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MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by
Alderman Connolly:

1. THAT the tender call be completed as quickly as possible;
2. THAT City Council be advised immediately when the Call has been completed;
3. THAT when the Provincial Government makes its decision known, a special meeting of Council be called immediately to deal with the entire project and get it under way; and
4. THAT in the meantime, the negotiating team point out to the other two levels of Government, the urgency with which the City views the matter.

Alderman LeBlanc said that in voting on the motion, he wanted it understood that it in no way implied that failing agreement from the Province to share in the costs, the City would proceed on its own with the building of a new school on Brunswick Street.

There was no response from the Mover or Secunder of the motion that this was not the case, and the motion was put and passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

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

Official Plan - Section 8E:

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, a date be set for a Public Hearing to lay down the official street line, as shown on Section 8E of the Official City Plan. Motion passed.

Disposal of Oil and Oil Materials:

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the following conclusions of the staff report on the matter, be approved:

1. The information collected by the team be forwarded to the working group on water supply and waste disposal.
2. The City continue to refuse to accept oily, acid, and chemical wastes until the Provincial study is complete.

Motion passed.

Street Encroachment Sign - "Lobster Trap":

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, City Council approve an encroachment license for an illuminated sign advertising "The Lobster Trap Club" on the City street adjacent to the elevated Cogswell Street leg of the Cogswell Street Interchange and immediately south of the Trade Mart Building, as indicated on Sketch 1016 attached to the staff report, at a fee of \$4.12 per year in accordance with Ordinance #112, to be effective when the North Street line of Cogswell Street at this point is established. Motion passed.

Tabulation of Tenders:

Four 1970 Model Cars

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of Wood Motors (N.S.) Ltd., be accepted in the amount of \$6,742.40, being the lowest tender meeting specifications, for the supply of four 1970 Model Cars for the Engineering and Works Department. Motion passed.

One - 1970 Truck Chassis, Tilt Cab (31,000 G.V.W.) with 20 cu. yd. Refuse Packer Body

MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of Scotia Equipment Limited, Dartmouth, N.S., be accepted in the amount of \$21,281.00, being the lowest tender meeting specifications, for the supply of One 1970 Truck Chassis, Tilt Cab (31,000 G.V.W.) with 20 cu. yd. Refuse Packer Body for the Engineering and Works Department. Motion passed.

Two - 1970 Model Dump Trucks

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of Wood Motors (N.S.) Ltd., be accepted in the amount of \$15,917.62, for the supply of Two, 1970 Model Dump Trucks for the Engineering and Works Department. Motion passed.

Two - 1970 Model Van Delivery Trucks

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of Haldart International Ltd., be accepted in the amount of \$8,726.00, being the only tender meeting specifications, for the supply of Two 1970 Model Van Delivery Trucks for the Engineering and Works Department. Motion passed.

One - 1970 Model Express Body Truck

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of Trainor G.M.C. Ltd. be accepted in the amount of \$2,095.00, being the lowest tender meeting specifications, for the supply of One 1970 Model Express Body Truck for the Engineering and Works Department. Motion passed.

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Three - 1970 Model Four Wheel Drive Vehicles

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of Kline Motors Limited be accepted in the amount of \$11,400.00, being the only tender submitted, for the supply of Three - 1970 Model Four-Wheel Drive Vehicles for the Engineering and Works Department. Motion passed.

Four One-Way Plows with Front Mounted Wings

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of N.S. Tractors & Equipment Ltd., in the amount of \$15,800.00 be accepted for the supply of Four one-way plows with Front Mounted Wings for the Engineering and Works Department. Motion passed.

One Chip Spreader:

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of N.S. Tractors & Equipment Ltd., in the amount of \$2,015.00 be accepted for the supply of One chip spreader for the Engineering and Works Department. Motion passed.

One - Vacuum Type Catchpit Cleaner Mounted on a 43,000 G.V.W. Truck Chassis

MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of Atlantic (Mussens) Ltd., Truro, N.S. in the amount of \$32,499.00 be accepted for the supply of One Vacuum type Catchpit Cleaner Mounted on a 43,000 G.V.W. Truck Chassis for the Engineering and Works Department. Motion passed.

Four - Bulk Salt Spreaders

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of N.S. Tractors & Equipment Ltd. in the amount of \$9,089.00 be accepted for the supply of Four Bulk Salt Spreaders for the Engineering and Works Department. Motion passed.

Repairs to Stone Retaining Wall - Horseshoe Island, Quinpool Road

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of Fosberg & Mitchell, Ltd., 6477 Edinburgh Street, Halifax, N.S. in the amount of \$8,500.00, being the lowest tender for Proposal "B" be accepted for the repairs to the stone retaining wall, Horseshoe Island, Quinpool Road. Motion passed.

