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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on July 16, 1969 were approved on motion of Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ivany.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

The City Clerk advised that the following two items are to be added to the Order of Business:

20(a) Delegates to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Conference - August 27 to 29, 1969

20(b) Tenders Street Lighting Equipment, (Scotia Square Development)

Alderman Allen asked that an item be added as 20(c) relating to Tag Day in Ward Seven.

Council agreed to add the above items to the Order of Business.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. Motion passed.

DEFERRED ITEMS

Report - A. D. Margison & Associates Limited Re: Alternate Proposals for the Connection of Upper Water Street to the Cogswell Street Interchange

Motion of Rescission - Alderman Abbott Re: Resolution Approved by City Council, June 19, 1969 - Grade and Line - Margison Plan - Harbour Drive - Court House to Cogswell Street Interchange

His Worship the Mayor advised that Mr. W. A. Stewart of A. D. Margison and Associates is in attendance and he

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suggested that Council hear from Mr. Stewart while he explained some plates, profiles and pictures on display to members of Council.

His Worship the Mayor felt that the best course of action is to hear from Mr. Stewart and then consider the motion of Alderman Abbott.

In reply to a question from Alderman Connolly, His Worship the Mayor said that he thought the City ought to accept the kind of design which will permit the historic buildings to stay and which, in the initial period, will result in a bottleneck.

Alderman Ivany asked if Staff was satisfied with the report prepared by A. D. Margison and Associates. He said that he was disappointed in the report and found the printing and paper hard to read without a magnifying glass.

The Acting City Manager said that there had not been any discussions with Staff on this point but he had not received any adverse comments on the report.

Alderman Meagher referred to the report submitted from the Civic Advisory Committee for the Preservation of Historic Buildings containing comments on the Margison report and he asked if Mr. Paul Wendt prepared the report.

Mr. L. W. Collins, Chairman of the Civic Advisory Committee for the Preservation of Historic Buildings advised that the comments are those of Mr. Wendt plus some from the Advisory Committee.

In reply to a question from Alderman McGuire, Mr.

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Stewart advised that the design speed is that within which a vehicle can safely move over the clear roadway and the operating speed is generally 10 to 15 miles per hour lower than the design speed.

For the benefit of those Aldermen who were not members of Council at the time discussions and decisions were made with respect to the Cogswell Street Interchange and Harbour Drive, Mr. Stewart reviewed the events which had taken place and the recommendations made since July, 1967.

Mr. Stewart displayed the proposals for the roadway and explained the problems that can be expected when the Cogswell Street Interchange is open. He showed a profile of the roadway indicating the grades which will give a "roller coaster" effect on the portion from the Court House site to the "throat" by the Simon's building. He pointed out that large trailers when passing through the "throat" will no doubt straddle the lanes and prohibit the use of the two 11 foot lanes. He indicated that the curb line of the two lane facility will be approximately 1'6" from the Morse's Tea building and a 5' 4" sidewalk will be provided along by the historic buildings. The light standards, he said would have to be removed and street lights affixed to the faces of the buildings. He stressed the fact that the obstruction at the "throat" will have the effect of reducing the capacity of the roadway approximately 20%. He predicted that during a rush hour period, traffic could be backed up on Water Street down to the Hotel Nova Scotian.

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In reply to a question, Mr. Stewart said that pedestrians crossing Water Street would have to do so at the traffic lights which will be installed at the foot of Duke Street.

Some discussion followed with respect to parking for visitors viewing the historic buildings or for tour buses. Mr. Stewart said that some arrangement might have to be worked out for parking on the land where the fill is stockpiled, but it was not a matter that concerned him.

In reply to a question from Alderman Sullivan, Mr. Stewart said that by splitting the allowance made for side walks equally into two, making a 3' 5" side walk on both sides of the street, would not help the situation but would create unuseable sidewalks. He said that a fence would have to be erected across the 1' 6" around Morse's Tea to stop pedestrians trying to walk along as it would be dangerous. In reply to a further question, Mr. Stewart said that he did not think that trucks would pass along any other streets as there are no other streets in the area, if Barrington Street is partially made into a mall, leading to the north end of the City.

