

Proposed Arena - Dartmouth and Devonshire Avenues

This matter came without recommendation from the Committee in view of the fact that further material was to be presented prior to this Council meeting.

A staff report dated February 17 was submitted outlining the plans which had been received since the Committee meeting, and the discussion which had taken place, and concluded with a recommendation that Council defer consideration of the proposal until February 23. The report stated that the Ward Five Resources Council were under considerable pressure to begin construction in order to take advantage of their Federal Government grant.

Mr. Churchill of the Real Estate Department outlined what had taken place in recent discussions with the Ward 5 Council, and said that the latest plans indicated a building smaller than what had originally been proposed. This reduced size, he said, eliminated a spectators area and reduced the number of dressing rooms which would be available. Also, he said, there was some concern about the siting of the building, angle controls, etc., although it was felt these could be resolved. There were, he said, engineering difficulties which the City Engineer would comment on.

Mr. Dodge said the site had an approximate twenty-two foot difference in elevation from one end to the other, and that the developer of the project was endeavouring to reduce elevation by terracing which at one point would require fill up 20 feet in depth. He said he had questioned the ability to do this work satisfactorily during the winter months. There was also, he said, the question of a retaining wall, and he had been advised this would be taken care of by means of slopes, which he added, were not indicated on the plan. In these circumstances, he said, he was unable to approve the plans. Mr. Dodge then spoke of the problems he felt would be encountered with drainage under the building, which could affect some of the properties in the area. He said it was his understanding after the meeting, that the Ward 5 Council would go back to their Engineering firm and come back in a few days with revised plans that would take into account some of these questions that had been raised, and after staff had reviewed the plans submit the matter to the next Committee of the Whole.

The City Manager said it was these engineering difficulties which he felt were of prime concern, rather than the size, etc. of the building.

Canon French addressed the Council and said the Ward 5 Council was becoming frustrated by the obstacles being placed in its way to get the arena under construction. He said it was neither their intention to build a "shack" nor on the other hand a "Forum"; what they wanted was a modest arena where the young people of the north end could enjoy themselves. On the other hand, he said, they had every intention of complying with whatever rules and regulations existed. He felt the City was showing a lack of trust, and had done so

from the beginning regarding the raising of the necessary money. It was a question, he said, of building what they could afford.

The Engineer for the proposed arena, Mr. Larry Wilson addressed Council. Mr. Wilson said he had discussed the problems of fill and settling of the building with George Brandys & Associates, Consulting Engineers, 1859 Granville Street, and it was their joint opinions that the problem could be solved with proper compaction. Mr. Wilson then outlined in engineering terms the proposed method. He also outlined the drainage system under the ice surface. The Consulting Engineers, he said, had not been involved in the drainage question and, to be honest, Mr. Wilson said he had not considered it to be a great problem. He said he had been concentrating on the interior drainage whereas Mr. Dodge was referring to the exterior drainage. However, he said he was quite satisfied that the problems could be worked out to the City's satisfaction.

After considerable discussion of the matter, during which the necessity of getting the project started was emphasized, if the grants were not be lost, it was MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman MacKeen, that land in the area of Dartmouth and Devonshire Avenues be leased to the Ward 5 Resources Council at an economic rent for the purpose of constructing an arena, subject to:

- (a) Assurance of capital requirements for the proposed arena being fully met prior to the start of construction;
- (b) no capital contribution being required of the City of Halifax;
- (c) contribution by the City in respect of operating costs of the arena being limited to such rental of the facilities as would normally fall within the City's regular recreation program;
- (d) design and location of the building being subject to City approval, and
- (e) provision for car parking and traffic movement associated with the operation of the arena being acceptable to the Traffic Authority of the City.

Alderman Connolly spoke of the need of a guarantee that no construction work on the building itself would take place before the City had approved the engineering plans and MOVED in Amendment, seconded by Alderman Bell that the Ward Five Resources Council be given approval to proceed with ground and site work only, but construction of the building not be started until engineering plans have been submitted and approved by the City.

The City Manager said he felt this



matter of proceeding with the earth work before approval of the building plans was in order as long as it was clearly understood that the responsibility lies with the Ward Five Resources Council and not the City, and that the building plans must comply with City specifications.

The motion to amend was put and passed with Alderman MacKeen against.

The motion as amended was put and passed unanimately.