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Alderman Allen asked if the snow removal equipment would be received in time for next winter, and was told by the Director of Engineering & Works that the order would be placed immediately.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting of May 20, 1970 with respect to the following:

Tenders for Motor Vehicles - Halifax Police Department

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the following tenders be accepted:

14 automobiles	-	\$31,660.00	-	Scotia Chev Olds Ltd.
1 truck, GVW Rating				
7,000	-	\$ 4,550.00	-	Halifax Chrysler Dodge Ltd.
1 truck, GVW 5000	-	\$ 3,795.00	-	Halifax Chrysler Dodge Ltd.

Motion passed.

REPORT - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Public Health and Welfare Committee from its meeting of May 20, 1970 with respect to the following:

Amendments to Policy and procedures Manual - Halifax Social Services

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Public Health and Welfare Committee, the following amendments to the Policy and Procedures Manual for Halifax Social Services be approved:

Page 13 - Paragraph 2 reads "An applicant is eligible only if the BUDGET deficit shown is in excess of 10% of total budgetted needs."

Add to this Section - For applicants with fixed incomes below our scale of social assistance payments, this clause does not apply. Supplementation of actual amount needed to meet a budget deficit may be granted.

Page 13 - Addition

Persons over 16 wishing to attend school may be assisted where unusual financial circumstances exist, providing these circumstances have been assessed.

For persons over 16 at home, family income in total should be assessed to determine if budget deficit exists.

For persons living away from home, the parent should be contacted and family situation explored.

Page 14 - Room and Board

Change in policy regarding charges for room only

Maximum weekly rent of \$10.00

(no maximum stated previously)

Meals Out: required where client has no facilities to prepare meals.

Maximum daily rate \$2.00

Maximum weekly rate \$14.00

Resulting in a maximum payment of \$24.00 per week for one person living in a room without facilities to prepare meals.

Page 14 - Clothing

Applicants who apply for assistance to meet a temporary need while awaiting some other sources of income are not eligible to receive an allowance for clothing for this temporary period.

i.e. Clients awaiting Unemployment Insurance.

When Unemployment Insurance comes into pay, if client is then eligible for a supplement to this income clothing allowance is to be added at this point.

2. Applicants awaiting commencement of a specific job at a definite time.

3. Able bodied, unemployed, single people.

Page 14 - Clothing

The section stating clothing allowances may be accumulated up to three months is to be deleted.

Page 16 - Funeral Expenses

The following scale is to apply.

The cost of casket, embalming, graveside service and related service.

1. For children stillborn - a maximum of \$40.00

2. For children birth to 2 years
A somewhat flexible charge depending
on size of casket required \$60.00

i.e. \$40.00 in some cases or up to \$150.00
for unusual circumstances

3. For children ages 3-10 a maximum of \$150.00

4. For children ages 11 to 16 below school age, \$175.00
Again a somewhat flexible charge depending
on size of casket required recognizing
that in some cases it may be necessary to
pay adult rate.

5. Adults \$240.00

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Charges for opening grave a maximum of \$40.00

Transportation costs to cemeteries outside area to be considered if family plot is already owned. To be referred to supervisor for decision.

Note: Any person having paid into Canada Pension Plan for three years is eligible for special benefits for funeral expenses in accordance with amount paid in. Funeral expenses may be paid if requested in accordance with our scale. Contact Canada Pension Commission and prepare form requesting reimbursement to Halifax Social Services.

Page 17 - V.O.N. Services

Change first paragraph to read

Bedside nursing care by the V.O.N. will be furnished by this department where a family is actively on welfare, or where, by the inclusion of this charge for V.O.N. services, a budget deficit is found to exist. This decision should be made on the strength of medical advice and the worker's knowledge of the family's circumstances and, as in the case of all requests for special requirements, the approval of the Supervisor is required.

Page 19 - Provision of Eye Glasses

Change to read

If glasses are prescribed by a qualified ophthalmologist for either a child or an adult in a family actively on welfare, upon request, the worker may provide client with a purchase order payable to C.N.I.B.

C.N.I.B. has agreed to supply the prescribed lenses to our client at a greatly reduced cost, thus enabling us to offer this assistance to a greater number of people.

This procedure is valid of all ages.

Criteria is that the family be in receipt of welfare.

If a request is received from an adult applicant who is found not to be eligible for municipal social assistance, applicant may be referred to C.N.I.B. who will assist if the degree of vision falls within their sphere of service.

Halifax Social Services cannot at this time assist the medically indigent adult to purchase glasses.

For school children, or children below school age, of a family not actively on welfare, if the referring agency,

after careful investigation has determined that the family is unable to meet this expense, a referral may be made to C.N.I.B. who will assess the need and bill the Social Planning Office for balance of cost over the above one month's family allowance.

i.e. This last category of service is not a shareable item.

