

"Council has previously approved the purchase of 84 buses which are now in the process of being delivered. The financing of these buses is being done partly by an interim bank borrowing of \$1,000,000 approved by Council on October 15th, while the balance is to be handled through General Motors Acceptance Corporation.

A resolution is required from Council authorizing His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign a contract with G.M.A.C. in the amount of \$1,630,000 to cover the financing of 46 buses. The contract has been reviewed by the Solicitors for the City and Halifax Transit Corporation."

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute Conditional Sale Contracts with General Motors of Canada Limited providing for the purchase of forty-six (46) buses for total time prices not exceeding \$2,473,500.00, including delivered price and finance charges, which contracts are proposed to be assigned by General Motors of Canada Limited to General Motors Acceptance Corporation of Canada, Limited, and to include such terms and provisions as His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk shall deem proper and suitable.

In reply to a question, the City Manager advised that the Transit Corporation Directors have already considered the possibility of a change in policy if the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities do not accept the submission of the Corporation.

The motion was then put and passed.

Date for Next Regular Council Meeting - December 29 Suggested

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that the next regular Council meeting be held at 8:00 p.m. on December 29, 1969. Motion passed.

Amendment - Administrative Order #8

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the following Amendment to Administrative Order No. 8 be read and passed a First Time:

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

1. Administrative Order No. 8, Respecting Real Property of a Character or Nature Other Than Residential or Business, as approved by City Council on the 30th day of December, 1968, is amended, by deleting from Schedule "A" to that Administrative Order, the following properties:

5410-14 Cogswell Street	Halifax Labour Temple Assoc.
2710 Fuller Terrace	Trustees for Robert D. Bobbitt et al
1551 South Park Street	Nova Scotia Teachers Union

Motion passed.

Resolution - Capital Borrowing

The following report was submitted from Staff:

"On April 23, 1969, City Council passed a Capital Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$5,500,000 under authority of Section 208 of the City Charter 1963. This resolution is about to expire and a new resolution is required.

Funding this past year was less than anticipated, but will be considerably higher in 1970. Until capital funding is undertaken, the City will be required to borrow the necessary funds, as authorized under the City Charter.

City Council is requested to approve a Capital Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$8,000,000 which must be signed by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk, giving the City Treasurer and either the City Manager or Chief Accountant authority to sign demand notes on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Halifax."

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Abbott that a Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$8,000,000.00 be approved under the authority of Section 208 of the City Charter and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign the Resolution on behalf of the City of Halifax.

Alderman Ivany referred to a report from Staff and noted that some grants from the Provincial Government are in arrears and he asked whether the collection facilities could be improved.

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The City Manager advised that it is the practice of the Provincial Government to spread the payment of grants out over the year and not to pay the full amount at once. He said that the processing of the claim made by the City for the Provincial Government Welfare Grant usually takes some considerable time, although it is generally submitted promptly by the City.

Alderman Ivany said that the amount of the grants received by the City appear to be only about half the total amount and he questioned whether something could be done about claiming some of the interest from the Provincial Government.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that a member of Staff should obtain the total cost of interest paid by the City on the amount of money expended from its own account and perhaps then it could be added to the City's total cost and a claim be made for a portion of it.

Alderman Meagher said that the Hospital Insurance Commission pay the total amount of a grant to the hospitals and then it is adjusted at the end of the year. He suggested that the matter be looked into further by the City Manager.

The City Manager agreed to take the matter into consideration.

The motion was then put and passed.

QUESTION

Question Alderman Allen Re: Change of Time for Next Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council

Alderman Allen asked how an Alderman would go about changing the time for the next meeting of the Committee of the

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Whole Council since he understood that an important social function was taking place on that day which affected City Hall Staff.

His Worship the Mayor said that if Alderman Allen wished to make a motion at this time, it would require the unanimous approval of Council.

Council agreed unanimously to accept a motion to change the time of the meeting.

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, 1969, start at 1:00 p.m. instead of 2:30 p.m. to permit Staff to attend the Annual City Hall Christmas Party at 3:00 p.m. Motion passed.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion Alderman Abbott Re: Amendments to Administrative Order No. 5

Alderman Abbott gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council, he will introduce an Amendment to Administrative Order No. 5 Respecting the Remuneration to be Paid to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Aldermen, increasing the remuneration paid to the Members of Council.

