resolution was submitted by the City Solicitor giving effect to the foregoing motion of Council.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the formal Resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting of December 12, 1968, with respect to the following matters:

Appointment of Weed Inspector

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City Manager be authorized to negotiate with the Municipality of the County of Halifax for sharing the Weed Inspector of the

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County for the purpose of enforcement of the Weed Control Act within the City boundaries. Motion passed.

Bank Borrowing Resolution

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

1. City Council, under the authority of Section 213 of the City Charter, authorize a borrowing from the Royal Bank of Canada in the amount of \$2,000,000;
2. City Council, under the authority of Section 208 of the City Charter, include in the banking resolution an amount of \$5,500,000.00, making a total of \$7,500,000.00 in all;
3. His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign a special banking resolution, giving the City Treasurer and the Deputy City Treasurer authority to sign demand notes on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Halifax.

Motion passed.

Honorarium - Chairman - Board of Management, Halifax Civic Hospital

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Ahern that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, a change be made in indemnity of the Chairman of the Board of Management of the Halifax Civic Hospital from a maximum of \$300 per annum to an honorarium of \$500 per annum, as recommended by the Board of Management of the Halifax Civic Hospital.

MOVED in amendment by Alderman A.M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the honorarium be effective as of January 1, 1968. Amendment passed.

The motion, as amended, was then put and passed.

Tax Deposit Certificates

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the practice of issuing tax deposit certificates, under the

AMENDED

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authority of Section 434B of the City Charter, 1931, be continued in 1969.

Alderman A.M. Butler asked if the rate of interest would be the same as last year, namely, 6%, and the City Manager replied in the affirmative.

The motion was then put and passed.

Possible Acquisition - Imperial Oil Limited Wharf - Upper Water Street

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, an amount of \$116,076.00 be paid to Imperial Oil Limited, represented by Mr. Donald McInnes, Q.C., 1673 Bedford Row, as settlement in full for all claims arising from the acquisition by the City of the Wharf, Upper Water Street, required for Harbour Drive. Motion passed.

Legislation - Tax exemptions for Widows, Unmarried Women and Deserted Wives

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

"It is recommended that legislation be sought to extend a tax exemption to all persons whose income is below \$1,500.00 per annum, in the City of Halifax, under the authority of Section 228 of the City Charter, and that such legislation be sought in 1969 retroactive to January 1, 1969 exempting this group of persons as a class."

The City Manager stated that the proposed exemption could be carried out by Ordinance under the provisions of Section 228 of the City Charter, and that legislation was not necessary.

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Alderman LeBlanc said he did not feel the figure of \$1500.00 exemption was high enough. He said the pensioners who lived on a fixed income were sometimes less well off than a welfare case after paying their taxes, and he felt that something should be done for these people. He suggested an exemption of \$2500.

Alderman A.M. Butler said he did not think it was right for Council to name any figure such as \$2500, if it were not supported by a study which would reveal the implications of an increased exemption. He said if Council were not willing to approve the \$1500 figure as recommended, they should ask for a further study to be carried out.

MOVED by Alderman A.M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the matter be referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee.

Alderman Matheson said that no one in the Finance and Executive Committee was happy about the \$1500 (\$2500) income level used, but that it was at least a start in the right direction. He said in view of staff's statement that there was not time enough to determine the exact financial implications, he did not know where the necessary information could be obtained which would allow them to change the figure.

In view of the time element involved, Aldermen A.M. Butler and Connolly agreed to withdraw their

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motion to refer the matter back to the Finance and Executive  
Committee.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by  
Alderman Ivany, that an Ordinance be prepared to provide for  
a real property tax exemption to all persons whose income  
is below \$1500.00 per annum, under the authority of Section  
228 of the City Charter, and that the provisions of such  
Ordinance be made effective as of January 1, 1969. Motion  
passed.

The matter was referred to Staff to study the  
financial implications of an exemption of more than \$1500  
(\$2500), and report back prior to the setting of the 1969  
tax rate.

