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accommodations and he wanted to know if this is going to cause problems.

Alderman Connolly said that the Visitors and Convention Bureau have set up an office in the B. A. Building near the Canada Games Office and are working very closely with respect to the accommodations for the athletes.

Alderman Meagher said that the Visitors and Convention Committee has assigned 500 hotel and motel rooms and some accommodation in private homes for about 2500 athletes and is keeping up with the situation.

The Deputy Mayor felt that the suggestion of having a report on the progress of the Canada Games every two weeks was one which should be carried out.

Question Alderman Ivany Re: Transit System

Alderman Ivany asked the City Solicitor, since he attended the hearings held by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities with respect to the transit operation, if the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company are legally out of the transit business at the end of 1969 or are they open to negotiations from the City.

The Acting City Manager advised that the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company are not obliged to carry on with the transit operation after December 31, 1969. He said that City Council have accepted the responsibility of providing transit after that date and the Transit Committee is presently in the process of negotiating with the Company a couple of alternatives.

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Alderman Ivany said that the Council voted in favour of a subsidiary arrangement with the Company.

The Acting City Manager said that the arrangement was rejected by the Company but this does not have any bearing on the Board's decision. He said the City has not been directed by the Board to assume the transit operation but Council has agreed that the City should continue the transit system and assume the responsibility. The resolution passed by City Council was one to assure the public and the employees of the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company that a transit operation will be continued after the end of 1969.

Alderman LeBlanc thought that another meeting of the Transit Committee should be held fairly soon with members of the City Council to ascertain the present position.

The Acting City Manager advised that a report will be submitted to City Council in the very near future outlining the present position of the City.

Alderman McGuire asked if any consideration has been given to providing transit in the new part of the City at an early date.

The Deputy Mayor said that this question will be answered in the report referred to by the Acting City Manager.

Question Alderman LeBlanc Re: Schedule of Budget Meetings

Alderman LeBlanc referred to the schedule of Budget Meetings which had been distributed to all members of Council and he asked if the two public hearings to be held in the Cunard Jr. High School and Clayton Park School could be very

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widely publicized so that as many people as possible will be in attendance.

The Deputy Mayor said that he was sure this would be done.

Question Alderman Ahern Re: Recount Application in Ward One

Alderman Ahern asked if the City Solicitor could advise as to what took place at the hearing respecting the recount in Ward One.

The Acting City Manager advised that the application for a recount was denied.

Alderman Ahern asked if Alderman Abbott is re-elected.

The Acting City Manager said that is the situation at the moment.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Oxford Street Fire Station

Alderman Connolly asked what use is being made of the Oxford Street Fire Station at the present time.

The Fire Chief advised that it is being used as a training wing and for storage of reserve equipment as a temporary measure, until such time as the new Fire Station has been constructed.

Question Alderman LeBlanc Re: Renovations to Armdale Fire Hall

Alderman LeBlanc referred to the renovations which are taking place at the Armdale Fire Hall on the second floor for a local Social Assistance Office and the point he made about renovating the first floor so that it could be used as a community meeting place and he asked if the renovations are presently being carried out.

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The Acting City Manager said that he would obtain an answer for the Alderman when the City Manager returns.
Question Alderman McGuire Re: Access to Fairmount Subdivision

Alderman McGuire referred to a particular problem in the Ward 9 area of which the Planning Department is aware and is presently working on relating to a second access to the Fairmount Subdivision. He asked if Staff would consider the immediate problem of children from Walton Drive, Dutch Village Road and Rosemount Avenue going to school in the Fairmount Subdivision. He said that the parents are forced to use car pools since there are no sidewalks for the children to walk on and the journey to school on foot is extremely dangerous. He thought that consideration should be given immediately to some form of access across the C. N. R. tracks which would require some negotiation with the developer of the subdivision as a heavy chain link fence has been constructed. He asked Staff to consider his suggestion and make a recommendation to Council as soon as possible which would alleviate the situation.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Alderman Connolly Re: Committee to Study
Rent Control

Alderman Connolly gave notice, that at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on January 30, 1969, he would move that a committee of Council be appointed to study the imposition of rent control for the City of Halifax.

