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of the proposed Ordinance should be discussed fully by members of Council with members of the Social Planning and Finance Departments.

Alderman Ivany, after some discussion, suggested that Second Reading of the Ordinance be deferred to permit the City Solicitor to discuss with Staff the amount of income to be stipulated in the Ordinance and the loss of revenue to the City as stated in the Staff Report of \$116,531.

The City Manager said that an amount of \$100,000.00 has been included in the budget for 1970 in anticipation of such an Ordinance being approved.

In reply to a question, the City Solicitor advised that he could see no problem in amending the Ordinance for 1970 only relating to the date for receipt of applications to July 31, 1970.

After further discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Allen that consideration be given to amending Ordinance No. 141 to provide that in 1970, the final date for receipt of applications be July 31, 1970.

Alderman Hogan was dubious about the Ordinance and felt that a means test would be required, and he considered that some persons' income fluctuates each month. He thought that further study should be given to the Ordinance before it is approved for Second Reading.

Alderman Allen felt that the administration of such an Ordinance would be a simple operation if the applicant was required to sign an affidavit relating to income for the previous year.

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It was pointed out that the change in date for receipt of applications to July 31, 1970 would relate only to that year and would revert to January 31, in following years.

After further discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman McGuire that the matter be deferred for 28 days for further consideration. Motion passed.

Ordinance Number 130 Respecting "Electrical Wiring and the Use of Electrical Energy" - Second Reading

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council, the following Amendments to Ordinance Number 130, Respecting Electrical Wiring and the Use of Electrical Energy be read and passed a Second Time:

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Halifax that Ordinance Number 130, Respecting Electrical Wiring and the Use of Electrical Energy, as approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 15th day of January, 1969, and amended and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 31st day of July, 1969, is further amended as follows:

1. Subsection (1) of Section 11 of said Ordinance Number 130 is amended, by striking out the word "electrician" in the second line thereof, and substituting therefor the word "wireman".

2. Clause (b) of subsection (2) of Section 11 of said Ordinance Number 130 is amended, by deleting the word "certificate" between the words "valid" and "issued" in the first line thereof and substituting the following immediately following the word "valid" and preceding the word "issued": "Certificate of Qualification in the Electrical Construction Trade."

Motion passed.

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the Town Planning Board from its meeting held on February 18, 1970, with respect to the following matters:

Modification of Front Yard Requirement - Lot 241 Linden Lane

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc

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that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of the front yard requirement, to permit the construction of a duplex dwelling at Lot 241, Linden Lane, as shown on Plan No. P200/3611, be approved. Motion passed.

Modification of Setback and Alteration to a Subdivision -  
1789 George St. 1799-1805 Hollis St. 1802-4 Bedford Row

The recommendation of the Town Planning Board reads as follows:

It is recommended that the application for modification of setback requirements, and alteration to a subdivision, at 1789 George Street, 1799-1805 Hollis Street, 1802-04 Bedford Row, to combine five lots to permit the construction of an 18-storey office building, as shown on Plan No. P200/3490 be approved and a Hearing waived, subject to the applicant providing a satisfactory arrangement for a loading zone, either inside or outside the building, which will not interfere with the flow of traffic on Harbour Drive.

Subsequent to the meeting of the Town Planning Board, the following letter was submitted from the applicants:

"Halibuilding Limited, Trade Mart, Scotia Square, Halifax,  
February 23, 1970

City Manager  
City of Halifax  
City Hall  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Sir:

Further to the Municipal Council's meeting of last Wednesday, February 18, would you please inform the Mayor and Council of the following:

- 1) Loading facilities have now been provided in the building for the small service trucks and cars.
- 2) The unloading of larger vehicles will be confined to the exterior of the building and restricted to loading and unloading between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 a.m.

I trust that the above is satisfactory, however, if further information is necessary please do not hesitate to contact the writer.

Yours very truly,  
(Signed) W. A. Lundrigan, Director

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A Staff Report was also submitted dated February 26, 1970, which reads as follows:

Staff have considered the contents of a letter of February 23, 1970, from Halibuilding Limited to the City Manager, copies of the letter having been circulated to members of Council.

It is the opinion of staff that the developer's solution to the problem of traffic congestion on Harbour Drive adjacent to the proposed building, which will result from the loading and unloading of heavier vehicles, will not be enforceable in practice and will, therefore, be ineffective.

Alderman Meagher asked whether certain specifications could be put on the building permit stating that all loading and unloading must be done inside the building.

The City Engineer did not know whether this could be done legally, but if it should be done, the present plans of the building would have to be changed. He made reference to certain types of deliveries such as Brinks, etc. which might have certain rules for deliveries. He also said that if several soft drink trucks arrived at the same time to make deliveries, they would not all be able to get inside the building.

The City Solicitor presented his view and said that even though such a covenant might be included in the lease or agreement with the developers, the various trucking firms would not be bound to honour such an agreement.

Alderman Ivany could visualize the particular corner developing into another Willow Tree. He particularly favoured item No. 2 set out in the letter from the Developer.

Alderman LeBlanc felt that perhaps the Developer's letter is accepted and then violated, all parking might be abolished on the street.

