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Alderman McGuire questioned the whole approach to the problem, and asked what the property tax did for those who paid it. He said the value of any property depended to some extent on streets, sidewalks, proximity of schools, etc., and many other things which were paid for by means outside of the property tax. With regard to the question put by Alderman Hogan concerning charges where a sidewalk was installed on one side only of the street, he felt it unfair that owners on both sides did not share in the cost, and suggested that if one followed the matter through to a logical conclusion, one would come to the decision that the City should pay 100% of the costs for sidewalks and paving on arterial streets, because the abutter in a sense was just there by accident. He asked why such a person should pay a property tax, and in addition share in the cost of something that was for the common good.

Alderman McGuire said he was therefore prepared to MOVE the amendment to the recommendation as stated by Alderman Allen to the effect that the charge to abutters on arterial roads be reduced to 10% of the costs, but there was no seconder to the motion.

Alderman Ivany said he did not think staff had had sufficient time to study all the technicalities involved, and questioned proceeding too quickly with the matter, and MOVED, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the matter be deferred for one month to allow staff time to make a further study of the problems involved.

8:40 P.M. - Alderman Allen resumed the Chair and Alderman Abbott his place in Council.

McGuire, seconded by Alderman - 932 - that paving work under

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Alderman McGuire said he opposed any motion to defer. He said the problems involved had existed for a long time, and he felt matters should be decided quickly, in view of the statement in the staff report that some work might be carried out this year.

The motion to defer was put and passed, with Aldermen McGuire and Connolly against.

The City Solicitor pointed out that there were two recommendations, one dealing with sidewalks, the other with paving, and asked the City Engineer if they should be dealt with under separate motions. Mr. Dodge replied that he felt there should be two motions.

Although a motion was passed at the October 15th Council dealing with the paving work, it did not specify the streets listed in the staff submission, and it was agreed another motion should be passed which would incorporate these street names.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman McGuire, that approval be given to paving on the following streets, such work to be done as soon as possible (allowing for necessary survey work, grading, formal acceptance of streets, etc.) at the normal abutter's rate.

- # 2 Alma Crescent
- # 3 Ardwell Avenue
- # 9 Dutch Village Road
- #11 Glenforest Drive
- #12 Hazelholme Drive
- #26 Titus Street
- #28 Willet Street

A question arose as to whether Willet Street was ready for paving and it was MOVED in amendment by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that paving work under

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item #28 Willet Street be subject to relevant details being worked out by staff. Amendment passed.

Alderman Ivany asked if the streets listed had been checked by staff to confirm they were ready for paving in so far as sewers, house connections, etc. were concerned.

The City Engineer said they were ready as far as house connections were concerned, but not ready with regard to sewers. However, he added, it was hoped that as far as paving programs were concerned in the annexed areas, the City would get full use out of the roads before they had to be torn up for sewer installations.

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

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting of October 22, with respect to the following items:

Property Acquisition - 2267-71 Maitland Street

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the property located at 2267-71 Maitland Street, be purchased by the City from the Estate of Polina Eblónskee, represented by Mr. Cecil W. Moore, Q.C., 2194 Gottingen Street, Halifax, N.S. for the sum of \$13,550.00 as settlement in full for all claims. Motion passed.

Possible Business Disturbance Settlement - Henry's Heating and Sheet Metal Limited

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

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"It is recommended that the Business Disturbance Claim of Henry's Heating and Sheet Metal Limited be settled for \$5,000.00 as settlement in full for all claims. Alderman Ivany against."

In response to questions raised by Aldermen Connolly and Ivany, the Acting City Manager advised that Henry's Heating and Sheet Metal Limited had been required to relocate three times due to the City requiring the sites where it was located. Alderman Ivany stated that this had had a very adverse affect on both the owner's health and financial position, and he questioned whether the City had a moral obligation to offer a more generous settlement. Alderman Connolly also felt the City had some responsibility because it allowed the firm to relocate in areas where it should have foreseen the land would be required.

The Acting City Manager, however, stated the City had no way of knowing that the firm was relocating each time in the path of future acquisitions.