Notice of Motion Alderman Allen Re: Aldermanic Representation on the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission

Alderman Allen gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council, he will move a motion to amend the Aldermanic representation on the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission.

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Notice of Motion Alderman MacKeen Re: Purchase of Sound Meters

Alderman MacKeen gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council, he will introduce a motion that the City of Halifax provide for in its 1970 budget such sums of money for the purchase of sound meters or other scientific devices for the measurement of volume and intensity of sound as will enable the City to enforce the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act as they relate to such matters as the screeching of tires, the racing of motors or engines, and noisy mufflers, should the Motor Vehicle Act be amended to provide that offences of this type can be ascertained and enforced through the use of such meters or other scientific devices.

ADDED ITEMS

Boxing Day

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Boxing Day, December 26, 1969, be declared a Civic Holiday. Motion passed.

Agreement - Central Redevelopment Area - City of Halifax and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation

The following report was submitted from Staff to which was attached a copy of a proposed agreement between the City of Halifax and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation:

"Under the National Housing Act, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation can make loans of up to two-thirds of the net cost to a municipality of its share of redevelopment projects.

Earlier this year City Council requested that such a loan be made in respect of the Central Redevelopment Area.

It is recommended that authority be granted to the Mayor and City Clerk to execute this agreement on behalf of the City."

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MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement between the City of Halifax and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, on behalf of the City, respecting the financing of the Central Redevelopment Area redevelopment project. Motion passed.

Wedgewood Park - Marlborough Park Water System

The following report was submitted from Staff:

"As a consequence of annexation, the City became the owner of a well-water system serving the adjoining Wedgewood Park and Marlborough Park Subdivisions in the Birch Cove area of Rockingham. Informal arrangements were made for the Public Service Commission to administer and operate the utility on the City's behalf until such time as suitable long-term arrangements could be formalized.

From the time when the system was installed until the present, the users have not been billed for water despite virtually all properties having been metered. The Public Service Commission has quite properly attempted to regularize this situation, has installed new meters, has met with the residents and obtained signed contracts from all of them, and is in a position to start billing on a regular basis. In order to do so, the approval of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities is required. The Public Service Commission has undertaken to ask the Public Utilities Board for approval of interim rates. The Public Utilities Commissioners, however, in an informal review of the situation with staff of the Public Service Commission and the City, advised that the application for approval of rates should come from the City. The Commissioners pointed out that it is the City's water utility which they are being asked to regulate. They are not concerned whether the City arranges for the Public Service Commission to operate the system on its behalf.

It is believed that the Public Utilities Board will consider the proposed interim rates to be realistic in the circumstances. It is recommended, therefore, that the City apply to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for approval of an interim schedule of charges to users of water supplied by the City through the Wedgewood Park - Marlborough Park well-water system and that such interim charges be as proposed in a letter of December 3, 1969 (with attachments) from the Public Service Commission of Halifax to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities.

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Staff will be advancing proposals as to the future of the Wedgewood - Marlborough water system within the next month."

In reply to a question, the City Solicitor advised that the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities feel that the system is still technically owned by the City and asked that the City make the application to the Board instead of the Public Service Commission. He said that the City's application will be made on exactly the same basis as that of the Commission.

After a short discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Ivany, that the matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting to be held on December 17, 1969 to permit members of Council time to study the report. Motion passed.

Snow Clearance

Alderman Hogan said that before annexation was consummated he went to some trouble to ascertain whether or not the residents of the area to be annexed were going to receive adequate snow clearance and salting. He said that he was advised that the City's Works Department were going to do as good a job as the Department of Highways or even better. He reported that many phone calls had been received after the first snowfall in November that persons were unable to drive up the hills in Ward 10. On the occasion of the second light snowfall, he said the same situation arose. He telephoned the Works Department on the first occasion and was informed that since the snow had not been forecast, many of the drivers had gone hunting. On the second occasion, he said that he was informed that the

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snow clearing programme was being carried out by last year's equipment and that the new equipment had not arrived. He stated that the reputation of the City of Halifax can stand or fall on the snow clearance question and it is very important that the programme should be adequate. It was then MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the Department of Highways be asked to assist with the snow clearance programme until the City's new equipment arrives in the City.

His Worship the Mayor said that this matter is indeed an important one and he felt that the Works Department should report on the whereabouts of the new equipment, especially in the light of a Staff Report received some weeks ago which informed Council that everything was in readiness for the snow clearance programme to proceed.

