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"could tell us that we were deliberately wrong; we could say the same about you. What would this achieve? We might both be wrong. Or perhaps we're both right from some point of view. Would the facts be clearer? Not likely.

"I now wish to read a statement from Mr. Donald Murphy, the City Solicitor. Mr. Murphy is a man for whom I have the utmost respect. He works hard, and with great good-will and intelligence for the citizens of Halifax, including you and me. His statement follows:

(As quoted above)

"Now I wish to read a statement from Mr. Harold Crowell, our Social Planner. Mr. Crowell is a brilliant man, dedicated to finding ways of helping the poor to achieve livable incomes and a sense of their own worth as members of society. His statement reads:

(As quoted above)

"Finally, your letter was completely off-base with respect to Mr. Langmaid. This is a matter on which an immediate apology would seem to have been in order.

"Having provided this information in addition to the Manager's report, we now face the question: "What do we do about it?"

"During the day, I was able to reach 7 of the 10 Aldermen. They have agreed, subject to your concurrence, to ask the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission to examine the matters referred to in your letter and to report publicly their independent judgment.

"If the Commission is to examine the issues with the opportunity to exercise objective judgment, then in my view the NSAACP, the BUF, and the City should refrain from further statements which would tend to inflame the situation until their report is completed. I urge this course upon you."

Delegation - Nova Scotia Association for the Advancement of Coloured
People

Mr. H.A.J. Wedderburn addressed the Council

as follows:

"Your Worship and Members of City Council, I am speaking tonight specifically on behalf of The Nova Scotia Association for the Advancement of Coloured People. I am confident that I am expressing also, a view shared by many concerned citizens of Halifax.

"We have read the City Manager's published admission that the Carvery incident did take place, and also Your Worship's public acknowledgment that in your opinion the incident

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"represented an error in judgment. We noted as well the City Manager's failure to name the individual or individuals who conceived and authorized this immoral act.

"The NSAACP accepts the apologies of City Solicitor, Donald F. Murphy, and Social Planner Harold Crowell. Because there can be no justification, however, for such action by experienced men in responsible positions of public trust, we believe that it is incumbent upon this Council to instruct the offending staff members to write an expression of apology to Mr. Carvery, and for this Council to utter a policy statement that it will not in future tolerate repetitions of this kind of practice. Council should also make it public knowledge who conceived this unusual approach of doing civic business, and who authorized the withdrawal of such large sums of tax-payers' money for this purpose.

"Finally, we should like to take this opportunity to extend a public apology to Mr. Langmaid, a Supervisor of Real Estate, for having erroneously associated him with participation in this deeply regrettable situation, and regret the embarrassment that mistaken references to him must have caused."

Delegation - Board of Directors of the Black United Front of
Nova Scotia

Mrs. Carrie Best addressed the Council as follows:

"I am here representing the Black United Front. At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors on Saturday, January 24, a resolution was unanimously passed that a representation from that body present this submission to your Council tonight, and I wish to express first the information that the Board of Directors is composed of persons from all black communities in Nova Scotia, and it was the unanimous decision of the Board that this submission should be for black people throughout the Province, and not only for the City of Halifax, and I was elected to submit it to you.

"The submission concerns Mr. Aaron Carvery and the manner in which negotiations were carried out for the purchase of his property. First, we wish to assure the members of City Council that we have never doubted the ability of the City of Halifax to pay its obligations, so that the procedure whereby money was displayed to Mr. Carvery, to us, is most unusual.

"We note also that Mr. Murphy, the City Solicitor, and Mr. Crowell, the City Planner, who were present at the meeting in question, have issued statements of apology. We wish to emphasize that we deeply deplore and detest

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"the fact that the chief executive of the City, the City Manager, who issued a statement admitting his involvement in the incident, and then later tried to justify it, has not yet seen fit to offer his apology. We demand that Mr. Murphy's and Mr. Crowell's apologies be published in full, along with the apology of the City Manager.

"We wish to point out the fact that Mr. Carvery is a member of an under-privileged class of people, and from a human rights standpoint, to subject a man of 70 years to this humiliation was a basic denial of his human rights: It was inhuman, unkind, and un-Christian. Particularly as a result of his age and blackness, Mr. Carvery has already suffered from social and economic deprivation. This was an insult to the entire ethnic group of which Mr. Carvery is a member. It would cause one to ask about the settlements reached for other Africville properties.

"The City Manager's statement of January 23 was intended to confuse and cloud the issue."