Administrative Order No. 8 - Respecting Taxation of Real  
Property of a Character or Nature other than Residential  
or Business - FIRST READING.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman  
Moir that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee,  
City Council approve First Reading of Administrative Order No.8,

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Respecting Real Property of a Character or Nature other than Residential or Business. Motion passed.

Amendments- Rental By-law - First Reading

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Black that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council give First Reading to the following amendment to the By-law Respecting Rentals:

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

1. Clause (b) of Section 1 of A By-Law Respecting Rentals, made by the City Council of the City of Halifax pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 8 of the Acts of 1959, and amendments thereto, and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 16th day of May, A.D. 1961, is amended by striking out the words "geographical area described in Section 2 hereof" and substituting therefor the words "City of Halifax".
2. Section 2 of said By-law Respecting Rentals is repealed.
3. Clause (h) of Section 3 of said By-law Respecting Rentals is repealed.
4. Clause (g) of Section 3 of said By-law Respecting Rentals is amended by striking out the semi-colon following the word "land" and substituting a period therefor.

Motion passed.

Advance Grant 1969 - Atlantic Child Guidance Centre - \$5,000.00

MOVED by Alderman H.W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Ahern that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council approve payment of \$5,000.00 advance on the 1969 Grant for the Atlantic Child Guidance Centre, to maintain the services of the Centre for the first quarter of 1969, effective January 1, 1969. Motion passed.

Boxing Day, December 26, 1968

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City Council appoint Boxing Day, December 26, 1968



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as a Civic Holiday. Motion passed.

Renting of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce for Decentralized  
Office for the Social Assistance Department

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman  
A.M. Butler that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive  
Committee,

1. the building owned by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce at 2172 Gottingen Street, be rented for the purpose of providing office space for the Social Assistance Department at a rental of \$500.00 per month;
2. the City enter into a lease for such building for one year from January 1, 1969 with option to renew for a further period of one year;
3. preliminary approval of the 1969 budget for the Social Assistance Department be granted to enable the project to get under way and to cover the cost of renovations of the building which are estimated to cost \$4,500.00.

In reply to a question asked by Alderman LeBlanc, the Social Planner said the rent worked out to about \$2.95 per sq. ft. Alderman LeBlanc felt that in view of the fact that the building had been empty for some time, the City should be able to negotiate a more attractive rent.

The Social Planner said the building had been empty, not because the Bank could not find a tenant, but because it had been their intention to sell the building. He said that the Real Estate Department had felt the rent figure to be very reasonable, and reminded Council that 75% of the rental costs would be reimbursed by the Federal and Provincial Governments.

In reply to a further question from Alderman LeBlanc concerning the possible use of City-owned buildings which were presently vacant, the Social Planner stated that consideration had been given to using historic sites buildings

but investigation had revealed that the costs of restoring such buildings to make them functional would be excessive.

The motion was then put and passed, seven voting for the same, and four against it as follows:

- For - Aldermen Moir, Ivany, Matheson, A.M. Butler, Meagher, H.W. Butler, Black ..... 7
- Against - Aldermen LeBlanc, Ahern, Connolly, and Sullivan ..... 4

Halifax-Dartmouth and County Regional Planning Commission Budget

At the request of the Finance and Executive Committee, this item was placed on the order of business to permit Alderman Matheson to present a resolution to Council relating to the budget of the Halifax-Dartmouth and County Regional Planning Commission.

Alderman Matheson said that at a time when regional planning should be enlarged upon, it was unthinkable that the activities of the Halifax-Dartmouth and County Regional Planning Commission be curtailed because of a cut in their budget. He cited the substitution of a principal planner by a draftsman, and said that unless the Director was given proper personnel and tools to carry out the job, the results obtained would not be worth the time and money that was spent.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Black, that the following Resolution be adopted:

W H E R E A S the Halifax-Dartmouth and County Regional Planning Commission is charged under Section 52 of the Town Planning Act of Nova Scotia with the responsibility of preparing plans for the physical, social, and economic development of the geographical area of the County of Halifax, including the Cities of Halifax and Dartmouth with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated and harmonious develop-

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ment of the area.