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Appointments - Committees, Boards, etc.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Ivany that the following appointments to Committees, Boards and Commissions be approved, as submitted by His Worship the Mayor:

BASINVIEW HOME, BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

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| Continuing | (1) | Alderman Ivany (Oct. 31, 1969) |
| | (2) | Alderman Ahern (Oct. 31, 1969) |
| | (3) | Alderman Sullivan (Oct. 31, 1969) |
| | (4) | Mr. Noa Heinish (Oct. 31, 1969) |
| | (5) | Rev. Wrenfred Bryant (Oct. 31, 1969) |
| Nominated | (6) | Alderman Meagher (Oct. 31, 1971) |
| | (7) | (Oct. 31, 1971) |

CIVIC HOSPITAL, BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

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| Continuing | (1) | Mrs. Marjorie Woodill (Oct. 31, 1970) |
| | (2) | Alderman Abbott (Oct. 31, 1970) |
| Nominated | (3) | Mr. Peter Andrewes (Oct. 31, 1970) |
| | (4) | Mr. Ian Langlands (Chairman) (Oct. 31, 1969) |
| | (5) | Alderman Meagher (Oct. 31, 1969) |
| Nominated | (6) | Mr. Arthur Dixon (Oct. 31, 1971) |
| | (7) | Sister Thomas Joseph (Oct. 31, 1971) |

HISTORIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

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| Nominated | (1) | Mr. L. W. Collins |
| | (2) | Alderman Ivany |
| | (3) | Dean Andrew MacKay |
| | (4) | Mr. Allan Duffus |
| | (5) | Mr. Gilbert Hutton |
| | (6) | Mr. James Roy |
| | (7) | Mrs. Marjorie Major |
| | (8) | |
| | (9) | |

Remaining two appointees to be nominated January 30.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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| Continuing | (1) | Mr. G. D. Anderson (Apr. 30, 1969) |
| | (2) | Alderman Ivany (Apr. 30, 1970) |
| | (3) | Mayor O'Brien (Oct. 31, 1971) |

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- Nominated (4) Alderman Hogan (Oct. 31, 1971)
(5) Mr. J. E. Tipler (Oct. 31, 1971)
(6) Mr. Edwin C. Harris (Oct. 31, 1971)
(7) Mr. Geo. C. Findlay (Oct. 31, 1971)

LIBRARY BOARD

- Continuing (1) Mayor O'Brien
(2) Miss Eileen Burns
(3) Judge Nathan Green
(4) Mr. George A. White

- Nominated (5) Alderman McGuire
(6) Mr. Bryce Merrill
(7)

MENTAL HOSPITAL, BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

- Nominated Mr. James S. Cowan (Oct. 31, 1971
to complete City representation.

VISITORS AND CONVENTION COMMITTEE

- Continuing (1) Mayor O'Brien

- Nominated (2) Alderman Hogan
(3) Alderman Meagher
(4) Alderman Ivany
(5) Alderman Connolly
(6)
(7) Mr. E. A. Locke
(8) Major O. R. Crowell
(9) Mr. J. Bernal Sawyer
(10) Mrs. Morris Goldberg
(11) Mr. Peter Herschorn

CANADA GAMES

The City's representatives on the Canada Games Society
Board of Directors to continue as follows:

- Mayor O'Brien
Mr. H. W. Butler
Mr. A. M. Butler
Mr. Walter Fitzgerald

Motion passed.

ADDED ITEMS

Time for Assessment Appeals and 1969 Assessments

The Acting City Manager reported that the City Charter

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provides that the City Assessor close his roll as of 31st December or some date set by City Council. The City Assessor closed his tax roll on December 31st and is required to serve notice of assessment pursuant to the roll within ten days, the time for appeal running from that date to 31st of this month. Because of the problems associated with annexation and some technical difficulties, the assessment notices for Ward 7 have not gone out yet and the business realty and business occupancy assessments which have been sent out are incorrect and require new notices to be mailed. In order that all taxpayers in the City should be treated alike and have twenty-one days in which to appeal the assessment, he suggested that Council consider the extension of the appeal period for the residents of Ward 7 and for the business realty and business occupancy taxpayers in the City of Halifax to February 10, 1969. He understood that the Ward 7 notices and the correct business realty and business occupancy assessment notices will be mailed by next Monday at the latest.

Alderman LeBlanc referred to the item which he had requested to be placed on the Order of Business and he said that it was similar and perhaps could be discussed at the same time. He said that one matter of concern to him was the misunderstanding that the recent assessment notices have caused to people in the annexed areas. He suggested that the time for appeal should be extended for all taxpayers. He asked for some clarification in respect to the area rate which the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities set at 89¢ for the first year. He referred to the tremendous number

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of phone calls he has received from persons whose assessments have jumped beyond belief. He said that the increased assessments are no doubt justified but are causing great concern. He felt that there are many people who want to appeal but who would rather wait until the rate is set and he suggested that the date for appeal be extended to February 28, 1969.

The Acting City Manager explained the reason for his recommendation in that the taxpayers of Ward 7 have not yet received their assessment notices and the business realty and business occupancy taxpayers have to receive corrected notices. He said that all the requirements of the statute have been adhered to by the City with respect to all other assessments.

Alderman LeBlanc asked if there is any possible way in which the City Council could extend the tax appeal period.