Capital Improvements - Water Street - Court House Area

MOVED by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council approve the necessary funds in the 1972 Capital Budget to carry out the proposal for cleaning up the Water Street Courthouse area from George Street to Duke Street, as outlined in staff report dated February 9, 1972 on the basis that the Province shares 50% of the cost, the total cost of the work proposed being \$65,000, and enter into a construction Agreement to this effect, since the section of Water Street concerned is a cost-sharing street under the existing street maintenance agreement and therefore eligible for Provincial sharing. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on February 9, 1972 with respect to the following matter:

Ban on Use of Studded Tires

The recommendation of the Committee on Works reads as follows:

"It is recommended that Council pass a resolution requesting the Provincial Government (Department of Highways) to ban the use of studded tires in Nova Scotia."

It was MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS research projects have indicated that studded tires cause major damage to highway surfaces and to pavement markings;

WHEREAS there is no evidence that the use of studded tires benefits the safe and economical operation of highway transportation under most conditions by reducing accident occurrence or severity;

WHEREAS there is a lack of legislative uniformity in Canada regulating the use of studded tires;

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Halifax urge the Provincial Government of Nova Scotia to research and develop a uniform position in relation to the use of studded tires.

Alderman MacKeen spoke to his motion and advised that the motion is basically the same as that approved by the Canadian Automobile Association.

The motion was then put and passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Ordinance No. 153, Respecting "Sewer Development Charges" -  
Second Reading

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Moir that Ordinance Number 153, Respecting "Sewer Development Charges", be read and passed a Second Time. Motion passed.

Alderman Stapells was absent from the meeting at the time this item was considered.

Barrington Developments Limited

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council:



1. City Council authorize construction of a temporary diversion of Barrington Street adjacent to the Barrington Developments project in accordance with Plan No. TT-14-19013 at an estimated cost of \$160,000, funds to be provided in the 1972 Current Budget;
2. the City Manager be requested to look at the possibility of including the \$160,000 in the present Capital Budget of the City.

Alderman Connolly pointed out that this sort of problem occurs when, as in this case, a development is approved contingent upon the construction of Harbour Drive and subsequently deciding not to proceed with its construction.

After a short discussion, the motion was put and passed.

The time being 11:00 p.m., it was MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Connolly that City Council continue consideration of the Order of Business. Motion passed.

#### REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on February 9, 1972 with respect to the following matters:

##### Preliminary Approval - Cresthaven Park Subdivision

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for the preliminary approval of 105 single family lots and 22 duplex lots in the Cresthaven Park Subdivision, as shown on Plan No. P200/4890 of Case No. 2574, be granted, subject to:

1. the approval of the Nova Scotia Water Resources Commission and the Department of Public Health;
2. the Developer assuming full responsibility for the maintenance and operation of the required private utilities - these systems being under the control of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities; and
3. the compliance of the Developer with all the terms and conditions of the Subdivision Regulations with respect to Inspection Services and Standard of Services.

Motion passed.

Zoning to C-2 (General Business) - Area "C" - Southwest Corner of Quinpool Road and Robie Street - Date for Hearing

MOVED by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman

Wentzell that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee:

1. the application for the zoning of Area "C" located on the southwest corner of Quinpool Road and Robie Street to C-2 General Business, as shown on Plan No. P200/4921 of Case No. 2585, be forwarded to Council for public hearing;
2. a date for a public hearing be set;
3. the area outlined on the plan attached to the Staff Report dated January 14, 1972 be designated as the area within which persons will be notified of the public hearing.

Motion passed.

In reply to a question, the City Clerk advised that the Public Hearing will be held on March 22, 1972.

11:10 p.m. Alderman Hogan retires.

Application for Resubdivision of Lands Owned by Fort Massey Realty Ltd. and the City of Halifax, Dutch Village Road and Alma Crescent

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for a resubdivision of lands owned by Fort Massey Realty Ltd. and the City of Halifax, Dutch Village Road and Alma Crescent, to:

1. combine the area shown as Lot A and the two lots adjacent to it to create a new lot, Lot Z, and
2. subtract from the land of Fort Massey Realty Ltd. the area shown as Lot B, which is to be deeded to the City of Halifax

as shown on Plan No. P200/4925 of Case No. 2400, be approved and a public hearing waived. Motion passed.

Resubdivision of Lands - Penn Construction Equipment Co. Ltd. - King Street

MOVED by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for resubdivision of Lots 1, 2 and 3 of the Lands Owned by Penn Construction Equipment Co. Ltd., King Street, to create from them one lot, Lot J, as shown on Plan No. P200/4892 of Case No. 2575, be approved and a public hearing waived. Motion passed.