AND WHEREAS a recent proposal relating to the revision of the Town Planning Act prepared by the Community Planning Division of the Department of Municipal Affairs of the Province of Nova Scotia contains the proposal that one of the amendments to the Act will require the Commission to help the province prepare, review and continuously up-date a Regional Development Plan.

AND WHEREAS this Council deems it essential that there be continuous consideration at a regional level of inter-municipal planning problems such as highway transportation, rapid transit, major recreation areas, public housing, major water supply, sewerage disposal, air pollution and regional policies for land use, and it is understood that the revisions to the Town Planning Act will expressly require the Commission to advise on the resolution of these problems.

AND WHEREAS the preparation of a Regional Development Plan must, in the long run, result in considerable reduction of Municipal expenses in dealing with these problems and sharply reduce the cost of consulting services in carrying out such projects in the Metropolitan area.

AND WHEREAS it is the opinion of this Council that the reductions to its proposed budget for 1969 made by the Commission at its meeting held December 3, 1968 will, in the light of increased operating costs, actually require a retrenchment of its activities whereas the Commission, to fulfill its proper role, should be expanding its functions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council request the Halifax-Dartmouth and County Regional Planning

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Commission to reconsider its budget for 1969 and to restore the amount deleted so that the Commission will immediately be able to employ a principal planner as recommended by the Director of Planning for the Commission.

A short discussion followed, in which Alderman LeBlanc voiced some doubt about the justification of increasing the Regional Planning Commission staff without more clear-cut information on the necessity for so doing, following which the motion was put and passed unanimously.

Tenders - Refuse and Garbage Collection - Annexed Areas

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

1. the tender of Charles W. Marriott, Spryfield, in the amount of \$1,850.00 per month, for the No. 1 area which covers Rockingham, Birch Cove and part of Fairview, be accepted;
2. the tender of Frederick H. Marriott, Armdale, in the amount of \$5,833.00 per month, for the No. 2 area which covers Spryfield, Fairview, parts of Jollimore and Armdale, be accepted.

Motion passed.

RC 1-5 \$ .2100/gal - Drums P.O. Plant  
 RC 1-5 \$ .1790/gal -  
 RC 1-5 \$ .1760/gal - Tank Wagon P.O. City Field  
 SC 1-6 \$ .1440/gal -  
 RC 1-5 \$ .1680/gal - Tank Wagon P.O. Plant  
 SC 1-6 \$ .1360/gal -  
 SC - 0 \$ .1050/gal  
 Special Primer - \$ .1570/gal - Tank Wagon P.O. Plant

Motion passed.

(b) Oxygen and Acetylene

MOVED by Alderman Weacher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tenders for Oxygen and Acetylene be accepted as follows:

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REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on December 3, 1968, with respect to the following matters:

Tenders for Supplies

(a) Liquid Asphaltic Materials

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tenders for liquid asphaltic materials be accepted as follows:

A. Flintkote Company of Canada Ltd. - Dartmouth, N. S.

RS - 1	\$.3290/Gal	- Drums F.O.B. City Field
RS - 1K	\$.3510/Gal	- " " " "
RS - 1	\$.3070/Gal	- Drums F.O.B. Plant
RS - 1K	\$.3290/Gal	- " " "
RS - 1	\$.2670/Gal	- Tank Wagon F.O.B. City Field
RS - 1K	\$.2900/Gal	- " " " "
RS - 1	\$.2070/Gal	- Tank Wagon F.O.B. Plant
RS - 1K	\$.2300/Gal	- " " " "

B. Imperial Oil Limited - Halifax, N. S.

RC 1-5	\$.2210/Gal	- Drums F.O.B. City Field
SC 1-6	\$.1890/Gal	- " " " "
RC 1-5	\$.2100/Gal	- Drums F.O.B. Plant
SC 1-6	\$.1790/Gal	- " " "
RC 1-5	\$.1760/Gal	- Tank Wagon F.O.B. City Field
SC 1-6	\$.1440/Gal	- " " " "
RC 1-5	\$.1680/Gal	- Tank Wagon F.O.B. Plant
SC 1-6	\$.1360/Gal	- " " " "
SC - 0	\$.1050/Gal	- " " " "
Special Primer	\$.1570/Gal	- Tank Wagon F.O.B. Plant

Motion passed.

