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to C-1, Commercial Zone, and it is now requested that Parcel M-E2 be rezoned from R-1 Residential to P Zone, Park and Institutional.

His Worship called for those wishing to speak in favour of the proposed rezoning. No persons present wished to speak in favour of the proposed rezoning.

His Worship called for those wishing to speak against the proposed rezoning. No persons present wished to speak against the proposed rezoning.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Moore, that the matter be referred to the next regular meeting of City Council without recommendation. Motion passed.

Tender 75-30R - Traffic Improvements - Kempt Road

This matter was previously considered at a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on August 20, 1975.

The City Manager noted the recommendation contained in the staff report dated August 14, 1975, and advised that the Department of Highways have expressed their agreement with the recommendation.

Alderman Moore stated he had been contacted by a tenderer who had submitted a bid on the original tender and was concerned over staff's procedure re the retendering of a portion of the project. He stated that the original bids were made public and, as a result of a petition, a portion of the original tender call was retendered and the participants in the second tender had full knowledge and advantage of the amounts tendered in the initial tender call.

Alderman Moore stated he felt that in this particular instance the original tender should have been allowed to stand and the petition resolved between the successful bidder, the City and the protesting party.

The City Manager advised that all tenders for the City of Halifax are opened in public. She advised that, in this instance, tenders were jointly called for two projects

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and, as a result of a petition, a retender call was made as the City exercised its right to reject any or all tenders submitted. She advised that staff were not aware of the objection to a portion of the joint tender call prior to the tender opening.

The City Solicitor stated that if the original tender is let stand and the City then negotiates on what portion of the total tender is for an individual project, the City is then, by private contract, coming to an understanding on what the price would be and he suggested the City would be in far more difficulty with the other tenderers if this approach was used. He stated that, for this reason, it is necessary to recall the whole tender.

Mr. Calda, Director of Engineering and Works, advised that the practise of tender openings vary throughout the Province and, for example, the Department of Highways have different procedures than other departments of the Provincial Government.

Mr. Calda advised that this matter was removed from the Order of Business for the meeting of City Council held on August 28, 1975, as the Department of Highways expressed some interest in the matter based on objections received by them from an interested party. He stated that City staff have met with staff members of the Department of Highways and they have approved of staff's recommendation and have no doubt that the proper procedure was followed by City staff.

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Shannon, that tender #75-30R be awarded to G. W. Mills Ltd., the lowest concrete pavement bidder for \$227,765.00, subject to the agreement of the Department of Highways. Motion passed with Alderman Moore voting against.

Meeting adjourned - 5:20 P.M.

#### HEADLINES

Rezoning of Parcel M-E2 from R-1 Residential (Single Family Dwelling Zone) to P Zone (Park and Institutional) under the Ownership of Maritime Estates Ltd., Bedford Highway ... 412  
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CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Council Chamber  
City Hall  
Halifax, N. S.  
September 11, 1975  
8:05 p.m.

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

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

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

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

ELECTION - WARD 5

The City Clerk, in accordance with the provisions of Section 107-2(B) of the Halifax City Charter, in respect to the election of an Alderman for Ward 5 of the City of Halifax, declared that Mr. Terrence S. Sullivan received the highest number of votes at the Election held on Wednesday, September 10, 1975, and is thereby elected for a term expiring October 31, 1977.

His Worship advised that it is intended that the Alderman for Ward 5 will be sworn of office by His Worship the Mayor at 9:15 a.m. on September 22, 1975, in the Council Chamber, if no application for appeal is provided in law.

LONG SERVICE AWARD - G. H. BRUNDIGE

His Worship, upon presenting a Long Service Award to Mr. G. H. Brundige commemorating thirty-nine years' service with the City of Halifax, reviewed Mr. Brundige's career within the Fire Department leading to his promotion to Fire Chief on January 1, 1963.

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His Worship noted Mr. Brundige's membership with the Maritime, Canadian and International Associations of Fire Chiefs as well as his membership with the Associate Committee, National Building Code of Canada.

Mr. Brundige expressed, on behalf of himself and Mrs. Brundige, their pleasure in receiving the sort of recognition bestowed upon them at this time. He further expressed his appreciation for the support given to him by City Council particularly during the past twelve years.

#### MINUTES

Minutes of meetings held on August 28, 1975, and September 3, 1975, were approved on Motion of Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Hanson.

#### APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

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

- 20(a) - Tender #75-144 - Traffic Improvement on Cogswell Street and New Sidewalks on Flamingo Drive

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

- 15(c) - Lot Consolidation, Lands of Clarence R. & Diane E. Riggs - Melville Avenue

At the request of Alderman Lawrence, Council agreed to add:

- 20(b) - Halifax City Incinerator

At the request of the City Manager, Council agreed to delete:

- 10(e) - Terms of Reference - North End Fire Station

At the request of Alderman Walker, Council agreed to add:

- 20(c) - Signs on St. Margaret's Bay Road

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DEFERRED ITEMS

Rezoning - Parcel M-E2 from R-1 Residential (Single Family Dwelling Zone) to P Zone (Park & Institutional) under the Ownership of Maritime Estates Limited, Bedford Highway

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A Public Hearing was held re the above matter on September 3, 1975.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Moore, that the rezoning of Parcel M-E2, Lands of Maritime Estates Limited, Bedford Highway, from R-1 Residential, Single Family Dwelling Zone, to P, Park & Institutional Zone, as shown on Plan No. P200/7084 of Case No. 3151, and the Formal Resolution, as submitted, be approved by City Council. Motion passed.

PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

Ecology Action Centre Re: Non-refillable Soft Drink Containers

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A letter dated August 7, 1975, addressed to His Worship the Mayor, was submitted by the Ecology Action Centre, requesting that City Council consider passing a motion re the above subject.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Hanson, that this matter be referred to the next meeting of Committee of the Whole Council and that a representative of the Ecology Action Centre be heard at that time. Motion passed.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on September 3, 1975, as follows:

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MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stanbury, that this matter be referred to the City Manager for a full report.

In response to a question, Mr. McKim advised that, in view of Council's request at the meeting of Committee of the Whole Council and the time limit involved, the Chairman had not been able to convene a meeting of the Board and the request has not been officially passed as a resolution of the Board.

His Worship stated that requests for monies to City Council should be signed on behalf of the Board and by the Chief Officer of the Board.

The motion was put and passed.

Carpeting - Halifax City Regional Library

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, a contract be awarded to the lowest tenderers meeting specifications able to supply as designated on the summary sheet attached to the staff report dated August 21, 1975, for a total of \$14,811.10 and that funds be transferred as required. Motion passed.

Fees - Centennial Pool

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Shannon that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, the proposed fee increases for the Centennial Pool be accepted and a yearly and four-month pass system be implemented at the following prices:

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Fee Structure for all Swims at the Centennial Pool

Family Swim	\$1.50
Adult Swim	1.00
Public Swim (Children)	.50
Public Swim (Adult)	1.00
Noon Swim	.50

<u>Pass Schedule</u>	<u>Yearly</u>	<u>Four Months</u>
Family Swim	\$ 60.00	\$20.00
Adult Swim	\$200.00	\$67.00
Public Swim (Children)	\$125.00	\$42.00
Public Swim (Adult)	\$250.00	\$84.00
Noon Swim	\$ 75.00	\$25.00

Motion passed with six voting for the same and three against as follows:

FOR: Aldermen Connolly, Shannon, Walker, Hanson,  
Moore and Lawrence 6

AGAINST: Deputy Mayor Stanbury, Aldermen Meagher and  
Downey 3

Works Expenditure

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walker that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, approval be granted under Section 316C of the City Charter for the expenditures as outlined in the staff report dated August 29, 1975, and that staff indicate the sources from which the overexpenditure will be funded.  
Motion passed.

Terms of Reference - North End Fire Station

This item was deleted at the request of the City Manager.

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Transfer of Capital Funds

An information report dated September 9, 1975, was submitted by the City Solicitor re Auburn Avenue, Transfer of Capital Funds.

Alderman Connolly, referring to the information report from the City Solicitor, stated that he had hoped that the interpretation of the City Solicitor would be that the lands could not be sold unless these improvements could be made to them. The City Solicitor replied that it was his opinion that the removal of the sewer lines did not increase the value of the land.

Mr. Calda, Director of Engineering and Works, advised that it has not been finally decided what is to become of the sewer lines once they are abandoned by the City. He advised that the City is going to build new sewer lines and by-pass the site.

Alderman Connolly asked whether City Council could have a meeting re the Forum lands and their relationship to the new site for a new facility, in order that all problems related thereto can be discussed at one time rather than on a piecemeal basis. His Worship agreed that City Council look at any costs that can be defined which may result from the development of a Regional Sports and Exhibition Centre and stated that he would let the City Manager and the two Aldermanic representatives on the Committee decide when the information can be brought to City Council.

Alderman Walker referred to the Auburn Avenue account and stated that he had asked at the last meeting of Committee of the Whole Council that this matter be deferred until a decision has been made re the Hilden Heights project.

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Walker that:

1. Walton Drive (Account No. 808-DAA47) be cancelled at \$5000.00 and be transferred to a new account of Princeton Avenue; and
2. Auburn Avenue (Account No. 808-DAA54) be deferred until a decision has been made re the Hilden Heights project.

Motion passed.

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Awarding of Contract - Flag Pole - City Hall

A further report dated September 9, 1975, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the repairs of the flagpole be proceeded with and that a contract be awarded to LeGay Industries, the low bidder, to repair existing flagpole in the amount of \$5,448.00.

Alderman Lawrence stated that he could not support the motion as he felt the decay within the flagpole will continue and he would prefer to see the present flagpole cut off at the 70 ft. level or a new 70 ft. flagpole erected.

Alderman Hanson stated that the present flagpole was a gift to the City, the trip from British Columbia to Halifax has historical significance, and he suggested that it should be treasured.

Alderman Meagher stated that he would support the Motion and agreed with Alderman Hanson's comments. He suggested that the present flagpole creates a unique atmosphere at City Hall.

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

FOR: Aldermen Shannon, Meagher, Hanson, Moore and Deputy Mayor Stanbury 5

AGAINST: Aldermen Connolly, Downey, Walker and Lawrence 4

Cooperation on Computer System Design & Facility Operation

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Shannon that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, Council give general authority for continued discussions at the staff level with a view to possible cooperation with other municipalities in the systems and computer field and that a review be made to determine the most appropriate form of organization of a computer facility set up to provide service to other municipalities in addition to the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

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Proclamation of Halifax City Charter

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stanbury that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Governor in Council be requested to proclaim in force Sections 186, 187, 191 to 201, inclusive, 203, 204, and 205 of the Halifax City Charter, 1963, and simultaneously to repeal Sections 302, 303, 308, 309, 309A, 310, 310A, 310C, 310D, 310E, 310H, 311, 313, 314, 314A, 315, 315A, 315B, 315C, 315D, 315E, 315F, 316, 316A, 316B, 316C, 317, 336 and 338A of the Halifax City Charter, 1931.  
Motion passed.