The Acting City Manager said that it would appear that many people in the annexed area fear that the area rate to cover the cost of annexation is going to be in the area of 89¢ because this is the figure that the Board uses to illustrate in their decision, but this figure was selected on the basis of the 1966 Assessment in the County, so that if the assessment that the City put on in 1969 increased by 100%, the 89¢ rate to which the Board refers would automatically become 45¢. If people recognize this, and what the Board really said was that in the first year after annexation the area rates would have to produce \$862,000.00. So if you increase the assessment

out the area rate that would - 35 - required.

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then you would drop the rate. If people understood this and understood that the rate was not going to be anything near 89¢ then a lot of problems would disappear immediately.

Alderman LeBlanc referred to the uncertainty of the exact amount of the area rate and the uncertainty of the continuation of widow's exemptions and a combination of other things which are causing the anxiety of the taxpayers and for this reason he felt that an extension of the appeal period should be granted.

The Deputy Mayor, at this time, referred to the fact that the City Assessor appeared on a local radio station today during which time he answered a number of questions and enquiries and he felt that some understanding did evolve from that.

The Acting City Manager said that he would have to take time to consider whether or not the City Council can legally extend the tax appeal period for all taxpayers, but the City Assessor advised him that within a week he would probably be able to tell you what the area rate will be with respect to annexation costs.

Alderman LeBlanc asked if the area rate would be known by January 23.

The City Assessor advised that right now the computer is working on the business realty and business occupancy assessments and by Friday will be doing Ward 7, when the complete roll has been run, the computer can pick up the totals and it would then be a matter of mathematics to work out the area rate that would be required.

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Alderman LeBlanc asked if a report could be prepared for the next Finance and Executive Committee which would include the decision of the Acting City Manager with respect to the extension of the date for submission of tax appeals and would also include the approximate area rate necessary for 1969. He suggested that perhaps an office could be set up near the borders of the new and old city where persons could make enquiries about their assessments. He thought that perhaps the Armdale Fire Hall could be utilized for this purpose.

Alderman McGuire agreed with Alderman LeBlanc that if possible the City Council should extend the tax appeal period and he felt that most of the problems have been caused by a misunderstanding. He felt that considerably more clarification and information should be available to persons enquiring about their assessments in order to clear up the misunderstanding. He thought that it appears that the annexed areas are being penalized with a special area rate and he contended that in the programme of informing the citizens of the city some effort should be made to indicate the fairness of the special area rate and he thought the City should do whatever it possibly can to eliminate or alleviate a division that we are trying to get rid of.

In reply to a question from Alderman McGuire, the City Assessor stated that he felt that when the assessment roll is totalled up the City will have a bigger increase than that projected by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities.

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He said that this would not affect the figure of \$862,000.00 but it would affect the amount of rate. The annexed area would pay, in addition to the City of Halifax tax rate, an additional sum to produce \$862,000.00. This would mean that whatever the rate of the City would be fixed at for 1969, plus whatever rate would be required to raise the additional \$862,000.00.

Alderman McGuire said that many people in the annexed area feel that they are to bear, with the payment of the area rate, an unfair burden.

The Acting City Manager said that it was calculated that the citizens of the old City will pay an additional 14¢ on their rate for no increase in services to the old City by reason of the fact of annexation. This, he felt, is in answer to the citizens of the annexed area.

The Deputy Mayor felt that it should be pointed out that the area rate is not one which has been applied by the City but one which has been applied by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities.

Alderman Hogan was completely disturbed about the entire question of the area rate. He referred to specific cases where assessments had gone up from \$2,500.00 to \$9,700.00 and from \$15,000.00 to \$40,000.00. He could not see how such a great increase could come about. He hoped that City Council would be able to extend the tax appeal period not only for an extra month but for six weeks at least.

The City Assessor advised that persons have the right to appeal their assessment, not the amount of their taxes.

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He said that the annexed areas had not been re-assessed since 1958 which might explain why some assessments had greatly increased, and he felt that the County assessments were definitely out of line.

Alderman LeBlanc thought that perhaps the City should approach the Board with respect to the area rates and ask that other arrangements could be made, such as a sliding scale upwards after the first two years of annexation.

Some discussion ensued with respect to the schools where assessors are trained and the fact that the annexed areas had not been re-assessed since 1958.

Alderman McGuire pointed out that it was his understanding that the County assessment was based on 70% or 75% of the 1958 market value and the City of Halifax Assessment is between 90% and 100% of the 1968 market value.

After further discussion, Alderman LeBlanc again referred to the possibility of setting up an office on the end of the annexed area where persons could obtain information.

Alderman McGuire did not agree with the suggestion since it would be necessary to transfer the tax roll to a new location and it is required in the City Assessor's office and would interrupt their work. He thought that all the information should be presented to the Information Officer and dispersed through his office.

After further discussion, it was agreed that a report as outlined by Alderman LeBlanc should be submitted from Staff to the next Finance and Executive Committee.

