

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 26, 1969

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.
August 26, 1969
8:00 p.m.

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1. Lord's Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes: August 13, 1969
4. Approval of Order of Business, Additions & Deletions
5. Deferred Items: NONE
6. Motions of Reconsideration: NONE
7. Motions of Rescission: NONE
8. Public Hearings & Hearings: NONE
9. Petitions & Delegations:
 - (a) Against the Renaming of Sunset Avenue, Spryfield, Sullivan and Allen, to "Frank Roche Drive"
10. Report - Finance & Executive Committee:
 - (a) Call for Proposals - 500 Units - Public Housing
 - (b) Possible Acquisition - 2325 Maitland Street
 - (c) Appeal - Conn & Martell
 - (d) Committee to Consider Ordinance Number 139 Respecting Children being in Public Places of the City at Night
 - (e) Request for Additional Lands - Children's Hospital
1. Report - Committee on Works:
 - (a) Street Closures - Granville Street - Buckingham to Water Street - DATE FOR HEARING
 - (b) Proposed Use - Oxford Street Fire Station
2. Report - Safety Committee:
 - (a) Tenders for Tanker Booster Trucks - Fire Department
 - (b) Emergency Reporting System
3. Report - Public Health & Welfare Committee: NONE
4. Report - Committee of the Whole Council, Boards & Commissions: NONE
5. Report - Town Planning Board:
 - (a) Prison Lands Progress Report
 - (b) Subdivision Alteration of Lands of Garvie Smith, River Street, Kearney Lake
 - (c) New Zoning By-law - Appointment of Consultants
 - (d) Modification of Side Yard Requirement - 57 Williams Lake Road
 - (e) Construction of New Apartment Complex - 50 Evans Avenue, Fairview
 - (f) Industrial Park Site Analysis
6. Motions: NONE

Miscellaneous Business:

- (a) Accounts Over \$5000
- (b) Lord's Day Permits
- (c) Proposed Administrative Order Number 11, Respecting
"The Halifax Transit Corporation" - FIRST READING
- (d) Appointment of City Treasurer

QUESTIONS.

Notice of Motion.

Added Items.

- (P) Emergency resolution
 - (F) Resolutions for Mayor's Office
 - (P) Resolution re: ...
 - (a) ...
 - (e) ...
 - (d) ...
 - (c) ...
 - (f) ...
 - (e) ...
 - (a) ...
- Resolutions & Delegations
- Resolutions of Delegation
- Delegated Items
- Minutes of Order of the Council
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- Minutes of Mayor's Office

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M I N U T E S**

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City Clerk and had been circled to Council members in advance of the meeting:

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
It is with the utmost sincerity that we, the property owners of Sunset Avenue, this letter with Petition No. 1969-100, to strongly oppose the above date.

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

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Abbott, MacKeen, Hogan, LeBlanc, McGuire, Meagher, Sullivan, and Allen.

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

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of August 13, 1969 were approved on motion of Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

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

20 (a) - Barrington Street Mall

At the request of Alderman Allen, it was agreed to add the following item:

20 (b) - Canada Games

The agenda, as amended, was approved.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

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

The following petition was received by the

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City Clerk and had been circulated to Council members in advance of the meeting:

"August 20, 1969

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

It is with the utmost sincerity that we, the property owners of Sunset Avenue, Green Acres, Spryfield, Nova Scotia forward this letter with Petition attached to strongly oppose the renaming of our Avenue from Sunset to Frank Roche Drive.

"We, the property owners would appreciate your undivided attention in reconsidering this move as we were not, at any time approached regarding our approval or pleasure on this delicate matter.

"With no reflections, whatsoever, on personalities, we feel the most appropriate name (which incidentally would be less confusing to service men making deliveries) would be Mansion Avenue carried from south to north, which would merely involve changing of numbers. Cascade Drive would also be a very suitable and desirable name. Hillcrest, Jubilee, Stellar, Pleasant, Sunrise, Cambey, Elsdale are other suggestions for your consideration.

"We, the property owners feel either of these names listed above would certainly play an important role in adding that certain touch of "beauty" to our lovely subdivision.