The City Solicitor advised that even in a no parking area, under the Motor Vehicle Act loading and unloading is permitted. He felt that the only sign that could be erected

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which would effectively halt loading and unloading operations from the street would be a "No Stopping" sign, but this would also need to apply to buses and taxis, etc. and would ultimately cause a police problem.

In reply to a question, the City Solicitor said that the City does not presently have the authority to limit the loading and unloading operations of businesses to certain hours and the co-operation of the Province would need to be sought.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Allen that the recommendation from the Town Planning Board be approved. Motion passed.

Modification of Front Yard Requirement - 7 & 9 Circle Drive  
Spryfield

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of the front yard requirement of No. 7 and 9 Circle Drive, to permit the relocation of the church on the lot, as shown on Plan No. P200/3612, and to construct an addition of 10 feet by 30 feet, be approved. Motion passed.

Modification of Lot Frontage Requirement - Lot - 244 Linden Lane

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of the lot frontage requirement to permit the construction of a duplex dwelling on Lot 244 Linden Lane, as shown on Plan No. P200/3610, be approved. Motion passed.

#### MOTIONS

Motion - Alderman Abbott, Re: Amendments to Ordinance Number 128,  
First Reading

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ivany that an Amendment to Ordinance No. 128, Respecting Exemption

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from Real Property Tax on Properties Used for Certain Purposes deleting the property of St. Theresa's Convent, North Street and Oxford Street be read and passed a First Time. Motion passed.

Motion - Alderman MacKeen Re: Policy Recommendation to Transit Corporation - Reduced Fares for Senior Citizens

Alderman MacKeen asked if Council would permit the deferment of this motion for a period of 28 days.

Council agreed to the Alderman's request.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accounts Over \$5000

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

Appointment - Housing Authority - Mr. Harold E. Crosby

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that Mr. Harold E. Crosby be appointed to the Halifax Housing Authority for the term expiring December 31, 1972.

His Worship the Mayor reported that Mr. Crosby is a Chartered Accountant and his nomination has been approved by the Provincial representatives and by the Federal representatives.

The motion was then put and passed.

Lease - Office Space - Scotia Square

The following report was submitted from Staff:

Members of City Staff and of Halifax Developments Limited have now concluded their negotiations of the terms of the above referred to lease, covering the third floor in the Duke Street Tower at Scotia Square.

The lease is for a ten year term, commencing on March 1, 1970 and terminating on February 29, 1980, with a monthly rental of \$17,000 resulting in an annual rent payable by the City of \$204,000.00. The area leased comprises 40,000 square feet, at the rate of \$5.10 per square foot.

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A copy of this lease, which consists of 25 pages, is available for inspection in the Office of the City Manager.

In order to meet certain financial commitments, Halifax Developments Limited has requested the City to execute this lease by February 23rd next. Council is therefore requested to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute this lease on behalf of the City.

Several of the Aldermen expressed the view that they wished to have some more information relating to the office space in Scotia Square, other than that that has already been given.

The Supervisor of Real Estate pointed out that the information could be given to the Aldermen, but not at a public meeting since it could cause some embarrassment to Halifax Developments Limited in connection with its leasing arrangements with other tenants in the building. He further reported on the many discussions which took place with representatives of the Company during the negotiation proceedings of the lease.

After further discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Allen that Council adjourn to the Mayor's Office for a short time to hear further details with respect to the matter of the Scotia Square Lease which could not be discussed publicly. Motion passed.

10:05 p.m. Council adjourned to meet in Mayor's Office.

10:35 p.m. Council reconvened.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman McGuire that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Lease between Halifax Developments Limited and the City of Halifax in connection with the office space in Scotia Square. Motion passed with Alderman Meagher voting against and

Alderman Ivany being absent when the vote was taken on this item.

Transferral of Funds - 1968 Capital Budget

The following report was submitted from Staff:

Starting on March 22, 1970 Volvo will be operating oversized vehicles between the container Pier and their production plant at Pier 9.

In order to make this possible it is necessary to increase the turning radius at the northeast corner of Lower Water Street and Terminal Road. This would allow ease of cornering for these oversized vehicles.

To have this work completed by March 22, 1970 funds are now required. It is therefore recommended that the following item be deleted in lieu of this new added item.

Item to be deleted from Section III of the approved 1968 Capital Budget:

<u>Capital Account</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Traffic Improvements 53-14	Fielding Ave.	@ Dead End of Existing Street	\$6,000.00

Item to be added to Section III of the approved 1968 Capital Budget.

Traffic Improvements 53-14	Lower Water Street	@ Terminal Road Northeast Corner	\$6,000.00
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MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Abbott  
that the Staff Report be approved. Motion passed

QUESTIONS

Question - Alderman LeBlanc Re: Possible Taxation of Mobile  
Restaurants

Alderman LeBlanc referred to a question of a similar nature which he had asked at a previous Council meeting and asked if any possibility could be devised whereby mobile restaurants operating throughout the City could be taxed.

The City Solicitor advised that a meeting on this matter was held today with Staff and it is likely that a recommendation will be forthcoming very shortly.