At this point, His Worship the Mayor interrupted Mrs. Best to state that it was the rule of the Chamber not to allow the questioning of the motives of others. He said that to imply that such and such was the intention of the City Manager could not go unchallenged. His Worship the Mayor said he knew the City Manager well enough to know that it was not his intention to confuse and cloud the issue.

Mrs. Best apologized for her statement, but said it expressed the feeling of the group she was representing. She continued her submission as follows:

"We demand that the apology of Mr. Murphy and Mr. Crowell be written into the official records of Council and published in full, along with the apology of the City Manager.

"We also demand that City Council adopt a resolution tonight, accepting the above apologies and regretting the incident, and expressing total disapproval of the use of cash as an inducement to obtain a settlement in negotiations. We wish to be assured that such action is contrary to the policy of the City of Halifax, and will not occur again.

"We demand that the City Manager and other staff members involved, transmit their letters of apology to Mr. Carvery.

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"And finally, that the City Manager be instructed to immediately undertake a training course in sensitivity training in dealing with minority groups and other disadvantaged people - this course should be compulsory for all division chiefs, department heads, in fact, all staff members who deal with the public. Such a course is available from the Human Rights Commission.

"We expect the City of Halifax, the capital of the Province, to set an example to smaller communities of the manner in which municipal affairs are carried on, and I would like very much that the result of this meeting be placed on record so that in other communities where industrial expansion is going on which involves the rights and properties of under-privileged persons, their rights shall not be denied them. We are watching this situation very closely in New Glasgow, where a shopping center is being constructed on property which involves negroes. You say that the City Manager erred in judgment, but it will be of great help for us to be able to point to the City of Halifax and say: This is what was done when a member of the City staff erred in his judgment."

Alderman McGuire stated that in anticipation of tonight's meeting, a number of the Aldermen had met to discuss the matter, the result of which had been the drawing up of a Resolution. The resolution, he added, did not answer in every detail the requests from Mr. Wedderburn and Mrs. Best, but he felt the general intention of the resolution would be clear to them. Furthermore, he said, if members of Council so desired, the motion could be amended. The Resolution, he said, was that Council accept the following statements as its policy in the matter:

1. City Council recognizes the error in judgment of the cash incident, supports its staff in their motivation, and recognizes that the City should have sought a Court Order as the means to secure vacant possession of a City-owned property. In future, a Court Order would be used.
2. The City does not accept the moral judgments or errors of the NSAACP letter, but notwithstanding, endorses the apology to Mr. Carvery which is contained in the letters of Mr. Murphy and Mr. Crowell.
3. The City offered to refer the matter to the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission. The NSAACP rejected this offer. The City is not prepared to deny the competence of the Human Rights Commission by adding nominees to a Committee to investigate.

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4. The report of Mr. Ward and the statements of Mr. Murphy and Mr. Crowell provide the facts and put the matter in perspective.
5. The City, having acknowledged the error of judgment, having endorsed the apology to Mr. Carvery, and having accepted the City Manager's report on the facts, now with respect to all those involved in the case, considers the matter closed.

Alderman McGuire said that since Mr. Carvery was actually the center of the whole matter, he was willing to amend the motion to include an instruction that Mr. Murphy and Mr. Crowell address their letters of apology to Mr. Carvery.

The City Solicitor rose to say he did not feel such an instruction was necessary on his part, and preferred to see the matter of how his apology would be transmitted to Mr. Carvery, left to his own decision and judgment.

Alderman McGuire thereupon agreed to withdraw such an amendment.

Mr. Crowell asked permission to speak, and stated it appeared to him that he had been cast in a role which he did not like. He said he firmly believed in the goals and objectives of the NSAACP, and in human rights, and it was not part of his code of ethics, or of any social worker, to be part of putting another man down, be such a man old, black, or white. Mr. Crowell stated that he had not been in favour of having cash displayed to Mr. Carvery, and he had apologized to Mr. Carvery on this matter after the meeting, having seen that Mr. Carvery had been made uncomfortable. Mr. Crowell stated he had seen Mr. Carvery since that meeting, and had again personally apologized. He said Mr. Carvery had been asked if he wanted

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a letter of apology from himself or Council, and Mr. Carvery had stated he felt the matter closed and he did not want anything further in the way of an apology. However, Mr. Crowell, said, he was certainly prepared to send Mr. Carvery a written apology if this would right the wrong which had been done. In closing Mr. Crowell said he wished to emphasize that he had attended the meeting under discussion on behalf of, and not against, Mr. Carvery, and he felt it was important to him as a social worker, and an individual, to have this point clarified before the Council and the public.