Application for Preliminary Approval of Lots 300, 301, 302, 303, 309, 310 and 311 - Lands of John C. Risley, Joyce Avenue and Inverness Avenue

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Stapells that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee;



1. Preliminary approval be granted for Lots 300, 301, 302, 303, 309, 310 and 311, Lands of John C. Risley, Joyce Avenue and Inverness Avenue, as shown on Plan No. P200/3697 of Case No. 2083; and
2. Council indicate that consideration would be given to cost sharing in the installation of the oversized storm sewer at the time of final approval of this subdivision, provided the City has, at that time, sufficient unallocated funds or funding authority therefor.

Motion passed.

Rezoning from R-3 Residential to C-2 Commercial - Civic  
Nos. 2021-2025 Maynard Street

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee;

1. the application for the rezoning of the property at 2021-2025 Maynard Street from R-3 Residential to C-2 Commercial, as shown on Plans No. P200/4322 and 4275 of Case No. 2302, be forwarded to Council for a public hearing;
2. a date for a public hearing be set;
3. the area outlined on a plan attached to the Staff Report dated January 13, 1972 be designated as the area within which persons will be notified of the public hearing.

Alderman MacKeen spoke of the concern of some of the residents of the area about this rezoning and he questioned the reasons why a public hearing is scheduled for next Wednesday before Council had formally decided to hold such a hearing. He also questioned the speed with which this item has moved ahead.

After some discussion, the motion was put and passed.

Existing Zoning By-law to Remain in Force - Preparation  
of Municipal Development Plan

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the City of Halifax request the Minister of Municipal Affairs to order the Municipality (Halifax) to prepare the Municipal Development Plan. Motion passed.

Tabling Resolution - Board of Trade - Development Plan for  
Open Public Areas

MOVED by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the resolution relating to a Development Plan for Open Public Areas, as submitted by the Halifax Board of Trade, be tabled. Motion passed.

MAPC Report - Arm Bridge

MOVED by Alderman Wentzell, seconded by Alderman Stapells that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, City Council go on record as opposing the recent MAPC Report as it relates to restraining growth in the Spryfield and Annexed Region for the next 10 years and that this Council is not prepared to tolerate any long term deferral of construction of the Arm Bridge as indicated in the Report.

Alderman Connolly said he had talked with some MAPC staff who have indicated a willingness to meet with members of City Council and make a presentation of the Report with explanations. It was MOVED by Alderman Connolly that the matter be deferred until such time as members of MAPC have had an opportunity to address Council.

The motion was not seconded.

Alderman Stanbury read a brief portion of a speech made in the Legislature recently relating to this very matter by Mr. Ron Wallace, M.L.A.

The motion was then put and passed with Alderman Connolly voting against.

MOTIONS

Motion - Alderman Bell - Amendments to Ordinance No. 141  
First Reading

Alderman Bell reported that since giving the Notice of Motion respecting amendments to Ordinance No. 141, he had been informed that the amendment cannot be made. However, it was MOVED by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Connolly that a study be requested to be made and a report filed indicating the implications of granting tax concessions to those people on limited incomes. Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Halifax Police Boys Club

A report was submitted from Staff relating to the above matter.

After hearing from the City Engineer who explained the present situation with respect to additional land for the Police Boys Club and displayed a sketch map of the same, it was MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Stapells:

That City Council approve the additional land and that a new agreement be entered into with the Halifax Police Boys Club for the lease of approximately 26,650 square feet, for 50 years at 7 per cent of the value of the land, or \$1.25 per square foot, or an annual rental of \$2,331.87.

Motion passed.



Alderman Sullivan spoke against the recommended closure of the bypass between Dartmouth and Devonshire Avenues.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Stapells that steps be initiated to close the bypass between Dartmouth and Devonshire Avenues, and that this land (exclusive of an easement for the water line) be leased to the Police Boys' Club on the same basis as the 26,650 square feet.

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

For:	Aldermen Connolly, Meagher, Moir, Stapells and Wentzell	5
Against:	Aldermen Bell, MacKeen, Stanbury and Sullivan	4

At this time Alderman Sullivan gave Notice of Reconsideration of this motion.

#### QUESTIONS

##### Question Alderman Stanbury Re: 3025 Stairs Street

Alderman Stanbury asked Staff to look at the matter of a house at 3025 Stairs Street which is propped up on stilts and is still being lived in. She understood that the house was to be moved but the move delayed. She said that there are trucks on the lot with signs saying "Dangerous - Keep Out" but children are continuing to play there. She asked Staff to do something to correct the situation.