Discussion ensued on the suggestion that a Call for Proposals be issued for the restoration and re-use of the historical buildings by private enterprise and if no suitable proposal is forthcoming, the buildings then be demolished. Mr. Stewart said that there would be an increased cost if this decision is made and in "ball park" figures the additional

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costs could reach \$70,000.00. He said that the contract with Dineen Construction would not be broken if the item relating to the demolition of the historic buildings is taken out.

Mr. Stewart referred to the portion of the report which reads as follows:

"Until a decision is made to extend Harbour Drive further south, the Hollis Street - Upper Water Street one-way connections will be the southerly extension of this facility. In order to provide the proper balance of traffic operations each of these routes should have a design speed of 40 mph and should have 3 lanes for moving traffic with all parking prohibited and stopping and standing prohibited in the peak traffic hours. On the basis of a three-lane pavement and traffic signals installed at all major intersections these roadways would have a practical capacity of about 600 vehicles per hour per lane (1800 vehicles per hour for three lanes). The current plan to provide only two lanes on Upper Water Street north of Duke Street reduces this capacity to about 1200 vehicles per hour. The design volumes provided by the City of Halifax for this northbound movement were 900 vehicles per hour which did not reflect the introduction of the Scotia Square Development, the Court House, the current redevelopment proposals in downtown Halifax, or the proposed Barrington Street Mall."

Mr. Stewart was asked if he had read the comments submitted by the Advisory Committee and if he had any observations on them.

His Worship the Mayor said that he thought this question unfair to Mr. Stewart as he had only just received a copy of the report.

Mr. Stewart said that he had pointed out all the implications of the scheme to members of Council, he had put forward his recommendations and now Council has to make a decision itself.

Alderman Sullivan asked if members of Staff have

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any further comments to make.

The City Engineer said that there will be two moving lanes of traffic southbound on Hollis Street with an allowance made on each side for loading and unloading areas in front of some of the commercial properties. He said that there will be no restrictions on traffic stopping on Hollis Street until such action is warranted, but it will be warranted the day that the Interchange opens. He pointed out that people will not drive within 1½' of the Morse's Tea building and will move over, thus destroying the use of the second lane along Water Street. He explained that vehicles turning right from the Court House parking lot will have the greatest difficulty since they will be in the "roller coaster" lane until they can move over. He said that some further difficulty will be encountered when the pedestrian overpass is constructed to the Court House site when a support will have to be erected in the middle of Water Street. In referring to the "roller coaster" movement of vehicles using Water Street he said that there will also be a slope to the side which will mean that drivers will have to be extremely careful when passing along the road.

After further discussion relating to a proposed North West Arm Bridge and the Narrows Bridge approaches, it was MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman McGuire that the resolution approved by City Council on June 19, 1969 which reads as follows be rescinded:

"THAT the grade and line of the Margison Plan be re-affirmed from the Court House to the Cogswell Street Interchange."

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Alderman Abbott spoke to his motion and said that he did not think the City could ever build highways that could move traffic freely at peak hours and he referred to the difficulties people have in leaving other cities, Detroit in particular. He said that if the historical buildings are demolished now, they will be gone for all time, but if a Call for Proposals is made and they can be retained, it will be of great benefit to the City. He referred to the number of persons who had sent in coupons from the local newspaper indicating their approval of a decision to restore the buildings, one from as far away as Chicago.

His Worship the Mayor referred to the communications received from interested persons and said that approximately 500 had been received up until a week or so ago including 50 written letters supporting the retention of the buildings. He said that to his knowledge no other issue had created that volume of mail.

Alderman Connolly expressed the view that the buildings are not worth restoring and the money could better be spent elsewhere. He said that he would not support the motion.

Alderman LeBlanc also indicated that he would not support the motion saying that he considered the retention of the buildings a luxury the City could not afford.

Alderman McGuire spoke in favour of the motion and felt that the City should try everything it can to preserve the buildings as if they are demolished, it will not have a

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second chance.