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the Resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee with respect to the following matters:

RESOLUTION - City of Dartmouth - Foundation Program Scales:

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Hogan, that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council ask the School Board for its views on the Resolution from the City of Dartmouth relating to Foundation Program Scales and request the Alderman charged with an area of special interest in "Finance" to propose to the Council meeting an improved formula for the sharing of education costs between the Province of Nova Scotia and the City of Halifax. Motion Passed.

Wedgewood Park - Marlboro Park Water System:

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

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1. an amount of \$6,000.00 be included in the 1970 Current Estimates of the City for the purpose of deepening by 150 to 200 feet the well which supplies the Wedgewood Park - Marlboro Park area, to increase the yield from 5 gallons per minute to 10 gallons per minute and to eliminate or reduce to a minimum the necessity to truck water to the reservoir;
2. the City request the Public Service Commission to arrange for the carrying out and supervision of the necessary works on the City's behalf;
3. the Public Utilities be requested to approve the expenditure of \$6,000.00 for this purpose.

Motion passed.

Acquisition of Property - 5180(18) Gerrish Street - Mrs. Marmaree
A. Barrett

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

1. the property 5180 Gerrish Street be acquired for the sum of \$4,200.00 plus the amount of outstanding taxes for the year 1965 and subsequent years to and including the date of acquisition, plus accrued interest thereon, as well as an amount charged against the property by the City for private work done on the building since November, 1964;
2. City Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs to approve the use of monies from the Sale of Land Account in an amount not exceeding \$6,000.00, to cover acquisition, appraisal fees and demolition of the building.

Motion passed.

Barrington Street Proposals:

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council indicate to the staffs of the City and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation that they should proceed immediately with an evaluation of the proposal submitted and make a formal recommendation to City Council as soon as possible and that

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a meeting be arranged to acquaint the people living in the area of the proposal. Motion passed.

Port Commission Move to Scotia Square:

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the request of the Halifax-Dartmouth Port Commission to occupy space in Scotia Square prior to budget approval at an estimated cost of \$12,980.00 be approved. Motion passed, with Alderman Connolly against.

Halifax Civic Hospital:

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

1. the request to call for Tenders by the Board of Management of the Halifax Civic Hospital for the rewiring of the Centre and West Wings of the Hospital at an estimated cost of \$20,000 to be shared 2/3 by the Province and 1/3 by the City be approved;
2. the request for \$8,117.00 to cover expenses considered as non-shareable by the Hospital Insurance Commission be approved;
3. the necessary amounts be added to the 1970 budget.

Motion passed.

Amendment - Administrative Order No. 8:

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

"THAT Administrative Order No. 8 be amended to include the following Clubs, as recommended by the Tax Concession and Grants Committee:

Ashburn Golf Club
Rockingham Yacht Club
Saraguay Club
Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron"

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the Armdale Yacht Club be added to the

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list for inclusion in Administrative Order No. 8.

Alderman Abbott advised that the above was in conformity with a recommendation from the Tax Concession and Grants Committee.

The amendment was put and passed.

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

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the amendment to Administrative Order No. 8 be read and passed a first time. Motion passed.

Levy of Business Tax on Operations which Carry on Business, Clubs, etc.:

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, steps be taken to have those portions of Clubs that operate as a business, subject to the business tax, and that any legislation necessary be secured. Motion passed.

Council:

1. the report of Project Planner Associates Limited entitled "Prison Lands Development Programme - Site Master Plan" be received and passed by Staff with request that a meeting be held with the area residents and a written Staff report be prepared as soon as possible;
2. Aldermen Connolly and Flynn be appointed to represent City Council at the meeting, to be held on either January 22 or 26, 1970, with the area residents and that an invitation be extended to all members of Council to attend.

Motion passed.

The following report from Staff dated January 29,

1970 was submitted:

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REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on January 21, 1970 with respect to the following matter:

Street Encroachment - Canopy - Standard Brands Moirs -
1820 Argyle Street

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, a permit to erect an encroaching canopy on the east side of Grafton Street, being the west side of the Moirs building on Argyle Street, which would serve as a shelter for unloading trucks be not granted but that the suggestion of Staff relating to a change in the design to a canvas awning type of structure be passed to the applicant for consideration. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

City Prison Lands - Development Proposals - Site Master Plan

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council:

1. the report of Project Planning Associates Limited entitled "Prison Lands Development Proposals - Site Master Plan" be received and passed to Staff with a request that a meeting be held with the area residents and a written Staff report be prepared as soon as possible;
2. Aldermen Connolly and Ivany be appointed to represent City Council at the meeting, to be held on either January 22 or 26, 1970, with the area residents but that an invitation be extended to all members of Council to attend.