Alderman Ivany said he had voted against the \$5,000 settlement because the owner had acted in a most honourable manner and had gone out of his way to cooperate with the City, with the result that his health and financial position had suffered severely. He did not think a \$5,000 settlement was adequate compensation for the \$22,000 claim which the owner had put forward.

The Acting City Manager said that staff's position in the matter was very difficult, since their personal feelings probably did not vary much from Alderman Ivany's, but that they could not settle such things on an emotional basis.

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~~Bedford Row~~ Mr. Langmaid spoke next, stating that many things in the \$22,000 claim were simply not allowable under any circumstances, and that the proposed settlement figure represented \$5,000 worth of good-will on the part of the City. He felt the City's only mistake had been probably in leasing the property in the first place, and he hoped that with the advent of more long range planning being done this sort of mistake could be avoided in the future. He said from a strict legal point of view, the City probably did not owe the man very much money.

~~Message~~ Alderman Abbott pointed out that the owner of the firm had accepted the \$5,000 settlement, and that the City would be on dangerous grounds if it were to offer more money at this point. The owner, he said, had received legal counsel in the matter.

~~resident~~ Alderman Ivany said that although he might have agreed to accept the \$5,000 settlement, ~~Mr. Bardsley~~ had probably only done so because his health did not allow him to pursue the matter further.

~~be given to~~ MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Business Disturbance Claim of Henry's Heating and Sheet Metal Limited be settled for \$5,000.00, as settlement in full for all claims. Motion passed with Alderman Ivany against.

Canvass - Seventh Day Adventist Church

~~Motion passed with~~ MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the application from the Seventh Day Adventist Church for a Canvass from November 22 to 29th, 1969, be approved. Motion passed.

Bedford Row Fire Station - Rental

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, staff be instructed to rent the Bedford Row Fire Station for an economic rent for a period of between three and five years, after which time the matter of disposal will be reconsidered. Motion passed.

Additional Requirement for Africville Land Acquisition

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, an amount of \$8,000.00 be transferred from overfunding of the capital account of "Sanitary Sewer Westwood Park" to the Africville Account so that the approved settlement of \$14,387.76 to Arron Carvery, last remaining Africville resident, can be effected. Motion passed.

Council Chamber - Sound System

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, approval be given to the placement of microphones and earphones on the desks of the Aldermen as follows:

1. Desks on the east side of the Council Chamber to have microphones located in the left corner of the desk;
2. Desks on the west side of the Council Chamber to have microphones located in the right corner of the desk;
3. Earphones to be located underneath the right hand side of the desks.

Motion passed with Aldermen Meagher and Hogan against.

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REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

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

Encroachment - 3747 Desmond Avenue

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

1. the application for an encroachment of 5.8 square feet to permit the construction of a chimney at Civic No. 3747 Desmond Avenue be approved;
2. the encroachment fee of \$25.00 and an annual rental fee of \$0.25 per square foot of encroachment, in accordance with Ordinance No. 112, be paid;
3. the chimney be stuccoed to fade in with the walls of the present building.

Motion passed with Alderman LeBlanc voting against.

Encroachment - 1564 Argyle Street

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

1. the application for an encroachment of the front facade of the property of Business Furnishings Ltd., at Civic No. 1564 Argyle Street be approved;
2. the encroachment fee of \$25.00 and an annual rental fee of \$0.25 per square foot of encroachment, in accordance with Ordinance No. 112, be paid.

Motion passed.

Tenders - Hauling Bulk Salt

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of Harry Heckman Trucking Ltd., R.R.1, Fraser's Road, Armdale P. O., Halifax Co., N. S., being the lowest tender meeting specifications, be accepted in the amount of \$3.49 per ton for

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the hauling of bulk salt for the Works Department. Motion  
passed.

Tenders - Two 1969 Truck Chassis with Tilt Cabs

The report of the Committee reads as follows:

"It is recommended that the tender of Haldart International Ltd., in the amount of \$25,332.00, being the lower tender meeting specifications, be accepted for the supply of Two 1969 Truck Chassis with Tilt Cabs for the Works Department."