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Question Alderman Connolly Re: Amendments to Zoning By-law

Alderman Connolly asked if Staff have given any consideration to a possible amendment to the Zoning By-law which would permit four-unit apartment buildings to be converted to 6-unit apartment buildings. He referred specifically to an application which had been received from the owner of a house at 6281 Lawrence Street.

His Worship the Mayor considered that such a question would actually require a Notice of Motion to be made to amend the appropriate sections of the Zoning By-law.

After a short discussion, it was agreed that Alderman Connolly should discuss the matter with the City Solicitor to see what steps might be taken to amend the Zoning By-law.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Alderman Ivany - Amendment to Section 8(n)  
of Ordinance No. 103

Alderman Ivany gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council, he would move an amendment to Ordinance No. 3, Section 8(n), which would permit the "Questions" item on the Order of Business to be amended to "Questions and Answers".

Notice of Motion - Alderman Allen - Annexation of Watershed  
Lands to the City of Halifax

Alderman Allen gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council, he will move that City Council formally request the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities to annex the Watershed Lands to the City of Halifax.

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ADDED ITEMS

Private Crossing Agreement (Sherwood Point)

The following report was submitted from Staff:

The above noted matter was considered by the Committee on Works on February 18 and deferred in order to permit staff to report on the engineering feasibility and cost of building an overpass to eliminate pedestrian traffic over the level crossing giving access to the Sherwood Point Playground. As was indicated during the meeting by the City Engineer, staff have serious reservations as to whether the type of overpass considered is a practical solution to the problem; and in addition, they seriously question the cost estimate of \$30,000 which was provided by the Railway and included in the City's Capital Budget. It is for these latter reasons that the over-pass had not been proceeded with.

The position of the Railway in this case has been that the City should either proceed with the overpass construction or enter into an agreement respecting the use of the private crossing. Such an agreement would make the City solely liable for any damages resulting from the use of the crossing, irrespective of fault. The City Solicitor explained to the Committee on Works his reservations with respect to such an agreement, but the fact is that the matter is not negotiable with the Railway.

Negotiations have been carried on with the Canadian National with respect to the agreement for the better part of a year. The status of these now is that if Council acceptance is not forthcoming at or before its regular meeting of February 26 the Railway will proceed to fence off the crossing and will consider anyone crossing its tracks at that point as trespassing. In the opinion of Staff, there would be some difficulty in convincing the Railway to remove any such fence in the near future, and the use of the Playground during the coming summer recreation season could be in jeopardy. Council may, therefore, wish to consider the possible consequences of deferring execution of the required agreement.

For the protection of the City and subject to the availability of funds, the Recreation Department is prepared to erect temporary fencing to minimize use of the crossing during the off-season and furthermore, to post a guard during the summer as was done in 1969.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the Staff Report be approved. Motion passed.

1970 Legislation

Council agreed to defer this matter to the Council meeting scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 1970.

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Release of Watershed Lands

His Worship the Mayor referred to a draft letter he had prepared addressed to the Premier, copies of which draft had been distributed to all members of Council and he asked if anyone had any comments to make on the letter.

The City Manager advised that he had perused the draft letter and considered it appropriate.

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the draft letter to the Premier, as submitted, relating to the release of the Watershed lands be sent to the Premier with the indication that it is supported by all members of City Council. Motion passed.

Developing Housing Needs

Alderman Ivany was concerned about the situation which is developing in the City, where new developments are taking place and which are displacing families from their homes and who are finding it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to find alternative accommodations at the rents they can afford. He referred specifically to thirteen families who have been given notice by the Bridge Commission to be out of their homes by the end of March and the total number of children involved in the 13 families is approximately 25. He also referred to the Oland's development which is also going to displace a considerable number of families. He considered that the developers should share with the City the responsibility of relocating the displaced families, most of whom are within the \$85.00 to \$125.00 rent bracket. He suggested that the Social Planner and the Supervisor of Real Estate might consider

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discussing the possibility of interesting some of the developers in assisting those families displaced to find alternative accommodation.

Alderman Connolly said that the latest information he had received from the Bridge Commission is that the thirteen families to be displaced through the construction of the Narrows Bridge approaches have now been given until the end of June to find alternative accommodation, so it will assist to the extent that the children will be able to finish out the school year without changing schools mid-term.

Alderman Ivany asked if the Council members of the Bridge Commission could obtain some confirmation on the point made by Alderman Connolly.

The Supervisor of Real Estate reported that the Olands expansion and development to which Alderman Ivany referred and which has displaced a number of families, has not caused the City any difficulty, since the Company has worked extremely hard in finding alternative accommodations for the displaced families. In fact, he said that three of the remaining four families will be re-housed by Saturday next. There is one family, with seven children, for which housing is still being sought and which seems to be causing some difficulty and consultations have been held with the Social Planner, the Company and himself on certain possibilities.

After further discussion relating to the Africville Relocation Programme, in reply to a question, His Worship the Mayor advised that the Committee which was meeting to discuss the possibility of the formation of a Housing Corporation

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decided not to proceed at this time with such a Corporation in view of the Nova Scotia Housing Commission's announcement of the Spryfield Scheme. He said that any Alderman was entitled to make a recommendation which would open up the discussions again.