Motion passed.

The following report from Staff dated January 29, 1970 was submitted:

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"The Consultants for this project have submitted Report No. 3 which represents Stage 6, Comprehensive Site Master Plan, in accordance with the requirements of the agreement documents for this project. Approval to the Consultant's work is now required in order that they may proceed with the next stage of the project which is the implementation programme.

Following the Consultant's presentation of their findings to the Committee of the Whole on January 20, 1970 a meeting was held on January 28, 1970 at Mulgrave Park School of Council members, residents of the area and City Staff.

Staff now comment that concern has been expressed that families with an income in the region of \$5,000 per annum are not catered for in the project. It is recommended that the Consultants give further thought to the desirability and feasibility of accommodating families of this level of income in the project. The tender documents should incorporate such requirements as would achieve the consultants further recommendation on this aspect.

It is recommended that the Consultants consider and possibly include in the tender documents proposals on the part of the potential developers as to how an improved situation as regards rental levels and home ownership might be made. Such proposals should be within the parameters established by the Consultants for this development. It should be emphasized, therefore, that the essential requirements recommended by the Consultants be achieved in the final development of this project.

Having regard to the discussions which took place at the public meeting and the presentation by Consultants together with examination of the report document and support graphic material, Staff now recommend that Council give approval to Report No. 3 and direction be given for the Consultants to proceed with Stage 7 of the project. Should Council wish to give approval, it is suggested that they may wish to also include reference to the staff comments contained in this report."

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman

Council's approval of the Staff Report be approved. Motion passed.

Recording of Committee and City Council Minutes

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman

Ivany that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council, the method for recording minutes of all meetings be continued as in the past. Motion passed.

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Kline Heights Renewal Scheme

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Allen that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council:

1. A committee composed of members of City Council meet immediately with the Kline Heights Advisory Committee in connection with those residents of the area who will be affected by the first phase of the renewal program, namely, the installation of sewer and water facilities, due to the fact that some advance publicity regarding the renewal scheme has caused them grave concern as to the effect it will have on their homes; and
2. City Staff give immediate consideration to the Final Report, and submit a recommendation as soon as possible as to how the City of Halifax can embark on the first objectives of the renewal program, namely, the installation of sewer and water facilities.

Alderman LeBlanc referred to the recent meeting held with the Kline Heights residents and said that the general consensus was that something should be started as quickly as possible and he asked the City Manager if he would direct those members of Staff responsible to bring members of Council into the picture and report on the financial implications as a matter of priority.

The City Manager said that he had anticipated City Council's approval of the Kline Heights Report and had sent a memorandum to the Aldermen stating that Mr. R. B. Grant, Director of Development and Urban Renewal will be responsible for this matter and will gather the affected people together since it appeared that sewer and water facilities were most urgent, and the memorandum suggested that Mr. Grant get in touch with the appropriate Federal and Provincial Departments to see if the City can get assistance for the programme.

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His Worship the Mayor asked that he be kept informed since he has had some discussions on this matter.

The motion was then put and passed.

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the Town Planning Board from its meeting held on January 21, 1970 with respect to the following matters:

Rezoning - R-1 Residential to R-4 Residential, and Extension to a Non-conforming Building - 13 Bryden Avenue

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for rezoning from R-1 Residential to R-4 Residential and the extension to the non-conforming building at Civic No. 13 Bryden Avenue, as shown in Case No. 1979 on Plans No. P200/305-07 and P200/3439, be refused. Motion passed.

Modification of the Front Yard and Lot Area Requirement - Portions of Lot 66 and 67 Layton Road

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of (1) the front yard requirement and (2) the lot area requirement, to permit the relocating of a duplex dwelling on the portions of the existing lots 66 and 67 Layton Road, as shown in Case No. 2004 on Plan No. P200/3446, be approved. Motion passed.

Rezoning Lots 13-20 Claremont Street - Rezoning from R-2 Residential to R-3 Residential - Date for Hearing

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

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1. Approval be granted to the application for rezoning Lots 13-20 Claremont Street, from R-2 Residential to R-3 Residential, to permit the construction of a 48-unit apartment building, subject to the owner constructing Claremont Street to the City's satisfaction;
2. A date be set for a Public Hearing;
3. The area outlined on the plan attached to the staff report be designated as the area within which persons will be notified of the Public Hearing.