The City Manager advised that he understood the steel strike had held up delivery of the trucks and he asked the Acting Director of Works to report to Council.

The Acting Director of Works addressed Council and agreed with the remarks of Alderman Hogan in connection with the first snow storm in November which was unpredicted. He said that the Works Department has been using the same equipment as it did last year with the addition of two one-way plows with wings. He reported on the delays which have taken place with respect to the delivery of the new equipment and said that he understands that eight trucks are now ready with bodies and that one will be shipped on Monday with one a day to follow. He advised that the plows will not be delivered until December 27,

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because the steel strike has held the work up.

Alderman LeBlanc referred again to the Staff Report which indicated that all is in readiness for the snow clearance programme and he considered that the present facts raise very serious questions with respect to liaison and co-ordination and the follow up of the orders. He asked the Works Department to check for any penalty clauses in the contracts. He reported on some calls he had received after the recent light snow falls complaining of inadequate plowing and salting.

Alderman Allen said that he is most distressed at the facts now placed before Council and that he too had received many calls from persons who could not drive up the hills in his Ward. He suggested that the City should hire some outside people to assist in the plowing and salting if the Department of Highways is not able to do the job.

Alderman Ivany said that he had received several calls on snow clearance and he asked the City Manager to check the night line to City Field, since he had attempted to call repeatedly but received no answer. He felt that the City should have two or three different types of programmes for snow clearance and salting, depending upon the amount of the snowfall.

In reply to a question, the City Manager advised that the report submitted to Council relating to the readiness of the Works Department to deal with any snowfall was based on information he had received and he agreed that it looks as though there had been an assumption made that the suppliers were going to meet their delivery dates.

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His Worship the Mayor asked the City Manager to update his report and to make some explanation as to why it was wrong.

In reply to a question, the Acting Director of Works said that in talking with the Deputy Minister of Highways he has been informed that it would not be acceptable to the Province for them to do any more salting or snow clearing for the City. He said that their equipment has been distributed elsewhere in the Province.

Alderman Allen advised that much of the salting in his district in other years was done by an outside truck and he suggested that the driver knew the district and the urgent places and it might be possible for him to continue. He was of the opinion that the Department of Highways would be considerate of the City's problems and assist in whatever way they could until the new equipment arrives.

After further discussion, Alderman Hogan, with the approval of his seconder, agreed to amend his motion to read as follows:

"THAT the City Council request the City Manager to see that there is adequate snow removal and salting as guaranteed in Council policy whether by securing it through the Department of Highways or in other ways."

Motion passed.

Fairey Canada Limited

Alderman LeBlanc referred to the recent announcement by Fairey Canada Ltd. of the closing of their establishment at Eastern Passage and he said that it is a matter of extreme importance to every resident of this area. The magnitude of the

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economic and social impact is awesome and the effect of such a closing is a most serious blow which must be resisted by every available means of every elected official in this area.

It was then MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Allen that the City Council of Halifax join with the Mayor and Council of the City of Dartmouth to exert all possible means whereby action to delay the closing of the Fairey Canada Ltd. establishment at Eastern Passage or alternatively obtain a comparable replacement either through Federal or Provincial grant sponsorship and, in this connection, the Mayor be requested to contact Mayor Thornhill of Dartmouth at once, to offer City Council's full and energetic co-operation in this most serious of matters.

Alderman Allen felt that in the context of the motion Council should consider the entire defence establishment and any possible cut-back since it would seriously affect the Cities of Dartmouth and Halifax.

Alderman Ivany questioned what Council can do about the matter other than express its concern in this way. He was concerned about the skilled workmen who will be leaving the area.

His Worship the Mayor considered the motion a good one.

Alderman McGuire asked whether or not it was the intention of the Federal Government, where cut-backs in the defence programme was going to effect a region, to offer some compensating activity through Manpower which would take place simultaneously to these things. He asked whether such a policy would apply to Fairey Canada Ltd.

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His Worship the Mayor said that Manpower has been prepared to pay moving costs for people who go elsewhere to get jobs. He also said that the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is doing what it can to attract major industry and is negotiating for possible acquisition of the Fairey operation at the present time.

The motion was then put and passed unanimously.

