

Subdivision Approval for Lot C-1 and Subdivision Alter-
ation for Lot A-1 - Lands of G. Donald Hogan, Kearney
Lake Road

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

1. the subdivision of lands owned by G. Donald
Hogan into new Lots "C-1" and "C-2"; and
2. the subdivision alteration of Lots "C-2" and
"A", creating new Lot "A-1";

as shown in Case No. 2029 on Plan No. P200/3772, be
approved and a public hearing waived. Motion passed with
Alderman Hogan abstaining.

Modification of the Front and Rear Yard Requirements and
Extension to a Non-conforming Building - 3 Mayor Avenue

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman
Abbott that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board,
the application for modification of the front and rear
yard requirements and an extension to a non-conforming
building at 3 Mayor Avenue, Spryfield, to permit the
creating of a duplex dwelling by the construction of a
separate dwelling unit in the basement, as shown on Plans
No. P200/3700, P200/3720 and P200/3760 of Case No. 2084,
be approved. Motion passed.

Extension to a Non-conforming Building and Modification
of the Front and Side Yard Requirements - 56 Rosedale
Avenue, Fairview

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman
Meagher that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board,
the application for an extension to a non-conforming
building and modification of the front and side yard re-
quirements at 56 Rosedale Avenue, Fairview, to permit the
roof of the dwelling to be raised and completion of a 34 ft.
by 26 ft. second storey addition, as shown in Case No.
2086 on Plan No. P200/3704, be approved. Motion passed.

Amendment to Part V (R-2 Second Density Residence Zone)
Peninsula Zoning By-law - Boarding Home Providing Special
Care

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman
Connolly that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board,
the Zoning By-law be amended as follows and that a date
for a public hearing into the matter be set:

1. The following definitions be inserted into Part I of
the Zoning By-law:
 - (A) "Boarding home providing special care" means a
building, part of a building, group of buildings
or other place in which, for a fee, gain or re-
ward, food and lodging together with care or

attention are furnished or are available to four or more persons who because of age, infirmity, physical or mental defect, or other disability, require the care or attention, but does not include:

- (i) a place maintained by a person to whom the inmates are related by blood or marriage;
- (ii) a public hospital, mental hospital, tuberculosis hospital, maternity hospital or sanatorium, a municipal home, a jail, prison or reformatory;
- (iii) a maternity home that is licensed under the Child Welfare Act;
- (iv) a nursing home to which the Nursing Homes Act applies; or
- (v) a hotel that is licensed under the Hotel Regulations Act.

2. Part V be amended by adding the following sections:

8. An existing building may be converted into a boarding home providing special care or a nursing home provided that the building after conversion complies with the following:

- (i) The building is not increased in height, size or volume.
- (ii) The addition of a porch or an open verandah shall not constitute a change in height, size, or volume of the building.
- (iii) The requirements of Sections 4 (front yards), 5 (lot coverage), and 6 (maximum height) of this part.
- (iv) 100 square feet of landscaped open space shall be provided for each person occupying such home.
- (v) Recreational space may account for 25 per cent of the landscaped open space.
- (vi) Parking requirements as contained in Part II, Section 8, Subsections (7) and (8).

3. Part II, Section 8 be amended by adding the following subsections (7) and (8):

- (7) The owner of every building hereafter erected, altered, or used as a boarding home providing special care or a nursing home shall therein or upon such lands appurtenant thereto provide and

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maintain accommodation for the parking or storage of motor vehicles for the use by the employees of such boarding home providing special care or nursing home.

- (8) Such accommodations shall consist of one separately accessible parking space at least nine feet wide and twenty feet long for every three employees or fraction thereof, exclusive of the front yard and entrance driveway leading to such parking space.

Alderman Ivany questioned whether the boarding home providing special care on Jubilee Road will be permitted to continue operation if the amendment is approved after a public hearing. He was anxious that the home be permitted to continue.

He was advised that the amendment would require the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs before it can be included in the Zoning By-law.

In reply to a question, the City Clerk advised that the public hearing is expected to be held on June 15, 1970, if Council agrees to an item later in the Order of Business relating to the change in date of the Council meeting.

The motion was then put and passed.

Subdivision and Rezoning from T Zone to R-4 Residential,
Upper Randall Park

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

1. Preliminary subdivision approval be given to Lots 131-134 inclusive, Willett Street and 135-140 inclusive Sybyl Crescent, as shown in Case No. 2043 on Plan No. P200/3731;
2. The rezoning from T Zone (Mobile Home Park Zone) to R-4 Residential of Lots 135-140 inclusive Sybyl Crescent, as shown in Case No. 2043 on Plan No. P200/3731, be recommended to City Council for approval;
3. A date for a public hearing be set with respect to the rezoning;
4. The area outlined on the plan attached to the staff report dated April 17, 1970, be designated as the area within which persons will be notified of the public hearing.