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The Acting City Manager again recommended that Council agree to an extension of the tax appeal period for the taxpayers of Ward 7 and those paying business realty and business occupancy taxes in the City to February 10th, 1969. He said that this would not have any effect on the consideration he would give to the possible extension of the tax appeal period for all taxpayers.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the tax appeal period for taxpayers of Ward 7 and those paying business realty and business occupancy taxes in the City be extended from January 31, 1969 to February 10, 1969. Motion passed.

Police Services - Annexed Area

Alderman LeBlanc referred to reports that have been printed in the local press relating to the adequacy of police protection in the annexed area and he suggested that the Chief of Police briefly report on such services. He asked if the ten new vehicles that were purchased for annexation are all being used in the new areas of the City.

The Chief of Police said that all ten vehicles are being used in the annexed area. He said that the number of policemen on duty in the area is adequate. He said that when the late Chief said that 35 policemen was the minimum number required to properly police the new area, many persons in the Police Department thought that he was wrong and were concerned, but it now appears that he was right in his thinking and the area receives adequate protection from the Department.

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Alderman LeBlanc asked the Chief of Police to

keep a close scrutiny of the situation and obtain additional forces if they are required.

The Chief of Police advised that a close watch is being kept and also separate records.

Basinview Home

Alderman Sullivan referred to the fact that a new Basinview Home, Board of Management has been appointed and he hoped that they would make every effort to have a new home constructed at the earliest possible time. He said that he had made several visits to the old home recently and it has long outlived its usefulness. He said that the home has a continual battle against unwelcome visitors and the fumigators are called in quite often to keep the situation under control. He felt that the present facilities are not adequate to properly care for the patients residing there. He concluded by saying that he would push as hard as possible in the hope that the programme for the new home will be accelerated.

At this time, Alderman LeBlanc, congratulated the Deputy Mayor on the way in which he handled the Council Meeting.

9:38 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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

R. J. ALLEN
DEPUTY MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD
CITY CLERK.

There were present: Aldermen Abbott, Ahern, Connolly, McGuire, Maagher, Miller, and Sullivan.

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

AMENDMENTS - MINUTES

It was agreed that the following amendments be made to Council minutes of the meetings held on December 12 and December 30, 1968:

Minutes - December 12, 1968

Page 1058 - Tender awarded Irving Oil Company @ \$0.1900 for Marked Gas Grade II so as to award tender to Texaco @ \$0.1978.

Page 1059 - Tender awarded British American @ \$0.1400 for H.S. Diesel Fuel so as to award tender to Texaco @ \$0.1418.

The City Clerk stated that the awarding of tenders with the recommendation from the Works Department for tender on Marked Gas Grade II was dependent on the awarding of the above two tenders, and that due to the quantity of Marked Gas Grade II consumed, the City would save \$123.00 by awarding Texaco all three tenders, even though their prices were higher on the two grades now being amended.

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M I N U T E S

Council,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
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Minutes - December 30, 1969

Page 1089 - Item 3 of the motion agenda referring to a change in name of the Port and Industrial Commission be changed and read as follows:
A meeting of City Council was held on the above date.

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

There were present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Abbott, Ahern, Connolly, Hogan, Ivany, McGuire, Meagher, Allen, and Sullivan.

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

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@ \$0.1418.

The City Clerk stated that the above was in line with the recommendation from the Works Department that Texaco's tender on Marked Gas Grade II was dependent on also receiving the above two tenders, and that due to the quantity of Marked Gas Grade II consumed, the City would save \$223.86 by awarding Texaco all three tenders, even though their prices were higher on the two grades now being amended.

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Minutes - December 30, 1969

Page 1089 - Item 3 of the motion appearing on this page referring to a change in name of the Port Commission to the "Halifax-Dartmouth Port and Industrial Commission" be changed to read as follows:

"3. the name of the Port Commission to be changed to the Halifax-Dartmouth Port Commission".

MINUTES

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Allen, that minutes of the January 16, 1969 Council meeting be approved. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

It was agreed to add the following items to the agenda:

Alderman Allen requested addition of item entitled "Area Rates - Annexed Areas", and it was also agreed in order to accommodate members of the public who had attended the meeting to hear this matter discussed, that it be the next item on the agenda.

- 20(a) - Alderman Ahern requested the addition of item entitled "Hellyer Housing Report".
- 20(b) - Alderman Ivany requested the addition of item entitled "Signs for the City of Halifax".
- 20(c) - Alderman Hogan requested the addition of item entitled "Litter in City".
- 20(d) - Agreement - Development of "Prison Lands".
- 20(e) - Electrical Ordinance Number 130.

AREA RATES - ANNEXED AREAS

Alderman Allen stated that a number of persons had attended the meeting in order to hear this matter discussed, and asked His Worship the Mayor if he could advise Council regarding a meeting held with the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities in this regard.