Monetary Reimbursement - Murray G. Warrington

Alderman Connolly advised that he and Alderman MacKeen had met with the City Manager to discuss the above matter. He said that he was shown the details of the Sampson case and he agreed that there was a difference between the two cases but that since listening to the Staff and the City Manager, he had further information that the information received was not exactly correct and that the person moved on October 25 and not November 5. He said that Mr. Warrington has been before Council on a number of occasions and has had talks with the City Manager and other Staff and that there has been a lot of staff time wasted. He felt that the City should finalize the matter and pay Mr. Warrington's claim.

It was MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that the City accept responsibility and pay the claim of \$250.00 to Mr. Warrington.

Alderman MacKeen in seconding the motion said that there is a certain amount of principle involved and he definitely considered that the claim of Mr. Warrington should be paid.

In reply to a question, the City Manager advised that the policy of Council was not disregarded because, in the case

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quoted, the building was not in good enough condition for a tenant to move in. He said that it is the landlord's responsibility to make sure a building is in a reasonably good condition before the tenant moves in, and in this case, the tenant was willing to do a lot of the work himself. He said that Council policy does not allow a payment of this kind to be made and he would recommend against it.

The City Solicitor advised that there is no legal liability on the part of the City to make the payment and it would need to be an ex gratia payment and would therefore require legislation for such authority.

It was pointed out that if this payment is made, it might happen that all other tenants in City-owned buildings or Partnership owned properties, even public housing tenants would submit similar claims for work done.

Alderman MacKeen said that he considers there are extenuating circumstances in this case and that there seems to have been some confusion between the two parties concerned.

The City Manager said that there has been no real misunderstanding and that this whole matter was reviewed in Council some twelve to fifteen months ago.

Alderman LeBlanc said that he would support the motion if the payment could be made without jeopardizing the City's legal position.

His Worship the Mayor said that the motion would have to be reworded for the City to seek legislation.

Alderman Connolly asked if it would be possible for the City to permit Mr. Warrington to pay a reduced rent for a

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period of time until the claim is paid.

The City Solicitor said that Council could proceed in this manner, but it would be necessary for his lease with the City to be cancelled and a new lease entered into. He considered that this is an administrative matter.

His Worship the Mayor agreed that it is not Council's function to set rents.

The City Solicitor said that when one tries to circumvent the law, other problems are created.

Alderman Ivany suggested that the City Manager be left to discuss the matter with the Real Estate Department and make a decision as to which is the best method of paying the claim.

The City Manager said that he cannot do anything that Council cannot do from a legal point of view.

Alderman Meagher said that he would support the motion but if Council cannot circumvent the law, he suggested that Alderman Connolly change his motion to seek legislation to pay Mr. Warrington. He considered that the matter should be cleared up and finished.

Alderman Connolly, with the approval of his seconder, agreed to amend his motion to read:

"THAT the City seek legislation to authorize the payment of \$250.00 to Mr. Murray G. Warrington in settlement of his claim."

Alderman Abbott felt that the best method of paying Mr. Warrington would be to terminate his lease and enter into another one for a reduced rental for a period of time.

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It was generally agreed that landlords do not usually pay tenants for their labour when painting their houses or apartments.

In reply to a question, the City Manager said that it is not necessary for him to make a recommendation on this matter since it is to seek legislation.

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

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

Against: Aldermen Hogan, McGuire and Allen 3

10:45 p.m. Council adjourned.

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ALLAN O'BRIEN
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD
CITY CLERK

SPECIAL COUNCIL
MINUTES

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Mr. Peter Spawar spoke on behalf of Properties Limited, and advised that the owners of the property to be demolished at 1873 Hollis Street be demolished within 14 days. Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. December 17, 1969 4:00 P.M.

MOVED A Special meeting of City Council was held on the above date.

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

MOVED Present were: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Abbott, MacKeen, Hogan, Ivany, McGuire, Allen, and Sullivan.

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

The City Clerk advised that the meeting was being called to discuss the following item:

- 1. Demolition - 1873 Hollis Street

Council agreed to add the following item:

- 2. Collective Bargaining - Halifax Firefighters

DEMOLITION - 1873 HOLLIS STREET

At the December 3rd meeting of City Council the following resolution was passed:

"THAT action be taken in accordance with Item A of the report of George Brandys dated November 28, 1969 to make the building at 1873 Hollis Street safe and allow a period of two weeks for a definite proposal.

THAT a caveat be filed with the Registrar of Deeds stating:

- 1. That the matter of demolition has been before Council and a decision is pending and whatever decision the Council would take would depend on the plans of the owner or of the future purchaser;
- 2. That if no action has been taken physically on restoration of the building within a month, it would be the intention of Council to grant the order for demolition."