The following letter was passed by Alderman Meagher to the City Clerk to be read:

TRAINOR G.M.C. LIMITED

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Dear Alderman Meagher,

We recently quoted on two cab and chassis to be used to carry Garbage Packers as requested in the City of Halifax's Call for Tenders which closed October 10th, 1969.

As noted on our tender we stayed exactly to the specifications as laid down in the tender call.

However, we note that a tender with a V8 engine is being recommended and had we known that variations on specifications would be accepted this would have reflected in a different quotation from this organization.

Perhaps a review of this tender would indicate that a recall would be in order.

Yours truly,

TRAINOR GMC LIMITED

(Signed) J. E. Trainor,  
President.

Alderman LeBlanc referred to the discussions held in Committee with respect to the CA measurement of 132" and he asked the Director of Works for his comments on the letter.

The Director of Works said that the letter has come as a complete surprise to him. He said that no questions had



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been asked with respect to the specifications prior to the receipt of tenders and he was not aware of any problem as far as the engine is concerned.

Alderman Meagher suggested that the matter be referred back to Staff for further study.

The Acting City Manager said that the motion could be approved subject to further checking by the Works Department if time is a consideration.

After a short discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the matter be deferred for one week to permit Staff to investigate the contents of the letter from Trainor G.M.C. Limited and study the specifications. Motion passed.

Tenders - One 1969 Model Motor Grader

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of Blackwood Hodge Atl. Ltd., in the amount of \$22,608.00, being the lowest tender meeting specifications, be accepted for the supply of One 1969 Model Motor Grader for the Works Department. Motion passed.

Tenders - One 1969 Model Crawler Tractor with Bulldozer

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of Industrial Machinery Co. Ltd., in the amount of \$32,473.00, being the lowest tender meeting specifications, be accepted for the supply of One 1969 Model Crawler Tractor with Bulldozer for the Works Department. Motion passed.

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REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Amendment to Ordinance Number 137, Respecting "Deferred  
Payment of Taxes" - Second Reading

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman  
Hogan that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole  
Council, the following amendment to Ordinance No. 137  
Respecting Deferred Payment of Taxes 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 3 of Ordinance Number  
137, "Respecting the Deferred Payment of Taxes, as that  
Ordinance is approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs  
on the 10th day of September, A.D., 1969, is hereby amended  
by striking out the word "August" in the last line thereof  
and substituting therefor the word "December".

Motion passed.

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

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

Rezoning - R-1 Residential Zone to R-4 Residential Zone -  
Lots 73, 74, 75 and 76 Stonehaven Road

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman  
McGuire that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board,  
the request for rezoning of Lots 73, 74, 75 and 76 Stonehaven  
Road from R-1 Residential to R-4 Residential to permit the  
construction of a 46-unit apartment building, as shown in  
Case No. 1911, Plan Nos. P200/3291 to P200/3296, be refused.  
Motion passed.

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Rezoning - R-1 Residential Zone to R-2 Residential Zone and  
Modification of Lot Frontage, Front Yard and Side Yard  
Requirement - #19 Winchester Avenue

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Hogan  
that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the request  
for rezoning and modification for the property at 19 Winchester  
Avenue to permit the conversion of a single-family dwelling  
to a duplex dwelling, as shown in Case No. 1800, Plan No.  
P200/3196, be refused. Motion passed.

Rezoning - R-2 Residential Zone to R-4 Residential Zone and  
Modification of Side Yard Requirement - Lot 110, Central  
Avenue

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman  
McGuire that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the  
request for rezoning from R-2 Residential to R-4 Residential and  
the modification of the setback on Hillcrest Street for the  
property at Lot No. 110 Central Avenue, as shown on Drawing  
No. P200/3289, Case No. 1945, be refused. Motion passed with  
Alderman Ivany voting against.