"In conclusion, however, may we stress that we, the property owners refuse the name decided upon (Frank Roche Drive) by your Committee as our new address. Should stronger steps be necessary, we are also willing to carry these out.

"Yours very truly,
(SGD) PROPERTY OWNERS
(Signed by approximately 25 residents)"

Alderman Allen said there were some problems which had arisen in connection with this matter and therefore MOVED, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that it be referred to Staff to prepare a written report. Motion passed.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting of August 20, 1969, with respect to the following matters:

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Call for Proposals - 500 Units - Public Housing

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council reconfirm its decision of May 30th, 1968, that:

"City Council request the Partnership to make a public call for proposals from private developers for the construction of public housing projects either in the existing or enlarged City."

and authorize Staff to formally request the Provincial Government, through the Nova Scotia Housing Commission, to proceed as soon as possible with Calls for Proposals for public housing, financed under Section 35A of the National Housing Act, on privately owned land, primarily within the Halifax City boundaries, for schemes no larger than approximately 100 units, mostly 3-5 bedroom units, and providing space for recreation and social services.

Alderman Allen said he had sensed the feeling at the Committee of the Whole discussion on this matter, that some of the Aldermen questioned the wisdom of 100-unit projects, in view of the publicity which had arisen out of the Hellyer Task Force report on public housing, and therefore MOVED in amendment, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that the schemes would be for no more than 50 units.

Alderman Sullivan said that the feelings of the residents in the north end were definitely against any more public housing projects, and that future schemes should comprise of low level housing.

His Worship the Mayor said he did not recall from any of the meetings he had attended on the subject, that the residents were against public housing as such, but that

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motions passed indicated a rejection of "high-rise" projects, since they felt there was already sufficient accommodation of that type.

Alderman McGuire said that although smaller units might be preferable, there was still for consideration the question of whether smaller units were economically feasible. He asked to hear from staff on this question, and he advised as to how they had arrived at the figure of 100-units. Furthermore he added, the staff recommendation called for schemes "no larger than approximately 100-units", which allowed flexibility in working out the actual figure most desirable.

Alderman Abbott said he felt apartment living could be enjoyable and that it certainly served a purpose when faced with a shortage of serviceable land. He said there were certain sections in the south end where he would like to see high-rise public housing.

The Chief Planner spoke next, stating that he felt a change in the recommendation to fifty from a hundred units would place an undesirable restriction on the Call for Proposals. It would, he said, even preclude a project like the Hydrostone one which Alderman Sullivan had commented favourably upon, since he believed there were at least 100 units in that project. He agreed, however, because of the fact that many of the families utilizing public housing were ones with a multiplicity of problems, it was not a good idea to crowd them together in a high density area, but he did not think that merely reducing the possible size of the units would do anything to eliminate the problems which existed. Staff, he said, felt the figure of 100 was just about right.

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Committee to Consider Greyhound Bus Station Respecting Children
Being in Public Place

Mr. Lubka said one thing he would go along with, was that any scheme accepted should not comprise of high-rise buildings, but be of the town-housing type, as he felt this would eliminate some of the problems. He said it could, for instance, comprise of 25 4-unit dwellings, with its own park, and be close to a school, or provide space for a school.

The motion to amend was put and lost.

Alderman MacKeen and The main motion was then put and passed, with Alderman Sullivan against.

Possible Acquisition - 2325 Maitland Street

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Estate of F.S. Beamish, known as Civic Number 2325 Maitland Street, be purchased for \$9,000 as settlement in full for all claims, for the expansion of St. Patrick's School, and that a plan and description be prepared and City Council formally expropriate the property in order to clear the title. Motion passed.

Appeal - Conn & Martell

Request for Addition MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

1. the City serve a Notice of Cross-Appeal, for the allowance of \$11,500.00 as special value to Conn & Martel Limited for the expropriation of their Bowling Alleys; and
2. since the case has unique aspects which were successfully argued on behalf of the City by Mr. Ian MacKeigan, Q.C., that Mr. MacKeigan continue to act on behalf of the City in this appeal.

Motion passed.