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His Worship the Mayor said that there would be no area rate imposed, as the Board had rescinded that part of its earlier order which called for one. He said that he did not want anyone to gain the impression that this decision had been arrived at on the initiative of the City Manager or City Solicitor who had attended the meeting, as it was the Chairman of the Board who had called the meeting. He stated that the Chairman of the Board had requested the City to bring the answers to certain questions, which were the figures contained in the Manager's report of January 29 entitled "Effect of New City Area Assessments in 1969". The report indicated that if an area rate were levied, the highest amount that could be justified would be 18¢, which would be spread over the entire City.

His Worship the Mayor said that the Board had been watching the situation for some time, and had formed some doubts about the 70/90 ratio on which they had based their calculations, and had arrived at the decision to rescind the order calling for an area rate on their own initiative. He said in so doing they were not attempting to interfere with City Council, but had felt that it was their responsibility since they had issued the Order calling for the area rate.

Alderman Ivany asked if the City were prepared to make any statement on whether or not the revised assessments on properties in the annexed areas were just or otherwise.

His Worship the Mayor said he did not believe it was proper for an elected member of the City to give an opinion in this connection. The Assessor, he said, must be

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free under law to make his assessment to the best of his ability, without interference from elected people, and to the extent that the Assessor might err in his judgment, the Court of Assessment Appeals was available for those who felt that justice had not been done. He said the figures available would indicate that the average increase in assessment in the new areas of the City was about 50%, but that barring some unforeseen burden in the budget, the average property owner in the annexed area would not experience a raise in his taxes, although some small increase must be anticipated in the older part of the City, which fact was taken into account in the Board's earlier report calling for a 14¢ increase in the old part of the City.

Alderman Ivany suggested having a random sampling of assessments done by an independent assessor, as a means of checking on the accuracy of the assessment figures. His Worship the Mayor, however, said it was a random sampling that had led the Board to apply a basis for calculation which turned out to be incorrect in the case of the 70/90 ratio. He said it now appeared that the average County assessment had been some where near 53% of value, rather than 70%, which the random sampling had led the Board to believe.

Alderman Ivany asked if it was felt that the City's case with regard to a Provincial grant would be strengthened by the decision now handed down by the Board. His Worship the Mayor answered he did not think so, in fact, he said, the evidence available suggested that the City's financial position as a result of annexation on the current

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set as the City's share, and (iii) the 3¢ to be assessed in place of the area rate. In addition, he said, there would be a tax exemption for those persons whose income was below \$1500 per annum. In reply to a question from Alderman Connolly, His Worship the Mayor stated that staff was presently studying the financial impact on the rest of the tax payers, if the \$1500 exemption figure were increased to \$2500.

Alderman Ivany asked if the Chairman could comment on the situation wherein County residents will be paying property taxes twice within 9 months, as in the County they would have paid by the end of last August, and now in the City they will be required to pay by the end of May. His Worship the Mayor replied that there had been no questions raised in this regard.

Alderman Allen said that as a representative and resident of the annexed area, he was pleased to note that the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities had kept in touch with the situation, as evidenced by their action with regard to the area rate. He said that the residents themselves would certainly have been in touch with the Board, had it not taken this action on its own initiative, and he was pleased that the matter had resolved itself in this way.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on January 23, 1969 with respect to the following matters:

Expropriation - #5224 Gerrish Street

Council agreed to move this item to the bottom of the agenda, in order that it could be discussed in private.

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Central Fire Department Headquarters - Contingency Increase - \$5,000.00

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following applications be approved by the Committee, in order to permit work to proceed and to permit the issuance of normal change orders:

1. the contingency allowance be increased by a further \$5,000.00 for the Central Fire Department Headquarters;
2. the funds for this additional contingency be provided, subject to the approval of the Department of Municipal Affairs, by the transfer of unused authorizations from other capital accounts.

Motion passed.

Renovations to the Armdale Fire Station

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, an amount of \$3,700.00 be allocated for the purpose of completing the renovations to the Armdale Fire Station for recreational and office use. Motion passed.

Sewer Study Agreement

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee -

1. the agreement which has been negotiated with the firm of James F. MacLaren Limited in association with Touche, Ross, Bailey and Smart be approved, with the following amendments:
 - (a) Deleting the words "living and" from Clause (h) on Page 4 of the proposed agreement; and
 - (b) Adding a clause requiring completion of the work by December 31, 1969.
2. if any expenditures are proposed over \$140,000.00, the City Manager seek advance approval of the City Council.

Motion passed.

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Applications Tag Days, Door-to-Door Canvasses, etc.

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following applications be approved:

Muscular Dystrophy Association - September 15-16, 1969

Poppy Day - November 7/8, 1969

Poppy Week - November 3 to 8, 1969, inclusive.