Town House Project - #3236 Robie Street

The report of the Town Planning Board reads as  
follows:

"At the October 8th meeting of the Town Planning Board a  
resolution was passed to the effect that the Halifax-Dartmouth  
Bridge Commission be advised that it was the intention of  
Council to approve, at its last meeting in October, a housing  
development on the northwest corner of Robie and Stairs  
Streets unless the Commission had plans to purchase the land  
to implement Plan "D" concerning the final alignment of Robie  
Street to join up with new approaches to the Narrows Bridge.  
The Bridge Commission, under date of October 27th, has re-  
plied as follows:

"The Commission has no intention of acquiring any other  
properties other than those necessary for the con-  
struction of the street as defined above, and therefore  
has no plans for the purchase of any other property and,  
in particular, the site referred to at the northwest  
corner of Robie and Stairs Streets."

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It is recommended that approval be granted to the proposal to construct a four-unit town housing project on the north-west corner of Robie Street and Stairs Street in an R-2 Residential zone."

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the recommendation, as set out above, be approved. Motion passed.

MOTIONS

Motion - Alderman Abbott Re: Amendments to Ordinance #114  
Respecting "The Board of Management of the Halifax Civic  
Hospital" - First Reading

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the following Amendments to Ordinance #114, Respecting the Board of Management of the Halifax Civic Hospital be read and passed a First Time:

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Halifax that Ordinance Number 114, Respecting the Board of Management of The Halifax Civic Hospital, approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 25th day of February, A.D., 1966, be amended as follows:

1. Subsection (1) of Section 8 of said Ordinance Number 114 is hereby amended by striking out the words "At the first meeting in November in each year" in the first line thereof and substituting therefor the words "At the annual meeting of the Board".
2. Clause (c) of subsection (2) of Section 11 of said Ordinance Number 114 is hereby amended by deleting the words "with the approval of the Council," in the first line thereof.

Motion passed.

Motion - Alderman Abbott Re: Introduction of Ordinance #138  
Respecting "The Fee to be Paid for a Tax Certificate" -  
First Reading

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that Ordinance Number 138, Respecting The Fee to be Paid for a Tax Certificate be read and passed a First Time.

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The Acting City Manager advised that a fee of \$5.00 is charged for a Tax Certificate on the other side of the Harbour. He briefly explained the use of the Tax Certificate.

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

Motion - Alderman Hogan Re: Introduction of Ordinance #140, Respecting "The Reservation of Land in Subdivisions for Public Parks and Playgrounds"- First Reading

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman McGuire that Ordinance Number 140, Respecting the Reservation of Land in Subdivisions for Public Parks and Playgrounds, be read and passed a First Time.

Council was informed that a sum of money in lieu of a reservation of land for public use would only be accepted from the owner of the land if the land reservation was such that it would not be large enough for public use.

The motion was then put and passed.

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

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the following amendment to Ordinance Number 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 the 3rd day of February, A.D., 1969, as amended, be and the same is hereby further amended as follows:

1. Subsection (2) of Section 1.5.7 of said Ordinance Number 131 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

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(2) Provided there is no change in the use or occupancy of the building, an Occupancy Permit shall not be required for a change of occupant in a building within Group C - Residential Occupancy, Table 3.1.2.A. of Part 3 of this Ordinance.

Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accounts Over \$5,000.00

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the City Manager be authorized to pay the following account over \$5,000.00:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Hayes Insurance Limited	Annual Fire Insurance Premium	\$18,782.60

Motion passed.

Lord's Day Permits

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

Mary E. MacLean,  
5641 Bloomfield Street      Grocery Store

Donald R. Dowell,  
Salter Street      Billiard Room

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

Application - Rebate, Gasoline Tax - N. S. L. & P. Co. Ltd.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Ivany that a rebate, in the amount of \$5,201.28, to Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited for the period July 1, 1969 to September 30, 1969, in accordance with the provisions of Section 15, Chapter 8 of the Acts of Nova Scotia 1965, as

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it relates to the "Casoline and Diesel Oil Tax Act" be approved. Motion passed.

Appointment - Architect - Addition to Gorsebrook School

The following letter was submitted from the Board of School Commissioners:

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His Worship, Mayor Allan O'Brien  
and City Council  
City Hall  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Gentlemen:

RE: RECOMMENDED ARCHITECTURAL APPOINTMENT

The Board of School Commissioners have reviewed Architectural Firms and selected the firm of Gregory A. Lambros to design and supervise construction of a proposed addition to the present Gorsebrook School.