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Committee to Consider Ordinance Number 139 - Respecting Children
Being in Public Places of the City at Night

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Allen that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, a Committee be formed to discuss Ordinance No. 139 with groups of young persons and other bodies interested in Curfew Laws, and with the Social Planner and Chief of Police, before proceeding further with the matter. Motion passed.

The Chairman suggested the names of Aldermen MacKeen and McGuire for the Committee, and that the City Manager name the appropriate staff members to serve on it.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Allen, that Aldermen MacKeen and McGuire be appointed to serve on the special Committee to discuss Ordinance No. 139, and that the City Manager name the appropriate staff members to serve on the Committee. Motion passed.

It was agreed the Committee would convene as soon as the City staff members have been nominated, at which time it would choose its own Chairman, and that Alderman MacKeen would call the first meeting.

Request for Additional Lands - Children's Hospital

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council approve the exchange of lands with the Children's Hospital on the basis that the Children's Hospital deed to the City 12,800 square feet to the rear of the Fire Station in exchange for 3,605 square feet of land required by

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Hospital to provide an access way as shown on Plan No. TT-2-16060-1, and that no commitment be made with regard to conveyance of the 14,000 square feet fronting on University Avenue. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting of August 20, 1969, with regard to the following matters:

Street Closures - Granville Street - Buckingham to Water St.
Date for Hearing

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, a date be set for a Public Hearing to effect the closing of Granville Street from Buckingham Street to Upper Water Street, as shown on Plan No. TT-9-17510, for the purpose of establishing new street lines for the Cogswell Street Interchange. Motion passed.

Proposed Use - Oxford Street Fire Station

The recommendation from the Committee on Works read as follows:

"THAT the now surplus Oxford Street Fire Station be made available to the Recreation Commission for office space and a youth drop-in centre."

Alderman Sullivan described at some length the work being done in Toronto by notable sports figures with retarded children, and asked that Council reconsider the request of the Halifax Branch of the Association for the Mentally Retarded, that the Oxford Street station be rented to them to carry out their work with mentally retarded children.

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He said he realized that staff were concerned about recreational facilities for youth throughout the City, but the retarded children with their special needs, had so little, and he felt Council should assist the Association in this instance.

He said at their present premises they could only handle about thirty children, but it was estimated they could accommodate up to sixty at the Fire Station.

Alderman McGuire said he could understand the thinking behind the recommendation that the station be made available to the Recreation Commission, but he felt a greater service would be performed, if the building were made available to the Association for the Mentally Retarded.

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that the now surplus Oxford Street Fire Station be made available to the Halifax Branch of the Association for the Mentally retarded for its use in connection with the training of mentally retarded children.

Alderman MacKeen said he had noted His Worship the Mayor's remarks at the Committee of the Whole regarding the City's responsibility in a matter of this kind. He said he thought it was a matter of priority, and that there was no question about the need being greater with regard to facilities for retarded children.

Alderman Abbot said he agreed with the remarks put forward by the Aldermen in support of granting the use of the building to the Association for the Mentally Retarded, but the fact remained that the City Manager had made a recommendation and he, for one, was not prepared to go against that recommendation. He felt therefore that now that the

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City Manager had heard the views expressed by the Aldermen on the matter, he might wish to reconsider the whole matter.

investment in that MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the matter be referred back to the City Manager for further consideration.

whether the basement Alderman LeBlanc said he was impressed by the arguments in favour of renting the building to the Association for the Mentally Retarded, but questioned whether the building was really suitable for their purposes. If the City was really serious about helping the Association, he said, perhaps it should consider providing proper facilities.

consulted for their At this point the City Manager said that since the staff report had been written, he had seen a copy of the minutes of the Recreation Commission's meeting, and noted that the resolution requested the use of the building for office space for the Commission, a teen age drop-in center, and "an activity center for the retarded children". This latter use of the fire hall, he said, had been omitted when the request came to staff. However, he added, there was a problem in this regard, inasmuch as the Association used a lot of heavy equipment in its work with retarded children, which could not be moved out of the way for the area to be used as a drop-in center. He also felt it was a matter of priority as to whether the building should be utilized as a teen-age drop-in center or for the retarded children.

