

**CITY COUNCIL
M I N U T E S**

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.
September 10, 1969
8:00 p.m.

A meeting of the City Council was held on 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.

STAFF/SERGEANT E. MOIGNARD - SERVICE WITH CANADIAN CORPS OF COMMISSIONAIRES

The Chairman called attention to the Silver Medal which was presented to Staff/Sergeant E. Moignard by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, in recognition of fifteen years of exemplary service with the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires, all of which time the Staff/Sergeant had been employed by the City, and during which period, aside from annual vacation leave, he had never missed an evening in carrying out his duty as Mace-Bearer at Council meetings.

The members of Council expressed their congratulations to Staff/Sergeant Moignard.

The Acting City Clerk then took the Roll Call.

Present: Deputy Mayor Allen, Chairman; and Aldermen Abbott, MacKeen, Hogan, Ivany, LeBlanc, McGuire, Meagher, and Sullivan. Also present: City Manager, City Solicitor, Acting City Clerk, and other staff members.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of August 26, 1969 were approved on motion of Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Hogan.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

The Acting City Clerk advised that there were two items to be added to the agenda:

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20 (a) - Renaming of Sunset Avenue, Spryfield

20 (b) - Lease - Halifax Developments Limited - Stage 5,
Scotia Square

Alderman Ivany requested the addition of the
following:

20 (c) - Totem Pole.

Alderman McGuire requested the addition of the
following:

20 (d) - Cross-Walks.

The agenda, as amended, was approved.

DEFERRED ITEMS

POSSIBLE EXPROPRIATION - VACANT LAND - 2336-38 BARRINGTON STREET

At the August 15th meeting of City Council
it was MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman McGuire
that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

1. the property of the Estate of Miss Bertie Goldberg,
known as Civic Number 2336-2338 Barrington Street,
required for the future alignment of Harbour Drive,
be expropriated;
2. the authorized payment be set at \$2,000 for all claims
and City Council authorize the immediate release of up to
75 per cent of the authorized payment if requested by the
owner.

However, a subsequent motion by Alderman Meagher, seconded by
Alderman Ivany, deferred a decision for a period of one month
in order to permit Mr. Goldberg, the representative for the
Estate, an opportunity to negotiate with staff on the amount of
the purchase price for the property, since Mr. Goldberg at the
August 15th Council meeting had expressed dissatisfaction with
the offer by the City.

The City Manager said that Staff had been
unsuccessful in its attempts to contact Mr. Goldberg, and
therefore recommended that expropriation approval be given at

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this time. He said this would not prevent further negotiations in the matter.

The motion approving the recommendation of the Finance and Executive Committee was then put and passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND HEARINGS

FINAL APPROVAL - LOTS 648, 649 and 650 - MODIFICATION OF LOT FRONTAGE - BIRKDALE CRESCENT, CLAYTON PARK

A Public Hearing was held at this time into the matter of an application from Project Planning Associates Limited, for:

- (a) Final approval of Lots 648, 649, and 650, located on Birkdale Crescent in Clayton Park; and
- (b) Modification of lot frontage from the 60 foot frontage requirement to the following:

Lot 648	-	54.0	feet
Lot 649	-	41.04	feet
Lot 540	-	41.0	feet

The Chairman asked if there was anyone present in the gallery who wished to speak either for or against the application, and there was no response, following which he said the matter was before the Council.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman McGuire, that the application from Project Planning Associates Limited, be approved.

Alderman Ivany asked to see a map indicating the lots in question, before deciding on the matter. Staff, however, did not have a map at the meeting, and it was MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the matter be deferred until later in the meeting to give staff an opportunity to procure a diagram of the lots. Motion passed.

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REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Finance and Executive Committee reported as follows from its meeting of September 3, 1969:

Study - Form of Local Government

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

"It is recommended that the City of Halifax communicate to the Provincial Government that it supports the position taken by the Board of Trade that it should commission an independent study to determine the most appropriate form of local government for the metropolitan area."