Retention & Disposal of Finance Records

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stanbury that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Schedule for Retention and the Schedule for Disposal of Finance Records, as attached to the staff report dated August 29, 1975, be approved by City Council.

The City Manager advised that the Civic Historian has been contacted and there are some aspects of this matter he would like to be involved with before disposal takes place.

His Worship stated that he felt this was an important point, not only in relation to the present subject but also in future, that the destruction of records should, in some way, be referred to the Civic Historian and the Civic Historian should have some form of priority before records are destroyed and he could indicate which should be preserved. He suggested that there ought to be some guidelines written to cover this type of circumstance.

His Worship stated that the foregoing motion could be passed on the understanding that if there were to be any area of difficulty between staff and the Civic Historian re disposal of certain records, the City Manager could report back to Council.

The City Manager stated that the Civic Historian could deal with the Director of Finance and go through those records that he is interested in retaining for some purpose so that staff would not destroy such records as the Civic Historian felt should be held.

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Mr. L. Collins, Civic Historian, addressed Council and stated that he had met with the Director of Finance and has been in touch with the Assistant Archivist of Nova Scotia. He felt that there may be some areas where, at the City's discretion, if records were made available in an appropriate period of time, they could be of use to the academic community. He suggested that perhaps there ought to be a second look at the method of disposal and the material to be destroyed.

It was agreed that the motion permit the destruction of those materials that the City Manager, staff and the Civic Historian are in agreement could be destroyed and consideration be given to the general question of other material that the Civic Historian might want to keep.

The motion was then put and passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on September 3, 1975, as follows:

Petition - Paving on Skeena Street

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Walker that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the paving of Skeena Street be included in the forthcoming Capital Budget for City Council's consideration. Motion passed.

Maintenance Agreement #17 - Approach to A. Murray MacKay Bridge

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Stanbury, seconded by Alderman Downey that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, Council authorize His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk to sign Maintenance Agreement #17 so that the Minister of Highways can finalize legal documentation.

In response to a question, Mr. Calda advised that the lights on the A. Murray MacKay Bridge are the responsibility of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission.

The motion was put and passed.

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2116 Brunswick Street (Minimum Standards Report)

An information report dated September 9, 1975, was submitted by staff.

Alderman Downey noted that the building at 2116 Brunswick Street has been under violation since 1974 and hoped that the City would not allow another year for this building to be boarded up. He felt that the building should be repaired as soon as possible or an order for demolition issued.

The City Manager advised that a notice has been forwarded to effect the repairs and the owner has been requested to state his intentions for the future use of the building by September 30, 1975.

The City Solicitor, in response to a question, explained the circumstances which prevented this matter from being processed more expediently.

It was agreed that the report be tabled.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on September 3, 1975, as follows:

Installment of Barricade - Oriole Street - Pioneer Avenue

The City Clerk advised that a petition has been submitted by Alderman Lawrence, containing twenty-two signatures of citizens of the area, re the above subject.

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that Council defer action on the recommendation of the Safety Committee pending a staff review of the petition submitted this date. Motion passed.

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REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Ordinance No. 158, respecting "The Regulation of the Use of  
Lakes" - SECOND READING

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman  
Connolly, that Ordinance No. 158 respecting the Regulation  
of the Use of Lakes be read and passed a second time.

Motion passed.

Amendment to Ordinance No. 149, respecting "The Petty Trades  
Ordinance" - SECOND READING

A private and confidential report dated September  
9, 1975, was submitted by the City Solicitor.

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman  
Connolly, that the amendment to Ordinance No. 149 respecting  
The Petty Trades Ordinance be read and passed a second time.

Motion passed.

Amendment to Ordinance No. 144, respecting "The Controlling  
of Bonfires" - SECOND READING

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman  
Lawrence, that the amendment to Ordinance No. 144 respecting  
the Controlling of Bonfires be read and passed a second time.

Alderman Moore stated that he has some concern  
with the proposed amendment as it is now worded and felt that  
presently it means that a property owner, whether or not he  
had knowledge of the fire on his premises and whether or not  
he consented to it, would be assumed to be guilty of the  
offence as set out in the Ordinance. He asked that the City  
Solicitor review the matter and insert into the Ordinance a  
qualifying amendment to insure that one is not guilty until  
proven innocent.

It was agreed that this matter be deferred to the  
next meeting of City Council and that the City Solicitor  
consider the point raised by Alderman Moore.

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REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the reports of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on September 3, 1975 as follows:

Application to Establish a Photography Gallery, Area Beneath the Grand Parade

The following is the recommendation of the City Planning Committee:

"That staff be instructed by City Council to negotiate the possibility of a license being issued for the establishment of a non-profit photography gallery within the present storage area beneath the Grand Parade."

The City Manager said that before Council deals with the item, it would be staff's request negotiations be carried out with the applicant relating to conditions of the lease and rents etc., before an application for a grant is made. The City Manager said the results of such negotiations would come back to Council for approval before such an application is made to use the Grand Parade.

An information report dated September 4, 1975, was submitted relating to the type of Gallery to be established by Mr. Sherman Hines in the West House.

Discussion ensued on the matter and it was MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Moore that City staff be instructed by City Council to negotiate the possibility of a license being issued for the establishment of a non-profit photography gallery within the present storage area beneath the Grand Parade, and that the applicant be advised that a submission is not to be made to the Canada Council for a grant with respect to the use of the Grand Parade until such time as staff reports back to Council on the results of the negotiations.

Motion passed.

Proposed Amendment to Peninsula Zoning By-law Part XV,  
Sections 2 and 4

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Shannon that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, no date for a public hearing be set to consider proposed amendments to the Peninsula Zoning By-law, Part XV, Sections 2 and 4, and that the proposed amendments as outlined in the staff report of August 27, 1975, be refused. Motion passed.



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Lot Consolidation, Lands of Clarence R. & Diane E. Riggs -  
Melville Avenue

The above noted item was deleted from the agenda during the approval of the Order of Business.

Lot Consolidation - 2629-31 King Street

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walker that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application to consolidate Lot P and Lot M to form Lot PM King Street, as shown on Plan No. P200/7116 of Case No. 3229, be approved by City Council. Motion passed.

Laying Down of Street Lines - Portion of Dutch Village Road  
& Closure of Portion of Alma Crescent

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

Mr. B. Davidson of the Development Department, addressed Council and advised that in accordance with instructions of the City Planning Committee, a meeting was arranged with the Solicitor for the applicant but said agreement was not reached. Mr. Davidson advised that an information report under date of September 10, 1975 has been circulated to members of Council. Mr. Davidson said the recommendation of staff is to proceed with the laying down of Street Lines and to then deal with the matter of lot consolidation.

Mr. Davidson then displayed plans of the area in question and responded to a number of questions put forth by members of Council.

With the agreement of Council Mr. Frank Medjuck, representing the applicant, addressed Council and said the meeting with City staff dealt with calculations relating to the number of units to be permitted. Mr. Medjuck said he would like to have come back with the matter resolved but said this did not take place. Mr. Medjuck said that both parties agreed that each had included different amounts of land when making the calculations and suggested this is where the difference lies.

Mr. Medjuck said that in 1969, the applicant at that time was permitted to use City owned land on Titus Street in the density calculation but said staff is not permitting this to take place at this time which is resulting in a lesser number of units being permitted than was anticipated.

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Mr. Medjuck said that when the application for lot consolidation was made, staff came to Council with a recommendation that Street Lines be established prior to the lot consolidation.

Mr. Medjuck requested that Council approve the lot consolidation first so that the applicant can include the Deal Property in the calculations, include the Titus Avenue lands in the calculations, and then lay down official street lines.

A questioning of Mr. Medjuck and staff ensued and it was MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stanbury that City Council approve the lot consolidation of Lot Z and Lot X including the Deal Property, to form Lot Z-1.

Discussion ensued on the matter and a question arose as to whether the Motion was in order as the agenda item dealt with the the laying down of Street Lines and Street Closure.

His Worship ruled the Motion to be in Order and noted that in a staff report of May 20, 1975, Council was informed of the application for Lot Consolidation but staff was recommending the establishment of street lines take place first.

The Motion was later put and lost.

It was MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Shannon that:

1. City Council lay down official street lines on the remainder of Dutch Village Road not included in the approval of street lines for this area in October 6, 1971;
2. City Council officially close that area of Alma Crescent made surplus by street line changes in October 6, 1971, which is shown as Parcel C on Plan No. P200/7009 of Case No. 3131;
3. Parcel C, as shown on Plan No. P200/7009 of Case No. 3131 be made available to Fort Massey Realty Limited for purchase; and

4. Parcel D, as shown on Plan No. P200/7009 of Case No. 3131, be acquired by the City of Halifax to form part of the new alignment of Dutch Village Road.

Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Meagher that City Council approve the lot consolidation of Lot Z with proposed Lot X as shown on Plan No. P200/7009 subject to Parcel C, as shown on Plan No. P200/7009 of Case No. 3131, being made available to Fort Massey Realty Limited for purchase, and Parcel D, as shown on Plan No. P200/7009 of Case No. 3131, being acquired by the City of Halifax to form part of the new alignment of Dutch Village Road.

His Worship said that from discussions at tonight's meeting, it is understood that the lands on Titus Avenue as originally included in the density calculations, should be included in the calculations following the lot consolidation, and suggested it was not necessary to include this in the Motion.

The Motion was put and passed.

#### Downtown Plan - Nodal Framework

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Moore that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, Council direct staff to attempt to negotiate with the owners of the site to determine whether they would be willing to enter into a mixed use proposal, and if they were amenable to that, Council then directs staff to investigate the possibilities for arts/cultural uses with appropriate agencies of the various government levels, in accordance with Council's policy.

Motion passed.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

#### Appointments - Voting Delegates, Annual Conference of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities

His Worship noted that the annual conference of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities is to be held in Halifax this year and said a memo was circulated to members of Council requesting their attendance. His Worship requested that those who have indicated their intentions, be nominated as voting delegates at the conference.

It was MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Downey that His Worship the Mayor, and Aldermen Hanson, Meagher, Connolly, and Moore be nominated as voting delegates at the annual conference of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities to be held in Halifax in 1975. Motion passed.

Installation Sidewalk & Sod - North Side Glenforest Drive  
(Southill Drive to Hillwood Crescent)

A staff report dated September 2, 1975 was submitted.

Alderman Lawrence noted that residents of the area were to receive a report on the item saying it is his understanding that such a report was not received. Alderman Lawrence said he would like to have the matter deferred to the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council in order that the report may be forwarded to the residents, to which Council agreed.

Annual Report 1974 - Halifax Transit Corporation

The 1974 Annual Report of the Halifax Transit Corporation was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Walker that the annual report of the Halifax Transit Corporation be tabled. Motion passed.

Consideration of Proclamation by His Worship the Mayor,  
"Prisoner of Conscience Week" - October 12 to 19, 1975

His Worship advised that he has circulated a memo to members of Council on the subject matter. His Worship said that at the time of a previous proclamation, Council was advised that whenever the Mayor was asked to declare a whole week, he would bring such a request to Council.

Alderman Connolly suggested that as part of the role of the Mayor of the City, it falls upon the Mayor to decide what should be endorsed. Council then agreed that the matter of declaring weeks be left to the judgement of the Mayor.

Section 153 - Halifax City Charter (His Worship the Mayor)

His Worship said he placed this item on the agenda in order that Council may indicate its view whether it is its sentiment that the present totality of massage parlours and burlesque activities etc., has reached the state where its further growth should be inhibited, rolled back, or whether it is part of urban growth.

A short discussion ensued on the matter and His Worship left the Chair and Deputy Mayor Stanbury assumed same.

It was MOVED by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the City Solicitor be asked to review available Federal, Provincial, and Civic Legislation to deal with the matters introduced, and to advise as to what further measures would more effectively control the situation within the jurisdiction of the City of Halifax.  
Motion passed unanimously.

His Worship then resumed the Chair and Deputy Mayor Stanbury took her normal seat in Council.

Tender #75-34 - New Sidewalk and Paving Construction

A supplementary staff report dated September 8, 1975, was submitted. The City Manager advised that the original report was dated August 26th but said additional information was requested which is contained in the supplementary report.

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stanbury that Tender #75-34 be awarded to Steed and Evans Maritime Ltd., the lowest bidder for \$45,423.25, and that \$500.00 for sidewalk construction, and \$16,000 for paving construction be transferred from the surplus funds under Account No. 808-CBA20, 808-CAA40, CBA25, and CBA39 as outlined in the staff report of August 26, 1975 entitled "Tender #75-34 - New Sidewalk and Paving Construction". Motion passed.

Call for Proposals - Quinpool Road Lands

A staff report dated September 9, 1975, was submitted relating to the above noted matter.

Alderman Shannon in referring to the proposed Call for Proposals, read a sentence to the effect that the trees along Quinpool Road would be saved "if possible", and expressed the feeling that such trees should definitely be saved.

Alderman Shannon made reference to a section dealing with the abutting family residential district which, she said, is not clear and felt this section should reflect exactly what is meant. Alderman Shannon also noted that three acres are involved at this time and questioned under what rules or regulations the project is proceeding.

Mr. Chris Pelham of the Development Department, addressed Council and indicated that the trees in question could be saved.

In referring to the second question, Mr. Pelham said staff felt that if specifics were spelled out, it may restrict a developer but advised that staff will be looking at proposals closely to make sure they are complementary to the abutting neighbourhood. Mr. Pelham also advised that the project would be proceeding under a Section of the City Charter which refers to planned developments saying the City at this time, is disposing of 3 acres of a 15 acre site.

Alderman Shannon noted it is intended to call for proposals on three acres when it is not known what is to take place on the remaining lands and questioned if it would not be better if the whole area was looked at as a planned development. Mr. Pelham said staff does not have architectural drawings for the buildings but said it is known what is to be placed on the remaining lands.

Alderman Meagher said he would like to see the whole area proceeded with as a package as was done with the Convoy Place Development saying a developer could look at the entire complex rather than a portion of it. Alderman Meagher also felt there should be some input from people trained in assessing such proposals in addition to staff input to ensure that the proposals are financially feasible.

His Worship suggested one reason for staff proceeding with the 3.5 acres is to determine what can be obtained from the call in order to obtain the maximum residential use of the 6.5 acres.

Mr. Pelham concurred with this but said he did not have any difficulties with the suggestions made. Mr. Pelham said the only problem is that there are two different uses involved saying the back residential area depends on negotiations with the Federal & Provincial governments.

Alderman Meagher suggested these items could be looked at between now and the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council. Alderman Shannon also felt it must be decided whether it is better to purchase or lease the land and His Worship noted that an alternative was given on that matter.

His Worship questioned whether members of Council wished a little more time to review the report, and it was MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Shannon that the matter be referred to the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council. Motion passed.

Alderman Lawrence leaves the meeting.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Crosswalks - Windsor Street and  
Quinpool Road

Alderman Meagher said that since the removal of the lights at the above location, it is difficult for people to get across the Street and requested that staff review this situation.

Alderman Meagher also referred to Agricola Street and Bayers Road saying the children going to school are having difficulty crossing the street at this location.

Question Deputy Mayor Stanbury Re: Dilapidated Building Kempt Rd.

Deputy Mayor Stanbury said that on Kempt Road, there is a garage which suffered fire damage approximately two or three years ago which is in a deplorable state. The Deputy Mayor requested that staff check into this matter.

His Worship noted that staff is presently dealing with this particular property saying a report was submitted at the Committee of the Whole Council meeting on the subject.

Question Alderman Walker Re: Proposed Wharf - Purcell's Cove

Alderman Walker said he would like a report on the proposed wharf to be built 130 feet south of the Tuna Wharf at Purcell's Cove. Alderman Walker advised that an article appeared in the September 4th edition of the newspaper.

His Worship advised that a report will issue on the subject.

Question Alderman Downey Re: Evening & Sunday Parking around  
Churches and Commons

Alderman Downey questioned if evening and Sunday parking could be reviewed around churches and the Commons as people attending church and visiting the Commons are now receiving \$15.00 parking tickets.

His Worship advised that a report will be prepared.

ADDED ITEMS

Tender #75-144 - Traffic Improvements on Cogswell Street and  
New Sidewalks on Flamingo Drive

A staff report dated September 5, 1975, was submitted on the matter.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Moore that Tender #75-144 be awarded to Steed & Evans Maritime Ltd., for Traffic Improvements on Cogswell Street and New Sidewalks on Flamingo Drive in the amount of \$128,850.25 being the lowest bid. Motion passed.

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The above noted item was added to the agenda at the request of Alderman Lawrence.

Alderman Moore advised that Alderman Lawrence, who has left the meeting, requested this item be referred to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council, to which Council agreed.

Signs - St. Margaret's Bay Road

The above noted item was added to the agenda at the request of Alderman Walker.

Alderman Walker said he previously raised a question relating to signs at the entrance of the City on the St. Margaret's Bay Road and said there is still no sign at this location and he is continuing to encounter people who are not quite sure where they are when entering the City by means of the Bay Road. Alderman Walker said a sign should be erected advising motorists that they are entering the City of Halifax.

The Director of Works advised that he has instructed the City Field staff to check all the entrance Roads to the City and to replace any signs which are missing.

Alderman Walker said he was not just referring to the small sign which says City of Halifax, but said he would like to see a larger sign which extends a welcome.

The City Manager said the subject will be considered and His Worship also advised the City Manager has been requested to provide funds for such signs in the budget. His Worship said the matter will become the subject of an early report.



Alderman Hanson requested that the Visitors & Convention Committee be supplied with such a report as the Committee had requested the subject be brought up at Council, and the City Manager said that if the Committee has any suggestions, these should be forwarded to staff.

His Worship further advised that the whole question of Service Club signs, transit connection signs etc., is under active consideration and will be the subject of a report.

His Worship at this time said he wished to make mention of the passing of County Councillor Granville Mosher and advised that he had today sent a letter to the Warden of the County expressing the earnest condolences of Council and the citizens of Halifax on the loss of one of the most senior Municipal Councillors in the Province.

12:10 A. M. - Meeting adjourned.

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PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES

Westmount School  
Gymnasium  
Edward Arab Avenue  
Halifax, N. S.  
September 17, 1975  
8:20 P. M.

A public meeting was held on the above date.

Present: Deputy Mayor Stanbury, Chairman; and Aldermen Moore, Shannon, Meagher, Walker, Connolly, and Downey.

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

Deputy Mayor Stanbury advised that the meeting was called with respect to the following items:

1. Traffic on Liverpool Street and adjoining Streets Resulting from the Closure of Young and Cork Streets to southbound Traffic off Connaught Avenue; and
2. Evaluation of Temporary Closure - William Hunt Avenue at Edward Arab Avenue.

Deputy Mayor Stanbury said the purpose of the meeting is to hear from residents of the area on the subject matters saying it is only through reports from the people that Council can attempt to solve the problems in the area. The Deputy Mayor said that all those present should feel free to make their wishes known saying the first subject for discussion will be the matter of:

Traffic on Liverpool Street and adjoining Streets Resulting from the Closure of Young and Cork Streets to Southbound Traffic off Connaught Avenue

8:25 P. M. - His Worship the Mayor arrives at the meeting.

Mr. Robert Saturley, a resident of Young Street addressed the meeting in favour of the continued closure of the boulevards saying there are problems on the Street as a result of a trucking firm which is located there. He referred to the matter of trucks parked on the Street and employees of the Company using the Street for parking saying this situation creates traffic problems on the Street. He said this problem is aggravated in the winter because of the snow banks and results in the Street being reduced to one lane.

Mr. Saturley suggested that if the boulevard closure on Connaught Avenue is discontinued, traffic will again use Young Street to get to the other side of the City as the Street runs from Connaught Avenue to the Harbour.

Mr. Nick Scaravelli of Young Street spoke in favour of the continued closing of the boulevards on Connaught Avenue saying that from reading City Council minutes and staff reports which have been prepared on the matter, it appears that the closures have been successful in that accidents resulting from left turning vehicles going south on Connaught Avenue have been eliminated. He said it is his understanding that the objectives were also to restrict through traffic on Young Street and to encourage motorists to use signalized intersections, and suggested these objectives have been achieved.

Mr. Scaravelli noted that Council will have to make a decision on the matter and suggested that nothing would be achieved by opening Young and Cork Streets to traffic again. He suggested that one alternative to the closing of the Streets would be to place No Left Hand Turn signs on the Streets during the heavily travelled hours.

Mr. G. Hicks of Young Street addressed the meeting opposed to the closing of the boulevards and submitted a brief on the subject which is in the official file of this meeting. Mr. Hicks said his basic objection to the closing of the medians was that it disrupts traffic flows and requires motorists to travel longer routes to get to certain locations.

Mr. Robert Parker of Liverpool Street spoke in opposition to the median closures and said he was in favour of opening all the Streets on Connaught Avenue. Mr. Parker said the reason for this is because of the location of the Westmount school crossing at Liverpool Street and said the crosswalk in this area is on a down grade making it difficult to see. Mr. Parker expressed the feeling that if two of the Streets are to be closed, they should all be closed.

Mr. Gordon Estabrooks of Liverpool Street spoke in favour of removing the median closures due to the amount of traffic which has been created on Liverpool Street.

Mr. Frederick Hollett of Cork Street addressed the meeting opposed to the present closures due to the inconvenience to motorists. Mr. Hollett also referred to the problem which the closures create for emergency vehicles and advised that one of the Fire Trucks was recently required to make a U-Turn because of the median being blocked.

Mr. Bill Curry of Connaught Avenue said he could see only one solution and that was to close off all the medians on Connaught because of the situation which presently exists on Liverpool Street.

Mr. Curry indicated that the present median closures create problems for people living on Connaught Avenue in that it is difficult to get in and out of driveways as a result of the increased traffic. Mr. Curry suggested the citizens should be informed with respect to the long range traffic plans for the area in order that they would have a better understanding of the situation.

Mr. Curry also spoke on the matter of placing no left hand turn signs on Connaught Avenue during peak traffic periods and also suggested that the present method of closing the medians is rather unsightly and does not leave a good impression for tourists.

Mr. Herbert of Liverpool Street addressed the meeting and suggested that Liverpool Street should only have parking on one side which would allow the traffic to move faster and more conveniently. Mr. Herbert said it is his understanding that cars must park 30 feet from a stop sign but said on Liverpool Street, cars are parked right up to the intersection which creates problems for motorists wishing to make turns in and out of the Street.

A resident of London Street expressed concern that her Street will be the next to suffer traffic problems if Liverpool Street ends up being closed. The speaker sympathized with the Policewoman who directs the children on Liverpool Street in the morning and noted that children who are kept in after school or who leave in the morning for music classes do not have this protection. The speaker suggested that all the Streets should be open to traffic.

Mr. Bill Sitland of Connaught Avenue addressed the meeting and questioned who started the planning in the area bearing in mind the children crossing at Liverpool Street. Mr. Sitland felt the major item for consideration is the children having to cross the Street and suggested the present situation can only get worse with winter coming.

Mr. Sitland suggested that every second Street in the area should be closed which would help to distribute the traffic more evenly and also spoke in favour of posting traffic signs during peak traffic periods. Mr. Sitland also referred to tourists wishing to make turns off Connaught Avenue and said that if Streets are continued to be closed, they will be required to go to Quinpool Road to make a turn.

Mr. Arthur Hamilton, a resident of the area, spoke in opposition to the Streets in question remaining closed. Mr. Hamilton said the two Streets which are closed are on a level grade whereas Liverpool is on a hill saying this creates a great problem in the winter months resulting from traffic attempting to enter Liverpool Street.

Mr. Hamilton said he can not see what has been accomplished by closing the two Streets in question suggesting they were designed and engineered for the flow of traffic. Mr. Hamilton said he has witnessed motorists travelling south on Connaught Avenue who live on Connaught Ave., south of Liverpool Street, turn at Liverpool Street and then back up Connaught Ave. to their homes and felt this is not a safe practice.

Mrs. Laura Hartlen who directs the children at Liverpool Street, said she finds the present situation to be dangerous in the wintertime. She said cars travel in rows of three and there is no place for the children due to the high banks of snow. Mrs. Hartlen suggested painting the crosswalk with orange paint as motorists do not seem to be aware that it exists even though there is a large X preceding it. Mrs. Hartlen also expressed concern about the lack of snow removal on the crosswalk at this location saying she is worried about the safety of the children in the winter.

His Worship noted there are a number of City staff members in attendance and said the suggestions will be noted.

A resident of the area suggested the crosswalk should be relocated to London Street where it would be more noticeable to motorists.

Mr. John Gillis of Liverpool Street spoke in favour of leaving Young & Cork Streets closed and said the objective of eliminating the high accident rate attributed to left turns has been achieved. He also suggested an improved traffic flow has been achieved during peak hours and the closures have also made motorists use controlled intersections. He said that improvements should be made at Liverpool Street to eliminate the dangerous situation which presently exists during peak hours and suggested the posting of no-left-hand turn signs.

With respect to the questions raised on the matter of crosswalks, the Director of Works advised that consideration would be given to a larger or an additional warning sign at the crosswalk location saying staff will report to Council on this subject.

The Director of Works further advised that the crosswalk is located at Liverpool Street and not London as this is where the bulk of pedestrian traffic crosses. He said that if the crosswalk were moved to London Street and pedestrians continued to cross at Liverpool Street, it would create an additional problem.

Mrs. Joyce Saturley of Young Street spoke in favour of the continued closing of Young and Cork Streets and said her Street is presently blocked off as a result of the truck traffic created by Hoyt's trucking company. She said trucks park on the no parking side of the Street and block off the sidewalk which necessitates the children walking on the road in order to proceed down the Street. She said this situation is a continuous one on the Street even though it is closed and said when it was open to through traffic, the problem was much worse in that a great deal of traffic proceeding towards the harbour used the Street.

Mrs. Saturley said that Young Street is a local residential Street which is contrary to what has been suggested and said it was a mistake to allow Hoyt's to locate on the Street. She said when Young Street is open, it gets practically all the traffic wishing to turn off Connaught.

Mr. Wayne Selig, a resident of Young Street, spoke in favour of the present closures and referred to a complaint about Liverpool Street having a large volume of traffic. He said that since the closure of Young and Cork Streets, there has been a reduction of traffic on Liverpool Street.

Mr. Hector LeBlanc of 6560 Young Street spoke in favour of the present closures saying that even on Sunday there is no relief from the traffic problems as people going to the Church in the area choose to use the Street for parking purposes rather than the parking lot. He said there is also a driving school in the area and said the busses use Young Street to get to the Bus Terminal. Mr. LeBlanc said the Street is still plagued by trucks and suggested traffic is getting worse even since the closure.