#### Appointments

Alderman Abbott asked Council if it would agree to deal with this item at its adjourned meeting to be held next Saturday.

10:50 p.m. Council adjourned until 10:00 a.m.  
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MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD  
CITY CLERK

CITY COUNCIL  
ADJOURNED MEETING  
MINUTES

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
February 28, 1970,  
10:12 a.m.

An Adjourned Meeting of City Council was held on the above date.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman, Aldermen Abbott, Connolly, McGuire, Meagher, and Allen.

Also Present: City Manager, City Solicitor, City Clerk, Director of Finance, Director of Works and Engineering, Social Planner and other Staff members.

10:13 a.m. MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman McGuire that Council adjourn to meet as Committee of the Whole. Motion passed.

Recreation Commission Budget (continuation)

Acting Deputy Mayor Allen, now being Chairman since the meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council was in session, read from the Minutes of the previous meeting relating to the Recreation Commission Budget, as follows:

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Connolly that an amount of \$74,000.00 be cut from the budget, making a total reduction of \$100,000.00.

MOVED in Amendment by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Abbott that an amount of \$32,121.00 be cut from the Maintenance (Wages) section of the Recreation Budget and that the Director of Civic Recreation and the Director of Works and Engineering meet before the next budget session to be held on Saturday, February 28, 1970 to discuss a possible co-

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ordination of maintenance work between the two departments.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Ivany that a decision on the Amendment be deferred until the report from the Director of Civic Recreation and the Director of Works and Engineering has been received on Saturday, February 28, 1970. Motion passed.

10:15 a.m. Alderman Hogan arrives.

The Chairman then advised that the Amendment moved by Alderman LeBlanc is now before the Committee.

The following report was submitted by the Director of Civic Recreation and explained in some detail by the Director of Works and Engineering:

REPORT ON COMBINING OF RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
MAINTENANCE AND WORKS DEPARTMENT

A meeting was held on Friday, February 27, 1970 at 8:00 a.m. at City Field. In attendance were Mr. Copp, Superintendent of Operations; Mr. Scallion, Assistant Superintendent of Parks and Grounds; Mr. Hartnett, Street Foreman, Mr. Sheflin, Director of Works; and myself, Jesse Dillard, Director of Recreation.

After discussion, it was the general consensus that an immediate take-over of all facilities by City Field would not be practical at this time. However, an immediate co-ordination of activities would begin making all facilities of City Field available to the Halifax Recreation Department with the objective to phase the operation into City Field during 1970. This will coincide with the new union contract and any union and personnel problems arising during the year could be worked out for the 1971 fiscal year and 1971 union contract.

\$7,700.00 for new equipment shown in the Recreation Budget should be transferred to the Works Equipment Account to ensure that the necessary equipment is available to maintain the recreational facilities.

In addition, it is felt that \$7,000.00 could be saved on maintenance operations in the Recreation Department.

It is felt that there will be no displacement of manpower but a more effective and comprehensive maintenance schedule will be accomplished.

(Signed) Jesse J. Dillard,  
Director of Civic Recreation

Alderman Meagher: "If this is going to be done, where do we stand on the thirty people who will be working in the Maintenance Crew with the Recreation Commission this Summer?"

Mr. Sheflin: "In the Works Division, Maintenance, the thirty people relate to the number of man hours as required and only those number of men required to carry out the work will be taken on."

Alderman Meagher: "Is the actual grass cutting and all this, part of the activities?"

Mr. Sheflin: "It will require as many people to carry on the grass cutting, etc. We ourselves, take on temporary help during the Summer for the Parks and Grounds."

Alderman Meagher: "What you are saying is that the whole Maintenance will not be out of the Recreation; there will be some there and your people will be doing some."

Mr. Sheflin: "With the Maintenance Division and with an idea that formally at the ending of the present Union contract which is December of this Year, there will be a formal change over. It will be intergrated with the Works. In the meantime, there will be full co-ordination with all facilities of City Field being available to the Maintenance Division and the advice from the Staff there."

His Worship the Mayor: "The amendment is to cut \$32,121,00 and the recommendation from the conference is to cut \$7,000.00. In view of the fact that we have asked the two Departments to get together on this to examine it and that we were going to make some serious progress during

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the year in the direction that the Council indicated it wanted to, I am hesitant about going beyond the recommendation for the \$7,000.00 that they worked out. I have confidence that in the Maintenance Operation as it is passed over to the City Field under Mr. Sheflin's direction, that no money will be spent that ought not to be, therefore I would prefer to see the cut at only \$7,000.00. I know that we want to make cuts as deep as we can but there are always some unforeseens; we should have some potential saving spots still in the budget of small amounts of this sort."

Alderman Connolly: "I am going to vote for the \$32,000.00 because I feel that maybe if there are some unforeseen circumstances, these should not happen. If the Recreation Commission is told this is what you can spend, this is the contract, then they should not spend over it. That is all there is to it. We are trying to cut budget here today; we have been trying to do it for the last two weeks and I certainly will support the amendment. In fact, I seconded the original motion for \$74,000.00."