Page 21 - Strikes - For Clarification:

Any member of a Union taking part in an organized strike shall not be eligible for municipal assistance.

Any member of a union remaining off work in sympathy shall not be eligible for municipal assistance.

Any person participating in a "wild cat" strike shall not be eligible for municipal assistance.

To be given individual assessment - persons, not members of a striking union, unable to perform their duties because of strike action at his place of employment, but willing to work (i.e. report to Manpower); or a person who is ill and could not work even if strike were settled.

Page 22 - Assets

In considering liquid assets for the purpose of establishing eligibility, monies received from the expropriation of a residential property shall not be considered as a liquid asset, providing the applicant is prepared to place such funds in a trust account to be administered by a recognized Trust Company having an office in Halifax, Nova Scotia, such trust account to be used for the specific purpose of acquiring new housing.

At Intake - a statement of income received in the previous four weeks should be signed. Applicant should also be requested to state when he received his last pay, in what amount, and for what period. In cases where a large amount of money was received in a lump sum, care should be taken with the section of the application dealing with "assets" and if necessary a careful investigation should be made.

The worker will bear in mind when assessing what portion of the income shall be counted as chargeable that the client may not have had time to adjust his financial obligations to the limits of a social assistance budget. As well, if this four week period falls within two different months, the fact that the rent is now due may have to be considered.

Motion passed.

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REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the Town Planning Board from its meeting of May 20th, with respect to the following matters:

Rezoning From R-1 to R-2 Residential - Lot "A", Dunbrack Street
(Date for Hearing)

The recommendation of the Town Planning Board read as follows:

- "1. THAT the rezoning from R-1 Residential to R-2 Residential, Lots 900 to 965 Inclusive, of Lot "A", Dunbrack Street, as shown on Plan No. P200/3609, be approved;
2. a date be set for a public hearing; and
3. The area outlined on the plan attached to the staff report be designated as the area within which persons will be notified of the Public Hearing;
4. on the understanding that there will be a subsequent formal application for preliminary subdivision approval of Lots 900 to 965 of Lot "A", Dunbrack Street, after the developer has had an opportunity to negotiate further with staff on this matter."

Alderman McGuire said that when this item was discussed at the Town Planning Board meeting, there was some indication that there would be an addition to the land to be rezoned, and he asked if a member of staff could speak on this point. He said it involved a strip of public land which was not included in the above-noted rezoning.

The City Engineer displayed a map of the area and explained the conditions under which staff was recommending the rezoning from R-1 to R-2 residential. One of the points was that Coronation Avenue would be reduced to a 50 ft. street line, making 16 ft. of land available to the developers. The City, he said would deed this land to the owner at no cost to help offset the owner's loss of 34 ft. of land on Dunbrack Street.

This being the case, he said, if a Public Hearing in the matter is held, he would suggest that the laying down of street lines on Coronation Avenue be the first item to be explained and approved. If these street lines are approved, the same Public Hearing could deal with the rezoning of the land which Mr. Dodge outlined on the map. Furthermore, Mr. Dodge said, if the developer approved of the plan staff had outlined for the subdivision, or wished to submit a new plan, that could also be approved at the same Public Hearing.

Alderman McGuire said it would appear with regard to the 16 ft. strip of land along Coronation Avenue, that the City was forcing the developer to acquire something he didn't want.

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Mr. Dodge said this was not the case, and suggested that the City should establish a policy whereby all developers would be treated in the same manner.

The City Solicitor said that this trading off of land was common practice throughout Canada in dealing with subdivisions, so he felt it was acceptable in this case.

Alderman McGuire asked if the street lines were approved for Coronation Avenue and the 16 ft. strip of land rezoned, would it force the developer to acquire the 16 ft. strip. Mr. Dodge said the developer would need the 16 ft. strip for access purposes, since the scheme of the subdivision plan called for no access off Dunbrack Street.

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the recommendation of the Town Planning Board be approved, and that in addition the Public Hearing include laying down of street lines for Coronation Avenue and rezoning from R-1 to R-2 Residential of the 16 ft. strip of land adjacent to Coronation Avenue. Motion passed with Alderman Sullivan against.

Final Approval for Lots 5 to 16 inclusive - George Kapsales Subdivision - Modification of Side Yard Requirements for Lots 10 and 16 - Woodcrest Avenue - Frances and Ursula Courts

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

1. City Council grant final approval of Lots 5 to 12 inclusive and Lots 14 and 15, George Kapsales Subdivision, as shown on Plan No. P200/3377 of Case No. 1809, subject to the applicant:

- (a) submitting "as constructed" engineering design drawings for the street and services construction to meet the satisfaction of the City Engineer;

- (b) that a maintenance bond be posted for the street construction and services installation, satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and

- (c) that Lot 13 as shown on Plan No. P200/3377 be deeded to the City for public open space.