Alderman Hogan said that he is against the motion and felt that a properly designed roadway should be constructed to move the traffic which will be generated by the new container piers in the south end of the City and which is very important to the economy of the City.

Alderman Allen sympathized with the Aldermen who have discussed this matter for more than two years and said that he feels that he has heard enough about it during the few months he has been on Council. He spoke in favour of Alderman Abbott's motion and said that he was surprised at the number of people who took the time to make their views on the future of the historic buildings known.

His Worship the Mayor said that Mr. L. W. Collins had indicated his desire to address Council.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that Mr. Collins be heard. Motion passed with Alderman Connolly voting against.

Mr. Collins said that he would like to point out that the group of buildings were designated as being of National Historical importance by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. He said that the Call for Proposals and consequent restoration and re-use of the buildings will be proceeded with on a business basis. He said that several expressions of interest from local business people have been received.

Alderman Ivany said that he would support the motion for City Staff to meet with Mr. Collins and prepare a report



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of Alderman Abbott.

Alderman McGuire again spoke in favour of the motion and said that private enterprise has indicated a great deal of interest in the restoration of the buildings and he hoped that the Call for Proposals will be issued as quickly as possible.

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

For: Aldermen Abbott, MacKeen, Allen, Hogan,  
Ivany and McGuire 6

Against: Aldermen Connolly, LeBlanc, Meagher and  
Sullivan 4

His Worship the Mayor referred to the conclusion contained in the report submitted from the Civic Advisory Committee for the Preservation of Historic Buildings which reads as follows:

Conclusion: After reviewing the Evaluation mentioned above, it appeared to members of the Civic Advisory Committee that City Council would be faced with making a decision based on political rather than engineering grounds when the issue of the Historic Waterfront Buildings came before Council on July 31, 1969.

Should this decision make possible the retention of these buildings while a call for proposals is prepared, then immediate comment and consideration should be directed to details of maintenance and short-term use of buildings that by Council's decision will have become civic assets whose potential is to be explored. The Chairman of the Civic Advisory Committee is prepared to comment on these issues.

Alderman McGuire suggested that Staff prepare a report on the maintenance of the historic buildings and submit it to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

His Worship the Mayor asked if it would be possible for City Staff to meet with Mr. Collins and prepare a report

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for the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council. He thought that it might be too soon to expect a report by next Tuesday and suggested it be prepared for the following Committee of the Whole meeting.

Alderman Meagher asked Staff if the buildings could be rented on a short term basis.

The Supervisor of Real Estate said that in his opinion the buildings are largely unuseable in their present condition. He said that minimal use is made of a portion of the buildings. He advised that some prospective tenants have been shown through the buildings but have decided they are not suitable. He said that if the buildings are not occupied through the coming winter they will be virtually useless and will further deteriorate. He said that considerable repairs are required.

After further discussion, the Acting City Manager advised that City Staff will meet with Mr. Collins to discuss the question of maintenance of the historic buildings and will submit a report containing recommendations for repairs that are necessary and possible short-term use of the properties to the meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council to be held on August 20, 1969.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on July 22, 1969 with respect to the following matters:-

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Incorporation of a Housing Development Company

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

1. Approval in principle be given to incorporation by the City of a housing development company, under Section 405(b) of the City Charter, for the purpose of filling the need for housing for families whose incomes are insufficient for them to afford housing provided by the private market; and
2. A Committee be appointed by the Chair to prepare terms of reference for the housing development company, and report back to Council.

Alderman Meagher asked His Worship the Mayor to have a conference with members of Council to discuss the appointments to the committee to prepare terms of reference for such housing development company.

His Worship the Mayor said that he would do as Council wished.

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

Heating Tunnels Encroachment - Dalhousie University

The report of the Committee reads as follows:

"It is recommended that approval be given to the encroachments of heating tunnels from a heating plant to be erected on Seymour Street and University Avenue, for a license fee of \$25.00 and annual rental fees based on \$0.25 per square foot, in accordance with Ordinance No. 112."

His Worship the Mayor said that he had received a call from the President of Dalhousie University regarding the annual fee which will be payable for the encroachments. He said that he understood the square footage is larger than was originally anticipated.