Alderman Hogan: "I am quite frankly not satisfied with our Recreation as such in the City of Halifax. As one of the amalgimated districts, we had a much better Recreation Program in the Summer previous to amalgamation. Last year, we simple had a baby sitting process with no swimming instruction. We have had young people out from the City and they did not get involved. The crowds dropped down to practically nothing which I don't think was very good. We had a pretty viable operation previous to that but I don't know what it was; too big, detached, no locals working on it

or what but I will go along with cutting it by \$32,000.00."

His Worship the Mayor: "Just in case there is any misunderstanding of what I was saying in the light of the way I think Alderman Connolly saw it, I was not thinking of unforeseens in this section of the budget. I was thinking of the total budget in the fact that Council itself, from time to time, through the year, needs a little bit of elbow room and we use to retain that by leaving a sum of \$200,000.00 in the surplus but we don't have that any more. I was not thinking of leaving a lot of elbow room in this particular operation."

City Manager: "Much along the lines of what His Worhip the Mayor was saying that if there are any further potential savings in the Recreation Commission wages' section, we should definitely insure through the proper control, that they are made but I am somewhat concerned that this will be the first year that we have gone into a fiscal year with a deficit instead of a surplus and the mere fact that last year, we did not have enough money, in effect in the budget, we had to eat into our surplus, is an indication that we should provide for some possible surplus funds during the year if they can be made available. I think if we cut now below what is recommended, we may have problems next year in ending up with a much larger deficit to carry into the 1971 Tax Rate."

Alderman Meagher: "I feel that in some of these departments like 1967, 1968 and 1969, these were years were there was a lot of unforeseen things. They were years of celebrations, Centennials, Summer Games and all these things;

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a lots of things that you could not put your finger on as to what they were going to cost. Therefore, it was money that was spent last year that we had no idea that was going to be spent at the first of the year. I think this year, when we have tried to hold the line in the budget, that we should proceed with this and our expenditures should be kept in line with what we have voted. I feel that at the end of the year, that we should not have a lot of 316 "C" items because this is defeating our purpose of budgetting. If we are not going to hold the line on the budget, we have spent practically three weeks here for nothing because they say if we don't get it in the budget, then we can get it under 316"C". We are defeating our purpose and I think that when the budget is passed that humanly possible, it should be held."

Alderman Abbott: "Would the \$32,000.00 recommended to be cut be in addition to the \$7,000.00 Mr. Dillard has in his report this morning. Does that make it \$39,000.00 or \$32,000.00 less the \$7,000.00? What are we talking about now?"

The Chairman: "I would suspect that what Mr. Dillard is looking for is a net of \$25,000.00. I would suspect that we not take out \$32,000.00 but that we could take out \$7,000.00."

Alderman Abbott: "That is his recommendation but the amendment on the floor is for \$32,000.00. Should the amendment be for \$32,000.00 less the \$7,000.00 or \$32,000.00 plus the \$7,000.00 making a total of \$39,000.00? I understand the amendment was \$32,121.00 to be exact but now

Mr. Dillard feels there could be a saving of \$7,000.00. Are we going to take out \$32,000.00 and \$7,000.00 if this motion goes through or is it just going to be \$32,000.00?"

His Worship the Mayor: " I think he is saying \$7,000.00 rather than \$32,000.00."

The Chairman: "Yes."

His Worship the Mayor: "If he is proposing that \$32,000.00 be changed to \$7,000.00, that is no argument for changing \$32,000.00 to \$39,000.00."

Alderman Abbott: "If we were going to cut it by \$32,000.00 and now Mr. Dillard comes along and says that he can see where we can cut it by another \$7,000.00, he is not -----."

His Worship the Mayor: "He says \$7,000.00 minus \$32,000.00."

The Chairman: "Are we ready for the question?"

Alderman Hogan: "The question is on \$32,000.00?"

The Chairman: "Yes."

The amendment was then put and passed with His Worship the Mayor voting against.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman McGuire that the Recreation Budget be approved in the total amount of \$759,392.00 and Personnel Services in the amount of \$341,490.00 instead of \$373,611.00 with an overall saving of \$58,429.00. Motion passed.

GRANTS

The Tax Concessions and Grants Committee, at a meeting held on February 27, 1970, considered various requests for Grants under the following headings:

General Government  
Protection to Persons & Property  
Health Department  
Social Assistance  
Community Services  
Miscellaneous

Alderman Connolly suggested that the budget of the Landmarks Commission should be reduced by \$600.00 which amount could be added to the amount included in the budget for the upkeep of the Saint Georges Old Dutch Church. He contended that this building is a natural landmark and the City should do all it can to preserve the same. He reported that last year a large portion of their grant had been utilized to defray the cost involved for repairs to the wall on the Gerrish Street side of the building. He felt the building should be in suitable condition so that services could be conducted.

The Chairman suggested that Alderman Connolly's comments should be considered at the appropriate time when the item relating to the Saint Georges Old Dutch Church is considered.

The report was then considered, item by item.

General Government Grants

It was agreed to delete the amount of \$1,000.00 presently included in Administrative Order No. 6 relating to the Institute of Public Affairs, Dalhousie University.