##### Question Alderman Stanbury Re: Accumulation of Old Cars and Junk - Windsor Park at Connolly and Windsor Streets

Alderman Stanbury referred to the great numbers of old car bodies which are accumulating in Windsor Park. She said that the residents of Connolly Street are very concerned and the appearance of the area is rapidly deteriorating. She advised that some of the junked cars have been there for a period of years. She asked Staff to investigate the situation and see if something can be done to have them removed.

##### Question Alderman Moir Re: French Consulate - Connaught Avenue

Alderman Moir felt that it is now time to do something further about the use of the French Consulate premises on Connaught Avenue as a School and Office.

His Worship the Mayor advised that Staff are presently making the last appeal before taking legal action on this matter.

Question Alderman Stapells Re: Condition of Roads - Kline Heights

Alderman Stapells referred to a telephone call he had received from a Brigadier of the Salvation Army who reluctantly complained about the state of the roadway used as a detour while sewer and water works are in progress and which runs in front of the Salvation Army Citadel in Kline Heights. He said that the roadway consists of about two feet of mud and can only be travelled by a "Jeep" type of vehicle. He stated that even Fire engines have been unable to get through this portion of street. He asked if Staff would take steps to put down some crushed rock or gravel so that the portion of street can be used. He felt that it is a matter of some priority and asked that it be attended to right away.

NOTICES OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion were given at this time.

ADDED ITEMS

Contract #3 - Kline Heights - Sewers, Water Mains and Road Construction

A report was submitted from Staff relating to the above matter.

The City Manager said he was happy to report that the tender submitted is lower than that anticipated by the City.

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Bell that Contract #3 for Sewers, Water Mains and Road Construction in Kline Heights be awarded to the lowest bidder, Cameron Contracting Limited, Halifax, N. S., in the amount of \$606,615.75. Motion passed.

Sewer Problem - Herring Cove Road

Alderman Stapells referred to a tragedy which took place some time ago when a child was washed away and drowned through an open large pipe in the Chocolate Lake Area where there was no screen. He spoke of another large pipe at the Crescent Avenue end of Chocolate Lake where the Lake passes under the Herring Cove Road which is now open and in which children are playing, much to the concern of their parents. He felt that something must be done immediately with respect to installing a screen of some kind before another dreadful tragedy occurs.

The City Engineer advised that he would submit a report to Council on the matter and recommend a suitable type of screening. He outlined some of the difficulties relating to different types of screening but said that the report would be prepared as quickly as possible.

11:30 p.m. Council adjourned.



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Present: Mayor, Chairman,  
Aldermen Bell, Connolly, Macdonald, Macpherson, Moir,  
and Sullivan.

WALTER R. FITZGERALD  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

Also Present: City Clerk and  
other Staff members.

R. H. STODDARD  
CITY CLERK

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

1. Public Hearing Re: Rezoning from R-2 Residential  
to C-2 General Business - Civic No. 6284 Yale  
Street
2. Public Hearing Re: Rezoning from R-2 Residential  
to C-2 Commercial - Civic Nos. 2021-3025 Baynard  
Street.

Public Hearing Re: Rezoning from R-2 Residential to C-2  
General Business - Civic No. 6284 Yale Street

A Public Hearing was held at this time into the  
above matter.

The City Clerk advised that the matter had been  
fully advertised and that one letter objecting to the  
rezoning has been received from Mr. C. G. Bonaby, 6308  
Yale Street, mainly on parking grounds.

In response to a request from His Worship the  
Mayor, one person spoke in favour of the application.

Mr. R. A. Mandelberg addressed Council on behalf  
of the applicant and urged that favourable consideration  
be given to the rezoning application. He stated that the  
same number of parking spaces as are provided now will be  
made available beneath the proposed building.

No other persons indicated a wish to speak in  
favour of the application.

No persons indicated a wish to speak against the  
application.



CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING  
PUBLIC HEARINGS  
MINUTES

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Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
February 23, 1972  
8:05 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 Bell, Connolly, Hogan, MacKeen, Meagher, Moir and Sullivan.

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

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

1. Public Hearing Re: Rezoning from R-2 Residential to C-2 General Business - Civic No. 6264 Yale Street
2. Public Hearing Re: Rezoning from R-3 Residential to C-2 Commercial - Civic Nos. 2021-2025 Maynard Street.

Public Hearing Re: Rezoning from R-2 Residential to C-2 General Business - Civic No. 6264 Yale Street

A Public Hearing was held at this time into the above matter.