In reply to a question, the City Clerk advised that he expected the public hearing to be held on June 25, 1970.

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The motion was then put and passed.

MOTION

Motion Alderman McGuire Re: Repeal of Ordinance No. 119,
Respecting "The Levying and Collection of Poll Tax"

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that Ordinance Number 119, Respecting the Levying and Collection of Poll Tax be repealed.

Alderman McGuire spoke to his motion saying that the Poll Tax has no place in a sound tax system and is an unfair and regressive form of taxation. He said it is difficult to administer and widely evaded. He referred to some figures from 1969 when 22,000 Poll Tax bills were mailed out which would bring in a revenue to the City of \$660,000.00. Since the City knew that the whole amount would not be collected it was estimated that \$560,000.00 would be received. In fact, he said, only \$439,000.00 was received during 1969 for Poll Tax. He went on to review the costs involved in the collection of the Poll Tax including the salaries of the employees, postage, etc. Further costs are incurred, he said, when delinquent Poll Tax payer's accounts are passed to a collection agency. He contended that persons in rental accommodation who pay Poll Tax are in effect paying a double tax since the landlord's taxes are passed on to the tenants. He explained that apartment units are taxed on the same basis and at similar levels to single family dwellings, although the home owner has more open space, privacy, etc. than a tenant in an apartment building.

Alderman MacKeen took great pleasure in seconding Alderman McGuire's motion and felt that the points he had made were indeed valid. He referred to some instances where although the parents in a family paid property taxes, all working members other than the assessed owners are required to pay Poll Tax which he did not consider was fair. He considered that the City has other means by which it could obtain revenue by taxing churches, for instance, so that the monies raised from Poll Taxes would not be greatly missed.

Alderman Meagher felt that he could not go along with the motion unless some other methods of revenue were forthcoming to offset the loss of Poll Tax revenue.

It was pointed out that, as yet, the Provincial Government has not agreed that the City can tax Universities.

Alderman Hogan agreed that everyone would like to see the Poll Tax eliminated, but could not see how the home owners could absorb any more taxes than they now pay. He referred to the fact that the City has this year granted some assistance to Widows, etc. in the payment of their taxes.

Alderman LeBlanc felt too that all members of Council would like to eliminate the Poll Tax but he referred

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to a large group of tax payers who are struggling to meet the increase in present taxes, without adding on extra. He considered that much of the present discussion is philosophical. He recognized that the Poll Tax is a kind of nuisance tax but until such time as another source of revenue could be found for the City, he could not agree to the motion.

Alderman Ivany generally agreed with Alderman LeBlanc and also referred to the assistance granted to Widows and the School Milk Programme. He reported that some cities in Ontario are presently looking at the possibility of initiating a Poll Tax.

His Worship the Mayor said that in a recent report he had received, only municipalities in the Atlantic Provinces have a Poll Tax.

Alderman Ivany referred to the Board of Trade Civic Affairs Committee which is presently studying the City's tax structure and he thought that more discussion should be held on the matter of the abolition of Poll Tax before any decision is made.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Allen that the matter be referred to a special committee of the Council for further consideration.

Alderman MacKeen asked whether it would be possible to put a time limit in the motion.

His Worship the Mayor replied in the affirmative.

It was then MOVED in amendment by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman McGuire that the special committee submit a report within 45 days of the day it is appointed.

After a short discussion, during which time the City Solicitor advised that if the Poll Tax was to be abolished in 1971, it would require two readings of Council and the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs before the end of 1970, the Amendment was put and lost, four voting for the same and six against it as follows:

For:	Aldermen Abbott, MacKeen, McGuire and Allen	4
Against:	Aldermen Connolly, Hogan, Ivany, LeBlanc, Meagher and Sullivan	6

MOVED in Amendment that the special committee submit a report to Council by the Second meeting in September, 1970. Motion passed.

The Motion to refer the matter to a special committee was then put and passed, Alderman Meagher voting against.

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MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the special committee be composed of three Aldermen and the Director of Finance.

MOVED in Amendment by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Allen that a citizen be appointed to the special committee by the Chair.

The Amendment was put and lost, four voting for the same and six against it as follows:

For:	Aldermen Abbott, MacKeen, McGuire and Allen	4
Against:	Aldermen Connolly, Hogan, Ivany, LeBlanc, Meagher and Sullivan	6

The motion was then put and passed.

It was agreed that the special committee be appointed at a Special Meeting of City Council to be held next Wednesday afternoon.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accounts Over \$5,000.00

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

Appointments

Industrial Development Commission

His Worship the Mayor nominated Alderman Ivany to succeed himself as a member of the Halifax Industrial Development Commission for a term to expire April 30, 1973.

Halifax Forum Commission

His Worship the Mayor nominated Alderman Ivany to succeed himself as a member of the Halifax Forum Commission for a term to expire May 31, 1973.