The Board recommends, to City Council, the acceptance of this selection for the design and supervision of the addition.

It would be appreciated if the Council's decision on this recommendation could be expedited at the earliest opportunity so that an official appointment may be made.

Yours truly,

(Signed) D. F. Lugar  
Secretary-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Board of School Commissioners, the firm of Gregory A. Lambros be appointed to design and supervise construction of a proposed addition to the present Gorsebrook School.

In reply to a question, Council was advised that the estimated cost of the addition to Gorsebrook School is \$250,000.00.

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Question The motion was then put and passed.

Agreement - Fire Protection - Halifax Shipyards Limited

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Abbott that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen, Hawker Siddeley Canada Ltd., The Municipality of the City of Halifax and Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company Limited respecting Fire Protection to H.M. Ships berthed in the Halifax Shipyards while undergoing refit and repair. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Housing Development - Watershed Lands

Alderman Sullivan asked whether anything further has been done with respect to the possible development of housing units on 250 acres of watershed lands.

The Chairman advised that a notice of a meeting with the M.L.A's concerned is going out today where the whole matter can be discussed.

Question Alderman McGuire Re: Cost of Support - Evicted Families

Alderman McGuire said that some time ago he had asked a question of the Social Planner with regard to the costs involved in situations where the City is required to support those families that are evicted. He asked when he might receive an answer to his question.

The Acting City Manager said he would take the question under advisement.



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Question Alderman Hogan Re: Qualifications for Aldermen

Alderman Hogan asked where the matter of qualifications for Aldermen rests at the present time.

Alderman McGuire advised that Council passed a motion with respect to one of his suggestions and he expected to pursue the other ideas in discussions with the Committee of Aldermen Abbott, Ivany, Meagher and himself, appointed to study the matter, very shortly.

Question Alderman Hogan Re: Canada Games Totem Pole

Alderman Hogan asked what the present status of the Totem Pole is.

The Acting City Manager said that he would find out and advise the Alderman accordingly.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: New Transit System and Routes

Alderman Meagher referred to a recent statement in the local press from Mr. G. C. Thompson of Acadian Lines in which he questions whether or not his Company is entitled to some compensation for loss of business in the annexed areas if the Halifax Transit Corporation proceeds with the proposed service after January 1, 1970.

The Chairman said that the Chairman of the Halifax Transit Corporation had also made a statement in which he said that the whole matter is rather a delicate one and depends on the decision to be made by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities.

Alderman Meagher said that he would like to know what the Chairman of the Halifax Transit Corporation feels the possible compensation cost would be since it is of great

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interest to City Council.

The Chairman advised that he doubted whether the Chairman of the Transit Corporation would be able to answer the question since the whole matter depends on the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities decision.

Question Alderman LeBlanc said that if Alderman Meagher and other members of Council are concerned about this particular problem, it might be advisable to attend the next meeting of the Transit Corporation when, no doubt, the matter will be raised.

The Chairman said that the Transit Corporation should be requested to invite all members of City Council to its next meeting when the matter will be discussed.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Priorities - Accommodation in Senior Citizens Projects

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Alderman Sullivan asked if there is a definite priority for entry into the Senior Citizens Housing Projects and he asked if the priorities can be listed in writing for his information.

The Supervisor of Real Estate said that he had written a letter to Alderman Sullivan with respect to the above matter. Briefly, he said, the priorities essentially are (a) age, (b) degree of limitation of income and (c) existing accommodation. He added that in some cases the length of time the application has been outstanding is taken into account.

Alderman Sullivan said that Mr. Langmaid's verbal answer is considerably more clear than his written reply and he asked if an applicant's financial status is taken into account.

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Mr. Langmaid again advised that the main criteria considered are age and poverty.