For Alderman Sullivan said he did not think the location of the Fire Hall was suitable with regard to office space for the Recreation Commission. He felt their

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offices should be in close proximity to the new swimming pool, in order that they could protect the City's substantial investment in that project. He said there had already been several reports of damage at the pool.

Alderman Meagher said it was questionable whether the basement area could be considered safe for use as a drop-in center, in view of the fact that there was only one set of stairs and three windows at the rear of the building. He therefore agreed that the question should be referred back to staff for further consideration, and at the same time he felt the people living in the area of the Fire Hall should be consulted for their views in the matter.

Alderman Allen said there was the financial aspect of the matter to be considered. He referred to a statement that the Recreation Commission had been allotted \$10,000 for alterations to its present premises, and stated that since it was obvious those premises had outlived their usefulness, it would be pointless to spend \$10,000 on them, especially if staff considered that the Oxford Street Fire Station would be a suitable location for the Commission. He also felt the matter should be sent back to staff, at which time the City Manager could prepare a report on the financial implications.

After further debate, the motion to refer the matter back to staff was put and passed, six voting for the same and two against it, as follows:

For	- Aldermen Abbott, MacKeen, Hogan, LeBlanc, Meagher, and Allen 6
Against	- Aldermen McGuire and Sullivan ... 2

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REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on August 20, 1969 with respect to the following matters:

Tenders for Tanker Booster Trucks - Fire Department

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Allen that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the tender of King Seagrave Co. Ltd., Woodstock, Ontario, in the amount of \$48,579.00 be accepted for the supply of Two 1,000 Imperial Gallons Tanker Booster Trucks for the Fire Department.

Alderman MacKeen referred to a brief submitted from the Solicitor for the Safety Supply Company and it was MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Meagher that Mr. Stewart McInnes be permitted to address Council on this matter.

His Worship the Mayor referred to the absence of the Fire Chief and suggested that it might be advisable to await his return so that all viewpoints can be considered at the one time.

Alderman Abbott considered that the matter should be deferred until the Fire Chief is able to be present.

Alderman LeBlanc noted that the Deputy Fire Chief was present and asked if he had anything to say on the matter.

The Deputy Fire Chief advised that the Fire Chief has been dealing with this matter, but he said that he perhaps was a greater advocate of standardization than the Fire Chief. He said he would not contemplate any change in the recommendation put forward by the Fire Chief.

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After a short discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Allen that the matter be referred back to the Safety Committee meeting to be held on September 3, 1969 when the Fire Chief will be present and representatives of the Safety Supply Company can be heard at that time.

Motion passed.

Emergency Reporting System

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the proposal of Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company Limited respecting a multi-purpose emergency reporting system be accepted in principle and that the present Fire Alarm Telegraph System be phased out at the end of 1969.

Alderman Sullivan asked about the effect the change in the reporting system would have on a number of schools which have a sprinkler system.

The Deputy Fire Chief advised that the Sprinkler systems can be connected to the new system. He also advised that an amount of \$45,000.00 can be saved over the present cost by a change to the new type of reporting. He pointed out that the change will do much to reduce the number of false alarms being turned in.

In reply to a question, the City Manager advised that there are presently seven persons working in the Fire Alarm Section. Discussions have been held with the Union and it is understood that the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company will take three of the personnel and the other four, some of

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whom are close to retirement age, will be relocated in other departments of the City administration.

After further discussion, the motion was put and passed with Alderman Meagher voting against.

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the Town Planning Board from its meeting held on August 20, 1969, with respect to the following matters:

Prison Lands Progress Report

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, approval be given to the following conclusions and recommendations arrived at by the Consultants in connection with development of the Prison Lands:

1. Based upon environmental considerations, it is not appropriate to consider the site for single family housing, major public housing or industrial uses.
2. An overall residential density suggested for the development of the site is 40 to 50 dwelling units per net acre, (around 150 persons per net acre). Such development would be multi-family accommodation and include a mix of row-housing, court, terrace, low and medium to high rise apartments, primarily orientated towards 2, 3 and 4 bedroom units.
3. While it is recommended that the site should not contain a major element of public housing as such, it is felt that the development should include senior citizen housing.
4. That a 5-acre elementary school site be reserved on the project site and that open space and parkland should be provided in conjunction with and as part of the school site.
5. It seems essential that developers of residential accommodation on the site be encouraged to provide within their structures an appropriate amount of space for such needs as community meetings, day nursery, day care centres and other facilities.

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3. While it is recommended that the site should not contain a major element of public housing as such, it is felt that the development should include senior citizen housing.
4. That a 2-acre elementary school site be reserved on the project site and that open space and parking should be provided in conjunction with and as part of the school site.
5. It seems essential that developers of residential accommodation on the site be encouraged to provide within their structures an appropriate amount of space for such needs as community meeting, day nursery, day care centres and other facilities.

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6. Commercial uses for the site are recommended only insofar as they serve the convenience needs of the project residents.
7. There should be a good balance between housing for sale and housing for rental. What percentage constitutes a "good" balance has not yet been determined.
8. If the housing development undertaken is to serve the average family, it must produce accommodations at rental ranges starting at approximately \$160.00. It appears to be a market which would be very difficult to serve without resorting to other than conventional means of development, such as rental subsidization, limited dividend, etc.
9. Although a final decision has not yet been reached on use of the Allen property, preliminary conclusions are that it should be developed for low and medium density residence and associated uses. An overall density of 20 to 30 units per acre (about 75 persons per acre) is suggested.

Motion passed.

Subdivision Alteration of Lands of Garvie Smith, River Street,
Kearney Lake

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, approval be granted to the request for subdivision alteration of Lots 15, 16, 17 and the Garvie and Audrey Smith lot to create Lots A1 and A2, as shown on Plan No. P200/3132, and that a public hearing in the matter be waived. Motion passed.

New Zoning By-law - Appointment of Consultants

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, approval in principle be given to the engagement of consultants to prepare a new Zoning By-law and Subdivision Regulations for the entire City as quickly as possible and that the terms of reference for the consultants be drawn up by a Committee formed from the

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Special Committee appointed by Council to examine the possible changes to the R-3 Zoning Controls.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the Special Committee would report back to Council on the terms of reference and with a recommendation on the consulting firm to be appointed.

The City Manager suggested that the Special Committee work very closely with the members of staff who are working on the Development Plan.

The motion was then put and passed.

Modification of the Side Yard Requirement - 57 Williams Lake Road

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of the side yard requirement to permit the construction of an eight-unit apartment building at Civic No. 57 Williams Lake Road, Jollimore, as shown on Plan No. P200/3166, be approved. Motion passed.

Construction of New Apartment Complex - 50 Evans Avenue, Fairview

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, approval in principle be given to the application to construct a 41-unit apartment building containing 12 bachelor, 21 one-bedroom and 8 two-bedroom units at 50 Evans Avenue, Fairview. Motion passed.

Industrial Park Site Analysis

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, approval in principle be given to the following recommendations

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put forward in the Canadian National Railways' report entitled "City of Halifax - Industrial Park Site Analysis", and quoted in a letter dated August 8, 1969 from the Halifax Industrial Development Commission:

1. THAT the Chain Lakes catchment area of the Public Service Commission watershed be phased out as soon as possible.
2. THAT the approximately 250 acres referred to herein as Bayers - Chain Lake, bounded by CN Railways on the North, St. Margaret's Bay Road on the South, Prospect Road Connection on the East, and Franklyn Services Ltd., on the West, be zoned "industrial" and developed immediately as a rail and non-rail industrial park.

and that staff report back as soon as possible on steps for implementation of the recommendations. Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accounts Over \$5,000.00

No accounts over \$5,000.00 were submitted for approval at this time.

Lord's Day Permits

No Lord's Day Permit applications were submitted for approval at this time.

Proposed Administrative Order Number 11, Respecting "The Halifax Transit Corporation" - FIRST READING

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Abbott that Administrative Order No. 11 Respecting The Halifax Transit Corporation be read and passed a First Time. Motion passed.

Appointment of City Treasurer

The following report was submitted from Staff:

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Abbott that Administrative Order No. 11 respecting The Halifax
Transit Corporation be read and passed a first time. Motion
passed.

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The following report was submitted from staff:

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"Administrative Order No. 10, which relates to the Finance Department, provides that the Director of Finance shall also be the City Treasurer. As the appointment of a City Treasurer is a Council appointment, it is recommended that Mr. D. B. Hyndman, Director of Finance, be formally appointed at this meeting."

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Abbott that City Council formally appoint Mr. D. B. Hyndman, Director of Finance, as City Treasurer of the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman LeBlanc Re: Discussions with R.C.M.P. - Location of New Headquarters Building

Alderman LeBlanc referred to a suggestion that he had put forward at a previous meeting that discussions should be held with representatives of the R.C.M.P. to ascertain whether or not that body would be interested in locating a new headquarters building adjacent to the new Police Station building on Rainnie Drive. He asked if Staff has held any discussions in this regard.

The City Manager advised that Staff are looking into this matter but have not had any reply as yet.

Question Alderman Hogan Re: Building Permits Outstanding

Alderman Hogan asked if Staff would advise him how many applications for Building Permits have not yet been dealt with.

The City Manager said he would obtain the information for the Alderman.

Question Alderman MacKeen Re: 5425 Portland Place

Alderman MacKeen referred to the above property and

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to a definition he had received from City Staff of a "Rooming House" and he asked:

1. Have any permits been issued for conversions to this building?
2. If this is a Rooming House, as defined, why is it that stoves and fridges are in various rooms that are rented?
3. Would the rents that are being charged for those rooms be subject, because of their high rate, to review by the Rental Authority?

Question Alderman McGuire Re: Development of Regent Road

Alderman McGuire asked if there are any plans in existence for the landscaping and development of Regent Road which runs across Micmac Street, parallel to Bayers Road and if not, should one be prepared?

NOTICE OF MOTION

No Notice of Motion was given at this time.

ADDED ITEMS

Barrington Street Mall

The following report was submitted from Staff:

"A request has been received from the Halifax Downtown Merchants' Association for an extension of the trial period for the Barrington Street Mall to September 30th. As Council is aware, approval for the Mall was given for the period August 11th to 31st.

During this trial period which coincided with the opening of the one-way street pattern for the downtown area, the Traffic Engineer has studied the effect of the Mall and from a traffic point of view there would appear to be no reason why the Mall could not be continued until the end of September.

The Planning Division of the City have no objection to the continuance of the Mall for it is felt that the longer the trial period the better opportunity to assess and evaluate the effect of such a Mall from a planning point of view.

The Merchants feel that the three-week trial period is not sufficient because of a number of uncertain factors in the assessment of its operation. It is felt by the merchants that

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findings from the first week of operation of the Mall are inconclusive because of the novelty aspect. They further feel that the conclusions to be drawn from the second week are uncertain because of the Canada Games factor. It is not known whether fewer people patronized the shops on Barrington Street because of the competition of the Canada Games, or whether more customers patronized the shops because of the attraction of the Games. The extension of the trial period to September 30th is therefore requested by the Downtown Merchants' Association.

The original request by the Merchants was for a trial period of three weeks and the City complied with this request. Arguments can be made both for and against whether an assessment over a seven-week trial period would be more meaningful than over a three-week trial period. It would appear that at best the increased advantage would be only marginal.

Prior to the approval of Council for the Mall, an agreement was reached between the City and the Downtown Merchants' Association for a sharing of the expenditures associated with the implementation of the Mall. Under the agreement the Association was to be responsible for many of the improvements associated with the Mall. There was, however, one unforeseen expenditure in connection with the implementation of the Mall. This was additional police services, which were necessary for the effective operation of the Mall and amounted to \$80.00 per day. There is no agreement at the moment with respect to the cost of police services already supplied and in discussion with the Downtown Merchants' Association, no assurance could be given by them that cost of police services for the month of September would be met by the Association. This results from the type of organization and the fact that funds are dependent upon voluntary contributions by businessmen and merchants in the Barrington Street area. There is a further factor which militates against the granting of the extension requested by the Merchants' Association. The Legal Department advises that because of the possibility of legal claims against the City that the trial period for the Mall should not be extended at this time, pending amendments to pertinent legislation authorizing such a use of the street.

It is therefore recommended that a further trial period for the Barrington Street Mall be postponed until legislation of a more precise nature be obtained at the next sitting of the legislature."

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman

Sullivan that the recommendations contained in the Staff Report be approved.

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MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that Mr. Allan Silverman of the Downtown Merchants' Association be permitted to address Council. Motion passed.

Mr. Allan Silverman thanked members of Council for attending the opening of the Mall and for their interest. He also thanked members of the City's Works and Planning Departments for their assistance in the planning and maintenance of the Mall. He said that he had received quite a few letters, one from the Board of Trade, giving encouragement and hoping that a similar arrangement will be made next Summer. He said that if a more permanent mall can be planned for next year, some of the problems will be alleviated. He said that if Council permits the extension of the Mall this year, the rocks will be removed from the sidewalks, making it easier for blind people to find their way. He hoped that the Mall might be extended on a permanent basis next year from Blowers Street to Scotia Square and he said that a letter has been written to the new Transit Corporation asking that consideration be given to bus routes that would not pass along Barrington Street. He touched briefly on the insurance liability arrangements that the Merchants' Association has with a large brokerage firm. He concluded by asking that Council permit an extension of the trial period of the Mall to September 20th rather than 30th.

Alderman Meagher asked whether the insurance policy which the Merchants' Association holds covers the City's liability.

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The City Solicitor said that he was concerned about the insurance aspect of the Mall and felt that Mr. Silverman had not presented the entire picture. He did not want to compromise the position of the City in this regard and he refrained from making any further comments.

Alderman Meagher suggested that some arrangement could be worked out with the Association with respect to liability insurance which would cover the City for all claims.

Against: Alderman Hogan congratulated the Downtown Merchants' Association and hoped that the extension of time could be granted. He contended that the experiment merited the expenditure of a limited amount of money by the City.

Some discussion ensued with respect to the suggestion that the Mall become a permanent facility next year.

Alderman McGuire said that he had received some comments concerning the amount of time it takes to drive from the South End of the City to the North End with the Mall in operation.

His Worship the Mayor referred to traffic proceeding south on Barrington Street which is required to make a right turn at Prince Street and which is interrupted by pedestrian traffic crossing on the green light. He suggested that if the extension of time is permitted, consideration should be given to a third phase on the light for a short time to permit pedestrians to cross the street. He also felt that very close liaison should be kept between the Downtown Merchants' Association and the Transit Corporation where the route planning for the new transit service is in a fairly advanced stage. He said

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that some complications could arise if buses have to be routed through streets other than Barrington Street.

In reply to a question, the Chief Planner advised that from a planning point of view the experiment appears to be working very well with few difficulties.

After further discussion, the motion was put and lost, three voting for the same and five against it as follows:

For:	Aldermen Abbott, McGuire and Sullivan	3
Against:	Aldermen MacKeen, Hogan, LeBlanc, Meagher and Allen	5

It was then MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Meagher that a further trial period for the Barrington Street Mall be extended to September 20, 1969 provided the Downtown Merchants' Association can supply an Insurance Policy protecting the City against all claims to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor. Motion passed with Aldermen Abbott, McGuire and Sullivan voting against.

Welcome to Alderman D. McDonah

His Worship the Mayor, at this time, extended a welcome on behalf of City Council to Alderman D. McDonah of the City of Dartmouth.

Canada Games

Alderman Allen referred to the recently concluded Canada Games and expressed, on behalf of Council, congratulations and thanks to the Chief of Police and members of the Police Department. He referred to the fact that the Officers of the Department had voluntarily arranged their vacation plans so that they would all be available during the Canada Games period. He

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said that it was very satisfying to see the enthusiastic welcome the citizens of Nova Scotia gave to the Prime Minister and he was very happy that no disturbances occurred. He referred further to the apparent success of the Games and it was MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Abbott that a letter be sent to Mr. Finlay MacDonald, President of the Canada Games Society, on behalf of City Council, thanking and congratulating him and all volunteers who worked with him for their contributions to the tremendous success of the Canada Summer Games.

Alderman Abbott said that he wished to add his thanks to the Police Department for the magnificent job they did during the Games. He said that all citizens had been most helpful to visitors and showed the true meaning of hospitality. He asked if television coverage of the Games was shown in Toronto.

Alderman LeBlanc advised that it was.

His Worship the Mayor said that he had talked with people in Ontario and Newfoundland who had watched some of the Games on television.

Alderman LeBlanc felt that thanks should be extended to His Worship the Mayor and to Mayor Thornhill of Dartmouth for their splendid efforts during the Games. He hoped that the Games will be a prelude to a possible Atlantic Olympics which would permit athletes from the Atlantic Provinces to compete against each other and thus improve their prowess. He suggested that the Recreation Commission might give consideration

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to a possible Atlantic Olympics in the future. He hoped that the enthusiasm engendered by the Games would not be left to wane. He also hoped that the many facilities which are left will be maintained at a high standard and not left to run down within a year or two.

After further discussion, the motion was put and passed unanimously.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman McGuire that letters be sent to the Premier of the Province of Nova Scotia, The Hon. John Munro, Federal Minister of Health and Welfare and The Hon. Allan MacEachen, Federal Minister of Manpower and Immigration and former Minister of Health and Welfare expressing, on behalf of City Council, thanks for the financial assistance received which contributed greatly to the success of the Canada Games and for their presence and participation in the many ceremonies connected with the Games. Motion passed unanimously.

9:55 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 10, 1969

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.
8:00 p.m.

1. Lord's Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes: August 26, 1969
4. Approval of Order of Business, Additions & Deletions
5. Deferred Items:
 - (a) Possible Expropriation - Vacant Land - 2336-38 Barrington Street
6. Motions of Reconsideration: NONE
7. Motions of Rescission: NONE
8. Public Hearings and Hearings:
 - (a) Public Hearing - Final Approval - Lots 648, 649 and 650 - Modification of Lot Frontage - Birkdale Crescent, Clayton Park
9. Petitions and Delegations:
 - (a)
10. Report - Finance and Executive Committee:
 - (a) Study Form of Local Government
 - (b) Salaries - School Crossing Guards
 - (c) Funding of Point Pleasant Park Canteen
 - (d) Provision of Additional Funds - Spryfield High School
 - (e) Supplementary Appropriation - Halifax City Regional Library - Section 316C City Charter
 - (f) Supplementary Appropriation - Fire Department - Section 316C City Charter
 - (g) Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission - Conveyance of Lands
 - (h) Possible Acquisition - 2405 Barrington Street Rear Lands
 - (i) Pay Rate Adjustments - Public Health Nurses, Public Health Inspectors and Welfare Workers
 - (j) Randall Park Development Limited, Central Builders Limited and City of Halifax
 - (k) Historic Waterfront Buildings
 - (l) Proposed Bond Issue
11. Report - Committee of the Whole:
 - (a) Driveway Entrances Across Ditches - Annexed Area
12. Report - Safety Committee:
 - (a) Tenders for Tanker Booster Trucks
13. Report - Public Health & Welfare Committee:
 - (a) Report of Technical Advisory Committee, Basinview Home

Report - Town Planning Board:

- a) Claremont Street Lands
- b) Modification of Front Yard, Side Yard, and Lot Frontage Requirement - 35 Purcell's Cove Road
- c) Subdivision Alteration - Lands of Upper Randall Park, Kingsmere Court, Fairview
- d) Modification of Side Yard and Lot Area Requirements - No. 71 Convoy Avenue
- e) Subdivision Alteration - Nelson Home Improvement Limited, Herring Cove Road, Spryfield
- f) Modification of Front Yard Requirement - No. 16 Princeton Avenue

Motions: NONE

Miscellaneous Business:

- (a) Accounts Over \$5000
- (b) Lord's Day Permits
- (c) Proposed Administrative Order Number 11, Respecting "The Halifax Transit Corporation" SECOND READING
- (d) Appointment of Architects
- (e) Expropriation Resolution - 5218 Proctor Street and 236-240 Upper Water Street
- (f) Office Space - Scotia Square
- (g) Permission Re: Water Line - Saraguay Club

QUESTIONS

Notice of Motion

Added Items

BEFORE TO THE
CITY COUNCIL
ORDER OF BUSINESS