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the nominations of His Worship the Mayor be approved. Motion passed.

Financial Statement - Board of School Commissioners - December 31, 1969

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the Financial Statement of the Board of School Commissioners dated December 31, 1969 be tabled. Motion passed.

Letter - Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Re: Order and Notice - Application for Bedford Annexation

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman

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MacKee that the Order and Notice received from the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities relating to the application for the annexation of Bedford be tabled. Motion passed.

Alderman Ivany expressed the hope that the City would prepare a complete case for presentation to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities at the hearing to be held in October, 1970.

Bank Loan Guarantee - Court House Commission

The following report was submitted from Staff:

"The Royal Bank of Canada has requested that the Court House Commission secure resolutions from the Municipality of the County of Halifax and the Cities of Dartmouth and Halifax with respect to guaranteeing the repayment of the Commission's loan at the Bank. The Loan is for the interim financing of the construction of the Court House and amounts to Three Million Dollars.

The Commission has requested that the City of Halifax guarantee the repayment of the loan in the same proportions as the participating bodies several contributions to other objects of joint expenditure for their joint benefit.

It is therefore recommended that the Council pass the attached formal resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the attached guarantee on behalf of the City of Halifax."

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Allen that the Formal Resolution, as submitted, guaranteeing the repayment of the loan to the Court House Commission in the same proportions as the participating bodies several contributions to other objects of joint expenditure for their joint benefit, be approved and that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign the same on behalf of the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

Change in Date of Council Meeting - June 11 to June 15

The following was submitted from His Worship the Mayor:

In view of the dates of the Conference of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, I would like to suggest that the regular Council meeting listed for June 11, be changed to June 15.

All members of Council should be on hand June 11 to help in the hosting of other mayors.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor be approved. Motion passed.

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QUESTIONS

Question Alderman MacKeen Re: Brunswick Street School
Complex

Alderman MacKeen referred to some information he had received from Provincial officials who have said that tenders could be called for the new Brunswick Street School Complex, in advance of the signing of the agreement with respect to the Department of Regional Economic Expansion programme and he asked the City Manager or His Worship the Mayor to contact the Provincial Government to ascertain the exact situation.

His Worship the Mayor said that although the Federal Government has given approval to the project and has agreed that a tender call could go forward it has been done on the assumption that the school complex will be included in a programme towards which the Federal Government will be making a grant and loaning the balance of the money to the Province. He advised that the Provincial Government has not yet made any commitment with respect to a contribution towards the complex and is awaiting a presentation from the City with respect to possible Provincial sharing in the entire Department of Regional Economic Expansion Programme which is based on an agreement to be signed between the Government of Canada and the Government of Nova Scotia. He explained that if tenders for the school are called at this time, the Provincial Government could decide not to participate in the project financially and the City of Halifax would be required to pay 50% of the cost. He said that further discussions should be held with respect to the presentation to be made to the Province for cost sharing and he hoped that members of Council would meet with him at the close of the meeting in his office to further discuss the matter and assist in the preparation of a letter to be sent to the Provincial Government tomorrow. He felt that if the Provincial Government does not agree to share in the programme, the City might not be able to undertake the complete programme but only the first phase of Kline Heights, if it is considered the first priority item, and possibly the first phase only of the school complex.

Alderman MacKeen hoped that the matter could be discussed immediately with the Provincial Government so that a decision can be made to go ahead with the school complex.

His Worship the Mayor said that more discussion is necessary by Council with respect to the priorities. He also said that if the Province does not agree to cost sharing, the City, to complete the entire programme would require to proceed with additional borrowing in the amount of \$3.5 Million.

Alderman MacKeen considered that the City of

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Halifax has a moral commitment to proceed with the Brunswick Street School Complex since it has said that it would and he hoped that things would proceed quickly.

Question Alderman Hogan Re: Equalization of Water Rates

Alderman Hogan understood that an application had been made to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities some months ago requesting that water rates for the entire City of Halifax be equalized and he asked if anything further has been heard on the matter.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the matter is still in the hands of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities and that the Alderman could perhaps request the Public Service Commission to enquire on his behalf or he could contact the Board himself.

Question Alderman Hogan Re: Master Plan

Alderman Hogan asked when the Master Plan will now be finalized and submitted to Council.

The Director of Planning advised that he had been expecting this question at the last meeting of the Town Planning Board and had come to the meeting prepared with maps, etc. He said that under the new Planning Act the City is required to have a Master Plan prepared by the end of two years from last March 1st together with the updating of the Zoning By-law. He said that he had not brought the information with him to this meeting.

It was agreed that the Director of Planning should attend the Town Planning Board meeting next week prepared to answer the question more fully.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Salary of Executive Secretary of Port Commission

Alderman Sullivan asked if the position of Executive Secretary of the Port Commission was advertised and if there were other applications considered.