Motion passed.

Appropriation - Section 316C - Kates, Peat, Marwick and Company - \$5,050.00

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, an appropriation, in the amount of \$5,050.00 be approved under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter to pay the City's share of the work done by Kates, Peat, Marwick and Company on the study of unit trains, container ships and related matters affecting the Port of Halifax - such amount to be included in the 1968 accounts. Motion passed.

Resolution City of Windsor Re: Drugs and Prescriptions

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council endorse the following resolution received from the City of Windsor, Ontario:

"WHEREAS an estimated 100,000 children are poisoned every year in Canada; and

"WHEREAS 50% of these poisonings are caused by the ingestion of drugs and prescriptions which could be prevented by the use of "Safety Cap" containers; and

"WHEREAS dramatic results have been obtained in communities when child-resistant containers have been used; and

"WHEREAS in the City of Windsor, Ontario, where such

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containers are used for prescription drugs, child poisonings have thus been reduced during a 2-year period by over 90%;

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Provincial and Federal authorities give urgent consideration to the enactment of legislation making it mandatory for prescriptions and other drugs and medicines to be dispensed and sold only in child-resistant containers;

"AND FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Councils of other Canadian Cities for endorsement, to the local M.P.'s and M.L.A.'s, the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, and the Ontario Municipal Association for their support."

Motion passed.

Parade Float - Dartmouth Winter Carnival

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City of Dartmouth Department of Recreation be informed that the City of Halifax will not be entering a float in the forthcoming Dartmouth Winter Carnival Torch Light Parade. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

The Council considered the following matter from the Works Committee meeting of January 23, 1969:

Use of Former Fairview Fire Hall

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Ahern, that as recommended by the Committee on Works, the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission be permitted to operate the former Fairview Fire Hall for citizen recreational use and that the care and custody of the building be the responsibility of the Commission. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

Deferred.

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8:25 p.m. - Council adjourned to meet as Committee of the Whole.

Amendments, Ordinance Number 103 - Second Reading

The following amendments to Ordinance Number 103 were presented for a Second Reading:

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

1. Section 4 of Ordinance Number 103, Respecting the Rules of Order of Council, is amended by striking out the word "Nine" in the first line thereof and substituting therefor the word "Seven".

2. Section 7 of said Ordinance Number 103 is amended by striking out the words "nine of the fourteen" in the fifth line thereof and substituting therefor the words "seven of the ten".

There was a short discussion with respect to the difficulty which might be encountered on occasions in obtaining a quorum of seven aldermen out of ten, and Alderman Ivany felt there was justification for reducing the requirement to six aldermen.

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the amendment to Section 4 of Ordinance Number 103, read as follows:

1. Section 4 of Ordinance Number 103, Respecting the Rules of Order of Council, is amended by striking out the word "Nine" in the first line thereof and substituting therefor the word "Six".

Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Ivany, that the following amendments to Ordinance Number 103 be read and passed a Second Time:

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

1. Section 4 of Ordinance Number 103, Respecting the rules of Order of Council, is amended by striking out the word "Nine" in the first line thereof and substituting therefor the word "Six".

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2. Section 7 of said Ordinance Number 103 is amended by striking out the words "nine of the fourteen" in the fifth line thereof and substituting therefor the words "seven of the ten".

Motion passed.

Amendment, Ordinance Number 104 - Second Reading:

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the amendment to Ordinance Number 104, as set forth in Council minutes of January 16, 1969 be read and passed a Second Time. Motion passed.

Amendments, Ordinance Number 105- Second Reading:

There was a short discussion on the advisability of reducing the quorum required under Subsection (2) of Section 5 to six, in line with the amendment made in Ordinance Number 103. His Worship the Mayor, however, said he had reservations about doing so, and felt a smaller Council presented less argument for a reduction in the ratio required compared to the total membership of the Council, as it meant the power of decision was getting into fewer hands. He felt the Minister of Municipal Affairs might want to look closely at this matter. He said some municipalities even required referendums to borrow money, and he therefore felt that Council should assess its responsibility very carefully before making any further changes.

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman McGuire, that the amendments to Ordinance Number 105, Respecting the Establishment of Standing Committees of Council, as set forth in Council minutes of January 16, 1969 be read and passed a Second Time. Motion passed.

8:35 p.m. - Council reconvened, the same members being present.

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Amendments, Ordinance Number 103 - Second Reading

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD
MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, the amendments to Ordinance Number 103, Respecting the Rules of Order of Council, be read and passed a Second Time.
Extension to Non-Conforming Building - 45516 Inglis Street
Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Abbott
Amendment, Ordinance Number 104 - Second Reading

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, the amendment to Ordinance Number 104, Respecting the Composition and Meetings of Council, be read and passed a Second Time.
Motion passed.
Motion passed.