R. H. STANLEY
CITY CLERK

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Mr. Peter Spencer spoke on behalf of Centennial Properties Limited, and advised that it had been decided by the owners of the property to demolish the building.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman MacKeen, that the building located at 1873 Hollis Street be demolished within thirty days. Motion passed with Alderman Ivany voting against.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING - HALIFAX FIREFIGHTERS

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, approval be given to the following collective bargaining agreement between Local 268 and the City of Halifax which provides basic terms as follows:

(a) A two year contract

(b) First Class Firefighter:

1970	-	\$6,667.20
1971	-	\$7,266.00

with related adjustments in accordance with established policy to other ranks in the bargaining unit.

(c) Some minor adjustments in fringe benefits relating to no-cost and low-cost items.

(d) The settlement represents an increase of 26¢ per hour in 1970 and 24¢ per hour in 1971.

Motion passed.

4:05 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 29, 1969

8:00 p.m.

1. Lord's Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes: December 10 and 17, 1969
4. Approval of Order of Business, Additions & Deletions
5. Deferred Item:
 - (a) Sidewalks - Wards 7, 8, 9 and 10 - Approval of Capital Works
6. Motions of Reconsideration: NONE
7. Motions of Rescission: NONE
8. Public Hearings & Hearings: NONE
9. Petitions & Delegations:
10. Report - Finance & Executive Committee:
 - (a) Bank Borrowing Resolution - \$11,000,000.00
 - (b) Capital Borrowing Resolutions - \$12,000 for Sidewalks and \$171,500 for Paving
 - (c) Supplementary Appropriation - 316C - \$14,000 - Recreation Department
 - (d) Interim Funds for Regional Planning Commission - \$3,900
 - (e) Supplementary Appropriation - 316C - \$100,000 - Forum Commission
 - (f) Lease - City of Halifax to Harris & Roome Ltd.
 - (g) Maintenance Tenders 1970 - City-owned Rental Properties
11. Report - Committee on Works:
 - (a) Granting of Easement to the City of Halifax by George Kapsales and Mando Kapsales
 - (b) Refuse and Garbage Collection 1970
 - (c) Wedgewood Park - Marlborough Park Water System
12. Report - Safety Committee: NONE
13. Report - Public Health & Welfare Committee: NONE
14. Report - Committee of the Whole Council, Boards & Commissions:
 - (a) Repeal of Ordinance No. 128 Respecting Exemption from Real Property Tax on Property Used for Certain Purposes -
SECOND READING
 - (b) Ordinance No. 123 - Respecting the Establishment of a Halifax Landmarks Commission - SECOND READING
 - (c) Repeal of Ordinance No. 108 - Respecting "The City Prison"
SECOND READING

15. Report - Town Planning Board:

- (a) Rezoning R-2 to R-3 Civic No. 6287-6311 Liverpool Street
- (b) Rezoning from R-2 Residential to R-4 Residential - Civic No. 12 Aldergrove Drive
- (c) Extension to a Non-conforming Use - Civic No. 2828 Connolly Street
- (d) Extension to a Non-conforming Building and Modification of Front Yard Requirement - 12 Woodberry Drive
- (e) Construction of a New Apartment Complex - Lot H-2 Dunbrack Street - Building Permit

16. Motions:

- (a) Motion Alderman Abbott Re: Amendments to Administrative Order No. 5 - First Reading
- (b) Motion Alderman Allen Re: Aldermanic Representation on the Recreation & Playgrounds Commission
- (c) Motion Alderman MacKeen Re: Purchase of Sound Meters

17. Miscellaneous Business:

- (a) Accounts Over \$5,000.00
- (b) Amendments to Administrative Order No. 8 Respecting Real Property of a Character or Nature Other than Residential or Business - SECOND READING
- (c) Applications for Tag Days, etc.
- (d) Agreement with County of Halifax Re: Annexation
- (e) Advance Grant - Atlantic Child Guidance
- (f) Halifax Transit - Purchase of Land, Buildings and Coaches from Nova Scotia Light and Power Co. Ltd.
- (g) Pound Agreement with S.P.C.A.

18. QUESTIONS

19. Notices of Motion:

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CITY OF HALIFAX

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Council Chamber,
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20 (b) - Tenants for Refuse - Pickers and
20 (c) - Collective Bargaining Police
20 (d) - Appointment - Director of Planning
20 (e) - Letter
A meeting of City Council was held on the above date.