2. That the request for modification of the left side yard requirement for Lot 10 and the modification of the right side yard requirement for Lot 15 from the flanking street, Woodcrest Ave., Frances and Ursula Courts, as shown on Plan No. P200/3784, be granted.

Motion passed.

Modification of the Front Yard, Side Yard, Lot Frontage and Lot Area Requirements - 6293 North Street

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by

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Alderman MacKeen that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of the front yard, side yard, lot frontage and lot area requirements, 6293 North Street, to permit the conversion of an existing duplex dwelling to a 4-unit apartment building as shown in Case No. 2089 of Plan Nos. P200/3715 to 3719 and P200/3727, be refused. Motion passed

Modification of the Front Yard Requirements - 63 Main Avenue

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the modification of the front yard requirement at No. 63 Main Avenue to permit construction of a 22-foot one-storey addition to the front of a 30-unit apartment building now under construction, Case No. 2091, Plan Nos. P200/3723-3724, be approved on planning grounds. Motion passed.

Modification of the Front Yard Requirements - 20½ Circle Drive

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the modification of the lot frontage requirement to permit the conversion of a five-unit apartment building into an 11-unit apartment building at No. 20½ Circle Drive, as shown in Case No. 2093, on Plan No. P200/3746, be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Parking facilities being provided on the lot for eleven dwelling units.

2. Driveway being provided from Circle Drive.

Motion passed.

Extension to a Non-Conforming Building and Modification of Side Yard Requirements - No. 139 Coronation Avenue

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the extension to a non-conforming building, and modification of the side yard requirements to permit the construction of an 18 foot x 22 foot car-port to the rear of an existing single family dwelling at 139 Coronation Avenue, as shown in Case No. 2100 on Plan No. P200/3764, be approved. Motion passed.

Modification of the Side Yard Setback - Lot #61 Glenora Avenue

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the modification of the side yard requirements on Lot #61, Glenora Avenue, to permit the construction of a single-family dwelling, as shown in Case No. 2101 on Plan No. P200/3765 and P200/3766, be approved. Motion passed.

Rezoning of Lots 111-117 inclusive and Lots 132-134 Inclusive, Downs Avenue and Brook Street from Industrial to R-1 Residential
(Date for Hearing)

MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by

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Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board,

1. the rezoning from Industrial to R-1 Residential of Lots 111-117, inclusive, and Lots 132-134, inclusive, Downs Avenue and Brook Street, as shown on Plan No. P200/3774, to permit the construction of single family homes, be approved;
2. A date be set for a Public Hearing; and
3. the area outlined on the plan attached to the staff report be designated as the area within which persons will be notified of the Public Hearing.

Motion passed.

Modification of the Lot Frontage Requirement - Lot 4, No. 12
Aldergrove Drive, Spryfield

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Allen that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the modification of the lot frontage requirement to permit the construction of a duplex dwelling on Lot #4, Civic No. 12 Aldergrove Drive, as shown in Case No. 2110 on Plan No. P200/3780, be approved. Motion passed

Modification of Lot Frontage and Side Yard Requirements -3211
Robie Street

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the modification of lot frontage, lot area, and side yard requirements, to permit the relocation of a dwelling at No. 3211 Robie Street, as shown in Case No. 2111 on Plan No. P200/3781, be approved. Motion passed.

Subdivision - Lands of Ross Forward, Forward Avenue, Jollimore

The report of the Town Planning Board read as follows:

"At the Town Planning Board meeting, the following motion was lost, Aldermen Allen and McGuire and His Worship the Mayor, voting For the same, and Aldermen MacKeen, Hogan, Ivany, LeBlanc, and Meagher voting against:

'THAT the proposal "A" of Case No. 1758 be approved by Council and that Staff be directed to acquire the necessary property, set down the necessary street lines and prepare a final survey plan for the implementation of Proposal "A", and that Mr. Harris be asked to put his objections to the staff recommendation in writing so that they may be considered at the next Council meeting when this recommendation comes up for approval.' "

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The City Clerk read the following letter which had been received under date of May 27th from Mr. Harris:

"To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Victor S. Harris
Re: Consideration for acquiring lands owned by the
above, V.S. Harris for the purpose as outlined in
report of City Engineer's Dept. Case No. 1758

"THIS PROPERTY was subdivided but not approved by Mr. George T. Bates, P.L.S. recently.

"THE PROPOSAL, as outlined in Case No. 1758, would take Lots 1,2 of this layout or approximately 13,700 sq. ft.

"THE CITY ENGINEER, Mr. Dodge, has suggested that I consider taking, in return, the land designated on Case No. 1758, Lot A of 6,000 sq. ft. and a lot to the south of approximately 5740 sq. ft.