Protection to Persons & Property Grants

It was agreed to leave the amount of \$1,000.00 in Administrative Order No. 6 for the Monastery of the Good Shepherd.

It was agreed to leave the amount of \$4,000.00 in Administrative Order No. 6 for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty.

Health Department Grants

It was agreed to delete the amount of \$500.00 from Administrative Order No. 6 relating to the Canadian Arthritis & Rheumatism Society.

It was agreed to include the amount of \$2,000.00 in Administrative Order No. 6 relating to the Mental Health Association, also to delete an amount of \$660.00 relating to a tax grant for the same Association.

It was agreed to delete the following tax grants:

Hfx. Co. Anti T.B. League	\$ 20
National Heart Foundation	46
N.S. Brace & Appliance	90
Hearing & Speech Clinic	168
Children's Hospital Pediatric Clinic	676
Can. Rehab Council for the Disabled	591
Can. Paraplegic Association	105
Med. Society of N.S.	38
N.S. Association Retarded Children	227

Alderman Abbott advised that before any grants are paid, the organization must submit a financial statement to the Director of Finance who would bring the matter before the Grants Committee and that Committee would have to approve or reject the payment of the Grant.

It was agreed to leave the amount of \$1,500.00 for the Canadian Paraplegic Association in Administrative Order No. 6.

It was agreed to leave the amount of \$800.00 in Administrative Order No. 6 for the N. S. Association for Retarded Children.

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It was agreed to leave the amount of \$1,000.00 in Administrative Order No. 6 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

It was agreed to leave the amount of \$750.00 in Administrative Order No. 6 for the St. John's Ambulance.

It was agreed to delete the amount of \$2,000.00 from Administrative Order for the Canadian Mental Health.

It was agreed to leave the amount of \$17,400.00 in Administrative Order No. 6 for the Metropolitan Drug Dispensary.

It was agreed to leave the amount of \$3,250.00 in Administrative Order No. 6 for the Grace Maternity Out Patient.

It was agreed to reduce the amount of \$34,100.00 in Administrative Order No. 6 for the Atlantic Child Guidance to \$30,000.00, in accordance with Addendum 2.

It was agreed to leave the amount of \$16,000.00 in Administrative Order No. 6 for the Victorian Order of Nurses.

It was agreed to leave the grant in the amount of \$72,500.00 in the budget for the Children's Hospital.

It was agreed to delete the amount of \$1,030.00, being a tax grant to the N. S. T. B. Association.

#### Social Assistance Grants

It was agreed to leave the amount of \$2,700.00 in Administrative Order No. 6 for the Home of the Guardian Angel.

It was agreed to leave the grant in the amount of \$30,498.00 for the Children's Aid Society in the budget, but to delete the amount of \$970.00 being a tax grant.

It was agreed to leave the amount of \$500.00 in Administrative Order No. 6 for the Colored Children's Home.

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It was agreed to leave the amount of \$1,200.00 in Administrative Order No. 6 for the Canadian National Association for the Blind.

It was agreed to leave the amount of \$7,000.00 in Administrative Order No. 6. for the Family Service Bureau.

It was agreed to leave the amount of \$350.00 in Administrative Order No. 6 for the Last Post Fund.

It was agreed to reduce the amount of \$46,700.00 for the Neighbourhood Centre, 2421 Brunswick Street to an amount of \$41,000.00, in accordance with Addendum 2.

It was agreed to increase the amount included in Administrative Order No. 6 for St. Joseph's Day Care Centre by an amount of \$2,850, to \$7,850, which amount includes the tax grant.

It was agreed to delete the amount of \$3,000.00 from Administrative Order No. 6 for the Protestant Orphanage and that the City should pay for any service used.

It was agreed to leave in Administrative Order No. 6, an amount of \$500.00 for the Salvation Army Tower Road.

It was agreed to leave in Administrative Order No. 6 an amount of \$2,000.00 for the Salvation Army (Red Shield).

It was agreed to leave in Administrative Order No. 6 an amount of \$25,380.00 for Salvation Army Rehab. (1969-1973).

It was agreed to leave in Administrative Order No. 6 an amount of \$24,500.00, but to delete an amount of \$56.00 relating to a tax grant for such organization.

It was agreed to leave the amount of \$500.00 in Administrative Order No. 6 for the Walter Callow Wheel Chair.

It was agreed to leave the amount of \$2,000.00 in Administrative Order No. 6 for the Canadian Red Cross Homemakers.

It was agreed to transfer the amount of \$562.00 from the Tax Grant column of the schedule to the Administrative Order No. 6 column for the New Leaf Enterprises.

It was agreed to transfer the amount of \$327.00 from the Tax Grant column of the schedule to the Administrative Order No. 6 column for the Welfare Council of Halifax.

Community Services Grants

It was agreed to leave the amount of \$1,000.00 in Administrative Order No. 6 for the Travellers Aid Y.W.C.A.

It was agreed to reduce the amount included in Administrative Order No. 6 for the Army Museum from \$6,000.00 to \$5,000.00.

It was agreed to leave the amount of \$10,000.00 in Administrative Order No. 6 for the Atlantic Symphony Society.