Motion passed.

Modification of Lot Frontage and Lot Area Requirement -
86 Coronation Avenue

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of the lot frontage and lot area requirements, to facilitate the conversion of a single family dwelling to a duplex dwelling at 86 Coronation Avenue, as shown on Plans No. P200/3447 and P200/3448 of Case No. 2005, be approved, providing the applicant meets the City's requirements with regard to providing parking accommodation. Motion passed.

Alteration to a Subdivision - Block "C" Lacewood Drive,
Clayton Park

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, approval be granted to the request to alter the subdivision for closure of Block "C" Lacewood Drive, Clayton Park, as shown in Case No. 1984 on Plan No. P200/3410 and that a Public Hearing in the matter be waived. Motion passed.

Modification of Front Yard and Lot Area Requirement - 2466
John Street

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Allen that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application

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for modification of (1) the front yard requirement, and (2) the lot area requirement, to permit the construction of a four-unit apartment building at No. 2466 John Street, as shown on Plan No. P200/3527, be approved, subject to the building being set back to conform to the 15-foot front yard requirement as set out in the Zoning By-law. Motion passed.

Construction of a New Apartment Complex - Lot C5 Lacewood Drive

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, approval be granted to the construction of a 139-unit apartment building - Lot C5 Lacewood Drive, providing the overall development of Block C remains at approximately 42 persons per acre, in accordance with the proposal to comply with the density by limiting a proposed second high-rise apartment building to 127 units. Motion passed.

Modification of Front Yard Requirement - Lots 339, 340, 342, 343 and 349 Northcliffe Lane

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of front yard requirements for Lots 339, 340, 342, 343 and 349 Northcliffe Lane, as shown on Plan No. P200/3496, be approved. Motion passed.

Subdivision Alteration - Bridgeview Subdivision - Kingfisher and Dipper Crescent, Rockingham

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, approval be granted to a subdivision alteration, Bridgeview Subdivision, Kingfisher and Dipper Crescents, Rockingham, to create Lots 335-B and 329-A, as shown on Plan No. P200/3416, and that a Public Hearing in the matter be waived. Motion passed.

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Modification of Lot Frontage and Lot Area Requirements -
84 Rufus Avenue

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of lot frontage and lot area requirements at No. 84 Rufus Avenue, Fairview, to permit the construction of a new duplex dwelling on a vacant lot, be refused. Motion passed.

Modification of Lot Area Requirements - Lot #20 McIntosh Street

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of the lot area requirement at No. 20 McIntosh Street, to permit the construction of a duplex dwelling, as shown on Plan No. P200/3483, be refused. Motion passed.

Modification of Front Yard Requirement - 400 Herring Cove Road

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of the front yard requirement at No. 400 Herring Cove Road, to permit the relocation of a 20-foot by 22-foot one-storey office building, as shown on Plan No. P200/3540, be approved. Motion passed.

Subdivision Alteration - Lands of Rex Burgess - Herring Cove Road

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Allen that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, a subdivision alteration be granted to add Lot A to Lot 2 and to add Lot B to Lot 3, Lands of Rex Burgess, Herring Cove Road, as shown on Plan No. P200/3440, and that the Public Hearing be waived. Motion passed.

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Official Plan - Sections 7-M, 11-G, 15-E and 18-E - Street
Lines - Date for Hearing

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Allen that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, City Council set a date for a Public Hearing to lay down official street lines as shown on Sections 7-M, 11-G, 15-E and 18-E of the Official City Plan. Motion passed.

MOTIONS

Motion - Alderman MacKeen Re: Appointment of Committee -
City Government

His Worship the Mayor advised that Alderman MacKeen had asked him to request City Council to permit the deferral of this matter to the next regular meeting of Council.

Council agreed to defer the item.

Motion - Alderman McGuire Re: Amendments to Ordinance No. 119
Respecting the Levying and Collection of Poll Tax - First
Reading

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the following amendment to Ordinance No. 119, Respecting the Levying and Collection of Poll Tax, be read and passed a First Time:

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Halifax, that Section 7 of Ordinance Number 119, Respecting the Levying and Collection of Poll Tax, is amended by striking out the word "seven" in the third line thereof and substituting therefor the word "twelve".

Motion passed.