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

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

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

MINUTES

Minutes of Council meetings of December 10 and 17, 1969 were approved on motion of Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Sullivan.

CITY OF HALIFAX - LEVEE

His Worship the Mayor advised that at the request of the Aldermen, the City of Halifax would be holding a Levee on New Year's Day, January 1, 1970, in the Council Chamber at City Hall, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., to which all citizens of the City were invited.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

The City Clerk requested the addition of the following items:

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- 20 (a) - Staff Report Re: Financial Problems - Shortage of Money.
 - 20 (b) - Tenders for Refuse - Packer Body.
 - 20 (c) - Collective Bargaining Police Department.
 - 20 (d) - Appointment - Director of Planning.
 - 20 (e) - Letter A.G. Brown, Ship Harbour National Park
- and

- 5 (b) - Possible Acquisition - 3297 Prescott Street

Alderman Sullivan requested the addition of:

- 20 (f) - Report of Nova Scotia Board of Insurance Underwriters.

Alderman Allen requested the addition of:

- 20 (g) - North-West Arm Bridge.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the agenda, as amended, be approved. Motion passed.

DEFERRED ITEMS

SIDEWALKS - WARDS 7, 8, 9, and 10 - APPROVAL OF CAPITAL WORKS

Several reports had been submitted to Council regarding capital works in the new Wards of the City, but the matter was referred to a Committee of four members of Council which discussed the question at great length at a special meeting of the Committee of the Whole on October 14th. Relative to sidewalks, the outcome of the October 14th meeting was as follows:

"THAT the City adopt a sidewalk program for 1969 and 1970 based on an abutter's charge equivalent to 25% of an estimated standard cost and that the program be within the level that the City Manager would recommend as part of the City's Capital Budget and on a priority basis as recommended by City staff."

Action on the above recommendation was deferred at that time for consideration of the imposition of an area rate to assist in financing the sidewalk program, but after discussion, Council abandoned for the time being the area rate suggestion.

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A further staff report was submitted at this time,
which concluded as follows:

"While mindful of the policy difficulties involved in considering the matter of capital works in the new Wards, staff have no new information to offer at this time. A staff committee is now examining all aspects of "local improvements" including principles, legislation, accounting, cost sharing, and so on. The committee is expected to complete its study by March 31st, 1970. It is hoped that this report will be of help to members of Council in determining policy on local improvements before the 1970 construction season begins. With respect to any works to which the City has committed itself in the new Wards, it is felt that the present scale of abutters' charges should be followed, particularly in the light of the City's difficult financial position. (The rates per front foot are as follows: sidewalks - \$3.25; curb and gutter - \$2.70; sodding - \$1.00, asphalt paving \$4.00)."

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Hogan, that the present scale of abutters' charges in Wards 7, 8, 9 and 10 be followed: Sidewalks - \$3.25; Curb and Gutter - \$2.70; Sodding - \$1.00; Asphalt paving - \$4.00.
Motion passed.

POSSIBLE ACQUISITION - 3297 PRESCOTT STREET

A staff report was submitted concerning the purchase of the above noted property, with the recommendation that it be rented to Mr. Aaron Carvery whose property in Africville was urgently needed by the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission in order that construction of the approaches to the A. Murray MacKay Bridge could proceed.

Alderman LeBlanc said he felt the price being asked for the property was a very good one, and MOVED, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the City purchase the property at 3297 Prescott Street from the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission for the sum of \$13,000 under provision of Section 404 of the City Charter. Motion passed.

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A formal Resolution that funds in the amount of \$13,000 for the purchase of 3297 Prescott Street be withdrawn from the Sale of Land Account, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Allen, that the formal Resolution, as submitted, be approved, and in the event that the Minister of Municipal Affairs fails to approve the resolution, the amount of \$13,000 be included in the 1970 Current Estimates for the purpose at hand. Motion passed.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting of December 17, 1969, with respect to the following matters:

Bank Borrowing Resolution - \$11,000,000.00:

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, approval be given to a Bank Borrowing Resolution giving the City Treasurer and either the City Manager or Chief Accountant, authority to sign demand notes on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Halifax in the amount of \$11,000,000 for current account expenditures, to take effect from January 2, 1970, and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign the same. Motion passed.