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Staff advised that the area is 16,884 square feet which would mean an annual fee of \$4,221.00.

After a short discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Allen that the matter be referred back to the Committee of the Whole Council and that the President of Dalhousie University be asked to attend the meeting. Motion passed.

Claim - Bruce Froom

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, approval be given for the payment by the City of \$27.14, representing 50% of Mr. Froom's total damages in the amount of \$54.28. Motion passed.

10:25 p.m. Aldermen LeBlanc and Sullivan retire.  
McGuire that "Sunset Avenue" in Spryfield be renamed "Frank Roche Drive". Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BY-LAWS & COMMISSIONS

Amendment to Ordinance #105 Respecting "Committee Quorum"  
Second Reading

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the following amendment to Ordinance No. 105 Respecting the Establishment of Standing Committees of Council, be read and passed a Second Time:

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

1. Subsection (2) of Section 5 of Ordinance Number 105, Respecting the Establishment of Standing Committees of Council, as that Ordinance was approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 7th day of June, 1968, and subsequently amended and approved, is hereby further amended by striking out the word and number "seven (7)" in the second line thereof and substituting therefor the word and numeral "six (6)".

Motion passed.

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REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on July 22, 1969 with respect to the following matters:

Request for Additional Funds - Sewage Pumping Station -  
Section 316C of the City Charter - \$16,300.00

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher that additional funds in the amount of \$16,300.00 be provided under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter to carry out necessary maintenance work on pumping stations in the annexed areas to December 31, 1969. Motion passed.

Renaming of "Sunset Avenue", Spryfield to "Frank Roche Drive"

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman McGuire that "Sunset Avenue" in Spryfield be renamed "Frank Roche Drive". Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Amendment to Ordinance #105 Respecting "Committee Quorum" -  
Second Reading

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the following Amendment to Ordinance No. 105 Respecting the Establishment of Standing Committees of Council, be read and passed a Second Time:

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

1. Subsection (2) of Section 5 of Ordinance Number 105, Respecting the Establishment of Standing Committees of Council, as that Ordinance was approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 7th day of June, 1965, and subsequently amended and approved, is hereby further amended by striking out the word and number "seven (7)" in the second line thereof and substituting therefor the word and numeral "six (6)".

Motion passed.

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REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the Town Planning Board from its meeting held on July 22, 1969 with respect to the following matters:

Use of Land - Dunbrack Street, Main Avenue - Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Line and the Bicentennial Highway

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman McGuire that Staff be asked to prepare a report setting out a way in which certain parts of the southern MacAulay block can be developed, before street lines are laid down, within the limitations that may exist; leaving the 34' reservation on the eastern side and a reservation on the western side and, after calculations, making an allowance with respect to land required for an interchange. Motion passed.

Extension to a Non-Conforming Building and Modification of Lot Frontage Requirement - 27 Parkhill Drive

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the application for an extension to a non-conforming building and modification of the lot frontage requirement to permit the construction of a roof over an existing verandah at Civic No. 27 Parkhill Drive, as shown on Plan No. P200/3017, be approved. Motion passed.

Extension to a Non-conforming Building and Modification of Lot Area Requirements - 6476 Almon Street

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the application for an extension to a non-conforming building and modification of the lot area requirement to permit the construction of a 14 foot by 25 foot one-storey addition to the rear of Civic No. 6476 Almon Street, as shown on Plan No. P200/3044, be approved. Motion passed.

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Modification of Lot Frontage Requirement - 37 Pinegrove Drive

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the application for modification of the lot frontage requirement to permit the construction of a new duplex dwelling on Lot No. 18, Civic No. 37 Pinegrove Drive, as shown on Plan No. P200/3066, be approved. Motion passed.

Modification of Side Yard, Lot Frontage and Lot Area Requirements - 71 Rosedale Avenue

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the application for modification of side yard, lot frontage and lot area requirements at Civic No. 71 Rosedale Avenue to permit the conversion of the existing single family dwelling to a duplex by utilizing the basement for the second unit, as shown on Plan No. P200/3071, be approved. Motion passed.

