

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Reward

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.  
February 25, 1971  
8:00 P.M.

A 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; and Alderman Abbott, MacKeen, Hogan, Ivany, LeBlanc, Meagher, Allen, and Sullivan.

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

MINUTES

Minutes of meetings held on February 3, 8, 11, 13, 17 and 18, 1971 were approved on motion of Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Ivany.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

Council agreed to the City Clerk's request to add the following items to the agenda:

- 20 (a) - Amendment to Halifax Zoning By-Law and Amendment to Zoning By-Law of the Annexed Area (Date for Hearing).
- 20 (b) - Letter Re: Wage Discrimination - H.M. Dockyard
- 20 (c) - 1971 Budget

MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

Motion Alderman Allen Re: Rescission of Resolution of City Council, February 3, 1971, relating to Rezoning of the Herman Newman Property, Purcell's Cove Road

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At the February 11, 1971 meeting of City Council, Alderman Allen gave notice that he would move that the motion passed by Council on February 3, 1971 approving the rezoning of the Herman Newman Property on Purcell's Cove Road to permit the construction of an extended care facility, be rescinded.

A report from the City Solicitor dated February 22, 1971 concerning the Motion of Rescission stated that motions relating to Zoning were primarily governed by the rules contained in the Planning Act, and under the Planning Act there was no provisions for the rescission of a motion for rezoning.

Alderman Allen said that because of a discussion with the City Solicitor on the motion approving the rezoning he would MOVE, seconded by Alderman Ivany, that

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the motion to rescind be deferred until the meeting at which the City Solicitor would report his ruling concerning the eligibility of Aldermen voting on a rezoning if they did not attend the Public Hearing into such rezoning.

The City Solicitor stated he expected his report to be ready within five days time.

The City Solicitor was asked what obligation the City would be under with regard to any loss suffered by Mr. Newman as a result of Council reversing its decision with regard to rezoning. The Solicitor replied "It is an extremely difficult question - it is serious - but I would be inclined to believe that the developer would be proceeding at his own risk".

Alderman MacKeen questioned deferring the matter to await a ruling from the City Solicitor regarding eligibility to vote. He said to apply the ruling in this instance would mean that a check should be made on all other rezonings approved in the past.

At this point Alderman Allen agreed to withdraw his Motion of Rescission and Motion of Deferral, Alderman Ivany agreeing to the latter, stating that he would re-introduce the matter under Section 19 "Notice of Motion".

His Worship the Mayor said that as matters stood, the City had passed a rezoning which was subject to appeal in accordance with the terms of the Planning Act and the applicant was presumably free to act as if there were no Notice of Motion.

His Worship the Mayor advised that he had sent the original letters of protest against the rezoning to the Appeal Board.

Alderman Allen said it was his understanding the rezoning would be appealed.

#### PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

The City Clerk advised that a letter had been received from the Halifax Homeowners Association endorsing a resolution presented by homeowners of the Bridgeview Subdivision protesting the recent reassessment of their properties. The Clerk advised that the petition had been endorsed by Alderman Hogan and proceeded to read the same:

"We, the undersigned Homeowners of Bridgeview Subdivision wish to lodge protest regarding the recent reassessment of our properties. Our reasons for this protest are as follows:

1. We have been unable to ascertain the methods used to reassess our properties. To say the least, procedures



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"appear vague and subjective. WE DEMAND THAT ASSESSMENT METHODS AND PROCEDURES BE CLEARLY SPECIFIED, AND READILY OBTAINABLE BY ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

"2. Upon investigation we have found our properties to be reassessed higher than many other areas of the City. WE DEMAND THAT AN EQUITABLE REASSESSMENT BE APPLIED TO ALL AREAS OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

"3. We also object strenuously to the requirements which necessitate the filing of appeals before the tax rate has been struck. WE DEMAND THAT THIS UNFAIR AND UNECONOMICAL MANNER OF HANDLING APPEALS BE REVISED.

"4. Finally, we feel that the burden of taxation upon the homeowners of this City has reached the level of intolerance. WE DEMAND THAT STEPS BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY BY THOSE IN RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY TO SIGNIFICANTLY BROADEN THE TAX BASE IN THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

A letter dated February 23, 1971, signed by Mr. Leo St. C. Dorey, accompanied the petition.