The City Clerk advised that the matter had been duly advertised and that one letter objecting to the rezoning has been received from Mr. C. G. Bonang, 6308 Yale Street, mainly on parking grounds.

In response to a request from His Worship the Mayor, one person spoke in favour of the application.

Mr. R. A. Kanigsberg addressed Council on behalf of the applicant and urged that favourable consideration be given to the rezoning application. He stated that the same number of parking spaces as are provided now will be made available beneath the proposed building.

No other persons indicated a wish to speak in favour of the application.

No persons indicated a wish to speak against the application.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Connolly that a decision on the rezoning application be deferred until the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on March 2, 1972. Motion passed.

At this time, Alderman Moir felt that Council should take a short break to wait for Aldermen who had not yet arrived since he was of the opinion that the next item could be one of some contention. He also pointed out that Aldermen who are not present at the Public Hearing will not be permitted to vote on the matter when a decision is made, in accordance with the City Solicitor's ruling. It was MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Meagher that Council recess for 15 minutes.

8:13 p.m. Aldermen Stapells and Wentzell arrive.

MOVED in Amendment by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that Council recess for 5 minutes.

The Amendment was put and passed.

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

8:15 p.m. Council recessed for 5 minutes.

8:23 p.m. Council reconvened, the same members being present.

The City Clerk advised that Alderman Stanbury would not be attending this meeting.

Public Hearing Re: Rezoning from R-3 Residential to C-2 Commercial - Civic Nos. 2021-2025 Maynard Street

A Public Hearing was held at this time into the above matter.

The City Clerk advised that the matter had been duly advertised and that the following correspondence has been received:

1. Letter from Resolute A. A. Club, 5578 Falkland Street - In favour
2. Letter from Royal Canadian Legion, Nova Scotia Command - In favour
3. Petition signed by approximately 50 property owners in the four block area surrounding the subject property - Against

It was pointed out that a Petition had been submitted at a previous meeting from residents of the area supporting the application.

His Worship the Mayor then called for persons to speak in favour of the application.



Mr. F. B. Wickwire addressed Council on behalf of the applicant and briefly explained the purpose of the rezoning application. He displayed sketch plans of the proposed building and urged Council to give favourable consideration to the application.

In reply to a question, Mr. Wickwire informed Council that the William Hall V. C. Branch holds the land under Agreement of Sale and intends to purchase the property if rezoning is permitted. He also answered several questions relating to the financing arrangements for the construction of the building and the content of the building.

Mr. Murray Warrington addressed Council in favour of the rezoning and contended that the remarks contained in the Staff Report relating to the deterioration of the area apply to those structures which are owned by absentee landlords who charge high rents, pack people in like sardines and who do not inspect or maintain their properties.

Mr. Charles Campbell addressed Council in favour of the application and stated that he was, in effect, giving moral support to members of the William Hall V.C. Legion Branch.

Mrs. Mary E. Blaxall addressed Council in favour of the rezoning and stated that she is the owner and operator of a rooming house at the corner of Moran and Sarah Streets. She said that she is prepared to support the Legion financially by selling her own property if there should be any difficulties.

Mr. Jack Jones addressed Council in support of the rezoning application and briefly outlined the history of the William Hall V.C. Branch. He also mentioned the work done by the Branch for the youth of the area and the elderly. He pointed out that this Branch is a unique one in that it is the only one in Canada whose members are predominantly coloured.

Mr. Ralph Upshaw addressed Council in favour of the rezoning and explained how hard it has been to keep the Branch together without any permanent home. He said that it has been necessary to hire premises for meetings and socials and on occasions to meet in individual members homes. He urged that City Council approve the rezoning and permit the Legion to proceed with the construction of this facility.

His Worship the Mayor then called for persons to speak against the application.

Mr. William Forbes addressed the Council being a home owner in the area at 2036 and 2040 Maynard Street and as the operator of a grocery store at 2083 Maynard Street. He was opposed to the rezoning on the basis that there should not be any more liquor outlets permitted in the area. He also contended that this facility would

generate more traffic and further aggravate the parking situation. He was of the opinion that there are sufficient clubs and Legions in the area and that an increase is not conducive to good planning nor appropriate for an area where children and families are living.