His Worship the Mayor advised that this appointment was not handled through the civic administration. He understood that several applications were received and were processed through the Port Commission.

Alderman Sullivan asked if his salary and expenses involved are paid for by the Port Commission.

His Worship the Mayor said that 7/8ths are paid by the City of Halifax and 1/8th by the City of Dartmouth.

Alderman Sullivan referred to a salary in excess of \$23,000.00, made up of \$17,000.00 salary, \$6,000.00 expense account, \$1,750.00 local entertainment, \$600.00

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mileage allowance and \$600.00 club memberships and he asked what the actual salary is.

His Worship the Mayor did not think that the Alderman was correct and he said that he did not consider it good policy to discuss particular individual's salaries in public and he could say that the salary for the position is substantially less than the budget amount approved by Council early in the year and is less than the salary minimum listed on the Non-Union Salaries approved recently by City Council. He suggested that Alderman Sullivan contact the Port Commission to find out the exact salary, but he would not divulge it at this meeting since he considered it inappropriate.

Question Alderman MacKeen Re: Status of Ordinance No. 135

Alderman MacKeen asked the status of Ordinance No. 135 respecting Minimum Standards for Housing Accommodation which was forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval some time ago.

The City Solicitor advised that he had received a letter from the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs on the matter and will be meeting with the Minister on Tuesday next to discuss the Ordinance and certain suggested amendments.

Alderman MacKeen asked if the Ordinance will require further approval of City Council with respect to the amendments suggested by the Minister.

The City Solicitor said that that is what the discussion will be about, whether or not the Minister will approve the Ordinance as amended by him, or whether or not it will require First and Second Readings by Council and resubmission to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Removal of No Parking Signs

Alderman Sullivan referred to the fact that the excavation work between Young and Russell Streets is almost completed and he asked if the No Parking signs will be removed shortly.

The Traffic Authority advised in the affirmative.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Cost of Moving City Departments to Scotia Square Office Tower

Alderman Connolly referred to a partial reply he had received to a question he had asked some time ago with respect to the cost of moving the City Departments to Scotia Square. He asked if he could have a full statement of the costs including, rentals, cost of partitions, new furniture, electrical wiring and fixtures and the actual cost of moving. He also requested that the information contain the cost of the painting and renovations made to the old City Hall building.

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Question Alderman MacKeen Re: Visit of American Ambassador

Alderman MacKeen asked whether the Deputy Mayor or a member of Council officially welcomed the American Ambassador on his recent visit to the City.

His Worship the Mayor advised that he had not been able to meet him, but he understood that a member of Council was present for the courtesy visit.

Alderman Sullivan said that he did not officiate at the visit since he was required to be present at a School Window Breakages Committee.

Alderman Allen advised that he was asked, but unable to officiate because of a prior engagement.

It was finally ascertained that Alderman McGuire was present for the visit.

Question Alderman Ivany Re: Renovations at City Hall for Health Department

Alderman Ivany referred to the tender call recently in the newspaper for renovations to the old City Hall for the Health Department and he asked if the money had been included in the 1970 Budget.

The City Manager replied in the affirmative.

Question Alderman Ivany Re: Availability of Library Services and Room for Aldermen

Alderman Ivany asked when the municipal reference library will be in operation so that Aldermen will have access to all information which is available to His Worship the Mayor.

The City Manager advised that a tender call will be out soon for the painting and installation of bookshelves in the old City Clerk's Office for library use. He said that the library is operating in a limited way at the present time.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Alderman LeBlanc - Endorsement of National Police Week

Alderman LeBlanc gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of Council he will move the following resolution:

WHEREAS National Police Week is presently being commemorated in Canada;

AND WHEREAS this particular event paid tribute and recognition to those persons employed in the preservation of law and order;

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AND WHEREAS the City of Halifax has just reason to recognize the contribution of its own Police Force;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that this City Council go on record in expressing its appreciation and support of the Halifax Police Department.

His Worship the Mayor said that if Council would unanimously agree, he would accept this Notice of Motion as a Motion at this time since it would be more appropriate to pass it during this week.

Council agreed unanimously to accept the motion at this time.

It was then MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that the foregoing resolution be approved by City Council.

The motion was put and passed unanimously.

Notice of Motion - Alderman Ivany Re: Amendment to Part VI of the Zoning By-law

Alderman Ivany gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on May 28, 1970, he will move that Part VI - R-3 Zone - Section (f) of the Zoning By-law be amended to include the following additional uses:

- (a) Photographer;
- (b) Chiropractor;
- (c) Beauty Salon.

Notice of Motion - Alderman Hogan - Amendment to Ordinance No. 121

Alderman Hogan gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on May 28, 1970 he will introduce an amendment to Ordinance Number 121 Respecting the Closing and Observation of Holidays of Certain Classes of Shops in the City of Halifax; the purpose of the amendment will be to include a "general store shop" in the classes of shops which are exempt from the provisions of the Ordinance.