It was agreed to leave the amount of \$500.00 in Administrative Order No. 6 for the N. S. Talent Trust.

It was agreed to leave the amount of \$750.00 in Administrative Order No. 6 for the Halifax Music Festival.

It was agreed to reduce the amount in Administrative Order No. 6 for the Halifax Conservatory of Music from \$5,000.00 to \$2,500.00.

It was agreed to reduce the amount included in Administrative Order No. 6 for the Y.M.C.A. from \$2,000.00 to \$1,000.00.

It was agreed to leave the amount of \$25,000.00 in Administrative Order No. 6 for the Neptune Theatre.

It was agreed to reduce the amount included in Administrative Order No. 6 for the N. S. Sports Hall of Fame from \$6,000.00 to \$5,000.00.

It was agreed to include the amount of \$20,000.00 in the budget for the Centennial Arena.

It was agreed to delete the amount of \$500.00 from Administrative Order No. 6 for the Halifax Pipe Band.

#### Miscellaneous Grants

It was agreed to leave the amount of \$500.00 in Administrative Order No. 6 for Dalhousie University.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the amount included in Administrative Order No. 6 for St. Georges Anglican Church be increased from \$200.00 to \$600.00. The motion was put and lost, three voting for the same and four against it as follows:

For:	Aldermen Connolly, Hogan and Meagher	3
Against:	Aldermen Abbott, Ivany, McGuire and His Worship the Mayor	4

The amount was then left at \$200.00.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman McGuire that the amount of \$200.00 be included in the Administrative Order No. 6 for the Local Council of Women. The motion was put and lost, two voting for the same and five against it as follows:

For: Aldermen Abbott and McGuire 2

Against: Aldermen Connolly, Hogan, Ivany, Meagher and  
His Worship the Mayor 5

The amount of \$200.00 for the Local Council of Women was deleted from Administrative Order No. 6.

It was agreed that the amount of \$1,051 under the tax grant column of the schedule be reduced to \$1,050 and transferred to be included in Administrative Order No. 6. for the Flying Angel Mission.

It was agreed that the tax grant in the amount of \$433.00 be left in the budget for the U.K. Trade Commissioner.

It was agreed that the grant of \$962.00 for 1970 only be included in the budget for the Police Boys Club.

It was agreed that the tax grant in the amount of \$1,051.00 for the Inter Church Home for Boys, be reduced to \$1,050.00 and included in Administrative Order No. 6.

It was agreed that a grant be included in Administrative Order No. 6 in the amount of \$250.00 for 1970 only for the Atlantic Wheelchair Sports Club.

It was agreed that an amount of \$8,700.00 be included in the budget for the Canadian Association for Retarded Children in relation to the premises they are to occupy at the Oxford Street Fire Station.

The following totals were then approved:

<u>Administrative Order</u> <u>No. 6</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Tax Grants</u>
\$208,599.00	\$164,960.00	\$433.00

REVENUE - Pages 140 - 144

On Page 140 of the Proposed Annual Estimates 1970 the Taxation Revenue section was studied with particular reference to the Deed Transfer Tax item.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by His Worship the Mayor that the Deed Transfer Tax be increased to 3/4 of 1%. The motion was put and passed with Alderman Connolly voting against.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman McGuire that an amount of \$100,000.00 be included in the estimated revenue relating to Deed Transfer Tax.

MOVED in Amendment by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Connolly that an amount of \$75,000.00 be included in the estimated revenue relating to Deed Transfer Tax. The Amendment was put and passed with Alderman Ivany voting against.

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

The total of Taxation Revenue amounting to \$1,906,668.00 was then agreed.

On Page 140 the Licenses and Permits Revenue was considered and an amount of \$10,000.00 was added to the item relating to Wiring Permits making the figure \$30,000.00.

Some discussion ensued on the increasing of building permit fees, but it was agreed that the Staff Report dated February 10, 1970 entitled "Review of Licenses and Fees" be given early attention after the budget sessions have concluded.

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MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman McGuire that the Staff Report referred to above, be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council for further consideration. Motion passed.

It was agreed that an amount of \$30,000.00 be added to the item of revenue relating to Parking Meters making a total of \$205,000.00.

The Committee agreed to the total revenue figure for Licenses and Permits of \$433,000.00.

On page 141, a figure of \$10,500.00 was added to the item Rents City Property, making the total for the section Rents, Concessions and Franchises \$182,330.00.

On page 141, the Committee was advised that the figure under the section Interest and Tax Penalties - Interest Earned and Penalties on Taxes should read \$175,000 instead of \$275,000.00, making the total for the section \$239,000.00.

No changes were made on Page 142 and the Committee approved the revenues as shown.

Some discussion followed with respect to the Provincial Grants listed on Page 143 and the following letter was distributed to all members of the Committee:

11:50 a.m. Alderman MacKeen arrives.

February 27, 1970

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

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) G. L. Smith

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The Government has carefully considered the request for further financial assistance to be paid by the Province to the City of Halifax, which was presented on Wednesday of this week by the delegation led by you.