Alderman Sullivan asked if he could have the priorities listed in writing to which Mr. Langmaid replied in the affirmative.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Office Space - Scotia Square

Alderman Connolly noted that tenders have recently been called for the painting and electrical wiring of the office space to be occupied by the City in Scotia Square. He said that he had heard that it will be necessary for the City to install washrooms for the use of staff and others. He asked if Staff would prepare a report setting out the total cost involved in preparing the office space in Scotia Square, including partitions, for occupancy.

The Acting City Manager said that he would have Staff prepare a report for Council setting out the requested information.

ADDED ITEMS

Application for Auctioneers' License

The following report was submitted from Staff:

"An application has been received from Mr. George Early for an auctioneers' license to auction fifteen (15) sheep at the Atlantic Winter Fair on Saturday, November 1, 1969. The fee for such a license is \$80.00.

Your favourable consideration of this application is requested."

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that an Auctioneers' License be granted to Mr. George Early at a cost of \$80.00.

In reply to a question, the City Clerk advised that

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applications for other Auctioneers' Licenses have been requested with respect to the cattle auctions to be conducted at the Atlantic Winter Fair.

The motion was then put and passed.

Ordinance No. 135 - Minimum Standards Ordinance - Second Reading

The City Clerk advised that Staff have requested deferment for two weeks of the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 135 Respecting Minimum Standards.

Council agreed to defer the matter to the next regular meeting of Council.

Civic Hospital

Alderman Meagher submitted the following letter and asked if it could be placed on the Order of Business for a forthcoming Committee of the Whole Council:

HALIFAX CIVIC HOSPITAL

5938 University Avenue,  
Halifax, N. S.

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Alderman N. P. Meagher,  
2560 Poplar Street,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Alderman Meagher:

Re: Standards Committee -  
Halifax Civic Hospital

As a member of the Standards Committee and a representative from City Council I am wondering if you can provide me with some answers, or at least some thoughts or views on the following:

There appears to be a breakdown in communication between the City Council and the Halifax Civic Hospital since the month of May, 1969.

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1. On May 30 I wrote to Mr. S. A. Ward, City Manager regarding the Ratio of Nursing Home Beds vs. ratio of beds for the Aged and/or Disabled, and sent a photostat copy of Honourable Percy Gaum's letter, as per your suggestion. Although there was a meeting on May 26th in Mayor O'Brien's office on the subject of the lack of facilities and beds for the type of patients that should be admitted to the Halifax Civic Hospital, also types that should be admitted to Nursing Homes, nothing has since come forward.

2. There is much talk about the Health Centre. However, nothing in writing has been affected from City Hall. I wrote to Mr. Ward, City Manager regarding this subject on September 30th, 1969, but to date my letter has not been answered.

Before the Standards Committee can proceed with its recommendations to the Board of Management, the Committee must have some basic answers, and also must have at least approval in principle from the Hospital Insurance Commission to add more beds or hospital facilities.

Your assistance, Alderman Meagher, in providing the Committee with some views would be greatly appreciated, so that we may re-open communications between the Medical Staff and the Board of Management of the Halifax Civic Hospital; otherwise it is futile for the Standards Committee to meet.

Your prompt attention to the above matters will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

HALIFAX CIVIC HOSPITAL

(Signed) Aline D. Ashton, R.N.  
Administrator

Scotia Square - Office Space

Alderman LeBlanc said that he would like to receive a copy of the Staff Report which has been asked for by Alderman Connolly during the question period, relating to the total cost of preparing the office space in Scotia Square for occupancy.

The Supervisor of Real Estate said that the original Staff Report submitted a few weeks ago estimated the total cost at \$80,000.00 which included interior painting, pre-

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finished partitions and electrical wiring. Alderman LeBlanc said that he would like to have the final figure since he considered that it might be nearer to \$100,000.00 by the time all the work has been done.

Alderman Connolly again referred to a comment he had heard that the City will need to install washrooms on the third floor.

The Senior Planner advised that the City has no intention of installing any washrooms since those provided are considered quite adequate.

#### Halifax Commons

Alderman LeBlanc referred to fountain on the North Common and he said that anyone who had seen the fountain in action during the recent snowfall could not fail to be impressed by the spectacular site and he asked if the Director of Works could investigate the possibility of keeping the fountain going all year round by the addition of some type of anti-freeze in the water.