Notice of Motion - Alderman MacKeen - Lowering of Voting Age

Alderman MacKeen gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on May 28, 1970, he will move that the voting age of the electorate of the City of Halifax be reduced to age 18.

Notice of Motion - Alderman MacKeen - Designation as Residential Tenancies Area

Alderman MacKeen gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on May 28, 1970, he will move that the City of Halifax apply to the Governor in Council for designation as a "Residential Tenancies Area".

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Notice of Motion - Alderman Sullivan - Crosswalks on
Gottingen Street

Alderman Sullivan gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on May 28, 1970, he will move the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Gottingen Street has a tremendous amount of traffic;

AND WHEREAS there is a playground on Fort Needham;

AND WHEREAS there are several bus stops between Duffus and Young Street on Gottingen Street;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council recommend to the Traffic Authority crosswalks be placed at Young and Gottingen Streets, Livingston Place and Gottingen Street and Stanley Place and Gottingen Street.

Notice of Motion - Alderman Sullivan - Delegation to
Ottawa - Unfair Treatment of Port of Halifax

Alderman Sullivan gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on May 28, 1970, he will move the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Federal Commons Transport Committee is now probing into practices of ocean shipping conferences;

AND WHEREAS it has been stated that there is little chance of Halifax and Saint John getting rate advantages because of their geographical location over St. Lawrence ports on shipments to and from Europe;

AND WHEREAS it has been stated the Port of Montreal is 300 miles further than Halifax from the same European Port;

AND WHEREAS Halifax is an ice free port;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this City Council send a delegation to Ottawa in order to protest the unfavourable treatment given to this Port regarding ocean rates which are definitely favouring St. Lawrence River Ports.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that Alderman Sullivan discuss this resolution with the Executive Secretary of the Port Commission, Mr. Grice, before the next regular meeting of City Council.

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ADDED ITEMS

Halifax Natal Day

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Abbott that Halifax Natal Day be held this year on July 22nd. Motion passed with Alderman Allen voting against.

Alderman LeBlanc felt that since there is not very much time to prepare for this year's Natal Day, the Council might consider putting on a subdued show this year. He suggested that perhaps a big "bang-up" day could be held every second or third year.

In reply to a question, the City Clerk read the following letter from the Halifax Jaycees:

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Mr. Ralph Stoddard,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:

Some weeks ago the Mayor suggested to Harry Levine that the Halifax Jaycees take on the entire Natal Day Program.

We are interested in doing this and would like the official confirmation from the city as quickly as possible, along with official allocation of the budget to carry on the program.

It is understood that the budget approved by Council was \$5,000.00 for the natal day festivities not including the city float. This does not appear to be enough to carry on similar natal day programs of past years. For instance, the fireworks program and possibly other programs would have to be abandoned. However, the parade and a good nucleus of popular programs appear possible.

I have discussed this over the phone with you three weeks ago and to date we have not received confirmation.

May we hear from the city regarding this matter.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) D. E. Wentzell
Halifax Jaycees

Alderman Ivany considered that it was rather a shame that the City will not be able to have as full a program on Natal Day as in other years. It was then MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the Halifax Jaycees be asked to proceed with a program for Halifax Natal Day within the approved budget of \$5,000. Motion passed.

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Proclamation Sections 168A, 168B and 596A City Charter

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the City Council of the City of Halifax request the Governor-in-Council to proclaim Sections 168A, 168B and 596A of the City Charter.

In reply to a question, the City Solicitor advised that the three sections are sections which were included in the 1970 Legislation approved by the Legislature and this procedure is a technical step so that the respective sections may become law. He further advised that the first two sections relate to administrative matters respecting the signing of cheques and duplication of signatures and the third section relates to the City's new noise legislation covering the peace and tranquility of the City.

The motion was then put and passed.

North West Arm Bridge

Alderman Allen said that this matter has been on the Council Order of Business many times over the past years and so far Council has been unable to get across to the Bridge Commission and the Province the absolute need for a bridge across the North West Arm. He referred to the new housing development proposed by the Province in the Spryfield area and the application of the City for the release of the Watershed lands for industrial development, both of which schemes will require a North West Arm Bridge. He also referred to the Armdale Rotary which will again become a bottleneck with further development in the Spryfield and Watershed areas. He said that there have been many new apartment projects in the Spryfield and Purcell's Cove area all of which increase the traffic through the Armdale Rotary. He felt that this matter must be treated as a matter of great urgency and it was MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that City Council request the Steering Committee to list the design and construction of a bridge across the North West Arm as a priority item in the list of items to be considered in the 1971-74 Department of Regional Economic Expansion Programme.

After a short discussion, the motion was put and passed with Alderman MacKeen abstaining.