Modification of Lot Frontage Requirement - 14 Catamaran Road

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the application for modification of the lot frontage requirement to permit the construction of a new duplex dwelling at Civic No. 14 Catamaran Road, as shown on Plan No. P200/3078, be approved, subject to only one driveway approach. Motion passed.

Modification of Side Yard, Lot Frontage and Lot Area Requirements - 6409 Cloverdale Road

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman McGuire that the application for modification of side yard, lot frontage and lot area requirements at 6409 Cloverdale Road to permit the construction of a 25 foot by 29 foot second storey addition and a 10 foot by 19 foot addition to the rear and the conversion

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from a single family dwelling to a duplex dwelling, as shown on Plan No. P200/2961, be approved. Motion passed.

Modification of Front Yard, Rear Yard and Lot Area Requirements -  
2 Clovis Street

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the application for modification of front yard, rear yard and lot area requirements to permit the construction of a single family dwelling at Civic No. 2 Clovis Street, as shown on Plan No. P200/2906, be refused. Motion passed.

Subdivision Approval - Lots 648, 649, 650 - Birkdale Crescent,  
Clayton Park

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman McGuire that the application for subdivision approval of Lots 648, 649, 650, Birkdale Crescent, Clayton Park, be approved. Motion passed.

1. Lots 648, 649 and 650, as shown on Plan No. P200/3049, Birkdale Crescent, Clayton Park, be approved.

2. The lot frontages be reduced to:

- (1) Lot 648 - 54.0 feet
- (2) 649 - 41.04 feet
- (3) 650 - 41.0 feet

3. A date be set for a public hearing into the matter.

Motion passed.

Construction of a New Apartment Building - 63 Main Avenue,  
Fairview

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Allen that the application for permission to construct a 30-unit apartment building at 63 Main Avenue, Fairview, be approved.

Motion passed.

Modification of Side Yard Requirements - Lot 64 Bayview Drive

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the application for modification of the side yard requirement to permit the construction of a new single family dwelling



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Motion - Alderman Connolly Re: Amendments to Ordinance #132  
on Lot 64 Bayview Drive, as shown on Plan No. P200/3037,  
Installation of Plumbing Systems - First Reading  
be approved. Motion passed.

MOTIONS

Motion - Alderman Ivany Re: Amendments to Ordinance #131  
Respecting "Buildings and the Adoption of the National Building  
Code" - First Reading

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Connolly  
that the following Amendments to Ordinance No. 131, Respecting  
Buildings and the Adoption of the National Building Code, be  
read and passed a First Time:

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of  
Halifax that Ordinance Number 131 Respecting Buildings and  
the Adoption of the National Building Code, approved by the  
Minister of Municipal Affairs on February 3, 1969, be amended  
as follows:

1. Section 1.13.1 is deleted and the following substituted  
therefore:
  - 1.13.1 In this Ordinance:
    - (a) "Inspector" means the Building Inspector  
of the City;
    - (b) "City" means the City of Halifax;
    - (c) "National Building Code" means the third  
printing of the fourth edition of the  
National Building Code of Canada, 1965,  
with Supplements 3, 5, 6 and 7, which form  
Schedule "B" of this Ordinance.
    - (d) "Temporary Building" means a building of  
new construction, to be used for a period  
of less than two years.
  - 1.13.2 Part 2 of the National Building Code shall be  
a part of this Ordinance and is referred to  
herein as Part 2.
2. The Ordinance is further amended by adding immediately  
after Schedule "A" the following: Schedule "B".

Motion passed.

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Motion - Alderman Connolly Re: Amendments to Ordinance #132  
Respecting "Licensing of Plumbers and Regulating the Install-  
ation of Plumbing Systems" - First Reading

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the following amendments to Ordinance No. 132 Respecting the Licensing of Plumbers and Regulating the Installation of Plumbing Systems, be read and passed a First Time:

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Halifax that Ordinance Number 132 respecting Licensing of Plumbers and Regulating the Installation of Plumbing Systems, approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on March 5, 1969, be amended as follows:

1. Section 1.2(d) is deleted and the following substituted therefor:  
  
1.2(d) "National Building Code" means the third printing of the fourth edition of the National Building Code of Canada, 1965, which forms Schedule "A" of this Ordinance.
2. Section 1.21.1 is deleted and the following substituted therefor:  
  
1.21.1 Subject to Section 1.21.2, every person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this Ordinance shall for each offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding sixty (60) days.  
  