Motion - Alderman McGuire - Introduction of Ordinance No. 141,
Respecting Tax Relief for Widows - First Reading

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Abbott that Ordinance Number 141, Respecting Tax Exemption for Widows, be read and passed a First Time.

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Alderman McGuire hoped that members of Council would peruse the Ordinance and be prepared to discuss the levels of income proposed in the Ordinance at the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

The motion was then put and passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accounts Over \$5,000.00

No Accounts Over \$5,000.00 were submitted at this time.

Report - Special Committee Re: Draft Ministerial Order -
District Planning Commission

His Worship the Mayor referred to the fact that the above report was distributed to members of Council some time ago and since the new Town Planning Act will now be proclaimed, effective in March, 1970, there is no further time available for representations to be made to the Minister.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the Special Committee had prepared a draft report and when he had occasion to meet the Minister and Deputy Minister he gave them two copies of the draft report for their consideration. He asked Council to ratify his action and approve the draft report, or decide against it, in which case he would ask the Minister to disregard it.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the draft report prepared by the Special Committee of January 12, 1970 be officially endorsed by City Council, as the City of Halifax official policy.

Alderman LeBlanc asked, in view of the urgency of

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the situation, if a meeting could be arranged between members of the Special Committee and the Minister to discuss the matter before the Act is proclaimed.

His Worship the Mayor said he would be glad to arrange such a meeting.

It was then agreed by Alderman Meagher, with the approval of his seconder to add the following to the motion:

and that His Worship the Mayor be empowered to seek a meeting as soon as possible with the Provincial Department to discuss the new Town Planning Act before it is proclaimed.

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that if the motion is approved, the draft report can then be made public. He said that it is his understanding that the City of Saint John now sits on a Committee with the Province of New Brunswick and the Government of Canada with respect to the fact that Saint John is a growth centre and the one municipality is involved. He considered that the weakness of the Nova Scotia position is that there are three municipalities involved in the Halifax situation.

The motion was then put and passed.

Tenders - Sewer Rehabilitation: (i) Edward Arab Avenue
(ii) Winston Place
(iii) Agricola Street

A staff report was submitted, to which was attached a tabulation of the tenders received for the rehabilitation of sewers on the above named streets.

Alderman Connolly said that the sewers on Edward Arab Avenue and Winston Place had only been installed for a period of twenty-five years and he questioned why they would

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require rehabilitation work to be done so soon.

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that the matter had been considered urgent in 1968 since funds were included in the City's Capital Budget at that time. He suggested that Staff should submit a supplementary report outlining the reasons for the rehabilitation.

Alderman Connolly noted that the difference in the two tenders submitted was very great and he questioned whether the recommended firm was capable of doing a satisfactory job.

The City Manager advised that Staff make quite sure that the recommended firm would do an adequate job of work.

Alderman McGuire felt that in the light of the points raised by Alderman Connolly, the matter should be deferred to permit further information to be brought forward by Staff.

The City Manager said that it might be an idea to call a Special City Council meeting during the Committee of the Whole meeting next week, when Staff could answer Alderman Connolly's questions.

Alderman Ivany wanted Staff to check again to make sure that the specifications were adhered to by the recommended tenderer.

After further discussion, Council agreed to defer the matter to a Special Meeting of City Council to be held during the meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council on February 4, 1970.

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QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Hogan Re: Call for Proposals - Historic Buildings

Alderman Hogan referred to a question he asked at the last regular meeting of City Council and he asked if he could be informed by the next meeting of Council when a Call for Development Proposals will be issued with respect to the rehabilitation of the Historic Buildings on the Waterfront.

The City Manager said he would try to get the information for the Alderman as quickly as possible.

Question Alderman Ivany Re: Possible Notice of Rescission - Increase in Interest Rate on Past Due Real Estate Taxes

Alderman Ivany asked what procedure he would follow to give a Notice of Rescission with respect to the above matter and he also asked how far Staff had proceeded with the changes in the records.

His Worship the Mayor said that if Notice was given at this meeting, it would not stop the work of staff and by the time it was considered at the next Council meeting more work would have been done.

Alderman Ivany said that he would discuss the matter with Staff and consider it further.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Air Pollution

Alderman Connolly referred to a meeting respecting Air Pollution which he attended a few days ago and he submitted the following comments and questions:

1. It is absolutely necessary to check on exhaust fumes from automobiles, trucks and buses in the City.
2. It is essential to measure for carbon dioxide.