The Director of Works agreed that the continued operation of the fountain during the winter would be spectacular but it is necessary to overhaul the pumps and other mechanism including some sensitive valves. He said that if freezing should occur serious damage could be done to the delicate machinery and he felt that the introduction of some glycol based anti-freeze in the fountain might run into some heavy expenditures. He said that it is the intention to continue to operate the fountain as long as possible this year.

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Alderman McGuire asked if Staff could investigate the possibility of introducing some type of anti-freeze into the water and come up with a cost figure.

The Director of Works said that he would certainly investigate the possibility of the suggestion and report later to Council.

Wiring Over City Streets

Alderman LeBlanc referred to the considerable amount of overhead wiring along City streets and particularly to some temporary poles and wires erected along Chebucto Road by Saunder's Park and he asked if a request could be made of the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company when they start removing the existing trolley coach wires if they could also remove some of the other wiring and replace it underground. He said that it would certainly beautify the City to a great extent.

Alderman Meagher asked if it would be possible to set out a ten year programme on the removal of overhead wires in all districts of the City. He asked if a report could be prepared on the suggestion.

Hearing - Dunbrack Street

Alderman Ivany referred to the public hearing to be held on November 26th with respect to the street lines of Dunbrack Street and he asked if Staff would make sure that a representative of the Department of Highways is present at the meeting since that Department is involved in the present proposal.

9:45 p.m. Council adjourned.

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In reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Present were: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen

and Aldermen Abbott, Connolly, **R.J. ALLEN, DEPUTY MAYOR**  
**CHAIRMAN**

Meagher, Sullivan, and Allen.  
**R.H. STODDARD,**  
**CITY CLERK**

Also present: City Engineer, City Solicitor,

City Clerk, and other staff members.

The City Clerk advised that the Special Council

had been called to discuss the following agenda:

- (1) Dilapidated Dwellings
- (2) Report - Tender for Two Truck Chassis with 11,000 G.V.W.
- (3) Tender for Electrical Requirements for Office Space, Scotia Square.
- (4) Tender for Interior Painting, Scotia Square.
- (5) Dilapidated Building - 1873 Halifax Street - Halifax Street Works Building.

It was agreed by the Council that the agenda should be discussed  
with No. (5) first.

DILAPIDATED BUILDING - 1873 HALIFAX STREET - HALIFAX STREET WORKS BUILDING

The following report was submitted by staff:

\*The three-storey building at 1873 Halifax Street was seriously damaged by fire March 6, 1969. The

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Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.  
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4:15 P.M.

A Special Council meeting was held on the above date.

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

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

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

The City Clerk advised that the Special Council had been called to discuss the following Items:

- (1) Dilapidated Dwellings
- (2) Report - Tender for Two Truck Chassis with Cabs, 31,000 G.V.W.
- (3) Tender for Electrical Requirements, City Administration Space, Scotia Square.
- (4) Tender for Interior Painting, City Administration Space, Scotia Square.
- (5) Dilapidated Building - 1873 Hollis Street - Halifax Glass Works Building.

It was agreed to discuss the items, starting with No. (5) first.

**DILAPIDATED BUILDING - 1873 HOLLIS STREET - HALIFAX GLASS  
WORKS BUILDING**

The following report was submitted by staff:

"The three-storey sandstone-front building at 1873 Hollis Street was seriously damaged by fire March 6, 1968. The

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"building has been vacant since the fire, has been left open to further damage by the elements and is now considered to be in such a state of non-repair as to be no longer suitable for human habitation or business purposes.

"Section 438 of the City empowers Council to make an Order requesting the owner to remedy the condition or demolish and remove the building and affix a period of time (not more than six months) for compliance.

"Before making an Order, Council shall cause not less than 10 days notice to be sent to the assessed owner of the land.

"It is recommended that Council set a suitable date, time and place at which the Order will be considered."