1.21.2 Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with Section 1.16 shall for each offence be liable for a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
3. The Ordinance is further amended by adding immediately after Section 1.22.1 the following: Schedule "A".

Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accounts over \$5,000

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman McGuire that the City Manager be authorized to pay the following accounts:

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<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Canada Permanent Trust	Commission, Management Services, etc. - City of Halifax Superannuation Fund	\$13,022.53
R. K. Kelley & Co. Ltd.	Fleet Insurance	15,251.00
Bell & Grant Ltd.	Fleet Insurance	<u>7,404.00</u>
		<u>\$35,677.53</u>

Motion passed.

Lord's Day Permits

The following applications to operate businesses on the Lord's Day were submitted:

Paul M. Emmerson,  
7052 Royal Pine Avenue - Laundromat

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MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Allen that the applications to operate businesses on the Lord's Day, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

Administrative Order #9 Respecting "The Function, Duties and Responsibilities of the Internal Audit Department" Second Reading

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Allen that Administrative Order #9 Respecting "The Function, Duties and Responsibilities of the Internal Audit Department" be read and passed a Second Time. Motion passed.

Administrative Order #10 Respecting "The Function, Duties and Responsibilities of the Finance Dept." - Second Reading

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ivany that Administrative Order #10 Respecting "The Functions, Duties and Responsibilities of the Finance Department" be read and passed as Second Time. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Auctioneer's License

A report was submitted from staff recommending that an Auctioneer's License be granted for the year 1969 to Mr. Robert Deveau for the purpose of permitting him to hold public auctions from a hotel located in the City. Mr. Deveau has paid the sum of \$300.00 for the license.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher that an Auctioneer's License be granted for the year 1969 to Mr. Robert Deveau for the purpose as aforementioned. Motion passed.

Question - Alderman Hogan Re: Traffic Bedford Highway

Alderman Hogan asked the Traffic Engineer what study he or his Department has made with respect to the problem of getting the traffic out of the City on the Bedford Highway; what the solution he has for same. He requested the answer in writing.

Question - Alderman Hogan Re: Capital Budget Expenditures -  
New Area of the City

Alderman Hogan asked if the \$1,500,000.00 included in the capital budget for the annexed areas has been spent and if not, why not, and how it is to be spent. He requested the answer in writing.

Question - Alderman Abbott Re: Start of Construction -  
Workmen's Compensation Building, South End of the City

Alderman Abbott asked when construction of the above building would be started to which Alderman Ivory replied that the contractor advised him that he is working on the drawings and a tender call would be made later.

QUESTIONS

Question - Alderman Hogan Re: Visit of the "S.S. Manhattan"

Alderman Hogan asked if His Worship had received a reply to his letter written to Mr. Michael Wright, Chairman of the Board of Humble Oil Company relating to an invitation to have the "S.S. Manhattan" in the Port of Halifax during her trip to the Arctic, this month.

His Worship the Mayor replied in the affirmative and stated that the ship would be in the Harbour on or about August 15th. He advised he would contact the members of Council in this connection.

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Alderman Abbott pointed out that property owners in

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the area wish to paint their houses but do not want to proceed because of the dust nuisance connected with the construction.

Question - Alderman McGuire Re: Illumination of Walkways around  
Saunders Park

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Alderman McGuire asked if any consideration had been given to the illumination of the public walkways around Saunders Park and the ones that lead from the Park through the Westmount Subdivision. He requested that some consideration be given to this matter because of the security of persons using these walkways, especially at night when difficulties have been experienced. He referred to a plan which had been prepared for lighting and again requested that consideration be given to this matter.

The question was referred to the Acting City Manager for processing.