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3. Monitoring should be done at street level as well. (He understood that the City might be able to borrow some of the equipment for measuring carbon dioxide at street level).
4. Exhaust devices should be required for all vehicles in the City. (May need Provincial legislation)
5. Annual inspection of vehicles should include exhaust emission levels (May require Provincial legislation)

He also referred to complaints he had received about fly ash from the Incinerator chimney which should be corrected.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Alderman Ivany - Amendments to Ordinance
No. 130 Respecting Wiring and the Use of Electrical Energy

Alderman Ivany gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on Thursday, February 12, 1970, he will introduce an amendment to Ordinance Number 130, Respecting Wiring and the Use of Electrical Energy. The purpose of the proposed amendment, being an amendment to Section 11 of the Ordinance, is to differentiate between two licenses which are issued by the Province of Nova Scotia under the provisions of the Apprenticeship and Tradesmen's Qualifications Act.

ADDED ITEMS

Amendment to Administrative Order No. 8 - First Reading

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Ivany that the following amendments to Administrative Order Number 8, Respecting Real Property of a Character or Nature Other than Residential or Business, be read and passed a First Time:

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BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Halifax, that Administrative Order Number 8, Respecting Real Property of a Character or Nature Other than Residential or Business, is amended by adding to the Schedule thereto the following properties:

Maritime School of Social Work	6420 Oxford Street
Saint Mary's University	Tower Road, Inglis & Robie Sts.
University of King's College	6360 Coburg Road
Dalhousie University and College:	
University Buildings	Coburg Road
University Buildings	University Ave. and South St.
University Buildings	University Ave. and South St.
University Buildings	6061 University Avenue
Student Union Building	LeMarchant Street
President's Residence	6446 Coburg Road
Medical Library	5963 College Street
Institute of Public Affairs	1315 LeMarchant Street
English Department	1329 LeMarchant Street
Student Pl. Office	1339 LeMarchant Street
History Department	1355 LeMarchant Street
Soc. & Anthr.	1244 LeMarchant Street
	1360 LeMarchant Street
	1368 LeMarchant Street
German Dept.	1376-78 LeMarchant Street
	1412-40 LeMarchant Street
Physiology	1460 Oxford Street
Computer	6165 South Street and 6171 South Street
Phys. Ed. Dept.	6209 University Avenue 6215 University Avenue 6219 University Avenue
English Dept.	6154-56 University Avenue
Economics Dept.	6214 University Avenue and 6218-20 University Avenue
Commerce Dept.	1239 Seymour Street
English Dept.	6188 South Street
Phys. Ed. Dept.	6270 South Street
Classica & Pl. Fld.	6300 South Street
School of Physiology	6006 University Avenue
Radia. Biology	6086 University Avenue and 6090 University Avenue
English Dept.	6094 University Avenue
Vacant Land	Edward Street
Ashburn Golf Club	
Rockingham Yacht Club	

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Saraguay Club
Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron
Armdale Yacht Club
Motion passed.

Emergency Housing

Alderman Hogan referred to the dire need for some sort of emergency housing in the City. He also referred to a new 32-unit motel which is going to be constructed on the Bedford Highway which necessitates the demolition of a house presently occupied by a family with five children who are unable to find any alternative accommodation and who have to vacate by next Friday. He reported that the man's take home pay is between \$84.00 and \$85.00 per week and he is unable to afford a high rent. He understood that the only alternative open to the family is to be accommodated for a short time in an hotel to permit them a further length of time to find a home and if they are still not able to find one, the family will then be split up. He thought this was a very sad situation. It was then MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman McGuire that Staff investigate immediately the purchase of trailers to be used as emergency housing. Alderman Hogan said that he understood new three bedroom trailers can be purchased for \$7,500.00 but some second-hand ones might be available. Alderman Ivany expressed his agreement with the motion and said that he had suggested the purchase of mobile homes some months ago and two were brought into the Grand Parade for members of Council to view.

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Several Aldermen suggested sites in the City where mobile homes could be located temporarily, all with sewer and water services. Land on Barrington Street and Morris Street was suggested.

His Worship the Mayor said that no doubt Staff would welcome suggestions for the location of the mobile homes from members of Council. He hoped that members of Staff would look at this matter as one of priority.

Alderman Abbott referred to some of the Air Force homes on South Street that have been boarded up and which might be used temporarily for emergency accommodation.

Alderman LeBlanc referred to a television programme shown this evening in which the President of the National organization of Bricklayers offered to make available a large sum of money to construct between 400 and 800 brick homes in the City of Halifax at a 4% interest rate. He suggested that Staff should check further into this offer and contact the gentleman immediately.