Mr. Chester Leydon addressed the Council as the owner of 2029 Maynard Street, approximately 57.5 feet from the site of the application, and as spokesman for the property owners who have signed the Petition, to which the Clerk referred, against the rezoning. He said that property owners in this area are just as proud of their homes as those in other parts of the City, even though they might be considered as poor. He said that his arguments are similar to those contained in the Staff Reports of March 3, 1971 and January 19, 1972. He said that the present situation is abominable with the number of clubs in the area and that wives and children are subjected often to vulgarities and skirmishes in the streets. He agreed with Mr. Warrington that the properties that are being allowed to deteriorate are those owned by absentee landlords. He concluded by saying that the property owners of the area have no quarrel with the William Hall V. C. Branch but would object to any proposal which would increase the number of clubs or liquor outlets in the area.

In reply to a question, Mr. Leydon said that fairly recently one person, upon leaving a local establishment late at night, jumped in a car and drove at some speed south on Maynard Street, the street being one-way going north, halted the car after a short drive, got out and urinated on the street. He contended that young children and wives and other persons should not be subjected to this kind of behaviour.

In reply to a further question, Mr. Leydon said that the property owners of the area are opposed to any kind of drinking establishment at the location proposed.

After a short discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that a decision on the rezoning application be deferred until the next regular meeting of Council to be held on March 2, 1972. Motion passed.

9:45 p.m. Council adjourned.

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WALTER R. FITZGERALD  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD  
CITY CLERK



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.  
February 25, 1972  
3:00 P.M.

A Special City Council meeting 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: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Bell, Connolly, MacKeen, Stanbury, Stapells, Sullivan, and Wentzell.

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

The meeting was called to continue discussion of the 1972 Current Budget Estimates.

3:05 P.M. - Council adjourned to convene as the Committee of the Whole, the same members being present.

The first matter considered by the Committee was a staff report dated February 26, 1972, entitled 1972 Budget Estimates - Adjustments Required. The report stated that the adjustments listed therein should be made to the 1972 Budget Estimates as a result of questions raised in Committee and further investigation of estimates by staff.

3:10 P.M. - Alderman Meagher arrived.

Building Inspection - A/C 033 (Page 53)

The report recommended a reduction of \$7,000 for Contractual Services because of an over-estimate regarding Transportation.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the Manager's recommendation of \$31,090 for Contractual Services for Building Inspection Department be reduced by \$7,000. Motion passed.

Requirement for Increased Food Allotment

The report recommended that, pending finalization of negotiations with the Province, the necessary budget accounts be increased so that the increase can be effected as soon as approval was received.

MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, pending finalization of negotiations with the Province regarding an increase on the Province's ceiling for social assistance, the following additions be approved to the budget estimates so that the increase can be effected as soon as the Province's approval is received:

Revenue Account 610-224 (Page 3) - to be increased by \$168,750

Social Assistance Acct. 151 - Contractual Services (Page 97) - to be increased by \$225,000.

Motion passed.

Unfilled Positions

The report listed reductions in the budget estimates due to the budget having provided money for a full year's salary for positions as yet unfilled.

Alderman Connolly asked if there had been a corresponding increase in the work load, as related to the increase in personnel, for the Development Department, Planning Department, and Building Inspection. The Alderman then compared some of the 69, 70, and 71 figures. A discussion followed on why comparison of these figures was not possible due to changes in organization, but Alderman Connolly said the total figures still indicated an appreciably increased budget which he felt was due mainly to increased personnel.

After a lengthy discussion it was MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Wentzell that the following reductions be made in the budget estimates to take account of unfilled positions for which a full year's salary had been included:

- (a) General Administration (A/c 051 - Page 63)  
Personnel Services ..... \$8,000.
- (b) Surveying and Drafting (a/c 056 - Page 69)  
Personnel Services ..... \$14,000.
- (c) Streets (A/c 057 - Page 71)  
Personnel Services ..... \$2,500.

Motion passed.

Alderman Stapells questioned the necessity of the City having its own electrical inspectors, stating that the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company were capable of carrying out these inspections. The City Manager said he would look into this matter and report back to the Council.



Barrington Street Diversion

Alderman Connolly said that Council had recently approved \$162,000 for the diversion on Barrington Street, and since he felt it would be some time before the project would be carried out, suggested that it be put into the capital budget.

The City Manager, however, said that diversion was not of a permanent nature so he did not see how it could be put into Capital; furthermore he suggested that the City should proceed with Phase II of Harbour Drive as quickly as possible and that in the meantime staff were trying to reduce the cost of the diversion.

There was some discussion about not proceeding with the diversion, but the City Manager reminded Council of the City's commitment in this regard. Alderman Sullivan suggested that staff seek to have the developer change his plans to eliminate the need for the diversion. The City Manager said this had already been done and as reported previously to Council, C.M.H.C. were adamant that in no way would they provide mortgage funds unless the diversion was built. He said he was in favour of delaying the job as long as possible just in case the City could get it approved in its next DREE agreement and thus save money, but that the City was definitely committed to make the land available to Barrington Developments.