Question - Alderman Allen Re: Traffic Experiment -  
Armdale Rotary

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Alderman Allen asked if staff has prepared a report relating to the traffic experiment at the Armdale Rotary to which the Acting City Manager replied that the report will be considered at the Committee meeting to be held on August 5, 1969.

Question - Alderman Meagher Re: Policy - Citizens Sitting on  
the Grass - Public Gardens

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Alderman Meagher asked what the City policy is with respect to citizens sitting on the grass in the Public Gardens to which His Worship the Mayor replied that the policy over the years has been, as he understood it, that there is one section at the southwest corner, a playground area, on which children are encouraged to play but for the rest of the grass area, people are encouraged to refrain from trespassing. He believed that there

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has been some revision of the policy concerning this matter but could not give the details.

Question - Alderman Meagher Re: Crosswalk - Chebucto Road and Elm Street

Alderman Meagher referred to the policy of painting crosswalks on arterial streets and requested that action be taken to provide a crosswalk at the above location because of the heavy traffic using Chebucto Road.

The matter was referred to the Acting City Manager for processing.

Question - Alderman Abbott Re: Half-way House

Alderman Abbott asked if any criticisms or complaints had been received with respect to the operation of the Half-way House. He referred to a letter in the Mail-Star under the "Voice of the People" signed by four ladies who were very much in favor of the House and he said they were to be congratulated for taking such a stand.

His Worship the Mayor said that he had received comments which supported the operation and none supported the objections raised.

The Supervisor of Real Estate advised that there have been no problems of any description.

Question - Alderman MacKeen Re: Eviction of Families

Alderman MacKeen referred to the pending eviction of the family on Lawrence Street and asked if the appropriate staff is aware of this matter and he requested that something be done for the family if it is possible.

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that City staff does not have housing resources to allocate to such families and that Council has never made a policy decision that it would

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take the responsibility for finding accommodation for everyone who is evicted.

Question - Alderman Ivany Re: Director of Finance

Alderman Ivany asked when the Director of Finance would arrive and was advised that he would be on duty tomorrow or the next day.

Question - Alderman McGuire Re: Assessment Report

Alderman McGuire asked when the Assessment Report would be available to the members of Council.

The matter was referred to the Acting City Manager for processing.

Question - Alderman Ivany Re: Paving - Bicentennial Highway

Alderman Ivany asked if the paving being carried out on the Bicentennial Highway was being done by the City or the Province and was advised the work is being done by the Province.

Question - Alderman McGuire Re: Report Status of Second Exit - Fairmount Subdivision

Alderman McGuire asked for a brief report from staff relating to the Status of the Second Exit to the Fairmount Subdivision and the problem in connection therewith. He advised that meetings had been held and there are several matters which bear upon it. He suggested that a solution be accepted by Council as soon as possible.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Alderman Abbott Re: Amendment to City Charter for the Establishment of Assistant City Manager and permissive delegation of power by the City Manager to the Assistant City Manager

Alderman Abbott gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of the City Council, to be held on Wednesday, the 13th day of August 1969, he will move that the City seek



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legislation to amend the City Charter to provide for the establishment of the position of Assistant City Manager and for the permissive delegation of power by the City Manager to the Assistant City Manager.

Notice of Motion - Alderman Allen Re: Introduction of Ordinance Number 139, Respecting Children Being in Public Places of the City at Night

Alderman Allen gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Halifax, to be held on Wednesday, the 13th day of August, 1969, he will introduce Ordinance Number 139, Respecting Children Being in Public Places of the City at Night. This Ordinance is made under the provisions of the City Charter, 1963, and will replace the City's present Ordinance Number 34. The intent and purpose is to up-date all the City's ordinances made under the old Charter and re-enact them under provisions of the 1963 City Charter.

Notice of Motion - Alderman Connolly Re: Introduction of Ordinance Number 138, Respecting the Fee to be Paid for a Tax Certificate

Alderman Connolly gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Halifax, to be held on Wednesday, the 13th day of August 1969, he will introduce Ordinance Number 138, Respecting the Fee to be paid for a Tax Certificate, The Purpose of this Ordinance is to set a fee for the issuance of a Tax Certificate in an amount in excess of Two Dollars.