The motion was then put and passed.

Scotia Square and Replies to Questions Asked

Alderman Ivany referred to several questions that he had asked at Council meetings, one specifically relating to the cost of the rental of the space in Scotia Square, to which he has not received adequate replies or even a reply at all from Staff. He felt that all questions asked by members of Council should be answered as quickly as possible by Staff. He said that all questions are asked for a reason and sometimes are

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asked on behalf of someone else. He said that he could get annoyed about the lack of replies, but he is trying, as is the rest of Council, to work co-operatively with Staff. He stressed the fact that replies should be given to questions asked by members of Council. He asked again for a report from Staff setting out the total cost of the office space in Scotia Square and he also asked whether the corridor space is included in the price per square foot. He was concerned that the City Collector's Office is so far removed from the elevators and he felt that it should be easily accessible to the public.

He referred to another question he had asked with respect to Romans Avenue and some housing construction to which he had not yet received a reply. He thought that the elected representatives of the City should not be required to wait for ever for replies to their questions.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that since this appears to be an administrative matter, perhaps it should be discussed privately with the City Manager.

The City Manager said that a Staff Report was prepared some time ago which set out the Scotia Square rental, but a further report could be prepared. He said that until all the offices are located in Scotia Square and settled, there might be delays on some items. He also suggested that when the move to Scotia Square is completed, a tour could be arranged for the members of Council with the members of Staff who were responsible for the layout so that the thoughts behind the

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planning could be explained.

After further discussion, the Supervisor of Real Estate advised that the space in Scotia Square is being leased according to the American Standard of Measurement which differs if one leases a whole floor or a part floor. When a whole floor is leased, everything within the walls is included. He said that the City is getting a very reasonable deal from Halifax Developments Limited on a square foot basis. It is actually getting more than 40,000 square feet in fact. He said that he would be prepared to give Council the specific details in private but did not consider it appropriate at this time.

The City Solicitor reiterated the comments of the Supervisor of Real Estate that it would not be advisable to go into the details of the negotiations between the City of Halifax and Halifax Developments Limited in public as it might compromise the position of that company.

The Supervisor of Real Estate referred to the question of Alderman Ivany respecting Romans Avenue and said that extensive discussions have been held with respect to the three proposals of Nova Scotia Stone and there has been some concern and reservation on the possible aesthetic values of the particular buildings. He said that he has received a letter from the Nova Scotia Housing Commission indicating that they are prepared to enter into a general agreement with Nova Scotia Stone with respect to a site that they own which can be used as a pilot project. If this pilot project is acceptable, and

subject to further consideration, negotiations will be entered into for projects on City-owned land.

The City Manager said that Alderman Ivany raised the issue of questions and Staff replies and he was reading from a report of his dated October 7. He read part of the report and a copy of a memorandum giving full details was attached asking for a full portrayal of the facts so that the Staff members concerned could be taken to task, but nothing further was heard about the matter, so it was considered settled.

9:22 p.m. Council adjourned.

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ALIAN O'BRIEN
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R.H. STODDARD
CITY CLERK

File Chief

**SPECIAL COUNCIL
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Special Council,
February 4, 1970
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.
February 4, 1970
3:40 P.M.

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

Present: Acting Deputy Mayor Allen, Chairman; and Aldermen Abbott, MacKeen, Hogan, McGuire, and Meagher.

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

The City Clerk advised that the meeting was called to consider the following items:

1. Tenders: Sewer Rehabilitation - 1. Edward Arab Avenue, 2. Winston Place, 3. Agricola Street.
2. Use of Mobile Homes for Emergency Purposes.

TENDERS: SEWER REHABILITATION - 1. EDWARD ARAB AVENUE, 2. WINSTON PLACE, AND 3. AGRICOLA STREET

A staff report was submitted to the January 29th meeting of City Council recommending that the lowest tender of C.B. Potter Limited, in the amount of \$22,771.87, be accepted for sewer rehabilitation on the above-noted streets. Alderman Connolly questioned the necessity of carrying out the work at this time, and also in view of the large difference in the price quoted by C.B. Potter Limited, whether the firm was capable of doing a satisfactory job of work for such a price. Council agreed at that meeting to defer the matter to a Special meeting of Council.

The following staff report was submitted at today's meeting:

1. Edward Arab Avenue	\$5,925.00
2. Winston Place	\$11,530.00
3. Agricola Street	\$22,771.87