Rezoning - Northeast Corner of Lynch and Vestry Streets - 2-2
Amendments, Ordinance Number 105 - Second Reading

MOVED MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, the amendments to Ordinance No. 105, Respecting the Establishment of Standing Committees of Council, be read and passed a Second Time.
Lynch and Vestry Streets, as shown on Drawing No. Residential to permit the development of a town house
Motion passed.

2. a date be set for a public hearing into the matter.
3. the area outlined on the plan attached to the Staff Report dated January 23, 1969, be designated as the area within which people will be notified of the public hearing.

Motion passed.

Subdivision Lot 6, Sherbrooke Drive, Rockingham

Alderman Hogan asked why the matter of the subdivision of Lot 6, Sherbrooke Drive, Rockingham was not on the Order of Business.

His Worship the Mayor ascertained from the City

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REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the Town Planning Board from its meeting held on January 23, 1969, with respect to the following matters:

Extension to Non-Conforming Building - #5516 Inglis Street

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application to construct a three-storey addition to the rear of an existing non-conforming six-unit apartment building at 5516 Inglis Street, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2601, be approved.

Motion passed.

Rezoning - Northeast Corner of Lynch and Vestry Streets - R-2 Zone to R-3 Zone (Residential) - Date for Hearing

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

1. the City-owned property at the northeast corner of Lynch and Vestry Streets, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2612, be rezoned from R-2 Residential to R-3 Residential to permit the development of a town housing project;
2. a date be set for a public hearing into the matter;
3. the area outlined on the plan attached to the Staff Report dated January 23, 1969, be designated as the area within which people will be notified of the public hearing.

Motion passed.

Subdivision Lot 6, Sherbrooke Drive, Rockingham

Alderman Hogan asked why the matter of the subdivision of Lot 6, Sherbrooke Drive, Rockingham was not on the Order of Business.

His Worship the Mayor ascertained from the City

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Solicitor that the matter should properly have been placed on the Order of Business and he ruled that the matter could be considered at this time.

The City Clerk, at the request of His Worship the Mayor, read the following recommendation from the Town Planning Board:

"THAT the re-subdivision be approved and that no action be taken to appeal to the Minister of Municipal Affairs."

Alderman Hogan spoke against the recommendation of the Town Planning Board, and it was MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman McGuire that the City of Halifax appeal to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting him to deny the re-subdivision.

Alderman Sullivan referred to the shortage of housing in the City and he felt that if a person has a lot large enough to be subdivided and to permit another dwelling to be constructed then he or she should be allowed to go ahead.

Alderman Hogan again expressed his reasons for opposing the re-subdivision of the property.

Alderman McGuire said that Mr. Paul Murphy, solicitor for the owner of the property, was in attendance at the meeting and it was MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Ivany that Mr. Murphy be permitted to address City Council.

The motion was put and lost, four voting for the same and five against it as follows:

For: Aldermen Ivany, McGuire, Meagher and Sullivan

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Against: Aldermen Abbott, Ahern, Allen, Connolly and Hogan

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After further discussion on the motion of Alderman Hogan it was put and passed, with Alderman Abbott voting against.

of all proportion, some MOTION from \$130.00 a month to \$170.00

Motion - Alderman Connolly Re: Committee to Study Rent Control

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Ahern that a committee of three members of Council be appointed to study the improvement and strengthening of rent control in the City of Halifax.

Alderman Connolly spoke to his motion and referred to the present By-law Respecting Rentals which covers property constructed up to 1956 and he contended that the By-law should include property constructed after that date. He said that some persons are afraid to apply to the City's Rental Authority at the present time in case their landlords should give them notice to vacate.

His Worship the Mayor said that City Staff have given some consideration to rent control and would be able to pass the information to a special committee if such is appointed.

Alderman Abbott indicated his agreement with the motion of Alderman Connolly.

Alderman McGuire said that he would vote against Alderman Connolly's motion and he contended that rentals would be controlled more effectively if more dwelling units are constructed so that the demand would not be so great. He felt that more emphasis should be placed on the construction of more units and come under the jurisdiction of the Housing Committee, rather than the matter of rent control to be studied by a special committee.

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Alderman Connolly in elaborating on his motion, referred to specific cases where rents had been increased out of all proportion, some rising from \$130.00 a month to \$170.00 a month.

Alderman Allen expressed his agreement with Alderman Connolly and said that he had received numerous phone calls from tenants in his area respecting exorbitant rent increases.

Alderman Ivany did not agree with all the remarks of Alderman Connolly and he concurred in much of what Alderman McGuire had said, but he saw nothing wrong in having the matter of rent control studied by a special committee. He expressed the hope that the committee would talk with some landlords to ascertain their position as well as tenants in their consideration of the matter.