A. Murray MacKay Bridge

Alderman Ivany expressed some concern about the lack of information that has been available to members of Council with respect to the A. Murray MacKay Bridge and he listed the following questions:

1. When will the A. Murray MacKay Bridge be open to traffic?
2. Why has there been a delay in the construction of the approaches to the Bridge and when will the approaches be ready?
3. What type of landscaping is there going to be

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and will it be completed by the time the Bridge situation opens?

4. Has the Bridge Commission acquired all the properties it needs for the various approaches and if not when will it do so?
5. When will the people be required to move out of the properties that have been acquired?

Alderman Ivany was concerned about the housing crisis that could arise when the people are required to move out of their homes. He asked if the Council could have this information as quickly as possible.

His Worship the Mayor said that there are different ways of handling this matter and he suggested that either Alderman Ivany contact Mr. Burke of the Bridge Commission to obtain the answers or the City Clerk be asked to write to Mr. Burke listing the questions.

After a short discussion, it was agreed that the City Clerk should write to the Bridge Commission asking for replies to the questions and that copies of the replies be distributed to all members of Council for information.

Kidston Lake Housing

Alderman Sullivan again referred to the critical housing shortage and a report he had heard that housing development might have to be curtailed in some areas to stop sewage flowing into Bedford Basin which is becoming polluted. He considered that the curtailment in that area will mean that further development must continue in the Ward 7 area on the lands proposed to be developed for housing by the Province. He understood that His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Allen were to meet with Mr. Snow and as a result of that meeting a negotiator was to be appointed to negotiate the acquisition of the properties required to implement the proposed scheme. He stressed the urgent need for the project to get started and asked if anything further can be reported.

His Worship the Mayor said that the Province had not said that it would appoint negotiations since it was understood that the property acquisitions were almost complete but it was expected that planners to plan the scheme were to be appointed very shortly. He said that 3/4 of the area was in the County and only 1/4 in the City. He said that it has been agreed that the matter is to be followed up with the Minister. He referred to the small committee that was appointed to arrange a day long conference on housing and he said that the committee expects to have something for the consideration of the Committee of the Whole Council shortly. He considered it hopeful that further contact will be made with Mr. Snow before the conference is held.

Alderman Sullivan felt that the Council must urge the Province to at least proceed with the construction of

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housing on the City portion of the lands as the housing situation is terrible.

His Worship the Mayor said that the only thing that Council can do is push the Province, since it is a Provincial scheme, to the best of its ability.

10:48 p.m. Council adjourned.

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ALLAN O'BRIEN
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD
CITY CLERK

CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
M I N U T E S

Special Council
May 20, 1970

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Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
May 20, 1970,
4:16 p.m.

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

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

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman and Aldermen MacKeen, Hogan, Ivany, LeBlanc, McGuire, Meagher, Allen and Sullivan.

Also Present: City Manager, City Solicitor, Acting City Clerk and other Staff members.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the meeting was called to consider the following items:

1. Abbie J. Lane Memorial Hospital - Provision of Isolation Rooms
2. \$3,500.00 - 316C - Recreation Purposes
3. Appointment - Special Committee - Poll Tax Study

Council was requested to give unanimous approval to the addition of an item entitled - Application for Door-to-Door Canvass, etc., 1970 - "Meals on Wheels Volunteer Service".

Council unanimously approved the addition of this item.

Abbie J. Lane Memorial Hospital - Provision of Isolation Rooms

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

1. the City Manager be authorized to approve a change in the scope of work for the Abbie J. Lane Memorial Hospital to provide two bedrooms with separate washrooms off each and a utility room between the two rooms for use by patients with communicable diseases;
2. the City Manager be authorized to negotiate with the Nova Scotia Hospital Commission, possible off-setting financial arrangements because of the additional construction cost to the City.

Motion passed.

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\$3,500.00 - 316C - Recreation Purposes

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Allen that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, an appropriation in the amount of \$3,500.00 be approved under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter, to improve recreation facilities in the Ward Eight area between St. Margaret's Bay Road and Kline Heights. Motion passed.

Application for Door-to-door Canvass, etc., 1970 - "Meals on Wheels Volunteer Service"

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the application for a door-to-door canvass to be held on June 3, 4 and 5, 1970 from the "Meals on Wheels Volunteer Service" be approved. Motion passed.

Appointment - Special Committee - Poll Tax Study

Council was informed that this item was deferred from the last regular meeting of City Council.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman McGuire that the committee consist of Aldermen McGuire, Hogan and Meagher and the Director of Finance.

It was generally felt that the special committee should consist of Aldermen representing opposing sides and Alderman McGuire suggested that a citizen be appointed to the committee who was agreed upon by the members of the Committee.

His Worship the Mayor considered that this idea had been fully discussed at the last regular meeting of Council and he said that the special committee was at liberty to interview any person or have anyone sit in at the meetings to assist in its deliberations.

After further discussion, the motion was put and passed.