There was a discussion on just what powers Council had with regard to the assessment procedure. His Worship the Mayor said the assessors' duties were set forth under the law to be carried out without interference from Council, the assessments to be at, or as close to market value, as information and judgment make possible.

After a discussion as to the proper party to receive the petition, it was MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman MacKeen, that the petition and letter be referred to the City Manager and that he present a statement on them to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor said that part of what was said in the correspondence was an attack on the system itself in pointing out inequities in the tax system, but that other points raised were political. He said the City Manager could deal with the parts which were a reflection on administrative practices, but that "one of us" should answer other parts of the letter.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meetings held on February 3 and 17, 1971 with respect to the following items:

Salaries and Structure, Police and Fire Department Personnel

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee;

1. The resolution relating to fixed differentials for Patrol Sergeants, Detectives, Sergeant Detectives, Inspectors and Superintendents in the Police Department

be repealed, and the following salary ranges established effective January 1, 1971:

Patrol Sergeants	\$9,078	after 1 year	\$9,546
Detectives	\$9,078	" 1 year	\$9,546
Sergeant Detectives	\$9,702	" 1 year	\$10,092
Inspectors	\$11,262	" 1 year	\$11,736
Superintendents	\$12,516	" 1 year	\$12,834

and further that the established differentials relating to Lieutenant and Inspector, Fire Captain, Senior Training Officer and Senior Fire Prevention Officer in the Fire Department, be similarly discontinued.

2. That salary scales for the Police Chief, Deputy Police Chief and exempt personnel in the Fire Department be dealt with at the same time as those of other exempt employees of the City.

Motion passed.

Brief - The Greater Halifax-Dartmouth Memorial Society:

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

1. City staff be authorized to work with appropriate staff personnel for the City of Dartmouth, the Municipality of the County of Halifax and the Nova Scotia Government to analyse and prepare a report on the feasibility of constructing and operating a crematorium and whether such a facility should be publicly or privately operated. This investigation will require at least six months' time;
2. The results of the investigation be transmitted to the Metropolitan Area Planning Committee for their consideration and recommendations.

Motion passed.

Gas Distribution Franchise

The recommendation of the Finance and Executive Committee was:

"That staff be authorized to discuss this matter further with Provincial officials, and in particular those involved in the Metropolitan Area Planning process, with a view to identifying more clearly the Government's position with respect to an Oil and Gas policy; the pros and cons of public ownership and the provision of a gas distribution system on a regional basis."

Since the meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee, a submission had been made on behalf of the Northern



and Central Gas Corporation Limited under date of February 24, 1971.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the submission be referred to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole to give the City Manager an opportunity to study it, and that the representative of Northern and Central Gas Corporation Limited, Mr. A. R. Moreira, be advised so that he can appear at the meeting if he so desires.

Alderman LeBlanc expressed the viewpoint that there should be some caution in debating this matter in public until the City's position is solidified.

The motion was put and passed.

Bill Poster's License:

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of Ordinance No. 19 of the City of Halifax, a Bill Poster's License be granted to the R. & D. Market Ltd., 5535 Young Street, Halifax, N.S. to distribute advertising material for a fee of \$50.00 per annum. Motion passed.

Policy Re: Tag Days and the Solicitation of Money on the Streets -  
Recommendation of Agency Review Committee

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the present policy of the City with respect to tag days, door-to-door canvasses, etc. be amended to include the following recommendations recently submitted by the Agency Review Committee of the Welfare Council and that Ordinance #55 be amended accordingly:

1. That permission not be granted if application is not made far enough in advance, at least a month, for it to be processed.
2. That permission be granted only to organizations carrying on at least part of their work in the City of Halifax.
3. That organizations selling items to raise funds must retain at least 50% of their receipts to be granted permission for this method of solicitation.

Motion passed.

Expropriation - Lands Situated on Brunswick Street

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the lands shown on Plan No. TT-13-18872, which form part of the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Area, be expropriated. Motion passed.

Acquisition - 32 Margaret Road - Kline Heights - Front Land

MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the land shown as 28-B on Plan No. TT-13-18885, be purchased for \$115.00 from the owner, Mr. Jeffrey Smith, as settlement in full for all claims arising from the acquisition of the property by the City, required for the installation of sewer and water services; funds to be made available from Account No. 54-33. Motion passed.

Old City Field Stables:

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

- "1. That the necessary repairs to the premises be carried out up to the amount of \$5,000, funds for which should be included in the 1971 Current Budget.
2. Staff be authorized to negotiate a leasing arrangement with the Junior Bengal Lancers which would yield a rental equivalent to residential taxation on the portion of the premises occupied, plus the cost of repairs attributable to that portion of the building on a five-year recovery basis, with any future internal repairs to be at the organization's expense.
3. The re-activation of the sprinkler system be subject to a capital cost contribution from the Junior Bengal Lancers proportionate to the amount of space occupied."

A staff report dated February 25, 1971 was submitted containing information in respect of the expenditures and rentals applicable to the tenancy of the Halifax Junior Bengal Lancers, as requested during discussion of the matter at the Committee of the Whole.

The Real Estate Supervisor was questioned about leasing arrangements and capital expenditures with regard to the Bengal Lancers, but Mr. Churchill said there was nothing definite as yet in this connection.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Meagher that a decision in the matter be deferred until staff prepare report containing final and complete details of the negotiations with the Bengal Lancers regarding leasing arrangements and costs to City and other ramifications of what it will cost; also staff consult with the Province to determine if there are any serious objections from the Museum of Science in this matter. Motion passed.

Temporary Re-use of Old Mental Hospital Building:

The recommendation of the Finance and Executive



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Committee read as follows:

- "(1) That the City approve in principle the temporary re-use of the Halifax Mental Hospital Building by the Y.M.C.A. as a hostel for transient youth for the period June 1 to September 30, 1971, subject to:
- (a) further clarification of the proposal by the Y.M.C.A.
  - (b) the acceptability of the proposal to the Board of Management of the Killam Hospital,
  - (c) no cost related to the hostel operation to be borne by the City,
  - (d) no provision to be made for heating the building during the next heating season.
- (2) The City's lease of the premises be terminated no later than December 31, 1971.

subject to further clarification of (1) (a) in the recommendation."

A staff report dated February 25, 1971 was submitted with regard to the final condition of the above noted recommendation.

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Abbott that:

1. Further consideration of the matter be deferred until such time as the Y.M.C.A. is in a position to advance a firm proposal;
2. That the City signify to the Children's Hospital that the lease of the premises will be terminated as of July 31, 1971 in the event the proposed re-use does not materialize, and in any event no later than December 31, 1971.

Motion passed.

Feasibility Study - "Motherhouse Mt. Saint Vincent":

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Allen that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, a feasibility study to explore the possibility of converting a section of the Motherhouse Mt. Saint Vincent for use as a home for the elderly be authorized at a cost not to exceed \$8,500.00 providing the Provincial and Federal Governments agree to share 75% of the cost; the cost to the City being \$2,125.00 Motion passed.

Barrington Developments Limited - Agreement to Convey:

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement to Convey between Barrington Developments

Limited and the City of Halifax on behalf of the City of Halifax.  
Motion passed.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on February 17, 1971 with respect to the following items:

Special Rate - Constable and Corporals - Non-City Employment:

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Safety Committee,

- (1) the requested advance in the rate for "non-City" employment from \$3.75 per hour to \$5.00 per hour and in the minimum payment from \$10.00 to \$15.00 be approved as an interim measure, to take effect from March 1, 1971, and
- (2) effective January 1, 1972, the City assume the position of employer and at that time:
  - (a) the rate of pay for "non-City employment" be at established overtime rates plus relevant benefit costs for any uniformed employees of the Police Department who perform such duties;
  - (b) the hiring of such City employees by non-City employers should be effected through and controlled by the Personnel Officer of the Police Department;
  - (c) such supplementary remuneration to be included in each related employee's cheque and proper billing of or payment in advance by the concerned "employers" to be arranged for by and under the control of the Director of Finance.

Motion passed.

City's Concern Re: Traffic Build-Up in Spryfield Area:

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Safety Committee,

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax has shown its concern regarding the build-up of traffic on Herring Cove Road;

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax has on numerous occasions supported the immediate construction of a North-West Arm Bridge;

WHEREAS the construction of a North-West Arm Bridge will alleviate such a traffic build-up;

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Halifax has acknowledged this fact by giving the design and construction of a North-West Arm Bridge its top priority in the 1971-1972 DREE Program;



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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this information be conveyed to the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, with the suggestion that the County also give the design and construction of a North-West Arm Bridge top priority under its DREE program.

Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS  
Amendment - Ord. 145 Respecting "Payment & Collection Taxes"

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Allen, that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, the amendments to Ordinance Number 145 Respecting "Payment and Collection of Taxes", as submitted, be read and passed a second time. Motion passed.

REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on February 17, 1971, with respect to the following matters:

Subdivision of Lands of Maritime Telephone & Telegraph Co. Ltd.  
Scott Street and Desmond Avenue

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for a subdivision of the Maritime Telephone and Telegraph Co. Ltd. property on Desmond Avenue and Scott Street into Lots A and Q as shown on Plan No. P200/4307, of Case No. 2322, be approved. Motion passed.

Resubdivision - LeMarchant Farm Subdivision - Lots 2, 3, 4, and 5,  
to be Combined to Create Lot "A", Herring Cove Road

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the subdivision alteration to create Lot "A" as shown on Plan No. P200/4330 of Case No. 2336 be approved by City Council and a Hearing into the matter waived. Motion passed.

MOTIONS

Motion - Alderman Hogan Re: Introduction of Municipal Income Tax  
System

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that legislation be sought to enable the City of Halifax to introduce a Municipal Income Tax System to lighten the ever-increasing burden on the property tax payer in so far as it affects Education, Welfare, Debt Charges, Tax Concessions and Grants, etc.

Alderman Hogan said he felt the present tax system whereby the property owner shouldered the burden was no longer fair, and he referred to that segment of the public

who would not even be paying poll tax once that was abolished.

There was a discussion on the possibility of ever having such legislation enacted. His Worship the Mayor stated that this matter had been discussed by the Fact-Finding Committee of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities and it was his understanding that recent developments might make this possible, if the Provincial Government were to agree.

There was a lengthy discussion on how the matter should developed and His Worship the Mayor suggested it would require negotiations with the Province to see if they were agreeable, in which case the City Solicitor could join forces with a Provincial official to examine procedures.

He said that at this point, if an Alderman did not agree with the principle involved, he should not vote for the motion.

MOVED in amendment by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman MacKeen, that the motion be referred to a committee composed of Aldermen Hogan and McGuire, who will be asked to report the implications involved in the motion to Council.

The motion to amend was put and passed Five voting for the same and Three against it, as follows:

- For - Aldermen MacKeen, Ivany, LeBlanc, Meagher, and Sullivan ..... 5
- Against - Aldermen Abbott, Hogan, Allen ... 3

The motion as amended was put and passed.

Motion - Alderman Ivany Re: Study of Financial Implications of Annexation

Alderman Ivany's motion read as follows:

WHEREAS with reference to Page 87 of the Order of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities which states "The Board has determined that in this Annexation, City of Halifax ratepayers will be required to assume a reasonable financial cost, but not a burdensome one";

AND WHEREAS it also states "That the Province be required to pay a Net Saving Grant";

BE IT RESOLVED that a study in depth be carried out to assess the long term financial implications of annexation and the City's position as a growth centre to provide accurate data on which to base a revised transition arrangement and financial assistance to the City which would be in the best interest of all parties involved."

Alderman Ivany said that the Province was saving something like Four Million Dollars annually due to



annexation. He then referred to the tax increases which the property owner of Halifax had incurred over the past four years and said the increases had clearly exceeded take-home pay for the same period. Further, he said, decreases in the City's budget only meant the tax payer would be receiving less service for his higher taxes. He also referred to the business rate in other Maritime cities, and stated the higher Halifax tax could result in new business by-passing this City.

Alderman LeBlanc seconded the motion.

There was some discussion as to whom the motion meant to carry out the study, whether it would be done by staff or a joint effort with the Province. Reference was also made to the proposed Royal Commission to be appointed by the Provincial Government to study the problem, and whether a study done by the City would be a duplicate of that.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the Province be consulted on the means of arranging an in-depth study which would cover the financial problems of the Metropolitan area as a growth center, including annexations past and future. Alderman Sullivan, however, suggested that by the City taking the initiative at this time, it might end up sharing in the cost of a study which would have been done in any event by the Province.

The next suggestion was that the matter be deferred until discussions are held with the Province regarding a study.

After further discussion it was MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that the motion be referred to a three-man Committee, composed of Aldermen Hogan, Ivany, and McGuire who will define the terms of reference of the study and make a further representation to the Council. Motion passed.

Alderman Hogan was requested to convene the meeting.

It was agreed that this same Committee would deal with the matter discussed in the previous item concerning Alderman Hogan's motion on "Introduction of Municipal Income Tax System".

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accounts Over \$5,000.00

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

DREE Project Number 24 - Harbour Interceptor

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

Considerable discussion ensued on this item and several questions were asked about the cost of the entire Harbour Interceptor project, the location of the sewerage treatment plant, the economies that might be effected by the letting of the work from Duffus Street to Inglis Street in one contract, the fact that the completion of the first stage of the work would solve no problems of pollution and negotiations respecting the DREE programme now under way for future years.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher that:

1. subject to the approval of DREE and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation tenders be called for the open cut work between Fairview Cove and MacIntosh Street and for the surface and ancillary works between MacIntosh and Duffus Streets excluding the Duffus Street complex. The estimated cost of this work is approximately \$1,000,000.00; and
2. Council agree in principle subject to approval of DREE and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation that the Harbour Interceptor must be completed from Fairview Cove to and inclusive of the Duffus Street complex, at least, in order to achieve any benefits from the first contract.

Motion passed.

Report - Civic Election Committee

A report was submitted from the Special Committee appointed by the Committee of the Whole Council to consider the staff report suggesting certain changes in the election procedure for a cost saving of \$14,000.00.

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Special Committee, the following be approved:

1. The enumeration procedure be continued to compile the voters lists for the October 1971 election;
2. The lists be prepared by street numbers rather



- than by surname in alphabetical order;
3. The lists be prepared by typing from the enumerators lists rather than by computer;
  4. The three week time period presently provided for qualified persons to have their names added to the list in the Office of the City Clerk, be reduced to one week plus the two following consecutive Mondays, and that Section 35(1) of the City Charter be amended accordingly;
  5. The Court of Revision as presently provided for in the City Charter and Ordinance No. 106 be abolished, and the Charter and Ordinance amended accordingly;
  6. Qualified persons be permitted to vote on Election Day up to, but not after 4:30 p.m., provided a Certificate to Vote is obtained from the Returning Officer at the Office of the City Clerk;
  7. The two days presently provided for the operation of the Advance Poll be continued, but that consideration be given to reducing it to one day for the elections held subsequent to 1971, provided an Advance Poll is established in each Ward;
  8. The present process of advising voters where they vote by card be discontinued for elections subsequent to 1971;
  9. Section 83(2) of the City Charter be amended to delete the word "occupation" from the voters list; and
  10. The word "occupation" be deleted from the Poll Book - Form #12 and that the necessary legislation be sought.

Motion passed.

Bills for Betterment Charges

A report was submitted from Staff relating to the above matter and setting out replies to questions raised by Aldermen LeBlanc and Meagher at a recent meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee. Attached to the City Manager's report were reports from the Director of Works and Engineering and Mr. J. R. Edmonds, Engineering Technician.

Some discussion ensued with respect to the Staff Reports and it was MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Meagher that City Council seek legislation to change the City Charter so that bills for betterment

charges go out six months after the completion of the job and a notice of information stating that the bill will be forthcoming in six months be sent too.

Discussion followed with respect to the difficulties which could arise if the legislation was changed and Council was informed that notices are presently sent to abutting property owners informing them that certain works will be done and also informing them that they will be billed for the work upon completion of the job.

It was pointed out that the abutters have a ten year period over which to pay the bills.

After further discussion, Alderman LeBlanc, with the approval of his seconder, withdrew his motion and it was agreed that further consideration should be given at the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council to the matter and that copies of the form letters sent to abutters be made available to all members of Council prior to that meeting.

#### QUESTIONS

##### Question Alderman LeBlanc Re: Increase in Assessment Appeal Board

Alderman LeBlanc referred to the fact that two or three weeks ago he had given Notice of Motion respecting an increase in the number of members of the Assessment Appeal Board from three to four and he asked when such amendments or legislation will be submitted to Council. He hoped that the matter had not been overlooked.

The City Solicitor advised that legislation is being prepared and will be submitted to Council within a very short time.

##### Question Alderman MacKeen Re: Emergency Repairs to City-owned Rental Properties

Alderman MacKeen asked if Staff could inform him how long it takes for emergency repairs to be effected in City-owned rental units after notice has been given by the tenant.

The Acting Supervisor of Real Estate advised that it would depend upon the nature of the emergency, but every effort would be made to have the appropriate contractor on the job that day and the repairs would be made within 48 hours. He reported that at week-ends the tenants are aware that City Field should be called in an emergency who contact the City's Maintenance Administrator and who, in turn, contacts the appropriate contractor.

##### Question Alderman Hogan Re: Future of Harbour Drive

Alderman Hogan asked Staff to prepare an up to date report on the present and future status of Harbour Drive, including the properties that have been acquired and those it is proposed to acquire.



Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Cessation of Milk and  
Cookie Programme in City Schools - News Reports

Alderman Sullivan referred to a local radio programme on which the Aldermen were lambasted heavily for cutting out the milk and cookie programme for Grades Primary to Three in City Schools and he asked how any such information came to light when Council had not cut the budget in this regard.

Alderman Ivany referred to a copy of a letter received by all members of Council from Mr. Crowell to Dr. Keating regarding the elimination of the milk and cookie programme.

The City Manager advised that he has to accept some responsibility in this case because he recommended that it be cut from the budget. He said that when the Social Assistance Department's budget was reviewed by Council there was no mention of this programme and no suggestion that funds be included to continue the programme. Consequently, he said that he had directed Mr. Crowell to advise Dr. Keating immediately as the amount of money available for the programme would be expended by the end of this month. He presumed that Dr. Keating would have notified the School Principals after receipt of the letter.

It was suggested that the letter be retracted and the milk and cookie programme continued.

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that when the budget was reviewed no-one suggested that the money for the programme be put back in and it was natural for the City Manager to assume that Council did not intend to do so.

At this time, Alderman LeBlanc questioned why the copies of the letter were sent out by mail to the Aldermen and not through the internal mail system.

After a lengthy discussion on the matter, it was agreed that the milk and cookie programme could be discussed and should properly be discussed at tomorrow's budget meeting when Council will have to get down to a cutting session.

In reply to a question, Mr. Crowell advised that he had not heard of any instances where milk was wasted in any schools. He also pointed out that if, in the future, the food budget given to welfare recipients is increased, it does not ensure that the children's diet will improve and it is possible that the children might just be given more money to spend on pop and potato chips.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Alderman Abbott Re: Amendments to  
Ordinance No. 125 Respecting Court of Assessment Appeal

Alderman Abbott gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council, to be held on Thursday, March 11, 1971, he will move that Ordinance No. 125 Respecting the Court of Assessment Appeal be amended to provide for remuneration to be paid to the members of the Assessment Appeal Board at a rate of \$75.00 per day for the Chairman and \$50.00 per day for the other two members.

Notice of Motion - Alderman Sullivan Re: Freeze on Staff  
Additions

Alderman Sullivan gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council, to be held on Thursday, March 11, 1971, he will move the following resolution:

WHEREAS His Worship the Mayor has been quoted last month in the Globe and Mail as saying Halifax is broke;

AND WHEREAS the same paper states that Halifax, urban heart of the East Coast can't raise enough money to meet essential needs;

AND WHEREAS some large cities are now holding the line on hiring additional staff because of tight money conditions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an immediate freeze be placed on staff additions for one year unless Council decides additions are necessary.

Notice of Motion - Alderman MacKeen Re: Introduction  
of Ordinance No. 148 Respecting Ferries and Public  
Landings

Alderman MacKeen gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on March 11, 1971 he will introduce Ordinance No. 148 Respecting Ferries and Public Landings.

The purpose of the Ordinance is to license boats for hire, and will replace City of Halifax Ordinance No. 22; with the major difference in the two ordinances being the updating of the scale of license fees.

Notice of Motion - Alderman Allen Re: Rescission of Action  
taken by City Council - Rezoning Lands of Herman Newman,  
Purcell's Cove Road

Alderman Allen gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on March 11, 1971 he will move that the action taken by City Council to rezone the Lands of Herman Newman, Purcell's Cove



Road, be rescinded.

Notice of Motion - Alderman Allen Re: Introduction of  
Ordinance No. 144 Respecting Regulating and Controlling  
the Making of Bonfires

Alderman Allen gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on Thursday, March 11, 1971 he will introduce Ordinance Number 144, Respecting Regulating and Controlling the Making of Bonfires; the purpose of the Ordinance being to give the Fire Chief authority to control and regulate the lighting of fires to burn rubbish and refuse.