After further discussion, the motion was put and passed with Aldermen Hogan and McGuire voting against.

His Worship the Mayor nominated Aldermen Connolly, Abbott and Meagher as members of the special committee, with the first named to convene the first meeting when a Chairman can be chosen.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the nominations of His Worship the Mayor be approved. Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accounts Over \$5,000.00

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the City Manager be authorized to pay the following

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account over \$5,000.00:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Dept. of Highways Province of Nova Scotia	Snow removal in the annexed area	\$20,000.00

Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman

Sullivan that the tender of Ralph Clark Stone Ltd., Halifax, N. S. Sales Tax 12% \$12,167.75

The following supplementary report was submitted:

"The City is now collecting property taxes assessed in prior years to property owners in the annexed area. These accounts were formerly current assets of the County of Halifax and the ledgers relating to these are now in the City Collector's possession.

Agreement with County officials on determination of the exact amount owing by the City for these accounts has not yet been reached. However, staff consider that some substantial payment against receipt of these accounts from the County should be made at this time to indicate the "good faith" of the City in this matter. It is suggested that a payment of approximately one-half of the amount outstanding on these property taxes be paid to the County of Halifax at this time. The Clerk of the County, Mr. R. Hattie, has been advised of this offer of part payment and will ask the County Finance Committee, which will meet 31st January if they would accept this part payment at this time.

It is recommended that Council approval be given for the City of Halifax to pay to the County of Halifax as part payment on account of taxes on properties in the annexed area the sum of \$275,000.00."

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman

Meagher that Council approval be given for the City of Halifax to pay to the County of Halifax as part payment on account of taxes on properties in the annexed area the sum of \$275,000.00.

Motion passed.

Tenders for Brochures - Halifax Visitors and Convention Bureau

A tabulation of tenders was submitted for the supply of 100,000 brochures for distribution by the Halifax Visitors and Convention Bureau in Canada and the United States as follows:

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Rolph Clark Stone Ltd., Halifax, N. S.	\$ 12,169.75
Sales Tax 12%	<u>1,460.37</u>
	\$ 13,630.12
Royal Print & Litho Ltd., Halifax, N. S.	\$ 12,499.50
Sales Tax 12%	<u>1,499.94</u>
	\$ 13,999.44

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the tender of Rolph Clark Stone Limited, Halifax, N. S., being the lower tender submitted, be accepted for the supply of 100,000 brochures for the Visitors and Convention Bureau.

Alderman Connolly said that he understood that an amount of \$1,500.00 could be cut from the total price if Maritime Photo Engravers were given the job.

The Director of the Visitors and Convention Bureau replied that this was quite true, but if that firm were awarded the tender, the Bureau would not have the control over the colour proofing operation or receive interim proofs. He went on to say that he considered a better job would be done by the recommended firm and the City needs some prestige brochures to attract visitors.

After a short discussion, the motion was put and passed.

Sewer Service Connections - Annexed Area

The following report was submitted from Staff:

"Under the provisions of Chapter 87 of the Acts of 1962 (An Act Relating to Sewers and Sewage in the Municipality of the County of Halifax) it is the responsibility of the Municipality to install at its expense the portion of the service connection from a trunk sewer to the street line or boundary of the sewer right-of-way. The cost to the property owner, irrespective

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of the total cost of the sewer system, was established by County By-law at \$6.45 per foot of property frontage plus a capital charge of \$250.00 related to the privilege of using the trunk sewer. These special taxes were levied regardless of whether the connection to the property was laid or not, at the time of the trunk sewer installation. On subsequent application, the property owner could have the connection from the trunk sewer to the street line laid at the County's expense. This arrangement is the reverse of that which applies under the City Charter where the responsibility for the entire service connection is that of the property owner.

The County has to date informed the City of approximately fourteen instances in which the service connections have not been installed and that it regards the responsibility for installation as resting with the City, notwithstanding the fact that the County has assessed the property owners as indicated above. It is the opinion of staff that the owners of such properties should not be required to pay the portion of the cost of the service connection to which they were entitled under provisions of the Act referred to. It is submitted also that the cost of such connections is properly that of the Municipality of the County of Halifax."

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman

Connolly that:

- (a) any service connections to which property owners in the annexed areas were entitled by virtue of Section 9 of Chapter 87 of the Acts of 1962 and which as of January 1, 1969, had not been undertaken by the County of Halifax, be installed by or at the immediate expense of the City;
- (b) the City requirement of a cash deposit for the purpose of repairing or rehabilitating the street after installation, be waived in such cases;
- (c) the City recover its immediate cost from the County of Halifax either directly or by appropriate adjustment of its accounts with the County resulting from annexation;
- (d) funds for such work be provided by temporary borrowing.

Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Ahern Re: Replacement - Forum Manager due to Resignation

Alderman Ahern questioned why an item was not on the