4:10 P.M. - Alderman Hogan arrived.

There was a motion by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the cost of the Barrington Street diversion be financed over two years, but this motion was later withdrawn.

After further discussion it was MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the \$160,000 estimate for the Barrington Street Diversion be reduced to \$150,000. Motion passed (Alderman MacKeen not present in the Council at the time the vote taken).

Street Maintenance

Alderman Connolly questioned whether street maintenance was the proper place to effect reductions and MOVED, seconded by Alderman Hogan, that \$25,000 be put back into Street Maintenance. The motion was lost, four voting for the same and five against it, as follows:

For	-	Aldermen Connolly, Hogan, MacKeen, and Wentzell .....	4
Against	-	Aldermen Bell, Meagher, Stanbury, Stapells, Sullivan .....	5

Overestimate on Cost of Special Items

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that the following reductions in current budget estimates be approved:

1. City Property - City Field (A/C 052 - Page 64)  
Contractual services (Painting) ..... \$1,000
2. City Property - Police Station (A/c 032 - Page 51)  
Contractual Services (Painting) ..... \$700
3. Centennial Pool a/c 203 (Page 137)  
Contractual Services (Painting) ..... \$14,000

MOTION PASSED.

Painting of Centennial Pool

A separate staff report dated February 25th was submitted concerning the Painting of the Centennial Pool.

There was some question as to how the lowest bidder could do a proper job at a cost so considerably less than the other tenders. Mr. Hyndman said this man did not use scaffolding and also had a new type of air gun. He said the City had checked with the Federal Government for whom Mr. Maillet had done several jobs, and they were entirely satisfied with his work.

The report recommended a March 20th start on the Pool in order to save the City some \$2,600 as opposed to deferring the work until May or June. This would involve the School Board Swim Program extending its program by one week in the month of June.

MOVED by Alderman Stanbury, seconded by Alderman Bell that the painting of the Pool be undertaken as scheduled during the two weeks starting March 30th in accordance with the staff report of February 25, 1972. Motion passed.

Cost Sharing re Winter Works Programs:

The Committee agreed to the recommendation in the staff report of February 25, 1972 to a \$900 increase (Revenue - 25% of \$3,670).

Grants: Y.M.C.A.

The Committee next dealt with a recommendation from the Tax Concessions and Grants Committee that the YMCA be given a capital grant of \$100,000 payable \$50,000 in 1972 and \$50,000 in 1973.



Alderman Connolly, a member of the Tax Concessions and Grants Committee, reported on the matter, stating that the proposed "Y" would serve the Clayton Park and Fairview areas. He referred to a \$285,000 provision in the capital budget for the Bridgeview playground, which would not be required if this "Y" were built. The total project, he said, was estimated at \$350,000, the City being asked for \$100,000 spread over a two-year period.

Alderman Stanbury said she violently opposed this grant in view of the very severe hardships that the tax payers of the City were facing.

Alderman Sullivan objected to it being submitted at the last minute, as he felt with such a large amount involved it would require some consideration. Alderman Connolly said that the matter has been under discussion by the Tax Concessions and Grant Committee for some time, and there had even been an attempt to get in into the Capital budget.

After considerable discussion, during which Alderman Meagher joined Aldermen Sullivan and Stanbury in opposing the grant at this time, it was MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the recommendation of the Tax Concessions and Grants Committee that the Y.M.C.A. be given a capital grant of \$100,000 payable \$50,000 in 1972 and \$50,000 in 1973, be approved.

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

For	- Aldermen Bell, Connolly, Hogan, MacKeen, Stapells and Wentzell .....	6
Against	- Aldermen Meagher, Stanbury, Sullivan....	3

The City Manager stated that the \$50,000 grant for the YMCA was not included in his recommendation of \$250,000 for total grants.

Halicon (A/c 286 - Page 163):

The Committee agreed to reduce the City's share by \$40,600, subject to the City Council approving the Manager's recommendation to lift the ceiling on the total City commitment from \$200,000 to \$280,00.

Egg Pond Lighting

The report stated that \$4,700 would be required for this work.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Stapells, that the work be deleted from the budget for the present. Motion passed.

Beautification of the City Dump:

A staff report dated February 25, 1972 was submitted which outlined the use to which a \$5,000 allocation would be put for beautification of the City dump.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Hogan, that the \$5,000 allocation be deleted from the budget. The motion was put and lost.