Tribute to City Manager

Alderman Allen rose and referred to the fact that this meeting is the last formal Council meeting which the present City Manager will be attending and he felt that the time was right for members of Council formally to pay tribute to his services. It was MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the City Manager be extended a vote of thanks on behalf of all members of Council and the citizens of Halifax for his services and that he take with him the best wishes of everyone in his future endeavours.

Alderman Meagher said that the City Manager has behaved as a gentleman at all times and he would support the motion wholeheartedly.

Alderman LeBlanc endorsed the views of the previous

speakers and said that Mr. Ward had been an unusual type of man who had conducted himself during the several differences of opinion and conflicts with dignity and in a gentlemanly manner. He joined with the other speakers in wishing the City Manager and his family a wonderful future.

The motion was then put and passed unanimously.

The City Manager thanked members of Council for their remarks and said that he had enjoyed holding the position and had added enormously to his experience. He said that at times he did not enjoy the job and had mixed feelings about leaving the employ of the City at this particular time. He said that he had enjoyed living in Halifax but that certain things happen which do not always give a person the pleasure of doing what he wants to do. He was sure that he and his family will be happy in the future and again thanked members of Council for their best wishes.

4:26 p.m. Council adjourned.

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ALLAN O'BRIEN
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

J. AYERST
ACTING CITY CLERK

Line Chief

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.
May 28, 1970
8:05 P.M.

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

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

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

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

MINUTES

Minutes of Council meetings held on May 14 and May 20, 1970 were approved on motion of Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Meagher.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

The City Clerk requested the addition of "Staff Report - Pedestrian Mall, Barrington Street" as Item 20 (a). His Worship the Mayor advised it would require a 2/3 majority of Council to approve adding it to the agenda. A vote was taken on adding the item, and it was lost, five voting for and five against as follows:

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| For | - | Aldermen Hogan, LeBlanc, McGuire, Meagher, and Allen | 5 |
| Against | - | Aldermen Abbott, MacKeen, Connolly, Ivany, and Sullivan | 5 |

The Aldermen voting against felt they had not had sufficient time to study the lengthy staff report on the matter.

The City Clerk requested the addition of:

- 20 (a) - Proposed Adjustment - City Hall Summer Working Hours - June 15th to September 4, 1970, inclusive.

Alderman MacKeen requested the addition of:

- 10 (d) - Brunswick Street School.

Alderman Allen requested the addition of:

- 20 (b) - Appointments - Recreation Commission.

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

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Petition - Paving of Streets - Birkdale Crescent, Clayton Park

The following petition, endorsed by Alderman Hogan, was submitted:

"We the residents of Birkdale Crescent, Clayton Park, do hereby respectfully request that our streets be paved early in 1970.

"When Clayton Park was part of the County it was always the practice to have the streets paved as soon as the laterals were completed. These laterals have all been installed and the majority of the houses are completed.

"The value of the 47 homes on this street is approximately \$1,740,000.00 which represents over \$30,000.00 of taxes annually to the City. When we purchased our homes we believed the City would be able to provide services at least equal to those formerly provided by the County. However, we understand our street may not be paved this year.

"We are prepared to pay the regular paving charges which were formerly required under the County and would therefore appreciate it if the paving would be started as soon as possible.

"Attached is a signed petition containing the names of the residents, builders and developers of Birkdale Crescent.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the petition be referred to the appropriate staff, who will report to the Committee of the Whole. Motion passed.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Finance and Executive Committee reported from its meetings of May 20 and May 21, with respect to the following matters:

Possible Expropriation Settlement - 1879 Upper Water Street -
Donald Keddy Limited

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

"It is recommended that the sum of \$58,000.00 plus 6% interest on the outstanding balance from the date of expropriation to the date of settlement, be paid to Donald C. Keddy Ltd., represented by Mr. L.A. Kitz of Kitz, Matheson, Green & MacIsaac, Suite 1300, Duke Street Tower, Scotia Square, as settlement in full for all claims arising from the expropriation of the property at 1879 Upper Water Street, required by the City for the Cogswell Street/Harbour Drive Interchange"

A report submitted by the Acting City Manager, recommended that additional compensation in the amount of \$338.00 be awarded to Donald C. Keddy Limited.

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MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Ivany that the recommendation of the Finance and Executive Committee be approved, but that the amount to be paid to Donald C. Keddy Ltd. indicated in the recommendation, be increased by \$338.00 in accordance with the recommendation of the Acting City Manager, making a total amount to be paid of \$58,338.00, plus interest of 6%. Motion passed.

Purdy Brothers - 1959 Upper Water Street

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council approve an increase in the amount of compensation payable to Purdy Brothers Limited for the part-taking of their property at 1959 Upper Water Street to \$130,000 and that in accordance with the provisions of Section 422 of the City Charter, 1963, Council authorize the immediate release to Purdy Brothers Limited of 75% of the authorized compensation, less the advance payment of \$37,500 -- or \$60,000. Motion passed.