Capital Borrowing Resolutions - \$12,000 for Sidewalks and \$171,500 for Paving:

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, in accordance with resolutions passed by Council on October 15th

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and October 29th, 1969 approving sidewalk installation on Downs Ave. and the paving of portions of Alma Crescent, Ardwell Avenue, Dutch Village Road, Glenforest Drive, Hazelholme Drive, Titus Avenue and Willett Street, approval be given to two capital borrowing resolutions in the amounts of \$12,000 for sidewalks and \$171,500 for paving. Motion passed.

Formal resolutions giving effect to the foregoing motion of Council, were submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Hogan, that the formal Resolutions, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

Supplementary Appropriation - 316C - \$14,000 - Recreation Department:

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, approval be given to an addition to the Recreation Department Budget of \$14,000 under Section 316C of the City Charter. Motion passed.

Interim Funds for Regional Planning Commission - \$3,900

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, an amount of \$3,900 be approved for the Regional Planning Commission for interim financing to carry on until finalization of their budget and those of the partners in the Commission, which amount will be charged to the 1970 Budget. Motion passed.

Supplementary Appropriation - 316C - \$100,000 - Forum Commission

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive

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Committee, Council approve an overexpenditure in the Halifax Forum Budget in the amount of \$100,000 under authority of Section 316C of the City Charter, 1963. Motion passed with Aldermen MacKeen, Hogan, and Connolly against.

Lease - City of Halifax with Harris & Roome Ltd.

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City of Halifax enter into a leasing agreement with Harris and Roome Limited, for a parcel of City-owned land 93'4" x 20' situated as follows: running from Percy Street to the property of Canadian National Railways, a distance of 93'4" and abutting their Percy Street property on the south side, subject to the following main terms and conditions:

1. The term of lease to be three years, with an option to renew on the same terms with the exception of rents which will be reviewed at the time and escalated if circumstances so warrant.
2. Annual rental to be \$300, payable on January 1, of each year in advance.
3. Property taxes are to be paid by the Lessee.
4. Maintenance of land and civic improvements to be the responsibility of the Lessee.
5. Subject to the City of Halifax maintaining a right-of-way over said property, and if it becomes necessary for the City to repair or install sewer lines or water lines, under this property, then the City will not be liable for any inconvenience or loss of business to the Lessee through such action.
6. Subject to the granting of an incidental right-of-way to G.W. Mills Limited, free of charge over this property.
7. Specific use of the property as defined is that it be used by Harris and Roome Limited as an unloading facility and that G.W. Mills Limited have incidental right-of-way over it, and in no instance is it to be used as permanent parking, storage area, have any obstructions of any kind erected on it, or be permanently obstructed in any way at any time.

Motion passed.

Maintenance Tenders 1970 - City-owned Rental Properties

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

"THAT City Council approve the continuation of the policy
for maintenance of the eighty housing units by tender,
and approve the following contractors:

Electrical - James J. Mahar & Company - 615 Herring Cove
Road

(A) Skilled labor including overhead and trans- portation per Hour	\$5.50
(B) Unskilled Labor including overhead and transportation per hour	\$3.50
(TOTAL A & B) Skilled Man and Helper	\$9.00
Materials Wholesale Plus or Minus	+8%
Overtime per Hour	\$8.25

Plumbing and Heating - Apollo Plumbing and Heating (Jointly)
1661 Argyle Street

(A) Skilled Labor including Overhead and trans- portation Per Hour	\$5.50
(B) Unskilled Labor Including overhead and transportation Per Hour	\$2.75
(TOTAL A & B) Skilled Man and Helper	\$8.25
Materials Wholesale Plus or Minus	+15%
Overtime per Hour	\$7.50

-F.W. McNally (Jointly)
2394 Agricola Street

(A) Skilled Labor including Overhead and Trans- portation Per Hour	\$5.60
(B) Unskilled Labor Including Overhead and Transportation Per Hour	\$3.00
(TOTAL A & B) Skilled Man and Helper	\$8.60
Materials Wholesale Plus or Minus	+15%
Overtime Per Hour	\$8.40

Carpentry - H.G. Ivany and Son, 3070 George Dauphinee Ave.
Halifax, N.S.

(A) Skilled Labor including Overhead and Trans- portation per Hour	\$4.50
(B) Unskilled Labor including overhead and transportation per Hour	\$3.20
(TOTAL A & B) Skilled Man and Helper	\$7.70
Materials Wholesale Plus or Minus	+15%
Overtime per Hour	\$6.75

Oil Burners - A. Gough, 2420 Westmount Street

(A) Skilled Labor including Overhead and transpor- tation per Hour	\$4.75
(B) Unskilled labor including overhead and trans- portation per hour	\$2.50

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(TOTAL A & B) Skilled Man and Helper \$7.25
Materials Wholesale Plus or Minus +27%
Overtime per Hour \$7.00

MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that Mr. R.A. Kanigsberg, Q.C., be permitted to address Council on behalf of W.S. Redmond, who had tendered for the Plumbing and Heating contract. Motion passed.

Mr. Kanigsberg said that Mr. Redmond had been serving the City for the past three years, with the result that he had in that time given up his own business in order to devote his full time to City work. Mr. Kanigsberg said he did not feel the staff report gave the correct impression, because although Mr. Redmond had the lowest tender under "A" Skilled Labor, he was higher under "B" Unskilled Labor, which brought the total of "A" and "B" to slightly more in Mr. Redmond's case than the two recommendations of staff. But this, he added, was unfair, since the fact was that Mr. Redmond did not use an Assistant, but worked alone. There had been, he said, a couple of occasions when Mr. Redmond had employed an assistant, but this had been done at the request of City staff who wanted to find employment for men recently out of prison. Furthermore, he stated, if one added "A", "B", and Overtime Per Hour, Mr. Redmond's tender came out the lowest.

Mr. Kanigsberg said that the cause of much of the trouble was due to a strain in the relationship between Mr. Redmond and Mr. Langmaid of the Real Estate Department which had developed over the years and had resulted in Mr. Redmond not receiving prompt payment of his accounts. He also said that these invoices were being held up for payment

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by someone on City staff who, in his opinion, was not even qualified to judge them.

Mr. Redmond spoke next and cited several examples of what he felt was a lack of cooperation on the part of Mr. Langmaid. Furthermore, he said, the work appeared to have been divided into major and minor jobs, with him getting the minor jobs and the competition getting more work.

Alderman LeBlanc asked if the City Manager would comment on whether, in fact, the City was violating its contract with Mr. Redmond.

The City Manager replied that there were times when Mr. Redmond was not available or was unable to handle additional work, since he worked alone, and that the contract allowed in such instances for the City to seek other help. He said it was his opinion the staff recommendation in this matter was correct, but that the matter was a complex one and all the factors involved could not be set out in a report. He suggested that possibly Council members might want to hear more on the matter before making a decision.

Alderman Meagher said he would like to hear more details, together with a breakdown on how much money was paid to Mr. Redmond and how much to the competition. Alderman Connolly quoted some figures from a letter written by the City Manager, but there was some question as to whether the figures were complete.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the matter of approval of contracts for Plumbing and Heating work on City-owned rental properties be referred back to the next meeting of the Committee of the

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Whole for a further report from staff, and that Mr. Redmond be advised of the meeting in order that he could attend.

Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman MacKeen, that Council approve the continuation of the policy for maintenance of the eighty housing units by tender, and approve the contractors for (1) Electrical, (2) Carpentry, and (3) Oil Burner work as follows:

Electrical - James J. Mahar & Company - 615 Herring Cove Road

(A)	Skilled Labor Including Overhead and Transportation per Hour	\$5.50
(B)	Unskilled Labor Including Overhead and Transportation per Hour	\$3.50
(TOTAL A & B)	Skilled Man and Helper	\$9.00
	Materials Wholesale Plus or Minus	+8%
	Overtime per Hour	\$8.25

Carpentry - H. G. Ivany and Son - 3070 George Dauphinee Avenue

(A)	Skilled Labor Including Overhead and Transportation per Hour	\$4.50
(B)	Unskilled Labor Including Overhead and Transportation per Hour	\$3.20
(TOTAL A & B)	Skilled Man and Helper	\$7.70
	Materials Wholesale Plus or Minus	+15%
	Overtime per Hour	\$6.75

Oil Burners - A. Gough, 2420 Westmount Street

(A)	Skilled Labor Including Overhead and Transportation per Hour	\$4.75
(B)	Unskilled Labor Including Overhead and Transportation per Hour	\$2.50
(TOTAL A & B)	Skilled Man and Helper	\$7.25
	Materials Wholesale Plus or Minus	+27%
	Overtime per Hour	\$7.00

Motion passed.