MOVED by Alderman Stanbury, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that the \$5,000 allocation for beautification of the City Dump be approved. Motion passed.

Increase in Library Board's Budget to Provide for Deputy

A staff report dated February 25th, 1972 was submitted concerning the forthcoming retirement of the Chief Librarian and the need to provide funds to hire a successor prior to Miss Cameron's retirement.

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the \$4500 increase in the Library Board's budget to cover new Chief Librarian's salary prior to Miss Cameron's retirement, be refused, the required money to be raised by means of an increase in membership fee.

The motion was put and lost on the Chairman's vote against; four Aldermen voting for the same, and four against it, as follows:

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| For     | - | Aldermen Connolly, Hogan, Sullivan,<br>Wentzell .....   | 4 |
| Against | - | Aldermen Bell, MacKeen, Stanbury,<br>and Stapells ..... | 4 |

MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Stapells, that the Library Board's budget be increased by \$4,500 to allow for the appointment of the new Chief Librarian prior to Miss Cameron's retirement.

The motion was put and passed on the Chairman's vote in favour, four Alderman voting for the same, and four against, as follows:

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| For     | - | Aldermen Bell, MacKeen, Stanbury, Stapells..              | 4 |
| Against | - | Aldermen Connolly, Hogan, Sullivan, and<br>Wentzell ..... | 4 |



Aldermen's Office

A staff report dated February 21 was submitted which stated that a small office could be set up for the use of the Aldermen at no additional cost as long as it did not entail purchasing dictating equipment or hiring an additional secretary.

The Committee agreed to set up the office as outlined in the report (i.e. with used furniture and without secretarial assistance) at no additional cost to the City except for a telephone.

Engineering Design

A report dated February 25, 1972 was submitted for the information of the Committee listing projects for which engineering design should be undertaken as soon as possible to provide a shelf of pre-designed projects.

Office Layout - Scotia Square

A staff report dated February 24, 1972 was submitted concerning the subject matter. The report noted that at a recent meeting Council deleted \$20,000 from the budget which was to cover a revised office layout in Scotia Square. The report stated that notwithstanding this action there were some alterations dealing with security in the Collector's Office which should be made in 1972 at a cost of \$8,000. However the recommendation of the report was that in view of the \$8,000 expenditure, the expenditure of a total of \$20,000, including the \$8,000 be made to bring about a more efficient and workable office layout.

After discussion of the matter it was MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Bell, that \$20,000 be allowed in the budget to cover the cost of a revised office layout in Scotia Square, which would include security measures for the Collector's office.

The motion was put and lost, three voting for the same and five against it, as follows:

For	-	Aldermen Bell, Hogan, Wentzell...	3
Against	-	Aldermen Connolly, MacKeen, Stanbury, Stapells, Sullivan ....	5

There was further discussion on the matter following which it was MOVED by Alderman Stapells,

seconded by Alderman Hogan that the matter be given  
Reconsideration at this time.

The motion of Reconsideration was put  
and passed on the Chairman's vote in favour, four Aldermen  
voting for the same and four against, as follows:

For - Aldermen Bell, Hogan, Stapells, and  
Wentzell ..... 4

Against- Aldermen Connolly, MacKeen, Stanbury,  
and Sullivan ..... 4

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded  
by Alderman Wentzell that \$20,000 be included in the 1972  
Current Budget for the revision of the office layout in  
Scotia Square, including the necessary security measures  
for the Collector's Office.

The motion was put and passed  
on the Chairman's vote in favour, four Aldermen voting for  
the same and four against it, as follows:

For - Aldermen Bell, Hogan, Stapells, Wentzell.. 4

Against-Aldermen Connolly, MacKeen, Stanbury,  
and Sullivan ..... 4

QUESTIONS - ALDERMAN STAPELLS

Alderman Stapells asked a number of  
questions relating to the budget:

1. How many positions were filled by the Personnel  
Department last year.

6:00 P.M. Alderman Hogan left meeting.

2. Why the reduction in building permits issued by the  
City of Halifax was not reflected in the budgets  
for the Planning, Development and Inspection Departments.

The City Manager pointed out some of  
the difficulties involved in comparing the figures for 1969,  
1970, 1971 because of re-organization which had taken place  
within those departments.

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by  
Alderman Sullivan, that the Development Department budget,  
Account No. 007, be left for 1972 at the 1971 figure, without  
any increase.

Alderman Stanbury said she did not see