Anderson Square

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Rehabilitation Council be granted the right to control Anderson Square for a period of one year from June 1, 1970 and that they should be permitted to establish monthly parking on the lot at a monthly rental rate of not less than \$15.00 per space; in any case not less than the fees charged in the private parking lot. Motion passed.

Brunswick Street School

Alderman MacKeen spoke of the concern of the people in the area, that no date had yet been announced for commencing work on the new Brunswick Street school, and MOVED that the City instruct the architect to proceed with the preparation of the Call for Tenders and when the Call was completed he proceed to call tenders for work to commence on the school immediately.

His Worship the Mayor said that in view of the fact that such a motion would have the effect of changing the whole policy of the City with respect to the DREE program, he ruled that a Notice of Motion would be required. He said that matters added to the agenda at the commencement of a meeting, should only be of a minor nature.

There was a short discussion as to whether the work on the Call for tenders was already under way, following which Alderman MacKeen revised the wording of his motion as follows:

If the tender call is not completed it be completed immediately, and when completed, the City proceed with the Call for tenders.

His Worship the Mayor questioned the part

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of Alderman MacKeen's motion which called for tenders be given before the Provincial Government had committed itself to the project, and suggested that the motion be to the effect that work on the Call proceed and when it was completed it be referred immediately to City Council for consideration. Otherwise, he said, there was a danger if the City proceeded with the work without any commitment from the Province, the Province would have no reason to contribute anything to the project, since it could assume that the City felt it would afford the project on its own.

With regard to up to date information on the matter, His Worship the Mayor said Alderman MacKeen had the latest on the matter at the time he attended the neighbourhood meeting. It was not, he said, a matter of the Province turning the City down with regard to sharing, but it just had not come to a decision.

Alderman Connolly seconded Alderman MacKeen's motion as it related to proceeding with the preparation of the Call for Tenders, and that the City would have to depend on His Worship the Mayor and the Committee appointed to deal with the matter to bring it to a speedy conclusion.

His Worship the Mayor said he felt the Province would wish to make a decision within a week.

Alderman Ivany said he felt it would be very risky to proceed with work on the project before the Provincial Government had arrived at a decision, but felt there was merit in trying to firm up the price of the project and this, he said, could not be done until the Call was completed.

After further discussion Alderman MacKeen and his Seconder added the following to their motion:

That this Council goes on record as pointing out to the Provincial and applicable Federal Government departments its deep concern at the apparent delay in the matter, and the lack of communication.

His Worship the Mayor said that both the Provincial and Federal Governments understood the urgency of both the Kline Heights and the Brunswick School projects. He said that it was the City of Halifax which actually could go ahead with both projects, but was not willing because there was so much at stake in gaining a commitment from the Provincial Government.

Alderman McGuire said he did not agree with putting the pressure on with regard to this one item, as it took it out of the context of the total program which His Worship, staff, and several Aldermen were negotiating on behalf of the City. He felt those negotiations could be jeopardized by the motion presently on the floor.

Alderman LeBlanc said he would support the motion to the extent that there be some type of coordination, so that when the green light is finally given there will be a minimum of delay in getting started. He felt that any "heating up" of the matter could only jeopardize the City's

position. He said he was satisfied that the City team working on the matter were doing everything possible to bring the matter to a speedy conclusion. Furthermore, he said, if any of the Aldermen felt the order of priorities as set by Council were wrong, they should get together and discuss the matter.

The City Clerk was asked to read the motion:

MOVED by Alderman MacKean, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that if the Call for tenders for the Brunswick Street School is not completed, it be completed immediately, and when completed, the City proceed with the Call for tenders, and this Council go on record as pointing out to the applicable departments of the Federal and Provincial Governments, its deep concern with the delay and lack of communication in the matter.

Alderman MacKean then rephrased his motion as follows:

THAT the City insure that the Tender Call is prepared and ready to be called the minute the City's negotiating team receives word from the Provincial Government of its hope for participation, and that the negotiating team do everything in its power to finalize negotiations as quickly as possible, and that the matter be considered as very urgent.

Alderman Connolly asked that the Acting city Manager check into what arrangements had been made by the City to purchase from the Catholic Archdiocese the old St. Patrick's Girls Common School, as this could cause a delay in the Brunswick School project.

After further discussion the City Clerk was again asked to read the motion as presently on the floor:

MOVED by Alderman MacKean, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the Tender Call be prepared and ready for call the minute the negotiating team receives word from the Provincial Government of its hope for participation, and that the negotiating team do everything in its power to finalize negotiations, and the matter be considered as urgent.

Alderman LeBlanc asked if it was the mover's intention that failing a commitment of sharing in the project by the Provincial Government, the City would proceed with the Brunswick School project on its own.

After further discussion on this point, the motion was finalized as follows: