

CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
January 16, 1975,  
6:20 p.m.

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

There were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman, Aldermen Connolly, Shannon, Downey, Meagher, Sullivan, Stanbury, Walker, Hanson, Moore and Lawrence.

Also present were the City Manager and the City Clerk.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT - HALIFAX HOUSING AUTHORITY ACT

A letter was submitted from the Halifax Housing Authority dated December 6, 1974, in which it recommended that the Authority membership be increased to nine (9) with no elected representatives thereon.

Mr. Gerald Tobin, the Acting Chairman, of the Authority, addressed Council in connection with the request for increased membership and answered various questions put forth.

In answer to a specific question from the Deputy Mayor, Mr. Tobin indicated that he did not think the members of the Authority would have any objection to elected appointees as members.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the Authority presently has five (5) members with two (2) proposed and a request for an increase to nine (9).

Alderman Connolly felt that the Authority should only make suggestions to Council concerning appointments rather than advise Council to act in this regard.

His Worship the Mayor called for an indication by up-raised hands as to whether or not the Council would support the request to which the indication proved to be in the affirmative.

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His Worship the Mayor stated that Council would consider appointments at a later meeting this evening.

HOUSING AUTHORITY BUDGET - 1975

At this time, consideration was given to the Housing Authority Budget wherein the gross subsidy is shown as \$2,814,742.00 of which the City's share is 12½% or \$351,842.00. The increase in the subsidy is partly due to the increase of 135 housing units added during 1974 and 390 to be added in 1975. In 1975 the Budget provides for taxes in the amount of \$649,493.00.

Alderman Connolly asked if the increase was due as a result of maintenance and up-keep operation to which Mr. West advised that most of the rent paid by the Senior Citizens is lower because of the smaller income received. Mr. West advised that additional Staff was necessary for the new buildings and that there are a total of 18 janitors. The total increase in the Staff would be eight (8) people, five (5) of whom are janitors. The rents received from the housing units range from \$14.00 to \$200.00 per month depending on income. Alderman Connolly was of the opinion that the subsidy is too high on each unit and that it is increasing each year. He felt that the Federal Government could make a better deal for the City of Halifax because the levels of income are lower in this area. He felt that if appeals are available to the City, it should be pursuing them. He suggested that the Authority might take this matter under advisement.

After further discussion it was MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the Halifax Housing Authority Budget for the Year 1975 be approved and that instructions be given City Staff to include an amount of \$351,842.00 in the 1975 Current Budget of the City of Halifax to provide for the City's share of the projected operating deficit for 1975. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned 6:55 p.m.

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Council Chamber,  
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Halifax, N. S.,  
January 16, 1975  
8:10 p.m.

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

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

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman, Aldermen Connolly, Shannon, Downey, Meagher, Sullivan, Stanbury, Walker, Hanson, Moore and Lawrence.

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

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR

At this time His Worship the Mayor suggested that Item 2(b) be dealt with immediately following Items 3 and 4, to be followed by Item 9(a).

Council agreed to this suggestion.

His Worship the Mayor then asked that the following items be added to the Order of Business at the appropriate time:

Proposed Modifications to the Traffic Flow -  
Armdale Rotary to become effective March 10/75

Introduction of Motion for Public Hearing to be held on February 12, 1975 with respect to the 15 easterly acres of Forum Lands

Borrowing Resolution - Funds to Purchase Quinpool Road Lands

Introduction of Motion from the Committee on Traffic Management Centre

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December 18 and 30, 1974 were approved on motion of Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Lawrence.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

The City Clerk advised that Item 5(b) should be deleted - Cul-de-sac West End Leppert Street - as the report is not yet ready for submission.

Alderman Connolly asked that he be permitted to speak to a Point of Privilege under the Added Items section.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that the Order of Business be amended accordingly.  
Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved.  
Motion passed.

PRESENTATION - HALIFAX WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT GROUP

At this time, His Worship the Mayor invited Mr. Kenneth Rotenburg of Y and R Properties Ltd. and Mr. Ray Affleck to make a presentation to City Council on the Waterfront Development Proposals.

Mr. Kenneth Rotenburg addressed the meeting and expressed his pleasure in the fact that he has this opportunity to meet with City Council and in the fact that his Group has been selected to prepare plans for and develop the Waterfront of this City. He said that the group is working with the urban design consultants and those working on the Traffic Management Study.

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that the urban design consultants are those appointed by MAPC to perceive and articulate the urban design parameters that would be required to be put into the waterfront development and the City's planning department is processing these design criteria through the MAPC consultants.

Mr. Rotenburg went on to say that it is hoped that a Master Plan for the development of the Waterfront will be prepared for submission to City Council early in April. He then introduced some of those persons closely connected with the development Group - Mr. Douglas Bryden, Senior Vice-President of Y and R, Mr. Robbie Shaw of Clayton Developments Ltd., Mr. Phil Dumaresq, architect and Mr. Ray Affleck who he invited now to speak to Council.

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Mr. Affleck spoke to Council and addressed himself to a sketch plan of the proposed development which was displayed indicating the type of uses proposed and how these uses will be integrated with the historic preservation, access to the waterfront and transit services.

At the request of Alderman Meagher, Mr. Affleck spoke in some detail about the types of uses proposed including housing, office space, public open space, retail space, etc.

In reply to a question from Alderman Moore, Mr. Affleck said that it is impossible to exactly define the north and south boundaries of the development but approximately they would run from the Ralston Building at the south end to the Cogswell Street Interchange to the north. In response to another question, Mr. Affleck said that it is hoped that certain of the marine related businesses might be retained though some might require some relocation within the complex.

In reply to a question from His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Rotenburg said that some five properties are not presently within the Groups domain but negotiations and discussions are continuing with respect to these properties at the present time.

Many questions were asked by Members of Council dealing with the following items:

1. Total estimated cost of the development.
2. Estimated date of the start of construction and time of completion.
3. Financing of the development.
4. Background of Groups involved with the Development.
5. Possible retention of the Fisherman's Market operation near the Ferry Terminal
6. Retention of marine aspects of the Harbour in the Development.
7. Consideration of View Planes Legislation.
8. Heights of proposed buildings.
9. Wind factors on boardwalk and in public open areas.

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10. Amount of housing included in project and type.
11. Connection of Mr. Prusac with Y and R Properties.
12. Transit services directly from western portion of the City.
13. Possible extension of ferry services to include Bedford, Rockingham - hovercraft.
14. Development of new Dartmouth Ferry Terminal and development of Dartmouth's Waterfront.
15. Facilities within the project for car parking.
16. Taxes, business realty and business occupancy, that would be payable if all waterfront land is owned by Federal and Provincial Government.
17. Any involvement of Mr. Prusac with Brunswick Towers Development.

His Worship the Mayor asked who any citizens might contact if they have comments or suggestions concerning the development of the Waterfront and Mr. Rotenburg said that calls could be made to Mr. Robbie Shaw of Clayton Developments Ltd.

His Worship the Mayor said that any correspondence in connection with the waterfront could be processed through his office or City Manager's office or any of the Aldermen.

It was pointed out that the Community Planning Association is preparing to hold a three day continuous public forum to discuss the Waterfront Development Project when anyone who wishes might express their views.

Mr. Robbie Shaw advised that MAPC are proposing to hold two public hearings, one prior to the end of February and another after the presentation to Council of the proposed Master Plan for the Waterfront on April 12, 1975.

His Worship the Mayor then expressed a vote of thanks to Mr. Rotenburg and Mr. Affleck on behalf of City Council for their presentation.

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In accordance with previous action of Council at tonight's meeting, the following item was dealt with at this time under Petitions and Delegations:

PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

Request to be Heard - Mr. Peter Levy

A petition received on January 14, 1975 was submitted as well as a letter dated January 8, 1975 from Michael A. Lambert, Nova Scotia Legal Aid Solicitor representing Mr. Levy. The letter requested that the petition, dealing with a motorcycle accident which occurred on Gottingen Street where Mr. Levy drove into a cut or excavation about 6" deep where there were no warning signs, be heard at tonight's meeting of City Council.

The City Clerk advised that copies of the above noted letter and petition have been circulated to members of Council.

Mr. Michael Lambert, representing Mr. Peter Levy, appeared before Council saying he has set out the various dates relating to claims for damages resulting from the accident and said the purpose for appearing tonight is by reason of the fact that Mr. Levy only received a denial of liability from the insurers too late in order for him to give notice which is required by the City Charter and, therefore, was unable to have the merits of the case decided in a Court of Law.

Mr. Lambert said his client is in a position of appealing that Council pass a resolution for the payment out of a fund established for the distribution of claims where there is no legal liability. He said it is his understanding that such a fund has been set up but that there is no policy formulated to govern the distribution of funds.

Following a short discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that the matter be referred to staff for a report. Motion passed.

Letter - Irene & Lillian Mellish re: Protest Closure  
William Hunt Avenue at Edward Arab Avenue

A letter dated January 2, 1975 from Irene E. and Lillian B. Mellish was submitted relating to the above noted matter.

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There being no persons present wishing to speak to the submitted letter, it was MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the letter be tabled by City Council.

Alderman Meagher suggested the letter should be placed in a file on the subject matter so that when Council given reconsideration to the closure, the letter may be considered at that time.

His Worship noted the letter has been distributed and is on file.

The Motion was put and passed.

DEFERRED ITEMS

Proposed Fire Station Site - 3391 Gottingen Street

This item was referred to tonight's meeting from the last Regular meeting of City Council.

A staff report dated January 14, 1975 was submitted on the matter.

Alderman Sullivan referred to a tour which took place last Thursday with the Fire Chief and members of staff of the area in question, and said the site consisting of the boulevard open space situated at the intersection of Robie Street, Duffus Street, and Lady Hammond Road was considered.

Alderman Sullivan suggested that staff more or less agreed that this would be an appropriate site as the other sites could not be agreed upon.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that the site consisting of the boulevard open space situated at the intersection of Robie Street, Duffus Street, and Lady Hammond Road be approved as the site for the North End Fire Station.

Discussion ensued on the matter and concern was expressed about the close proximity of this location to the main entrances of the school in the area.

His Worship advised that he has been informed by the Fire Chief that if the site is approved, the orientation of the facility to be built on the site would be towards Lady Hammond Road.



His Worship further advised that the Fire Chief has indicated that this particular site is a good one and is superior to the Gottingen Street site.

Further discussion ensued as well as a questioning of staff on the matter following which the Motion was put and passed, six voting for the same and four voting against it as follows:

For: Aldermen Downey, Meagher, Sullivan, Walker, Moore  
and Lawrence - 6  
Against: Aldermen Connolly, Shannon, Stanbury & Hanson - 4

Cul De Sac West End - Leppert Street

The above noted item was deleted from the Order of Business as a staff report had not been submitted on the matter.

Resolution - Public Safety Received from the Halifax Local Council of Women (Awaiting Report)

This item was deferred to today's meeting from the last regular meeting of City Council.

An Information report dated January 7, 1975 was submitted on the matter.

The City Manager said the report points out that an amendment could be made to the present Building Code making rooming house standards more restrictive. She said the report also advises that the Fire Chief concurs with the original staff recommendation on the matter that the requirement of smoke detectors for mobile homes be forwarded to the National Research Council associate Committee on the Fire Code for consideration.

Alderman Meagher suggested the material should be sent to the Research Council for a report following which Council may move to implement recommendations.

The City Manager advised that the material has been forwarded to the Research Council, and it was MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the matter be deferred until the City receives word back from the Research Council regarding the matter of the requirement of smoke detectors for mobile homes.

Motion passed.

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Modification of the Lot Frontage Requirement - Proposed Three  
Unit Addition - 6235 Chebucto Road

This item was referred to tonight's meeting from the last regular meeting of City Council in order that persons in the surrounding area who were notified of the application, could be given more time to send in their opinions.

Alderman Meagher referred to the correspondence which has been received on the matter and MOVED, seconded by Alderman Shannon that the application requesting modification of the lot frontage requirement of the Zoning By-law to permit the construction of a three-unit addition at the rear of Civic No. 6235 Chebucto Road, as shown on Plan Nos. P200/6783-6789 of Case No. 3052, be refused by City Council.

The Motion was put and passed with Alderman Connolly and Deputy Mayor Stanbury voting against.

Halifax Housing Authority 1975 Budget

Alderman Connolly noted that this matter was dealt with at a previous meeting of Council on today's date.

REPORT - FINANCE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on January 8, 1975 as follows:

Amendment - Administrative Order #8 - Registered Day Care  
Centres and Licensed Day Nurseries Exemption - Business  
Occupancy Tax Commencing 1975

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, staff be instructed to amend Administrative Order No. 8 to include the following day nurseries:

Chestnut Street Pre-School  
Centre Ltd.  
Melody Drive Kindergarten  
Sapp's Nursery

ABC Nursery & Kindergarten  
Tot N' Tyke Nursery  
Happy Day Nursery

Motion passed.



Traffic Signal Equipment

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, authority be granted to purchase Traffic Signal Equipment from Canadian General Electric Co. Ltd. at a delivered cost of \$8,251.98. Motion passed.

Sale of Regional Authority Lands to the Nova Scotia Power Corporation

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, the Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority be authorized to sell to the Nova Scotia Power Corporation the lot of land outlined in red and the right-of-way outlined in green on the plan of Substation Lot and Right-of-way, Lower Sackville, drawn by Victor E. Swinamer on July 11, 1974 as drawing No. 2-P-1291. Motion passed.

Cost of Living Assistance to Pensioners (4)

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, the following increments be paid from January 1, 1974 and that staff immediately review the situation and report with recommendations for further increases for 1975:

Marjorie Colpitt	Secretary	\$84.00
James D. Connolly	Fireman	84.00
Mrs. Mary Cormier	Widow of Fireman Killed on Duty	184.00
J. Arthur Shanks	Fireman	<u>184.00</u>
		<u>\$536.00</u>

Motion passed.

Possible Expropriation Settlement 87-93, 2021 (101) 103-107  
Upper Water Street

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stanbury that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the expropriation of Civic Numbers 87-93 Upper Water Street, 2021 (101) Upper Water Street, and 103-107 Upper Water Street be settled for \$208,000 plus 5% interest from date of possession to respective dates of payments, plus \$1,000 for costs, as settlement in full for all claims, over and above those heretofore authorized and that the settlement be a charge against the Central Redevelopment Area Capital Account (Scotia Square-Cogswell Street Interchange) and included in the estimate of over-expenditures submitted to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Motion passed.

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Possible Expropriations - 52 Kearney Lake Road  
12 Pinewood Terrace  
14 Pinewood Terrace

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The following is the recommendation of the Finance and Executive Committee:

"That expropriation of the subject properties be proceeded with and that formal offers of compensation be made in the respective amounts indicated in the Staff Report dated January 6, 1975, in accordance with the requirements of the Expropriation Act and that prior to this recommendation going to Council, Staff do everything possible to reach an amicable settlement with the owners and report on the negotiations at the Council meeting to be held on January 16, 1975.

A staff report dated January 14, 1975 entitled "Expropriations - Dunbrack Street and Pockwock Water System - Clayton Park Drive to Kearney Lake Road" was submitted.

Alderman Lawrence said he has received a number of calls from the owners involved saying there are particular owners who received a letter of expropriation on Friday with a deadline of 4:30 p.m., on Monday in which to reply, saying they did not feel this gave them sufficient time in which to reply. Alderman Lawrence also referred to another case where a person received a call to the effect that this person's land would be taken and that no remuneration would be received.

Alderman Lawrence suggested the City should put more thought into the way in which it deals with these property owners. Alderman Lawrence also questioned whether the figures presented in Schedule "A" of the latest report are final figures.

Mr. Churchill of the Real Estate Department, said the figures may or may not be final. He said any expropriating authority is required to make an offer to the owner after the expropriation takes place saying the figures in the report represent the amounts that will be initially offered. He said if the amount is not accepted, the owners would be paid 75% of the compensation immediately but said these are only recommended figures at this point.

His Worship questioned whether it was true that everyone who received a registered letter last Friday was not receiving communication for the first time, and Mr. Churchill replied in the affirmative saying the property owners were notified by letter on October 10th.

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With respect to the matter of time in which people had to respond, Mr. Churchill agreed there was a short period of time but suggested there was little that could be done about it in this particular case. He said the City does not propose to file expropriation documents in the Registry until next Friday.

Alderman Connolly referred to discussions which took place at the last meeting when this matter was before Council saying that in Case #1, the City has made an offer and a counter offer was received from the owners. He said it is his understanding this is within 15% of what the City feels is proper to pay saying he did not like the idea of forcing expropriation proceedings when the City is taking a person's property for the good of all citizens when the figures are so close.

With respect to the other two, Alderman Connolly said the same situation does not seem to apply saying these people are looking at alternatives and might be prepared to locate on City owned land. Alderman Connolly said he would like the assurances of Mr. Churchill that the latter two owners are working along with staff and that staff is contemplating what has been suggested in correspondence received.

Mr. Churchill said he could assure Council the two property owners are working closely with staff saying it is a different situation than what exists in the first case. In referring to the Counter offer as mentioned by Alderman Connolly, Mr. Churchill said this is only a verbal offer saying staff have requested this in writing. He said if Council feels the offer is acceptable, staff would be prepared to deal with the matter on that basis but said staff is not prepared to recommend the amount involved.

Alderman Connolly said it upsets him that the City must revert to expropriation when the settlement is so close and suggested that with Court Costs, the City would likely end up paying the amount of the counter offer in any event.

Alderman Connolly questioned whether the City will be forced into expropriation any way due to the time factor, and the City Solicitor said this is the reason for expropriating at this time saying that negotiations will continue.

In reply to a question, Mr. Churchill said an offer has to be made to the owners 90 days before the City can take possession saying this would have to take place sometime before the end of January.

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Further discussion ensued and it was MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Meagher that staff be asked to communicate with all parties on Schedule "A" of the staff report dated January 14, 1975 and report to a Special meeting of City Council to be called on January 22nd., with respect to the amount the various owners would accept as full compensation.

His Worship suggested the explanation to the owners will be that Council will have to deal with the question of expropriation if an agreement can not be reached.

The Motion was put and passed.

Local Improvement Tax Rates - 1975

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Shannon that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, City Council approve the rates for 1975 for local improvements, as set out in Appendix "A" attached to the Staff Report of December 27, 1974 and as attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting.

Motion passed with Aldermen Meagher & Sullivan against.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on January 8, 1975 as follows:

Relocation of Building Line - South Side of Chebucto Road Re:  
Properties known as Civic #6696 to 6776 Inclusive - Date  
for Hearing

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MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Shannon that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, City Council set a date for a Public Hearing to consider the relocation and subsequent reduction of the building line distance applicable to these properties known as Civic Nos. 6696 to 6776 inclusive Chebucto Road, south side from 25 feet to 20 feet (area between the west boundary of Larry O'Connell Field to Chebucto Terrace and from Chebucto Terrace approximately 275 feet westwardly).

The City Clerk advised that the Public Hearing has been scheduled for February 19th., at 8:00 p.m.

The Motion was put and passed.

Approach Roads to A. Murray MacKay Bridge

The following is the recommendation from the Finance & Executive Committee:

- "1. That the City of Halifax not take over the approach roads on the Halifax side of the A. Murray MacKay bridge in that the take over of such approaches is rightfully the responsibility of the Province since the roadways conform to the requirements for limited access highways;
2. That the Province be again requested to assume responsibility for those items of maintenance work on the approaches which are presently administered by the City of Halifax (that is, street lighting, traffic signals, snow clearing and ice control, street sweeping, lawn maintenance, pavement markings, etc.)."

His Worship advised that on today's date, additional papers were received by the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission and those papers might usefully be reviewed and said the Chair would ask the City Manager to meet with the Commission staff on Tuesday next and that any report the City Manager considers appropriate, be submitted to the January 30th meeting of Halifax City Council.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the matter be referred to the January 30th., meeting of City Council at which time a staff report be submitted. Motion passed.

Official Street Lines - Albion Road - DATE FOR HEARING

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, City Council set a date for a public hearing to discuss laying down official street lines along Albion Road, as shown on Plan Nos. TT-19-20829, TT-19-20830, and Official Plan No. 44-A.

The City Clerk advised that the public hearing has been scheduled for February 19, 1975 at 8:00 p.m.

Alderman Walker said that when he originally brought the matter up, it was his intention that a public meeting be held in the area rather than a formal Public Hearing.



Alderman Connolly noted that a public hearing is required in any event and expressed opposition to holding a duplicate meeting. Alderman Connolly said the public hearing is held so that all the residents of the area will have an opportunity of finding out what is proposed and to express their views and said he could not see any great reason for holding a public meeting as well as a public hearing.

Alderman Walker questioned whether a member of staff would be available for an informal meeting in the area to explain what is proposed, and the City Manager advised that a member of staff would get in touch with the Alderman tomorrow morning.

The Motion was put and passed.

REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on January 8, 1975 as follows:

Application for Lot Consolidation - 6198-6208 Quinpool Road

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for lot consolidation of the properties known as Civic Nos. 6198-6208 Quinpool Road, to create Lot A, as shown on Plan No. P200/6694 of Case No. 3117, be granted by City Council. Motion passed.

Application for Lot Consolidation - Lands of Lloyd C. Rafuse et ux, School Avenue

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for consolidation of Lots 31 and 32 to create Lot R, as shown on Plan No. P200/6776 of Case No. 3136, be approved by City Council. Motion passed.

Application for Resubdivision of the Buckley Property -  
1779 Pryor Street to Form Lots X and Z

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for the approval of the resubdivision of the J. S. Buckley Property known as Civic No. 1779 Pryor Street to form Lots X and Z as shown on Plan No. P200/6792 of Case No. 3135, be approved by City Council. Motion passed.

Dunbrack Street

The above noted item was forwarded to City Council without recommendation.

The City Manager said there is a further staff report on this matter which has not been distributed saying that staff is requesting a special meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council to deal with the subject.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that a special meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council be called to deal with the matter.

Motion passed.

Application for Modification of the Area of Lot 158-A  
Mountain Road, Kline Heights

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application to modify the area of Lot 158-A Mountain Road as shown on Plan No. P200/6780 of Case No. 3122, be approved by City Council. Motion passed.

REPORT - MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Report Retirement Committee Re: Agreement Portable Pensions

A staff report dated January 14, 1975 was submitted which outlined a recommendation from the Retirement Committee with respect to the matter of a portable pension agreement.

At the suggestion of the City Manager, it was MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that the matter be referred to the next regular meeting of the Finance & Executive Committee. Motion passed.

Civic No. 2320 Creighton Street (Alderman Downey)

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Moore that staff prepare a report with respect to the possible acquisition of the property known as 2320 Creighton Street for the purpose of a Manual Training School Building; such report to include information relating to negotiations as well as other topical information.

Motion passed.



Disconnection of Electrical Service - Weekends - Nova Scotia  
Power Corporation (Alderman Downey)

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Walker that His Worship the Mayor write a letter to the Nova Scotia Power Corporation requesting that the Corporation not disconnect service between the hours of 8:00 a.m. on Friday and 8:00 a.m. on Monday.

Alderman Downey said his Motion is due to an incident which occurred about one week ago when he was called by a citizen at 6:30 in the evening as the Power Corporation had cut off service to the dwelling.

His Worship said he has personal knowledge of the subject saying that Alderman Downey is not suggesting that the Corporation not be entitled to payments due, but that they not disconnect service during the weekends.

The Motion was put and passed.

Development in Spryfield (Alderman Shannon)

Alderman Shannon referred to a special meeting of City Council held on December 18, 1974 at which time Council's intention was expressed with respect to the Proposed Spryfield Moratorium.

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Walker that His Worship the Mayor be requested to write to the Spryfield Residents' Association conveying the intent of Council which was expressed at the December 18th meeting.

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

Terms of Reference - Municipal Development Plan Committee

The Terms of Reference for the Municipal Development Plan Committee under date of January 6, 1975, were submitted for the consideration of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that the Terms of Reference of the Municipal Development Plan Committee be approved as submitted.

Alderman Shannon referred to Item #8 of the Terms of Reference which reads as follows:

"8. The basic function of the Committee shall be to assist in and coordinate the process of creating and effecting adoption of a technically sound Municipal Development Plan, including consultation with the public."

MOVED in Amendment by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Meagher that item No. 8 be amended to read as follows:

"8. The basic function of the Committee shall be to assist in and coordinate the process of creating and effecting adoption of a technically sound Municipal Development Plan, including consultation with and input from the public.

The Amendment was put and passed.

The Main Motion as amended was then put and passed.

#### Appointments

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the above noted item be deferred to the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Motion passed.

#### Amendment - Housing Authority Act. Ch. 54 Acts of Nova Scotia

This item was referred to tonight's meeting from an earlier meeting of Council held on this date.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that the Board of Directors of the Halifax Housing Authority be increased from eight to nine members and that the City Solicitor be asked to draft the appropriate Legislation to submit to the Spring Session of the Legislature.

Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Lawrence Re: Dogs Running at Large

Alderman Lawrence said he has been besieged by calls from citizens of Ward #10 complaining about the number of dogs running at large. He referred specifically to the areas of Clayton Park and Kearney Lake and questioned what can be done about the situation.

Alderman Lawrence suggested that perhaps the fine for such an offense could be increased to about \$50.00 saying this may alleviate the problem. He also referred to the matter of engaging another dog catcher but said from the information he is receiving, people are letting their dogs out in the evening after the Dog Catcher is off duty. He said he personally supported higher fines.

His Worship advised that staff will look into the matter and suggested at the same time, perhaps a public call could be issued to all citizens asking that they restrain their pets from invading the privacy of other properties.

Alderman Lawrence requested that in the report to be submitted from staff, that there be a paragraph dealing with the matter of increasing fines to a more substantial amount.

Question Alderman Walker Re: Fire Department Applications

Alderman Walker said he has been informed that a young gentleman approached the Fire Department last week for the purpose of obtaining an application form and was refused same. He said that through the influence of a citizen in the City the person involved was eventually able to obtain an application form but received some snide remarks from a member of the Department. Alderman Walker questioned whether this is the usual practice of the Department with respect to such matters.

It was advised that Staff would submit a report on the matter.

Question Alderman Walker Re: Metro Tourist Council

Alderman Walker noted that at the December meeting of Council staff was asked to prepare a report on the formation of a Metro Tourist Council and asked where this stands now.

His Worship advised that at a subsequent meeting of Council, the formation of such a Tourist Council was approved saying the Minister of Tourism has been advised of same.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Signs, Pop Shop

Alderman Meagher said he has received a communication from the Pop Shop on the Bedford Highway with respect to the length of time it is taking to obtain approval for permission to place signs on the building, and questioned what was causing the delay.

It was advised that a report would be submitted from staff on the matter.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Joseph Howe Festival - Office

Alderman Meagher said he has been informed by Mrs. Nightingale of the Joseph Howe Festival Committee that the association is losing its office in City Hall because of the Assessment Appeal Court and questioned what could be done about this.

His Worship advised that this would only be for a period of about two months, and Alderman Meagher requested if someone could communicate with Mrs. Nightingale.

Alderman Sullivan suggested that perhaps the two adjoining rooms to the office of the Festival Committee could be used for the Assessment Appeal Court or by the Festival Committee for this period of time.

Alderman Lawrence suggested that the problem is that the Committee has acquired such a great number of costumes etc., that it is very difficult for them to have to move from one location to another.

It was agreed that the matter would be left with the City Clerk.

Question Alderman Shannon Re: Crosswalks on Quinpool Road

Alderman Shannon noted the painted crosswalks on Quinpool Rd., are now practically destroyed and said that a number of children living in the Newton Avenue area have to cross this very busy street in order to get to school. Alderman Shannon noted that Quinpool Road is a 4-lane highway and questioned what the City's policy is with respect to the installation of lights at crosswalks on such streets.

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The City Manager advised that a report would be submitted on the matter.

Question Alderman Hanson Re: Improvements - Entrance to  
Winchester Avenue

Alderman Hanson questioned whether it is possible to speed-up the improvements at the entrance to Winchester Avenue saying the road is still very bad at this location.

Mr. Calda advised that Hot Asphalt is not available at this time of year to correct the problem but said staff will do whatever is possible to correct the situation on a temporary basis.

Question Alderman Downey Re: Removal of Poles - Maitland Street

Alderman Downey questioned whether anything is being done with respect to the removing of the electrical poles on Maitland Street.

Mr. Calda advised that nothing physical has been done as yet. He said the problem is that the connections from the poles to the residences have not been completed and that is why the total relocation of wires is not taking place.

His Worship advised that the Chair has made representation to the Utility Company, as well as has staff, and said the Chair will speak with Alderman Downey tomorrow to see if the relocation of wires and removal of poles on Maitland Street can be carried out in 96 hours.

ADDED ITEMS

Point of Privilege - Alderman Connolly

This item was added to the agenda at the request of Alderman Connolly. Alderman Connolly then addressed Council and read a previously prepared brief with respect to several articles written about him in connection with a Real Estate transaction which took place recently in the City.

Alderman Connolly said he would like to assure his colleagues on Council as well as the citizens of Halifax, that he acted in this transaction purely on the basis of friendship with one of the parties involved and that no remuneration of any sort or kind was received by him.



Alderman Connolly proceeded to read the brief, a copy of which is in the official file of this meeting. Alderman Connolly said his intention has been to assure his colleagues that there has been no impropriety or wrong-doing on his part, and would gladly challenge anyone to prove otherwise.

His Worship pointed out it is the Rule of City Council that in the absence of a clear Rule within its own Rules of Order, that the Rules of the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia prevail.

His Worship said that Parliamentary Procedure requires that the statement by a member standing in his or her own place, attesting to his or her integrity, must be taken as speaking the truth. His Worship said the statement made by Alderman Connolly at tonight's meeting on a question of personal privilege, standing in his place, stands as the opinion of City Council, to which the members agreed.

Alderman Lawrence leaves the meeting.

Proposed Modifications to the Traffic Flow - Armdale Rotary to  
become effective March 10, 1975

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A report dated January 14, 1975 entitled "The Armdale Rotary" was submitted from His Worship which had attached a report dated January 6th from the Engineering and Works Department.

Mr. Fred Bradbrook of the Engineering and Works Department addressed Council and, with the aid of a map, outlined the proposed modifications to the traffic flow at the Armdale Rotary.

Considerable discussion and questioning of staff ensued and Alderman Connolly expressed the feeling that Council should try the plan as presented saying that if it does not work, it can be withdrawn. Alderman Connolly questioned whether there will be an opportunity in the schedule for citizens to address themselves to the subject and present some of the problems which they see.

His Worship suggested this is why the proposal is not intended to become effective until March 10th saying the timing was so arranged in order to secure public response.

In reply to a question, His Worship said Council should try to hold a public meeting in 20 or 30 days time after the areas of principal public concern become clearer. His Worship also advised that starting tomorrow, the public will be able to secure information from an office on the second floor of City Hall.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walker that the Plan for Modifications to the traffic flow for the Armdale Rotary as contained in the submitted report, be accepted by City Council and that a public meeting be held on the matter for the purpose of further discussions with members of the public.

Motion passed.

Introduction of Motion for Public Hearing to be held on  
February 12, 1975 with Respect to the 15 Easterly Acres  
of Forum Lands

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His Worship circulated a letter dated January 15, 1975 from the Regional Manager, Property Services, Public Works, Canada which he said is a clarification of the occupation by the City of the three buildings involved after the date of transfer.

His Worship presented for the consideration of Council, a Motion which might be approved with respect to the subject lands.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stanbury that:

1. Council set Wednesday, February 12th at 8:00 p.m. for a Public Hearing under Part 16(1)(b) of the Zoning By-law for a modification of its provisions to permit the use of the 15 easterly acres of the Forum Lands for a Federal public building;
2. Council set Wednesday February 12th at 8:00 p.m. for a public hearing to close part of a street known as Monaghan Drive; and
3. Council set Wednesday, February 12th at 8:00 p.m. for a public hearing to alter and confirm the Official Street Line on Almon Street north side from Windsor Street to approximately 1,000 feet east, ten feet to the north.

Alderman Meagher felt that Council should move ahead on this matter but questioned whether there is any other way of proceeding.



His Worship advised that an alternative method of proceeding would be to set a date for a public hearing to consider a rezoning from the present zoning to C-3 in anticipation of the probable sale. His Worship said this course of action is exposed to an appeal under the Planning Act and if taken, would render the City incapable of responding to the offer in time to meet the deadline.

Alderman Shannon said she supported the intent of the Motion but not under the section of the City Charter which is proposed.

Discussion and questioning ensued and the Motion was put and passed, eight voting for the same and one voting against it as follows:

For:	Deputy Mayor Stanbury, Aldermen Connolly, Downey, Meagher, Sullivan, Walker, Hanson, & Moore	- 8
Against:	Alderman Shannon	- 1

At the suggestion of His Worship, it was MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that City Council authorize His Worship the Mayor to enter upon negotiations with the Province of Nova Scotia to secure the most favourable financial terms for the City in Capital and Operating account for the development of a joint recreational complex, and report back to City Council. Motion passed.

Borrowing Resolution - Funds to Purchase Quinpool Road Lands

A staff report dated January 16, 1975 was submitted entitled "Capital Funding of \$3.5 Million". A further staff report dated January 16, 1975 entitled "Capital Account Borrowing Resolution" was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Downey that:

1. City Council authorize His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign a resolution to borrow a sum or sums totalling \$5.3 million under Section 9(1) of the Municipal Affairs Act for the purpose of acquiring the Quinpool Road site for any City purpose; and

2. City Council authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign an agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia whereby the Province will loan the City an amount of \$3.5 Million of Capital funds for a period of 90 days from January 31, 1975, at a rate of interest of 8½ per cent per annum.

Motion passed with Alderman Connolly against.

Introduction of Motion from the Committee on Traffic Management  
Centre

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A report dated January 6, 1975 entitled "Traffic Management Centre, Progress Report No. 1", was submitted by the Chairman of the Municipal Development Plan Committee containing the following Resolution for the consideration of City Council:

"That the Municipal Development Plan Committee report back to City Council with an affirmative recommendation that Council approve the onward study of the Traffic Management Centre by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, provided 100% funding for the study continues to be forthcoming from other than the City, and further recommends that the above-noted and any subsequent progress reports be also referred to City staff for input to the Municipal Development Plan."

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Walker that the Resolution of the Municipal Development Plan Committee, as outlined above, be approved. Motion passed.

12:55 a. m. - Meeting adjourned.

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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL  
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Council Chamber  
City Hall  
Halifax, N. S.  
January 22, 1975  
5:55 P. M.

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

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

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen Connolly, Shannon, Downey, Meagher, Sullivan, Walker, Hanson, Moore, and Lawrence.

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

His Worship said that Deputy Mayor Stanbury is unable to attend tonight's meeting due to an illness.

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

1. His Worship the Mayor
2. Possible Expropriations in connection with Pockwock Water Supply

His Worship the Mayor

His Worship advised that there were no matters to be discussed under this item.

Council considered the following possible expropriations and acquisitions in connection with the Pockwock Water Supply, the first three being referred to Council from today's meeting of the Finance & Executive Committee:

Possible Acquisition - Lands of G. Donald Hogan (Parcel No.  
110 Dunbrack Street

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A staff report dated January 16, 1975 was submitted relating to the above noted matter.



MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the land of G. Donald Hogan as shown on City of Halifax Plan TT-19-20908, be purchased by the City of Halifax for the price of \$14,300.00 as settlement in full for all claims; funds to be made available from Account Number HAJ01 (Dunbrack Street - Purchase of Property). Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - Lands of Rockingham Ridge Limited  
(Parcels No. 101 & 136 - Dunbrack Street)

A staff report dated January 16, 1975 was submitted on the matter.

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Downey that the lands of Rockingham Ridge Limited as shown on City of Halifax Plans TT-19-20924 and TT-19-20925, be purchased by the City of Halifax for a total price of \$6,290.00 as settlement in full for all claims; funds to be made available from Account Number HAJ01 (Dunbrack Street - Purchase of Property). Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - Lands of Clayton Developments Limited  
(Parcel Nos. 114A and 114B Dunbrack St.)

Two staff reports dated January 20, 1975, were submitted, one dealing with Parcel 114A and the other 114B.  
Parcel #114A:

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that the land of Clayton Development Limited as shown on City of Halifax Plan TT-19-20914 be purchased by the City of Halifax for a total price of \$19,500 as settlement in full for all claims; funds to be made available from Account Number HAJ01 (Dunbrack Street - Purchase of Property). Motion passed.

Parcel #114B:

Alderman Connolly at this time referred to the staff report which was submitted with respect to Parcel 114A which presented more detail with respect per square foot value, and questioned whether this sort of information could be included in future reports.

Mr. Churchill of the Real Estate Department said the reason for this is that in some cases the land was looked on an acreage basis and on a square foot basis in others.

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MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the land of Clayton Development Limited as shown on City of Halifax Plan TT-19-20915 be purchased by the City of Halifax for a total price of \$1,050.00 as settlement in full for all claims; funds to be made available from Account Number HAJ01 (Dunbrack Street - Purchase of Property).

Motion passed.

Expropriations - Dunbrack Street and Pockwock Water System -  
Clayton Park Drive to Kearney Lake Road

A staff report dated January 22, 1975 was submitted on the above noted matter.

His Worship advised that there are persons present who have interests in the subject matter, and it was MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that anyone wishing to speak on the matter, be given an opportunity to do so.

Motion passed.

There were no persons wishing to speak on the item.

Alderman Connolly referred to one particular piece of property which was discussed at the last meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council, and questioned that if agreement can be reached with the owner, if staff will be required to come back to Council even though expropriation action has been taken, and the City Manager replied in the negative.

Alderman Lawrence noted that Parcel #130 of Schedule "A" attached to the staff report is duplicated in that it appears in the report to be considered next by City Council.

His Worship suggested that Parcel #130 could be eliminated from any Motion to be made at this time as it can be dealt with later.

At the request of Council, Mr. Churchill, with the aid of a map, outlined the location of the various properties included in Schedule "A" of the report as no plans had previously been circulated to the members with respect to the subject properties.



MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that City Council authorize the expropriation of the properties listed on schedule "A" attached to the staff report of January 22, 1975 with the offers of compensation also to be as shown on Schedule "A" with the exception of Parcel #130.

Motion passed.

Formal Resolutions were submitted giving effect to the foregoing Motion of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that the Formal Resolutions, be approved.

Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - 4 Donaldson Avenue

A staff report dated January 22, 1975 was submitted relating to the above noted matter.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that the property known as 4 Donaldson Avenue, owned by Cedar W. and Emma F. Maling, be acquired by the City for the price of \$55,000.00 as settlement in full for all claims; funds to be made available from Account Number HAJ01 (Dunbrack Street - Purchase of Property).

It was noted the second resolution contained in the report required no action due to the Acceptance by Council of the first.

Motion passed.

6:50 P. M. - Meeting adjourned.

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Council Chamber  
City Hall  
Halifax, N. S.  
January 30, 1975  
8:15 P. M.

A meeting of 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: Deputy Mayor M. Stanbury, Chairman; Aldermen Meagher, Hanson, Walker, Connolly, Downey, Shannon, Sullivan, and Moore.

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

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR

Deputy Mayor Stanbury extended a welcome to members of Troop "A" of the Boy Scouts of Rockingham who were present at the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Stanbury also referred to a meeting to be held on February 5th., at 8:00 p.m., at St. James Anglican Church Hall on Dutch Village Road with respect to improvements to the Armdale Rotary, and requested that the Press give consideration to giving this matter wide publicity.

MINUTES

Minutes of City Council meetings held on January 16 & 22, 1975 were approved on Motion of Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Sullivan.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

At the request of the City Clerk, Council agreed to add:

- 20(a) - Amendment to Administrative Order No. 8 -  
FIRST READING
- 20(b) - Appointment - Director of Engineering & Works

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At the request of the City Clerk, Council deleted:

- 17(b) - Use of Incinerator - County of Halifax - Termination  
April 1, 1975 (Incinerator Operations)

At the request of Alderman Walker, Council added:

- 20(c) - Capital Punishment

The Order of Business, as amended, was approved.

DEFERRED ITEMS

Approach Roads to A. Murray MacKay Bridge

The above noted item was referred to tonight's meeting from the January 16, 1975 meeting of City Council for further information.

A staff report dated January 27, 1975 was submitted on the matter.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Meagher that:

1. the City of Halifax not take over the approach roads on the Halifax side of the A. Murray MacKay bridge in that the take over of such approaches is rightfully the responsibility of the Province since the roadways conform to the requirements for limited access highways; and
2. the Province be again requested to assume responsibility for those items of maintenance work on the approaches which are presently administered by the City of Halifax (that is, street lighting, traffic signals, snow clearing and ice control, street sweeping, lawn maintenance, pavement markings, etc.).

Motion passed.

REPORT - FINANCE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on January 22, 1975 as follows:

Sign for Multi-Service Mainland South Office

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council approve the use of the City's Arms on a Multi-service sign at 337 Herring Cove Road. Motion passed.

Tender 74-142, Sale of 1945 Lafrance 65' Aerial Ladder Truck

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walker that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the offer of the Town of Meteghan be accepted in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the purchase of one 1945 Lafrance 65' aerial ladder truck, and that a formal purchase/sale contract be executed after receipt of their payment.

Motion passed.

Amendment - Collective Agreement - Union No. 143 Re: Health Incentive Bonus

The City Manager advised that the Union has requested this item be deleted from the agenda as they are prepared to live with what was included in the original agreement respecting Health Incentive Bonuses. The City Manager said that the City will pay the amounts in question as quickly as possible.

Council then agreed that the matter be deleted from the agenda.

Recreation Master Plan Needs & Attitudes Survey - \$9,130.00

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Walker that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, City Council approve the proposed expenditure of funds totalling \$9,130.00 from Account #RG085 of the 1975 Current Budget of the Recreation Department for the purpose of commencing the Needs and Attitudes Survey. Motion passed.

Tender - Testing and Inspection Services

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Moore that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, the low bid of Warnock Hersey International Limited in the amount of \$29,247.50 be accepted and apologies be offered to T. J. Donald and Company Limited for any inconvenience caused.

Motion passed.



Tender - Sale of Surplus Equipment

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Shannon that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, authority be granted by City Council to sell each vehicle to the highest bidder as is outlined in the staff report of January 16, 1975. Motion passed.

Agreement between the City & the Province Re: Portable Pensions

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Shannon that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into a reciprocal agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia on behalf of the City of Halifax for the transfer of pension benefits in respect of employees changing employment between the City and the Province. Motion passed.

Community Centre - South End of City

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Moore that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee:

1. Council approve, if and when funds become available, that a Community Centre be established in the Old South End, since there is a need for such a facility;
2. Approval be given for City staff to assist the community seeking out funds from sources other than City of Halifax, for the operation of such a facility; and
3. City staff give further consideration to such a facility in terms of long range plans for the area, and where it fits compared with other needs in the community.

Motion passed.

Distribution of Transit Tickets for Senior Citizens

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the proposal that pharmacies belonging to the Halifax Board of Trade, who have offered as a public service to distribute Transit tickets at reduced rates to senior citizens on a three month trial basis, be accepted by City Council and letters of thanks be forwarded to the pharmacies involved.

Motion passed.

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REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on January 22, 1975 as follows:

Fairview Lawn Cemetery War Veterans and Last Post Fund

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the portion of the Fairview Lawn Cemetery which has been set aside for the interment of War Veterans, be confirmed and that proper agreements be drawn.

Alderman Connolly referred to the Motion which is before Council and expressed the hope that the matter will again come before Council once the Agreements in question have been negotiated.

The City Manager said the item will come before Council once this takes place.

Alderman Connolly suggested that all Council is doing at this time is directing that negotiations take place.

The Motion was put and passed.

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REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on January 22, 1975, as follows:

Resolution - Financial Assistance from CMHC for Research Work

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Shannon, that City Council adopt a resolution requesting that Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation financially assist the City of Halifax in its planning research work, by approving a previously submitted "Application for Research Grant" for the following project:

A Technique for Predicting Municipal Revenues and Expenditures Associated with Development Projects and Alternative Development Schemes: Mainland South Planning District, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Motion passed.

Rezoning Lot N - Lands of W. & A. Moir Ltd., Columbus St.  
from R-2 Residential Zone to C-3 Industrial Zone  
DATE FOR HEARING

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that a date be set for a public hearing to consider the rezoning application for Lot N, Lands of W. & A. Moir Ltd., Columbus Street, as shown on Plan No. P200/6775 of Case No. 3104 from R-2 Residential to C-3 Industrial. Motion passed.

The City Clerk advised that the public hearing would be held on February 19, 1975.

Commercial Developments (Maritimes) Ltd. Office Tower -  
Barrington Street - Modification of Setbacks

A report entitled "Design Principles Relating to Block 0925" dated January 27, 1975, was submitted by the Downtown Committee of Halifax.

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A report entitled "Commercial Developments (Maritimes) Limited Office Tower Barrington Street -- Modification of Setbacks" dated January 22, 1975, was submitted by the Halifax Landmarks Commission.

A letter dated January 24, 1975, was submitted by Fred J. Dickson, Commercial Developments (Maritimes) Ltd.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Moore, that the application for a modification of setbacks as requested by Commercial Developments (Maritimes) Limited to permit the construction of a bank and office tower on Barrington Street at George Street and Granville Street as shown on Drawings Nos. P200/6810-19 and in Case No. 3054 be approved by City Council.

Alderman Shannon stated she understands that the developer has not withdrawn his appeal to the Provincial Planning Appeal Board and asked the City Solicitor if the appeal is upheld what is the status of this building, that is, could the developer revert back to his original plan or will he proceed with the plan presently before Council.

The City Solicitor advised that at this stage Council is giving tentative approval to a building, of the bulk and placement of a particular building, which requires certain modifications of setback requirements of the Zoning By-law in order to be constructed and is not dealing with the specifics of a building. The developer will have to develop plans for a building which will roughly follow this outline and then apply for a building permit. Council is approving, providing the developer meets the other requirements of all the laws of the City, a building of approximate dimensions as must be indicated on a plan submitted to staff.

The City Solicitor advised that if the developer were to proceed with the appeal, and the appeal was successful from his point of view, there is no obligation for him to proceed with this particular building. If he was going to build a different building and again required modifications, he would have to make application to Council.

In response to a further question from Alderman Shannon re parking facilities, the City Manager stated that

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the parking comes in off Granville Street and there are provisions for approximately twelve parking spaces.

Mr. Davidson, of the Development Department, stated staff would attempt to examine any new proposal for the remainder of the block and would separate the parking entrances and exits from each other as best as possible so that there would not be congestion on that particular site. He stated that as of now staff have seen preliminary drawings of Phase I of the Durham proposal and have indications that parking spaces are going to be provided within that structure, where the actual location of the entrances to that parking is, staff cannot say because they have not received final plans.

Alderman Sullivan stated that the new design submitted by the developer meets the view plane legislation and noted a submission dated January 22, 1975, from the Halifax Landmarks Commission congratulating the developer on an improved design.

The motion was then put and passed.

Alderman Shannon asked that the report entitled "Design Principles Relating to Block 0925" submitted by the Downtown Committee of Halifax, be discussed at the next meeting of Committee of the Whole Council and that there be staff input.

Application for Final Approval of Lots 201-208 Inclusive -  
Will-O-Lake Park Subdivision, Birchview Drive

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Connolly,  
that:

1. Lots 201-208 inclusive, as shown on Plan No. P200/6799 of Case No. 3077 be given final approval by City Council; and
2. Council accept monies in lieu of open space land dedication in the amount of \$16,605.00.

Motion passed.