"AT A LATER DATE, the timing of this is an unknown factor, the City would divert William's Lake Road to the south, which would put it in line with Parkhill Road. At that time, the City would transfer to me the necessary land required to bring the above lot up to 6,000 sq. ft.

"THE TWO LOTS REFERRED TO ABOVE of 11,740 sq. ft. do not lend themselves to residential construction, viz:

They are practically surrounded by streets.

All traffic in and out of Forward Avenue is channelled past them.

Maintenance of these excessive street frontages would consist of lawns, snow removal, etc.

The usable area of these lots, after the building lines are considered, would be of very little practical use.

The cost of sidewalk, curb and gutter would be excessive."

Motion passed
After a short discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Ivany, that the matter be referred back to the Committee of the Whole. Motion passed.

MOTIONS

Motion - Alderman Hogan - Amendment to Ordinance No. 121
Respecting the Closing and Observation of Holidays of
Certain Classes of Shops in the City of Halifax (First
Reading)

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the following amendment to Ordinance No. 121 Respecting the Closing and Observation of Holidays of Certain Classes of Shops in the City of Halifax be read and passed a First Time:

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Halifax that Ordinance Number 121, Respecting the Closing and Observation of Holidays of Certain Classes of Shops in the City of Halifax, as approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 23rd day of August, A.D., 1967, and amended and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 21st day of August, A.D., 1968, is further amended as follows:

1. Section 2 of said Ordinance Number 121 is amended by adding thereto the following clause:

(d) "general store shop" means a retail store engaged in the selling of groceries, dry goods, and hardware, and the sale of groceries shall constitute not less than thirty-three percent of the total gross sales.

2. Section 5. of said Ordinance Number 121 is amended by adding thereto the following clause:

(a) a general store shop when the business occupancy assessment is thirty thousand dollars or less.

Motion passed.

Motion - Alderman MacKeen - Lowering of Voting Age

MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman McGuire that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare legislation for the next session of the Legislature to amend the City Charter to provide voting privileges to persons of eighteen years of age and over.

Alderman MacKeen spoke at some length to his motion and said that both the Provincial Government and the Federal Government had lowered the voting age, one to 19 years of age and the other to 18 years of age.

Alderman LeBlanc said that he supported the intent of the motion and MOVED in Amendment, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the age be changed to nineteen years of age and over. He felt that it would be advisable for the City to keep in line with the Provincial Government since there

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is a provision in the City Charter which permits the City to use the Provincial or Federal Government's voters list if there has been an election within a certain number of months of the City election. He understood that the Federal Government has not yet finally agreed to lower the voting age but that it is still being considered.

Alderman Hogan asked if this change would permit persons of eighteen years of age to patronize the liquor stores.

His Worship the Mayor said that this is another matter entirely and bears no relation to voting rights. He suggested that perhaps later a motion could be considered which would amend the Ordinance so that persons of eighteen years of age would pay Poll Tax. In reply to a question he understood that the Provinces of Quebec, Prince Edward Island and Manitoba had lowered the voting age.

After further discussion, the Amendment was put and passed.

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

Motion - Alderman Ivany - Amendments to Part VI, Zoning By-law

Alderman Ivany asked members of Council to agree to defer this item.

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

Motion - Alderman MacKeen - Designation as Residential Tenancies Area

Alderman MacKeen asked members of Council to agree to defer this item.

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

Motion - Alderman Sullivan - Crosswalks on Gottingen Street

Alderman Sullivan asked whether any members of Staff wish to comment on the matter before he puts his motion.

The Traffic Authority displayed a map of the length of Gottingen Street from Duffus to North Streets. He advised that there are presently ten zebra crossings on Gottingen Street located at: Portland Place, Prince William Street, Gerrish Street, Uniacke Street, Charles Street, Kaye Street, Hennessey Place, Merkel Place, Vestry Street and Normandy Drive. He also advised that there are four signalized intersections at Cogswell Street, Cornwallis Street, North Street and Duffus Street. There is also a crosswalk, he said, at Russell Street where there is a four-way stop. He supplies the following information with

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respect to numbers of pedestrians crossing at crosswalks: 524 pedestrian crossings at Russell Street, 533 at Kaye Street, 229 at Young Street, 40 at Livingstone Place, 475 at Merkel Place, 75 at Sebastian Place, 840 at Vestry Street and 375 at Normandy Drive. He also advised that 57% of the pedestrians crossing Gottingen Street jaywalked. He referred to a report which had been prepared in reply to a question asked by Alderman Sullivan indicating that the Traffic Authority did not consider it advisable to locate any more crosswalks on Gottingen Street as motorists would be inclined to refuse to acknowledge them and they would slow traffic down considerably.