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Notice of Motion - Alderman Ivany Re: Additional Powers of Authority to be given to the City Manager

Alderman Ivany gave notice that at the next meeting or a subsequent meeting of City Council, he will move that the City Manager of Halifax be given authority for the following:

1. To engage and dismiss Department Heads
2. To move Department Heads from one Department to another and take what action is necessary in the interest of the City of Halifax.
3. That should a dismissal take place a period of 15 days be allowed for an appeal to be made in private to the City Council.
4. The City Manager submit an Annual Report to City Council.
5. That immediate machinery be set in motion to assess the effectiveness of the Council-Manager form of government; the effectiveness of the one-man Manager in a municipal form of government to meet the complexities of the Civic Administration of Halifax. Can the City of Halifax form of Government be better served by the Commissioner form of Government with one Chief Commissioner?

ADDED ITEMS

Voting Delegates to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Convention - August 27th - 29th, 1969

His Worship the Mayor advised that five voting delegates from City Council are permitted. He suggested the following be named as such: His Worship the Mayor because he is Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, Aldermen LeBlanc, Meagher and Hogan because they have been working on the organization of the Convention, and Deputy Mayor Allen as the fifth member.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ivany that the five voting delegates representing Halifax City Council at the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Convention

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to be held August 27th - 29th, 1969, be His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen LeBlanc, Meagher, Hogan and Allen. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor advised that all members of Council are very welcome to attend as many sessions as they possibly can during the Convention.

His Worship the Mayor further advised that the Premier of Nova Scotia has been invited to attend the Convention to speak on the Fact Finding Committee. He said this Committee has been meeting one full day a week for some time. 10:45 p.m. Alderman Hogan retires.

Tenders for Street Lighting Equipment (Scotia Square Development)

A tabulation of tenders was submitted for street lighting equipment for the Scotia Square Development.

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the tenders be awarded as follows for the above equipment:

Canadian General Electric Co. - Items a,b,c,d, - Total \$14,728.56

a) Spun Aluminum Standards (24 more or less)	\$10,284.00
b) Aluminum Davits (24 more or less)	2,352.00
c) 250 watt-M.V. Luminaires (24 more or less)	1,824.00
d) 250 watt-M.V.C.C. Lamps (24 more or less)	268.56

Northern Electric Co. - Items e,f - Total \$1,557.50

e) Black Wire (11,500 ft.)	\$ 1,023.50
f) White wire (6,000 ft.)	534.00

D. C. Keddy - Item g - Total \$617.32

g) Conduit (4,600 ft.)	\$ 617.32
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Motion passed.

Tag Day - Ward 7 - Spryfield Little League Baseball

Alderman Allen advised that the Spryfield Little League Baseball had not been aware of the procedure followed

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by the City of Halifax respecting tag days, and had been unable to organize a tag day for their organization, which would be confined to the Spryfield area only.

Alderman Allen requested that Council approve Tag Days for the Spryfield Little League Baseball Association for August 14, 15 and 16.

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Meagher that August 14, 15 and 16 be allocated as Tag Days for the Spryfield Little League Baseball Association for the year 1969. Motion passed.

Committee of the Whole Meetings - Change of Time

Alderman Allen advised that the Regular Committee of the Whole Meetings will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber until further notice, instead of 3:00 p.m.

Housing Problems

The Social Planner expressed a wish to address Council at this time.

The Social Planner advised that his office received a number of calls this week from families with eight children who cannot find housing. The only recourse his office has is to break up the family since they are only able to help financially if they cannot pay their rent.

He said that he has no knowledge of any housing accommodation available. If parents cannot find a home the children have to be placed in foster homes by the Children's Aid Society or in the Protestant Orphanage until the family is accommodated.

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Alderman Ivany referred to a proposal that he understands will be put forward at the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council from a developer who is quite ready to build eight units of three bedroom homes for approximately \$10,000.00 each. His only requirement being the land on which to construct them.

Alderman McGuire said that it is unfortunate in such a case that the City is unable to make use of the offer since the serviced land is not available.

10:55 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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