(b) Oxygen and Acetylene

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tenders for Oxygen and Acetylene be accepted as follows:

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1. Therapy Oxygen:

A. Twin Cities Oxygen Ltd. - Halifax

244 cu. ft. Cylinder Capacity @ \$2.10 per 100 cu.ft. at Plant  
122 cu. ft. Cylinder Capacity @ \$2.75 per 100 cu. ft. at Plant

2. Commercial Oxygen:

A. Atlantic Oxygen Ltd. - Halifax

244 cu. ft. Cylinder Capacity @ \$2.24 per 100 cu. ft. at Plant  
122 cu. ft. Cylinder Capacity @ \$2.92 per 100 cu. ft. at Plant

3. Acetylene:

A. Twin Cities Oxygen Ltd. - Halifax

260 cu. ft. Cylinder Capacity @ \$5.00 per 100 cu. ft. at Plant  
110 cu. ft. Cylinder Capacity @ \$5.65 per 100 cu. ft. at Plant

B. Atlantic Oxygen Limited - Halifax

140 cu. ft. Cylinder Capacity @ \$6.70 per 100 cu. ft. at Plant

C. Haliburton Welding & Supplies

130 cu. ft. Cylinder Capacity @ \$6.70 per 100 cu. ft. at Plant

Motion passed.

The report of the Committee on Works recommended also that without further advertising of the tender, the two firms who gave the same quotations on the 300 cu. ft. Cylinder Capacity Acetylene, be asked to submit new quotations some time before the Council meeting of December 12, 1968.

The City Manager advised that the new quotations had not been received.

(c) Furnace Oil, Stove Oil and Bunker "A" Fuel

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tenders for Furnace Oil, Stove Oil and Bunker "A" fuel be accepted as follows:

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1. Furnace Oil - Texaco Canada Ltd. @ \$0.1198/Gal.
2. Stove Oil - British-American Oil Co. Ltd. @ \$0.1690/Gal.
3. Bunker "A" - Texaco Canada Limited @ \$0.0779/Gal.

Motion passed.

(d) Sand and Gravel

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tenders for Sand and Gravel be accepted as follows:

1. Concrete Sand - Atlantic Sand & Gravel Ltd. Lr. Sackville @ \$1.00 per ton F.O.B. Plant.
2. Coarse Sand - Conrad Brothers Limited, Dartmouth @ \$1.90 per ton F.O.B. City Field or on St.
3. Gravel - Conrad Brothers Limited, Dartmouth @ \$1.60 per ton F.O.B. Plant.  
- Atlantic Sand & Gravel Ltd., Lr. Sackville @ \$2.45 per ton F.O.B. City Field or on St.
4. Asphalt Sand - Conrad Brothers Limited, Dartmouth @ \$1.00 per ton F.O.B. Plant  
- Conrad Brothers Limited, Dartmouth @ \$1.90 per ton F.O.B. City Field or on St.
5. Beach Sand - Nova Scotia Sand & Gravel Ltd. Halifax @ \$1.00 per ton F.O.B. Plant  
- Conrad Brothers Ltd., Dartmouth @ \$2.25 per ton F.O.B. City Field or on St.

Motion passed.

The report of the Committee on Works also recommended that without further advertising of the tender, to two firms who gave the same quotations on "1. Concrete Sand - F.O.B. City Field or on St." and "2. Coarse Sand - F.O.B. Plant", be asked to submit new quotations some time before the Council meeting of December 12, 1968.

The City Manager advised that the new quotations had not been received.