Alderman Sullivan referred to the numbers of children crossing Gottingen Street on their way to school and urged that the crosswalks he had suggested be installed. He referred to the fact that ten to twelve people have been killed on Gottingen Street over the past ten to twelve years. He felt that pedestrians should be given every protection possible when crossing the street. He said that when the Police radar was set up on that section of Gottingen Street from Young Street to Duffus Street, twelve speeders were apprehended. He referred to the great amount of truck traffic on the street.

Alderman Ivany felt that more enforcement was required and suggested that persons who jaywalked should be fined in the same manner as a motorist who disobeys the regulations.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the following resolution be approved:

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, Livingstone Place and Gottingen Street and Stanley Place and Gottingen Street.

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

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

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

Accounts MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the following resolution be approved:

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.

Alderman Sullivan spoke to his motion and said how disturbed he was that ocean rates are the same in Montreal as they are in Saint John and Halifax. He considered that the Port is being treated very unfavourably. He understood that it is the responsibility of the Halifax-Dartmouth Port Commission to make any protests to Ottawa and he suggested that the resolution be forwarded to the Port Commission with a request for a report on the matter.

After a short discussion, Alderman Sullivan, with the approval of his seconder, amended his motion, the last two paragraphs of which to now read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this City Council protest the unfavourable treatment given to this Port regarding ocean rates which are definitely favouring St. Lawrence River Ports;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Halifax-Dartmouth Port Commission with a request that it be followed through and passed on to the appropriate Federal Government officials with a request that City Council be advised of the result of any action taken in the matter, within two months.

The motion was then put and passed.

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accounts Over \$5,000.00

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

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
W. R. MacInnes & Co.	General Fire Insurance	\$ 18,782.60

Motion passed.

Delano vs City of Halifax and Jefferson - Revocation of Building Permit - Lot 30 Regina Terrace

A confidential staff report was submitted relating to the above matter.

Upon being asked a question about the matter, the Acting City Manager advised that he would prefer to answer the question in private.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Allen that Council adjourn to meet privately in the Mayor's Office.

The motion was put and resulted in a tie vote, five voting for the same and five against it as follows:

For: Aldermen MacKeen, Ivany, LeBlanc,
McGuire and Allen 5

Against: Aldermen Abbott, Connolly, Hogan, Meagher
and Sullivan 5

His Worship the Mayor cast his vote in favour of the motion and declared same passed.

10:15 p.m. Council adjourned to meet privately in the Mayor's Office.

10:35 p.m. Council reconvened, the same members being present.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Hogan that City Council approve a settlement with Mrs. Thalia E. Delano in the amount of \$1500.00 as settlement in full from all claims. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Hogan Re: Time for Setting Out Garbage

Alderman Hogan asked what time citizens are allowed to put garbage out the night previous to the day of collection.

The Acting City Manager advised 11:00 p.m. the night previous.

Alderman Hogan asked if this could be advertised as he had noticed a number of people had set out garbage in the late afternoon and early evening.

Question Alderman MacKeen Re: Unsightly State of C.N.R. Tracks East of Barrington Street

Alderman MacKeen referred to complaints that have been received about the unsightly state of the C.N.R. tracks running south from the Angus L. Macdonald Bridge to Cogswell Street and he asked:

1. Whose responsibility is it to keep the area clean and free from litter?
2. Whose responsibility is it to clear up the mess caused by sewage flowing from a drain on the premises?
3. Who owns the wall running along the tracks to the rear of the properties fronting Barrington Street?
4. Who owns the fence on top of the wall?

The Acting City Manager advised that the City has generally received good co-operation from the C.N.R. in the cleaning up of the premises and he said he would contact the C.N.R. to see the premises are cleared of litter. He also advised that he would check into the ownership of the wall and fence and inform the Alderman tomorrow.

The Director of Works and Engineering said that the situation with respect to the drain had been attended to and some repairs made previously by City forces and he was not aware the trouble had re-occurred. He said that he would attend to the matter as quickly as possible.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Questionnaire from City Assessor's Department

Alderman Connolly asked if a property owner is legally obligated to complete a questionnaire from the City Assessor's Department relating to his property and the cost of maintenance of same.

The Acting City Manager advised that the questionnaire is sent out to property owners and is of assistance both to the Assessor and to the citizen but that the citizen is under no obligation to complete the questionnaire.

Question Alderman McGuire Re: Anti-Whistling By-law

Alderman McGuire asked if the Staff could have a look at the correspondence relating to the Anti-Whistling By-law and review it as regards safety for those pedestrians using railway rights-of-way other than the street crossings.

Question Alderman Ivany Re: Parking Meters

Alderman Ivany asked for the City Solicitor's ruling as to whether or not parking meters should be considered as a business and if so, whether they would be permitted legally in residential areas. He also asked whether the City Council has any say in where parking meters are placed or whether it is the decision of the Traffic Authority.