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that a date be set for a Hearing with regard to an Order requesting the owner of the dilapidated building at No. 1873 Hollis Street, Halifax, to remedy the condition or demolish and remove the building within a specified period of time.  
Motion passed.

The City Clerk advised that the Hearing would be set for 3:30 P.M., Wednesday, November 19, 1969.

TENDER FOR INTERIOR PAINTING, CITY ADMINISTRATION SPACE, SCOTIA SQUARE

The following tenders were summarized in a staff report, for interior painting of City administration space in Scotia Square:

<u>TENDER FIRM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE COMPLETION</u>
Paul Maillet	\$ 835.50	Within 5 days of contract awarded.
S. Sorensen Painters and Decorators Limited	\$ 1,105.00	November 19, 1969
Harrison Brothers	\$ 1,249.00	November 20, 1969
Banfield and Miles Limited	\$ 1,288.00	November 14, 1969

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MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that the lowest tender of Paul Maillet, in the amount of \$835.00, be accepted for interior painting of City administration space in Scotia Square, work to be completed within five days of the date the contract is awarded. Motion passed.

TENDER FOR ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS, CITY ADMINISTRATION SPACE,  
SCOTIA SQUARE

The following tenders were summarized in a staff report, for electrical requirements, City administration space, Scotia Square:

TENDER FIRM	AMOUNT	COMPLETION	UNIT PRICES	ADDITIONS	DEDUC-TIONS
LaHavre Electrics Limited	\$ 7,976.00	Dec.29/69	Wall plug Floor plug Smoke Detector Telephone Floor Fitting	\$ 7.34 17.37 235.00 18.97	\$ 7.34 17.37 235.00 18.97
Provincial Electric Limited	\$ 8,888.00	Dec.15/69	Wall plug Floor plug Smoke Detector Telephone Floor Fitting	22.00 25.00 1000.00 16.00	22.00 25.00 1000.00 16.00
Arthur and Conn Ltd.	\$10,495.00	Dec.10/69	Wall plug Floor plug Smoke Detector Telephone Floor Fitting	19.00 36.50 285.00 35.00	15.00 29.00 240.00 27.50
Dawcoelectric Limited	\$11,051.00	Dec.31/69	Wall plug Floor plug Smoke Detector Telephone Floor Fitting	16.00 41.20 302.20 31.75	14.40 37.10 272.00 28.60

The report stated that the unit prices indicated would apply only for additions and deductions made during the life of the contract and also the unit prices did not include extra circuits from the panel.

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the lowest tender of LaHave Electrics Limited,

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in the amount of \$7,976.00, be accepted for electrical requirements of the City administration space in Scotia Square, work to be completed by December 29, 1969. Motion passed.

REPORT - TENDER FOR TWO TRUCK CHASSIS WITH CABS, 31,000 G.V.W.

The following report was submitted by staff:

"At the October 29, 1969, meeting of City Council the specifications for two 31,000 G.V.W. truck chassis with cabs were questioned by letter to the Aldermen. The point raised by Trainor G.M.C. was that the successful bidder would be supplying a V-8 motor, whereas the City Specifications called for a six-cylinder motor.

"It is true that Haldart International Ltd., the low bidder, proposes to supply V-8 motors with the two trucks bid upon instead of six-cylinder motors called for, but in cases where specifications equal or exceed City specifications, tenders are recommended for acceptance. In this case, the recommended tender is \$4,207.66 below the next lowest tender.

"It is recommended, therefore, that the original staff recommendation be approved:

Haldart International Ltd., \$25,332.00"

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Hogan, that the tender of Haldart International Ltd., in the amount of \$25,332.00, being the lower tender meeting specifications, be accepted for the supply of two 1969 Truck Chassis with Tilt Cabs for the Works Department. Motion passed.

DILAPIDATED DWELLINGS

5180 Gerrish Street:

A staff report was submitted concerning a dilapidated dwelling situated at 5180 Gerrish Street. The

Building Inspector concluded the report as follows:

"In my opinion this building is in such a state of deterioration as to be no longer suitable for occupancy or business purposes and it is therefore recommended that it be removed or destroyed in accordance with Section 438 of the City Charter."