ADDED ITEMS

Amendment to Halifax Zoning By-law and Amendment to  
Zoning By-law of the Annexed Area

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher that a date be set for a public hearing into the matter of amendments to the Halifax Zoning By-law and to the Zoning By-law for the Annexed Area. The amendments being necessary to empower the Development Officer to administer the Zoning By-law, as agreed by City Council at a meeting on July 30, 1970. Motion passed.

Letter Re: Wage Discrimination, H.M.C. Dockyard - From  
His Worship the Mayor to Honourable C. M. Drury

His Worship the Mayor said that he would like to discuss the matter with members of Council in private before general open discussion takes place.

It was then MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that City Council wholeheartedly endorse the letter written by His Worship the Mayor to the Honourable C. M. Drury, President of the Treasury Board, dated February 25, 1971 and that His Worship the Mayor be congratulated on his prompt action on the matter. Motion passed.

1971 Current Budget - Equipment Items

10:40 p.m. Council adjourned to meet as Committee of the Whole Council, the Deputy Mayor assuming the Chair.

Lists of equipment requests were distributed to all members of the Committee.

Considerable discussion ensued on specific items included in the lists and Alderman LeBlanc strongly contended that it should not be necessary to trade in Police Cars with less than 30,000 miles. He felt that the cars should perhaps be kept until the 1972 models are available, thus deferring the expenditure of so much money.

The Committee reviewed the lists and took no specific action.

Extension of Time - Setting Tax Rate

At this time, His Worship the Mayor suggested that some consideration be given to the formulation of a resolution requesting the Province to grant an extension of the time for setting a tax rate.

Some discussion took place on this matter and it was MOVED by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS the City of Halifax is required under the terms of the City Charter to set its tax rate prior to the 1st day of March each year;

AND WHEREAS the City of Halifax has made representations to the Province of Nova Scotia for financial adjustments in the areas of education, grants in lieu of taxes, annexation grants or other sources of revenue which will affect the taxation rate in the City for the taxation year 1971;

AND WHEREAS decisions have not been made with respect to these representations;

The City therefore requests an order from the Governor-in-Council extending the time within which City Council may set its tax rate for the taxation year 1971 from the 1st. day of March until the 1st. day of April.

Motion passed with Aldermen LeBlanc and MacKeen voting against.

11:25 p.m. Council reconvened, His Worship the Mayor assuming the Chair. The same members were present with the exception of Aldermen Abbott and Hogan who had retired.

Extension of Time - Setting Tax Rate

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the resolution respecting the above matter, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council be approved.

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

For: Aldermen Ivany, Meagher, Sullivan and Allen 4

Against: Aldermen MacKeen and LeBlanc 2

11:30 p.m. Council adjourned.

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CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES

Council Chamber  
City Hall  
Halifax, N. S.  
February 26, 1971  
2:50 P.M.

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

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

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

Also Present: City Manager, Director of Finance, Social Planner, and other staff members.

The City Clerk advised that the meeting was called to consider the 1971 budget and Resolutions in connection therewith.

His Worship the Mayor referred to a Wire received from the Deputy Minister of Education on the morning of February 26, 1971. His Worship the Mayor explained that the Wire stated that the City of Halifax has the capacity to pay 100% of its Education costs but in spite of that, the Province is going to allow 27½% of the foundation program; it also said that the amount in dollars would be forwarded not later than March 22, 1971.

His Worship went on to say that this meant the City of Halifax was worse off by \$350,000 to \$400,000 up to this point.

Following a suggestion by Alderman Meagher, it was MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the meeting be adjourned for sufficient time for His Worship the Mayor, Alderman LeBlanc, and Alderman Meagher to approach the Province to secure a definite answer as to whether assistance would be forthcoming. Motion passed.

2:55 p.m. - Meeting adjourned.

3:53 p.m. - Meeting reconvened with the same members being present.

His Worship the Mayor advised that they had met with the Minister of Finance and Economics and for part of the time with the Attorney General, Mr. Pace. His Worship advised that an extension to the time for setting the Tax Rate could be arranged but that no deadline has been determined and that an appointment had been made for the Committee members and the City Manager to meet with the Cabinet at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday morning. His Worship said that it had been indicated that further cuts should be made in the present budget.

Alderman Meagher advised that Mr. D. Curren and members of the Canadian Paraplegic Association were present and and that he wished to address the Council on behalf of the Association. It was MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Abbott that Mr. Curren be permitted to speak. Motion passed.