The Acting City Manager advised that parking meters are not considered a business.

His Worship the Mayor felt that the location of parking meters is more of a policy matter of Council and could be discussed during the meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council to be held next Wednesday.

NOTICES OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion were given at this time.

ADDED ITEMS

City Hall Summer Working Hours

The following report was submitted from Staff:

On July 2, 1969, Council gave its approval to the implementation of the following working hours for the 1969 Summer season.

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with 1 hour for lunch for the months of July and August.

Concerned Department Heads and Local 143 (City Hall Union) have agreed that City Council be requested to approve, for 1970, a change to the summer hour pattern from June 15th to September 4th inclusive.

Arrangements have been made for certain marginal adjustments at the Police Station, City Field Office and Stores and the Information Office Service to remain open until 5:00 p.m.

I, therefore, now request that by adoption of this report permission be given to effect the change as outlined.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman McGuire that the Staff Report be approved. Motion passed.

Appointment to Recreation Commission

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Connolly that Mr. Ronald S. Crabb be appointed to the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission for a period of three years expiring April 30, 1973. Motion lost.

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MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Allen that Mr. Stewart MacInnes be appointed a member of the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission for a term of three years expiring April 30, 1973. Motion passed.

10:50 p.m. Council adjourned.

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His Worship
Mayor Allan O'Brien,
City Hall,
Halifax,

ALLAN O'BRIEN
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD
CITY CLERK

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CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
M I N U T E S

Special Council,
June 5, 1970

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
June 5, 1970
2:05 p.m.

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

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

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

Also Present: City Manager, City Solicitor, City Clerk, Director of Finance, Director of Development and Urban Renewal, Director of Works and Engineering, Director of Planning and other Staff members.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the meeting was called especially to consider the reply received from the Province with respect to the City's submission for Provincial assistance in the Department of Regional Economic Expansion Programme.

The following letter was submitted and discussed:

DEPARTMENT FINANCE AND ECONOMICS
NOVA SCOTIA

June 4, 1970

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

Dear Mayor O'Brien:

Following our recent discussions with respect to the public works program of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion, I would like to summarize the present situation as I see it, to suggest a means of resolving the problems which the program raises for Halifax and to outline the kind of arrangements for future projects which will be essential for an effective longer run program.

As you are aware, the basic criteria which the Federal Government applied to project selection for the 1970-71 fiscal year was that projects were to be incremental to those which the municipalities concerned could finance on their own. In accordance with these instructions the province, in co-operation with the City,

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put forward to the Federal Government a capital works program for 1970-71. In approving support for this program the Federal Government has stipulated that only half of it will be covered by grants and the balance will be provided as loans. Because of the manner in which the Federal Government structured the program, the burden of loan repayment is by definition in excess of what Halifax ratepayers can be reasonably expected to sustain in the immediate future.

Our discussions over the past two or three weeks have revolved around finding an appropriate means by which the City could take advantage of the Federal grants without acting in an irresponsible manner with respect to the size of the debt burden chargeable against City assessment. In our discussions we agreed that the immediate problem relates to cash flows associated with repayment, particularly during 1971 and 1972 when repayment commitments from past year's projects are substantial. Having reviewed this situation, the province is prepared to assist the City of Halifax to overcome this problem of cash flow to avoid an inordinate burden on Halifax ratepayers in 1971 and 1972.

In substance, the Province is prepared to forgive the City of Halifax the interest and principle on the first annual loan repayments due from the City to the Province for all projects in Halifax contained in Schedule B of the Federal-Provincial Agreement. Including related loans from CMHC, the total funding under this Agreement is \$4,769,000, less approximately \$600,000 of grants from the Nova Scotia Water Resources Commission. The annual repayment on a 20 year annuity at 8% for \$4.2 million would be approximately \$426,000.

In providing assistance in this form, the Province recognizes that the continuing burden in following years must be taken fully into account in planning capital expenditures for the 1971-75 period.

It is quite obvious that the Federal Government, in its public works program for the special area, is justified in insisting that special projects be incremental to those that would have been undertaken without Federal involvement. It is equally obvious, however, that the governments in the special area, including the provincial government, cannot continue to take on loan burdens which are in excess of their ability to repay from their revenue base. For this reason, it is imperative that the preparation of the 1971-75 capital program for the special area take full account of the real ability of the community to sustain such investments and that the program and financial arrangements with Ottawa be developed in the light of these constraints.

We have had preliminary discussions with senior officials in the Department of Regional Economic Expansion on this matter. They are aware of this problem and indi-

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cate that they are prepared to review, with the province and the municipalities concerned, the full financial implications of the integrated capital development program that will be worked up for the region over this summer and fall.