His Worship at this time, presented figures on the number of accidents which have occurred on Young Street and Connaught Avenue and noted the closure appears to have had a beneficial result in this regard.

Roberta Pollock of Connolly Street spoke on the subject and indicated she could not decide whether she is in favour of, or opposed to the closures in question but felt the present situation is intolerable.



Mrs. Pollock in referring to the matter of traffic, said the same problem which existed at Young Street and Connaught Avenue, now exists at Liverpool Street.

In response to a request, His Worship presented the figures on the number of accidents which have occurred at Liverpool Street which indicated there was one in 1972, two in 1973, one for the first four months of 1974, two during the last eight months, and none in the first seven months of 1975. His Worship advised that these were reportable accidents.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Liverpool Street advised that he has lived on the Street for 25 years and said there are many accidents occurring which do not appear in the statistics. He said he has witnessed at least three accidents at Liverpool Street in the last three months.

Mr. Robar who lives at the corner of Connaught Avenue and Liverpool Street suggested that traffic has increased at least 80 per cent since the closing of Young and Cork Streets and said it is almost unbearable at this time.

His Worship then called for a show of hands on various alternatives to solve the problem and the one which appeared to gain the most support was the suggestion that all the Streets on Connaught Avenue remain open and that no-left-turn signs be erected to be in force between the hours of 7 & 9 in the morning and 4 & 6 in the evening.

His Worship said Council will take into consideration that the show of hands is only a straw ballott of those present this evening.

There being no further persons wishing to speak on the matter, His Worship advised that the item for discussion would now be:

Evaluation of Temporary Closure - William Hunt Avenue at  
Edward Arab Avenue

Mrs. Lillian Mellish of William Hunt Avenue addressed the meeting and advised that the street is closed in front of her home. She expressed the feeling that the temporary closure has been a success but said she is of the understanding that if it is made permanent, her home will have to be expropriated.

Mrs. Mellish said it may not appear to be practicable, but suggested that if there is to be a closure, it be placed at the junction of Mumford Road and William Hunt Avenue.

Mr. Jack Kerr of George Dauphinee Avenue advised that a petition was presented some months ago with signatures of people who were in favour of the closure of Peter Lowe Avenue as it was at that time. Mr. Kerr said it is his understanding that those people would also support the closing as it is presently located. He said he has had conversations with a number of people in the subdivision and said he has not found any great amount of objection to the present closure. Mr. Kerr said he would not want to see the traffic pattern returned to what it was before the closure and said he was in favour of the present closure.

Mr. Lawrence Perry of George Dauphinee Avenue said he was against the closing of Streets and said he has never seen the petition which has been referred to. He said that in addition, his neighbours are in favour of opening the Street again so that one can exit onto Mumford Road. Mr. Perry suggested there would be problems in getting out of the subdivision if there were ever an emergency in the area. Mr. Perry did, however, feel that truck traffic should be restricted from the subdivision.

Mrs. Dorothy Evans of George Dauphinee Avenue said she is not situated in the area where there is heavy traffic but said she was in favour of a closure and felt it should be located at the intersection of Mumford Road. Mrs. Evans expressed the feeling that the closure has eliminated two problems, one relating to the safety of the children crossing Peter Lowe Avenue on their way to school, and the other was the reduction of traffic on Almon Street proceeding to Connaught Avenue.

Mr. G. Gomery, a resident of William Hunt Avenue, said he could not be certain whether the closure is the answer to the traffic problem but said the traffic does require some form of control in the area. Mr. Gomery said the shopping centres were never contemplated at the time the Streets in the area were built and suggested they were never designed to handle through traffic.

His Worship then called for a show of hands on various suggested Street closures in the subdivision and the suggestion which gained the most support was the closure of William Hunt Avenue at Mumford Road.

His Worship advised those present that before Council can permanently close any Street, a public hearing must be held on the matter and said interested persons are given an opportunity to be heard on the subject. His Worship said that what is being held this evening is not a public hearing but a public meeting.

Mr. LeMoine of Edward Arab Avenue said he is affected by the closure more so than anyone in the subdivision. He said that if the closure is to become permanent, it is his understanding that a cul-de-sac will have to be constructed which is to have a 52 foot radius saying this would mean the roadway would have to be built about eight inches inside his diningroom.

Mr. LeMoine said one may think he is opposed to the closure but said this is not so and expressed the feeling that if the Street were to be opened, it would result in many accidents at the foot of William Hunt Avenue. He suggested that consideration should be given to erecting no-right-turn signs at the foot of William Hunt and a no-left turn sign for traffic wishing to proceed up the Street from Mumford Road saying he did not know whether this would work but felt it should be considered.

Mr. LeMoine said he is not concerned about traffic within the subdivision saying it is the traffic from the western suburbs and the shopping centres which is of concern. He said there should be an alternative to the closure but if no such alternative exists, he would be in favour of closure.

Deputy Mayor Stanbury said she is very pleased with the response to tonight's meeting and thanked those present for appearing.

Alderman Moore addressed the meeting saying the problem within the subdivision is one which he inherited upon becoming elected as an Alderman. Alderman Moore said the essence of the closure was to prevent the subdivision from being used as a connector between Mumford Road and Connaught Avenue and suggested this purpose has been achieved.

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Alderman Moore said tonight's meeting has confirmed to him the reaction which he has received over the last number of months, and thanked those present for appearing this evening.

10:30 P. M. - Meeting adjourned.

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