Alderman Ivany referred to the suggestion which had been made at the Committee of the Whole meeting that the Board of Trade should initiate the request, and not the City of Halifax, and said that the Board of Trade had received a letter back from the Premier acknowledging receipt of the report and expressing the opinion that the request should come from the local Governments involved.

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the recommendation of the Finance and Executive Committee be approved. Motion passed.

Salaries - School Crossing Guards

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the rate of pay for School Crossing Guards be increased from \$5.50 per day to \$6.00 per day, effective September 1, 1969. Motion passed.

Funding of Point Pleasant Park Canteen

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by

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Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the amount of \$25,472.00, required for the Point Pleasant Park Canteen, be borrowed on a short-term basis through the City's bank and that it be retired using the Canteen concession revenue, and that the transfer of \$25,472.00 from the Dutch Village Road widening account, previously approved by City Council for this use, be cancelled. Motion passed.

Provision of Additional Funds - Spryfield High School

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

- "1. That City Council authorize the additional capital borrowing of \$500,000.00 for the Spryfield High School, and
2. His Worship the Mayor, City Manager and any other staff member considered necessary, approach the Provincial Government, Premier and Minister of Education, to see if they can get help in alleviating the extra cost to the City of this school, over the original estimated cost of the building."

Alderman Ivany said that during the Committee discussion on this item, he had asked the question what the difference in costs would have been had the County carried out the construction of the school, as compared to what the costs to the City will be. He felt that this sort of information should be available to Council before it is asked to make a decision on a matter involving such a large amount of money.

The City Manager replied that the present recommendation would form part of any representations the City would make to the Province, but it would not affect the present school construction.

Alderman Meagher said that at the next meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee, he felt it should be stated

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when His Worship the Mayor and the City Manager would be seeing the Minister of Education in this matter.

The City Manager replied it would be necessary to first assemble a fair amount of information, since he did not feel the City should go to the Minister on this one matter, but present a total case.

Alderman Meagher disagreed with this approach, stating there was far more chance of gaining approval on a single issue than a long list of requests, and said he was prepared to move that His Worship the Mayor and the City Manager make the appropriate appointment with the Minister of Education.

Alderman Ivany suggested deferring the matter until he had received an answer to his question concerning a comparison of costs, but the City Solicitor stated that the tenders would close shortly and a Borrowing Resolution should be approved at this time.

Alderman Meagher repeated that he would like to know at the next meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee when the discussion with the Minister of Education would take place.

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the recommendation of the Finance and Executive Committee, be approved. Motion passed with Alderman Ivany against.

A formal borrowing resolution was submitted giving effect to the foregoing motion of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the formal borrowing resolution, as submitted, be

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approved. Motion passed with Alderman Ivany against.

Supplementary Appropriation - Halifax City Regional Library -
Section 316C - City Charter

COMMITTEE: MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, a supplementary appropriation in the amount of \$4,300.00 be approved, under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter, for the Halifax City Regional Library, to cover the difference between the estimated and actual expenditures as a result of the agreement with the Halifax County Regional Library Board, and that the Library Board be asked to give some consideration to having the Library open for a period of time on a Sunday. Motion passed.

Supplementary Appropriation - Fire Department - Section 316C City
Charter

McQuire, that MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, approval be given to a supplementary appropriation, in the amount of \$11,450.00, under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter, for the Fire Department, to enable it to fulfill its commitments for the year 1969. Motion passed.

Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission - Conveyance of Lands

April 1, 1968
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MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, no development be permitted on the three portions of land, as shown on Plan No. TT-7-16918, and that the City accept the lands to be conveyed from the Bridge Commission subject to negotiated restrictive covenants relative to the future use of the lands. Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - 2405 Barrington Street Rear Lands

MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman

Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive

Committee:

1. The property of the Provincial Realty Co. Ltd., known as 2405 Barrington Street (rear) be purchased for \$4,000.00 as settlement in full for all claims arising from the acquisition of the property by the City, required for the future alignment of Harbour Drive.
2. A Resolution be prepared to permit the withdrawal of funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 from the Sale of Land Account.
3. The owner be required to remove the abandoned vehicles and other garbage on the site before the City takes possession.

Motion passed.

Pay Rate Adjustments - Public Health Nurses, Public Health Inspectors and Welfare Workers

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman

McGuire, that pay rate adjustments for Public Health Nurses, Public Health Inspectors and Welfare Workers be approved as follows:

<u>Classification</u>		<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
<u>Public Health Inspector-in-training</u>			
April 1, 1968	(old)	\$3,000	\$3,480
April 1, 1968	(new)	\$3,120	\$3,600
<u>Public Health Inspector (Uncertified)</u>			
April 1, 1968	(old)	\$4,440	\$5,280
April 1, 1968	(new)	\$4,620	\$5,520
<u>Public Health Inspector I</u>			
April 1, 1968	(old)	\$5,280	\$6,780
April 1, 1968	(new)	\$5,520	\$7,020
<u>Public Health Inspector 2</u>			
April 1, 1968	(old)	\$5,880	\$7,480
April 1, 1968	(new)	\$6,120	\$7,740
<u>Public Health Inspector 3</u>			
April 1, 1968	(old)	\$6,180	\$7,880
April 1, 1968	(new)	\$6,420	\$8,160

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<u>Classification</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
<u>Chief Public Health Inspector</u>		
January 1, 1968	\$7,470	\$8,490
April 1, 1968	\$6,720	\$8,580
<u>Public Health Nurse I</u>		
January 1, 1968	\$5,460	\$6,600
January 1, 1969	\$5,820	\$7,020
<u>Public Health Nurse 2</u>		
January 1, 1968	\$5,700	\$6,900
January 1, 1969	\$6,120	\$7,320
<u>Supervisor, Public Health Nurses</u>		
January 1, 1968	\$7,200	\$8,520
January 1, 1969	\$7,320	\$8,640
<u>Welfare Worker</u>		
April 1, 1968 (old)	\$4,080	\$4,800
April 1, 1968 (new)	\$4,260	\$4,980

Motion passed.

Randall Park Development Ltd., Central Builders Ltd., and City of Halifax

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign an Agreement on behalf of the City, between Randall Park Development Ltd., Central Builders Ltd. and the City of Halifax with respect to the installation of a water and sanitary sewer system and installation of the road up to the grade as required by the Department of Highways on land on the north and south sides of Main Avenue between Willett and Dunbrack Streets, in accordance with the subdivision regulations relating to the Annexed Area. Motion passed.

Historic Waterfront Buildings

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

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"1. Only the items of roofing, boarding/glazing and appropriate cleaning up of the Waterfront Historic Buildings be considered at this time and that this matter be subject to review by the Department of Indian Affairs with a view to their participation in the costs of these items, total cost not to exceed \$10,000.00; funds to be provided under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter.

"2. City Council retain qualified consultants to develop a suitable final Call for Proposals for these buildings and that, subject to the approval of the Department of Indian Affairs, recommendations will be brought forward concerning consultant firms."

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that items (1) and (2) of the above motion be treated as separate motions. Motion passed.

Alderman Meagher referred to the motion passed by Council on May 1st, 1969 which approved of a Call for Proposals, and stated it was his understanding that the City of Halifax would not participate financially in such a Call.

Alderman McGuire, however, as mover of that motion, stated it was his intention that the City would consider this project in the same way as similar Calls for Proposals, which would involve it financially. He said his reason for wanting the recommendation divided into two separate motions was that with regard to Item 2. of the recommendation, he was reluctant to see the City get involved with consultants if there was some other way to handle the matter.

There was some discussion on the possible sharing of the \$10,000 mentioned in the recommendation, and Alderman Meagher again referred to the May 1st motion of Council which called for "major financial participation by

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private enterprise", and repeated his statement that it did not call for financial participation by the City of Halifax.

The City Solicitor said that the May 1st motion, after stating that the implementation of the policy was dependent upon major financial participation by private enterprise, continued as follows:

"...and that, on the basis of Sections 1 to 5 of the Keith Graham report, in consultation with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, National and Historic Parks Branch, staff prepare a Call for Proposals for the use of these buildings, and that if after six months from the issue of the Call for Proposals no satisfactory response is received, uses of the land other than preservation of the historic buildings be considered."

He said that if the above portion of the motion was to be implemented, it now became necessary to approve the present motion calling for an expenditure of \$10,000.00, if there were to be any buildings on which to issue a Call for Proposals. He stated he could not answer the question of whether the Federal Department would be prepared to share in this expenditure if there were no responses to the Call for Proposals.

Alderman Ivany said that in view of the extent to which Council had committed itself in this matter, he was prepared to go along with the \$10,000 expenditure; although he hoped that every effort would be made to have the Federal Department share in the cost.

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, only the items of roofing, boarding/glazing and appropriate cleaning up of the Waterfront Historic Buildings be considered at this time and that this matter be subject to review by the Department of Indian Affairs with a view to their

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participation in the costs of these items, total cost not to exceed \$10,000.00; funds to be provided under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter. Motion passed with Aldermen Hogan, Meagher, and Sullivan against.

Alderman McGuire then referred to the second part of the Finance and Executive Committee's recommendation that "City Council retain qualified consultants to develop a suitable final Call for Proposals...", and said he felt this was in contradiction with the May 1st motion which called for staff to prepare the Call for Proposals. This, he said, was also the intent of Alderman Ivany's amendment to the May 1st motion, which called for the formation of a Co-ordinating Committee composed of Staff and others, to proceed with the Call for Proposals. He felt hesitant, he said, about getting involved in the financial implications involved in the hiring of Consultants at this time.

The City Manager said that the present recommendation came out of a meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee referred to, and he presumed the Committee had sound reasons for making such a recommendation. He suggested that Mr. Collins, Chairman of the Committee, or Mr. R.B. Grant, the Director of Development might be able to present the reasons for the recommendation better than himself.

Mr. Collins came forward and with regard to the \$10,000 under discussion and stated that the recommendation read "not to exceed \$10,000", and that with the assistance of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, there was the possibility that the amount would be less. He said that in view of an indication from staff that due to the

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complexity of such a Call for Proposals, it was not capable of bringing forward the kind of Call required, a recommendation that Consultants be hired was the best the Committee could do. He then referred to a letter he had recently received from His Worship the Mayor, indicating a further local party was interested in the use of these buildings, which meant there were a fair number of such interested parties in the locality.

Mr. Collins said he wished to express his personal gratitude to the part the Chief Planner, Mr. Lubka, had played in his support of the Co-ordinating Committee, at this time, in view of the recent statement that Mr. Lubka was leaving the City's employ.

In conclusion, Mr. Collins said he felt it might be possible that the Call for Proposals could be prepared locally, although it would probably require revision by the Department of Indian Affairs and some competent consulting firm. In any event, he said, whatever work could be done locally would reduce that required by outside consultants.

Alder LeBlanc felt that if staff were unable to do the job, Council would have to further consider the costs of outside consultants before committing itself to anything.

Alderman McGuire said Council should stick to the ground rules set forth in Alderman Ivany's amendment to the May 1 motion of Council, in which it was declared that the primary responsibility for a Call for Proposals would rest with staff. Every Call for Proposals, he stated, posed certain difficulties, but he felt with the help of experts from the Department of Indian Affairs, and legal counsel from one of the Civic Advisory Committee's own members, and other such sources,

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the job could be completed without resorting to the expense of hiring consultants. Also, he added, an emphasis should be placed on having free enterprise bear more responsibility in the project.

In order to have the motion placed before Council, with the hope that it would be defeated, it was MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that City Council retain qualified consultants to develop a suitable final Call for Proposals for these buildings and that, subject to the approval of the Department of Indian Affairs, recommendations will be brought forward concerning consultant firms.

Mr. Grant spoke next stating that due to the complexities involved, the preparation of such a Call for Proposals would be very time-consuming and would demand the full-time effort of those working on it. He referred to a statement made by the City Manager that in terms of the City's total staff complement, it would mean that many other projects would fall behind if staff had to take on the preparation of this Call for Proposals. The City Manager had stated, he said, at the time the May 1 motion was passed that staff participation on the Co-ordinating Committee would have to be limited to those who could be spared from more urgent work.

Alderman McGuire said he could agree with Mr. Grant's remarks, but felt the May 1st motion called for the participation of citizens in developing the scheme. However, he added, under that same motion, staff also had a responsibility in the preparation of the Call for Proposals.

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Mr. Grant said that one difficulty which had not yet been met, was to set forth clearly and precisely the relationship between all the parties who might be involved, and that it would be necessary to give careful consideration to the wording of any documents establishing these relationships, because the average developer, he added, looked for any loopholes in such agreements. He again referred to the lengthy time which would be involved in preparation of the Call, and suggested that in the long run it might be cheaper to engage outside Consultants.

Alderman Ivany questioned why the initial Call should be so complex, and whether it would require much detail.

Mr. Grant said that amongst other things, the Call would require a clear and precise statement by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and by the City of Halifax, relative to access to the buildings, parking, and possible future requirements. A simple Call could be issued, he said, but the more simple the Call the more possibility for things to go wrong.

Alderman McGuire said that if Consultants were hired, he assumed they would work closely with staff, in which case staff would still be closely involved in the preparation of the Call, and would have the time-consuming job of checking everything the Consultants prepared.

Mr. Grant said he did not think it was any question of staff's capabilities in preparing a Call for Proposal, but in the present case there were technical aspects involved, and problems of continuity. He felt it would require a small team working steadily on the project, understanding that

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what they put on Page 25 did not invalidate what they had put on page 3.

There was some suggestion that by agreeing in principle at this time to the retaining of consultants, Council would not be making any financial commitment, since it would still be necessary for the Co-Ordinating Committee to bring forward a recommendation on the actual appointment. However, several Aldermen said they did not see this point at all.

Alderman LeBlanc asked if it was safe to assume that if Consultants were retained, their recommendations would come forward to Council from the Advisory or Co-Ordinating Committees, and would also carry staff's approval or otherwise.

Mr. Grant suggested that the Co-Ordinating Committee would probably play a larger role than staff in this matter, but Alderman LeBlanc said he was strongly opposed to advocating the entire responsibility to such a Committee, without close scrutiny by staff every step of the way. Alderman LeBlanc said that the Co-Ordinating Committee could bring in a recommendation from the Consultants, without any idea as to whether it fit in with the overall down-town program.

It was agreed to hear Mr. Collins again, in order that he might comment on some of the remarks made by different persons during this discussion.

Mr. Collins said that when the Department of Indian Affairs first became involved in the matter of preservation of the historic buildings, they had made it clear that they would not participate in any discussions unless City Staff were present; hence the necessity of a staff member on the Co-Ordinating

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Committee in the person of Mr. Lubka.

Alderman Ivany asked Mr. Collins if he could advise how he foresaw the preparation of a Call for Proposals, and whether it would become a regular development plan. He said he was still not clear on this point.

Mr. Collins said he saw it as a fairly detailed document, but he felt the question of whether or not Consultants were required depended on the degree of enthusiasm displayed by members of City staff. The Advisory Committee felt that this matter should be treated the same as any other urban renewal project which would involve staff. He referred to the fact that some members of City Staff could see no usefulness served in their participating in the Co-Ordinating Committee. However, he said, in answer to Alderman Ivany's question, he felt the Call for Proposals would have to be quite detailed in order to protect the interests of the City and the Department of Indian Affairs. It would have to list the features which the Department expected to be protected in order to insure its participation.

Alderman Meagher felt that considering the experienced people which the Department of Indian Affairs had in these matters, they should lay out the ground rules on restoration and use of the buildings, since there was no one on City Staff who had spent any time on these aspects of the buildings.

Alderman LeBlanc felt that Item 2 of the recommendation should be deferred until the full financial implications were known. He said Council members should be brought up to date on the whole question, so that they were not in the position of having to make commitments without realizing what was involved. He said they should be given two or three

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proposals, at which time they could see how the proposals tied in with Staff's ideas on the down-town area.

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the matter be referred to the Co-Ordinating Committee for the Preservation of Historic Buildings so that the Committee can consider the discussion which has taken place at tonight's Council, after which it will bring in a further recommendation. The motion to refer was put and lost two voting for the same and six against it, as follows:

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

The main motion which incorporated Item 2 of the recommendation of the Finance and Executive Committee, was then put and lost by a unanimous vote.

Proposed Bond Issue:

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that City Council approve a Bond Issue in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 to be made with an issue date of October 1, 1969, at a coupon rate to be determined close to the date of issue. Motion passed.

The City Manager requested the following report be considered in conjunction with the above:

"The Halifax Transit Corporation have requested that the City make a bond issue in an amount up to \$2,600,000 to cover the purchase of buses. It is extremely possible that the brokers may well reject more than \$1,000,000 in the light of current market conditions.

"The current rate of interest on municipal issues is approximately 9-1/4% whereas for the Transit Corporation to finance through G.M.A.C. the interest rate will be 11% per annum. The saving in interest to the City and Transit Corporation in interest alone if financed through a City bond issue at 9-1/4% over eight years will be approximately \$238,000 and there will be also a saving in cash flow after the fourth year.

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"The City will call for serial bonds as a necessity, but will also request that brokers tender on the basis of a sinking fund issue with the possibility that the latter may be more favourable in yield to the City. It is requested that City Council determine whether it would approve of a sinking fund issue if the total cost to the City were less than through a serial bond issue.

"This proposed bond issue would be completely separate from the regular City bond issue of \$1,500,000 which is currently up for approval and would be dated at a later date to provide the funds as required by the Transit Corporation upon delivery of these buses. By dating these bonds at a later date and calling tenders now it is hoped that a lower cost will also result from this move.

"It is recommended that a borrowing resolution be approved by City Council in the amount of \$2,600,000 with the proviso that only that level of borrowing will be approved which is in the best economic interests of the City."

In reply to a question by Alderman LeBlanc, the City Manager said he did feel the City's own borrowing position would be jeopardized by subscribing to the above recommendation. Alderman LeBlanc then asked what the annual carrying charge would be to the City for such a loan, and if it would be in addition to the City covering the operation's deficit. The City Manager replied that if his memory served him correctly, the deficit figure given by the Transit Corporation included financing.

Alderman Abbott asked if the Transit Authority was presently set up so that it could legally issue its own bonds. The City Solicitor replied that although it was set up as a legal entity, the Corporation presently acted as an agent of the City, and it would require legislation to market Corporation bonds. Alderman Abbott then asked if it would be possible for the City to transfer the bonds at a future date, when such legislation was procured. The City Manager replied that this would not be possible.

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referred to a ... MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman McGuire, that a borrowing resolution be approved by City Council in the amount of \$2,600,000.00, with the proviso that only that level of borrowing will be approved which is in the best economic interests of the City, and also that the tender be on the basis of a sinking fund issue with the possibility that this may be more favourable in yield to the City.

... that: Alderman Ivany said he felt such a matter should go before the Finance Committee before a recommendation is made to Council, and MOVED, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that the item be referred to the next meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee.

Alderman McGuire asked what the implications were for the Transit Authority in delaying a decision in this matter. The City Manager replied that he did not feel the delay in referring the matter to the Finance and Executive Committee would have any significant effect as far as the Transit Authority was concerned.

The motion to refer was put and passed, with Alderman McGuire against.

Public Hearing - Final Approval - Lots 648, 649 and 650 - Modification of Lot Frontage - Birkdale Crescent, Clayton Park (Cont'd):

The Chief Planner said that under the regulations, the minimum frontage of a lot is supposed to be 60 feet, but he indicated on a map how a curving line cut down the size of the three lots in question, although the width of Lot 648 was slightly more than 60 feet at the approved building line. He said that although Lots 649 and 650 had frontages of only 41 feet each, they

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conformed to a zoning by-law amendment recently approved by Council which permitted frontages of lots located on the outside of curves to be reduced to a minimum of 40-feet, which amendment was presently awaiting the Minister's approval. The Chief Planner said he even questioned the necessity of a Public Hearing in the matter.

Driveway Easement MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman

Hogan, that: MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman

- (a) Final approval be given to lots 648, 649, and 650 located on Birkdale Crescent in Clayton Park; and
- (b) modification of lot frontage from the 60-foot frontage requirement to the following:

1. the Lot 648 - 54.0 feet
2. Lot 649 - 41.04 feet
- to Lot 650 - 41.0 feet

Motion passed.

3. the standard single driveway width as 11 feet
9:25 P.M. - Council adjourned for a private
discussion.

discussion.

Alderman LeBlanc said that this matter was becoming one of public relations and he suggested that the policy be enunciated very clearly to persons in the affected area. He felt that the City's Information Officer should be asked to prepare a statement for insertion in the local press.

The City Manager said that he would make sure that a statement is prepared.

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

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tenders for Tanker Booster Trucks

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman

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9:50 p.m. Council reconvened, the same members being present.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on September 3, 1969 with respect to the following matter:

Driveway Entrances Across Ditches - Annexed Area

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Committee on Works:

1. the City be responsible for installation of culverts and driveway entrances across ditches on streets in the annexed areas;
2. the cost be borne 75% by the property owner and 25% by the City, the charge to the property owner to be \$5.25 per lineal foot of culvert for the year 1969;
3. the standard single driveway width be 12 feet minimum and 15 feet maximum with larger driveways in multiples of these limits.

Alderman LeBlanc said that this matter now becomes one of public relations and he suggested that the policy be enunciated very clearly to persons in the Annexed Area. He felt that the City's Information Officer should be asked to prepare a statement for insertion in the local press.

The City Manager said that he would make sure that a statement is prepared.

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

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tenders for Tanker Booster Trucks

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman

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McGuire 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. Motion passed with Aldermen LeBlanc, MacKeen and Sullivan voting against.

REPORT - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Public Health and Welfare Committee from its meeting held on September 3, 1969 with respect to the following matter:

Report of Technical Advisory Committee, Basinview Home

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that, as recommended by the Public Health and Welfare Committee:

1. the City of Halifax postpone any further action with respect to a new Home for the Elderly at the present time;
2. a position of Co-ordinator of Placement and Care of the Elderly and Disabled (to include Community Resident Patients) be established under the Social Planning Office;
3. persons now resident at Basinview Home should, with the aid of the proposed Co-ordinator of Community Care and Placement, be relocated to alternate care facilities in the community before the end of 1970, and Basinview phased out of its present operation accordingly.

Alderman Meagher asked the City Manager if a report would be prepared relating to the position of Co-ordinator of Placement and Care of the Elderly and Disabled together with a job description, which can be discussed by Council before an appointment is made.

The City Manager advised that it would be normal

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procedure for Staff to bring back to Council a job description for the position together with the suggested salary range before it is filled.

Alderman Sullivan re-iterated certain of the remarks he had previously made at the Public Health and Welfare Committee meeting in support of the construction of a replacement for Basinview Home and he thought that the present recommendation, if approved, would cost the City a great deal more money than if a municipal home was built.

After a short discussion, it was MOVED in Amendment by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Meagher that

1. the word "temporarily" be inserted in Section 1 of the motion after the word "postponed;
2. all the words following the words "end of 1970" be deleted from Section 3 of the motion.

Discussion ensued with respect to the possibility of the City obtaining a grant towards a new Basinview Home after one year if the present recommendation to utilize private facilities does not prove to be satisfactory.

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

For: Aldermen Abbott, MacKeen, Ivany, LeBlanc,
McGuire, Meagher and Sullivan 7

Against: Alderman Hogan 1

The Motion, as amended, and which reads as follows was then put and passed:

- "1. THAT the City of Halifax postpone temporarily any further action with respect to a new Home for the Elderly at the present time;

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2. THAT a position of Co-ordinator of Placement and Care of the Elderly and Disabled (to include Community Resident Patients) be established under the Social Planning Office;
3. THAT persons now resident at Basinview Home should, with the aid of the proposed Co-ordinator of Community Care and Placement, be relocated to alternate care facilities in the community before the end of 1970."

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the Town Planning Board from its meeting held on September 3, 1969 with respect to the following matters:

Claremont Street Lands

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board:

- (a) Staff be authorized to obtain an independent appraisal to advise Council on the Market Value of the lands, assuming that the re-zoning to R-3 is approved, and this form the basis for future negotiations with Centennial Properties Limited;
- (b) City staff be authorized to incorporate into any recommendation which may be forthcoming that the general development controls as set forth in Mr. Medjuck's letter of June 24, 1969 be incorporated; and
- (c) any agreement to sell the lands be subject to a covenant wherein construction must start within nine months from the date on which the Minister of Municipal Affairs approves the rezoning.

Motion passed.

Modification of Front Yard, Side Yard and Lot Frontage Requirement - 35 Purcell's Cove Road

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, approval be given to the application for modification of front and side yard and lot frontage requirements, to permit the construction

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of a second-storey addition at Civic No. 35 Purcell's Cove Road, as shown in Case No. 1860, on Plan No. P200/3061.

Motion passed.

Subdivision Alteration - Lands of Upper Randall Park,
Kingsmere Court, Fairview

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board:

- (a) Approval be given to a subdivision alteration of the Lands of Upper Randall Park, Kingsmere Court, Fairview, to increase the size of Lots 113 and 114, as shown on Plan No. P200/3190, Case No. 1878; and
- (b) The lot frontage for Lot 114 be reduced to 47 feet from the 60 foot By-law requirement;

and that a Public Hearing in the matter be waived. Motion passed.

Modification of the Side Yard and Lot Area Requirements -
71 Convoy Avenue

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of (1) left side yard and (2) lot area, to permit the construction of a 13-foot by 26-foot single car garage at No. 71 Convoy Avenue, Fairview, as shown on Plan No. P200/3149, be approved. Motion passed.

Subdivision Alteration - Nelson Home Improvement Limited,
Herring Cove Road, Spryfield

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for subdivision alteration to create Lots "A1" and "A2" by adding a section of Lot "X" to the Nelson Home Improvement Lot, Herring Cove Road, Spryfield, as shown on Plan No. P200/3025 of Case No. 1912, be approved, subject to

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the condition that the existing "Shed" shown on existing Lot "X" on the above plan, be relocated to the new Lot "A2" to conform to the requirements of the Zoning By-law, and that a public hearing be waived. Motion passed.

Modification of Front Yard Requirement - 16 Princeton Avenue

R.C.N.P. MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of front yard requirement at 16 Princeton Avenue, Spryfield, to permit construction of a single-family dwelling at that address, as shown in Case No. 1880 on Plan No. P200/3109, be approved, subject to the front yard requirement being reduced to not less than 25 feet. 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" - SECOND READING

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

Appointment of Architects

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Motion passed.