On these grounds, I would suggest that the proposal of the Provincial Government to assist the City of Halifax with its 1971 and 1972 cash problems will be sufficient for the moment to allow the City to move ahead with all speed in undertaking the projects provided for in the agreement signed with the Department of Regional Economic Expansion. Through the mechanisms of the Steering Group and the joint Federal-Provincial Planning Committee I would expect that an agreement for the period 1971-75 will relate not only to infrastructure needs but also to the financial capacity of the participating governments.

In short, I am confident that by working together we can ensure that the beneficial impact of the Federal-Provincial program can be enjoyed without placing unfair pressure on the municipal or the provincial taxpayer.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) T. J. McKeough, M.D.
Chairman
Cabinet Committee on
Planning & Programmes

The following programmes are to be included in the agreement to be signed between the Province of Nova Scotia and the Department of Regional Economic Expansion:

(All Figures in \$1000's)

Projects in order of Priorities	Federal Grants	Federal	1970-71 Total Program
		Loans Including CMHC	
1. Kline Heights Renewal	-	527	527
2. Brunswick St. School	587	621	1208
3. Lacewood Sewer	122	152	274
4. Duc D'Anville School	128	128	256
5. South Armdale Sewer	358	358	716
6. Fairview Sewer	254	254	508
7. Harbour Interceptor	541.5	541.5	1083
8. Bloomfield School	429	429	858
9. Gorsebrook School	124	124	248
10. Transit Bus Bays	412	-	412
11. Harbour Drive	-	400	400
TOTAL.....	2955.5	3534.5	6490

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Province His Worship the Mayor asked if Staff wished to comment on the letter.

The Director of Development and Urban Renewal said that Staff would recommend acceptance of the letter particularly because it leaves open the question of future participation by the Provincial Government in the additional years of the programme and it gives the City an opportunity to get started on this year's proposals with negotiating room for the future.

Alderman Allen, without completely comprehending the ramifications of the letter, could see that the Province has taken steps to assist the City in every way possible. He said that the citizens of Halifax have shown a very real interest in the programme and are anxiously awaiting the commencement of some of the projects. It was then MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that the City accept the conditions of the Province and move ahead with the programme as quickly as possible.

Alderman MacKeen, in seconding the motion, congratulated His Worship the Mayor and the negotiating team on their efforts and said that he was delighted the Province had seen fit to grant assistance to the City. He said that he knew the citizens in Ward 3 will be anxious to see the Brunswick Street School project go ahead.

Alderman LeBlanc agreed with Alderman MacKeen that he was delighted with the news and he asked how soon work on some of the projects could be started.

His Worship the Mayor said that he expected a public announcement to be made within a few days by the Federal and Provincial Governments, when the agreement is signed. He had heard that the Agreement might be signed next Tuesday.

The Director of Development and Urban Renewal said that he could not give firm dates as to when certain projects will be started but he advised that staff has been working on many of them while the negotiations have been going on. He said that certain aspects of some of the projects will require further discussion by Council within the next few weeks. He further advised that some of the projects could be started almost immediately and that Brunswick Street School Complex was one of these.

His Worship the Mayor asked Staff to prepare a report as soon as an announcement has been made by the Federal and Provincial Governments setting out prospective schedules on each of the projects included in the programme.

In reply to a question from Alderman Ivany, His Worship the Mayor explained that as members of Council know there can be no Debt Service Charges in 1970 or 1971 charged to the taxpayers because the Federal Government is not going to ask repayment of the loan portion from the

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Province until the first of the fiscal year following completion of the project and the Province has said that it would pay as a grant to the City, the principal and interest for the first year. This, he said, would mean that with respect to the Brunswick Street School, the City would not be required to pay any debt service charges until April, 1973 on that project. He advised that the Province will take into account, when discussing the next four year programme, the City's capital budget situation. He expressed the hope that all of the projects will begin this year.

In reply to a question, the City Manager advised that Staff will have to farm some of the extra work out but some it hopes to be able to do.

His Worship the Mayor said that there will be many discussions in Council and with the Province between now and October with respect to the next four year programme. He advised that many people have worked extremely hard on the negotiations including the Steering Committee and Core Committee.

Alderman Allen briefly explained why it has not been possible to keep members of Council completely up to date on the negotiations as they involved the Provincial and Federal Governments as well.

Alderman Ivany referred to the Bus Bays project and asked whether it might be an indication that parking facilities could be included in future years.

His Worship the Mayor said that this would have to be a policy decision of Council as to whether it should encourage car use or use of the transit system.

At this time, Alderman Ivany brought to the City Manager's attention his concern about the lack of a Central Registry system whereby comprehensive files on certain matters like the one presently being discussed, could be made available to Aldermen. He said that he had raised the matter before and hoped that the City Manager would investigate the possibility of such a system. He realized that some of the files would need to be treated confidentially.

After further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

ALLAN O'BRIEN
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD
CITY CLERK