Mr. Donald E. Curren addressed Council and urged favourable consideration of the grant request as submitted by the Canadian Paraplegic Association. He pointed out that if the City of Halifax were to reject their request, that other Towns and Cities may do the same and would thus cause the Association financial difficulties.

After considerable questioning of Mr. Curren, Alderman LeBlanc advised that Council was not in any position to take action on the matter at this time. Mr. Curren was thanked for appearing before Council and was advised that the Association would be advised of Council's decision at a later date.

Further discussion followed on what the implications would be of further cutting the budget and whether any action should be taken before word was received from the Province. It was agreed that further discussions should be made at this time as the indication expressed by the Province was not of a definite nature.

It was MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Allen that Council adjourn to meet as the Committee of the Whole Council. Motion passed.

It was pointed out at this time that Alderman Ivany, as representative of Ward #2, be permitted to take part in the budget discussions while in the Chair.

4:30 p.m., Council adjourned to meet as Committee of the Whole Council with Deputy Mayor Ivany in the Chair.

MAYOR & ALDERMEN - Pages 2 & 3

It was MOVED by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the Manager's Recommendation for Contractual Services be reduced from \$6,000 to \$4,000. Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE - Pages 4 & 5

It was MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the Manager's Recommendation for Contractual Services be reduced from \$5,750 to \$5,000. Motion passed.

It was suggested that the three new positions proposed for the City Manager's allocation be reduced to one.

The City Manager stated that these positions may well depend on what decisions were made in regard to the rest of the budget and requested that the Committee return to this section at the end of the budget discussions.

It was MOVED by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the Committee return to this matter at the end of the budget discussions. Motion passed.



CITY CLERK'S OFFICE - Pages 6 & 7

It was MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the Manager's Recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT - Pages 8, 9, 10, & 11

At this time, Alderman LeBlanc requested that a report be prepared showing what amount is to be spent, the number, and the location of proposed Conferences and Conventions contained in the submitted budgets.

It was MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the total figure under Manager's Recommendation (page 10) be reduced from \$689,990 to \$674,990. Motion passed with His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Abbott and Hogan against.

SOLICITOR'S DEPARTMENT - Pages 12 & 13

It was MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the Manager's Recommendation for Contractual Services be reduced from \$3,750 to \$2,750. Motion passed.

ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT - Pages 14 & 15

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the Manager's Recommendation for Materials & Supplies be reduced from \$6,800 to \$5,000. Motion passed.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT - Pages 16 & 17

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by His Worship the Mayor that the Manager's Recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT - Pages 18 & 19

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the Manager's Recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

INTERNAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT - Pages 20 & 21

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that the Manager's Recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT - Pages 22 & 23

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the Manager's Recommendation for Contractual Services be reduced from \$29,600 to \$20,000. Motion passed with His Worship the Mayor voting against.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUNDRIES - Page 24

The City Manager advised that the Item 'Insurance' should read Insurance and Claims, and that the Manager's Recommendation should be \$63,000.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUNDRIES - Page 24 - Continued

The City Manager also advised that the Manager's Recommendation for the item "Election Expense" should read \$65,000.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the Manager's Recommendation for Design, Engineering, and Consultants be reduced from \$100,000 to \$50,000.

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

For: Aldermen Abbott, LeBlanc, Meagher, & Sullivan.  
Against: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen MacKeen, Hogan, and Allen.

The Chairman cast his vote in favour of the Motion and declared same passed.

6:00 p.m. - Meeting adjourned.

8:00 p.m. - Meeting reconvened with same members being present.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUNDRIES - Page 24 - Continued

It was MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the Manager's Recommendation of \$50,000 for the item "Manager Contingency" be removed.

It was MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that the item "Manager Contingency" be deferred until the end of the budget discussions.

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

For: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen MacKeen, Hogan, and Allen.  
Against: Aldermen Abbott, LeBlanc, Meagher, & Sullivan.

The Chairman cast his vote in favour of the Motion and declared same passed.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the Manager's Recommendation for the item "Civic Historian" be reduced from \$750 to \$75.

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

For: Aldermen MacKeen, LeBlanc, Meagher, & Sullivan.  
Against: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Abbott, Hogan, and Allen.

The Chairman cast his vote in favour of the Motion and declared same passed.