As we understand the situation as represented by the delegation, the gross expenditure contemplated by the City budget for 1970 is in the order of \$37 million dollars. In response to questions asked, the delegation indicated that the Province will be paying approximately the following amounts to the City in 1970 to apply against that expenditure:

Education	\$ 3,000,000
Per capita grant	410,000
Grant in lieu of taxes on government property	133,000
Transition Grant re Annexation	2,043,000
Streets	43,000
Municipal Services Act Payment	510,000
Payment of Public Utility Income Tax Rebate	333,000
Health	14,000
Welfare	2,235,000
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	\$ 8,721,000

In respect of education it appears that the figure of \$3,000,000 should in fact be about \$3,256,000. If this is correct the above total would be \$8,977,000.

In respect of the above welfare payment the Province recovers about half from the Government of Canada.

In reviewing education finance policy, the Government is glad to say it appears it will be possible to pay to the City about an additional \$325,000 in respect of education for 1970, i.e. additional to the above sum of \$3,256,000, or a total of about \$3,581,000 for education. This will make a total of about \$9,302,000, which will come from the Province to assist in 1970 expenditures of the City, though as mentioned in an earlier paragraph, the Province will make some recovery from Canada in respect of welfare.

It is worth noting that in 1968, the last year for which full figures are available the equalized tax rate (including business tax) calculated on equalized assessment for the City of Halifax was \$2.53 per \$100 of assessment, while the rate for the Province as a whole was \$2.97 in that year.

It is also a matter of interest that for the year 1968 the personal per capita income for the Province as a whole was \$2072, while in the greater Halifax area in that year the corresponding figure was \$2803, according to the Dominion Bureau Statistics.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) G. I. Smith

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Personnel Recruitment \$ 6,000  
Covers cost of recruiting all  
personnel for all departments.  
Deleted from other budgets be-  
fore printing estimates

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman

Ivany that the amount of \$6,000.00 be deleted from the  
budget. The motion was put and lost, three voting for the  
same and five against it as follows:

For: Aldermen Connolly, Ivany and Meagher 3

Against: Aldermen Abbott, MacKeen, Hogan, McGuire and  
His Worship the Mayor 5

Community To deepen existing well at Wedge- \$ 6,000  
Services wood previously approved by City  
Council

The Committee agreed to include the above amount  
in the budget.

General Civic historian - to cover cost \$ 750  
Government of items of historical interest and  
significance relating to the City

After hearing an explanation from the City Manager,  
the Committee agreed to include the above amount in the  
budget.

Health to cover cost of supplying milk \$70,000  
to school children

Some discussion ensued on this item and the  
number of schools where milk is distributed to schoolchildren  
was referred to, also the money spent by the Association for  
Improving the Conditions of the Poor which assists the program.

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman  
McGuire that the amount of \$70,000.00 be reduced to \$50,000.00  
relating to the supplying of milk to schoolchildren.

The motion was put and passed, six voting for  
the same and two against it as follows:

For: Aldermen Abbott, Connolly, Ivany, McGuire,  
Meagher and His Worship the Mayor 6

Against: Aldermen MacKeen and Hogan 2

The amount of \$70,000.00 was duly reduced accor-  
dingly.

"316C" To allow for exemptions from taxes for  
General widows, etc. if City Council and Min-  
Government ister of Municipal Affairs approve  
Ordinance 141 \$100,000

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman  
Abbott that the amount of \$100,000.00 be deleted from the  
budget.

After hearing from the City Manager, His Worship  
the Mayor and Alderman McGuire on the matter, the motion  
was put and lost, three voting for the same and five against  
it as follows:

For: Aldermen Abbott, Hogan, Ivany 3

Against: Aldermen MacKeen, Connolly, McGuire,  
Meagher and His Worship the Mayor 5

The amount of \$100,000.00 was then left in the  
budget.

Housing To cover estimated cost of repairs  
to 3297 Prescott Street \$ 6,000

The Committee agreed to leave this amount in the  
budget but Alderman Connolly expressed his disagreement with  
the decision.

Police Travel \$ 3,000  
To allow for travel on Transit  
buses

The Committee agreed to leave this amount in the budget.

Fire                      Travel  
                                    As for Police above                      (\$ 1,000 )

The Committee Agreed to leave this amount in the budget.

After further discussion, the Committee agreed to approve the Amendments to Original Estimates of Expenditure as outlined on Supplement #2 and as amended by the Committee in the total amount of \$37,456,307.00.

Amendments to Original Estimates of Expenditure not yet Reviewed by City Council - Supplement #3

Telephone & Telegraph                      (\$ 18,000)

Due to increase in rates.

The Committee agreed to add this amount to the budget.

Recreation (partial review)                      \$(26,308)

This item had been dealt with previously in the meeting.

Salary Adjustments                      \$(14,592)

The Committee was informed that this amount could be deleted from the budget after reviewing the unfilled positions situation. The Committee agreed that the amount be deleted.

Joint Estimates Reduction                      \$(38,657)

The Committee was informed that this amount could be deleted from the budget since the \$500,000.00 estimated for the Halifax Regional Authority was overestimated.

The Committee agreed that the amount be deleted.

Regional Planning Commission                      (\$12,677)

Deleted - Commission no longer in operation.