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Deputy Mayor Connolly questioned whether the Provincial Base will increase regardless of whether the indexing takes place, and the Social Planner replied in the affirmative. The Deputy Mayor then suggested that in order for the City to maintain the Provincial base, it is necessary to increase the budget by \$30,000 which will have a net effect of \$8,000.00, and the Social Planner advised that this was correct.

His Worship asked if the Social Planner could have a member of staff submit a report on the philosophy of family allowances as a result of changes in the program. His Worship said this did not have to be considered a priority item and questioned whether it is accurate to say that family allowances are no longer a form of social assistance but rather an income supplement. His Worship said that by removing the indexing, it indicates it is not a priority for social assistance and also noted that it is also a taxable earning.

It was MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Connolly that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

1. The City of Halifax rates for food and clothing be changed effective February 1, 1976, to agree with the Provincial increase as is outlined in the staff report of December 8, 1975;
2. The Policy Procedure regarding clothing be further changed effective February 1, 1976 so that people applying for assistance under the category ABU, ABU (pending, and ABU (Marginal) are eligible for clothing after they have been on Social Assistance for three consecutive months; and
3. The Shelter Scale be revised as follows:

No. in Family	Present City Scale	Proposed City Scale February 1/76 +
1 (ABU, ABUP, ABUM)	\$110.00	\$135.00
1 other than ABU	\$125.00	\$135.00
2	\$150.00	\$165.00
3	\$160.00	\$175.00
4	\$170.00	\$186.00
5	\$170.00	\$190.00
6	\$180.00	\$190.00
7 or more	\$195.00	\$225.00

Motion passed.

Report of Stipends Committee - 1975

Alderman Hanson referred to events which have transpired in the past few days as a result of the Stipends Report and MOVED, seconded by Deputy Mayor Connolly that the recommendations of the Finance & Executive Committee as outlined in the report of December 22, 1975, be referred back to the Stipends Committee for review and a report as quickly as possible.

Alderman Hanson said it has been reported that the recommendations of the Committee exceed the guidelines as set by the Federal Government and suggested it would be appropriate for the Committee to further review them.

A short discussion ensued, and the Motion was put and passed.

Tender 75-196 - Demolition Grand Stand & Industrial Building

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, a contract be awarded to the low tender, G. A. Redmond Trucking & Demolition Ltd., 5644 West Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia for the Demolition of Grand Stand and Industrial Building, in the amount of \$28,460.00. Motion passed.

Tender 75-193 - Purchase of Police Vehicles

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, authority be granted to purchase seven new vehicles for the Halifax Police Department, Six Black & White Patrol Vehicles from Wood Motors (N.S.) Ltd., in the amount of \$27,460.00, and One Black Impala quality vehicle from Scotia Chevrolet Oldsmobile Ltd., in the amount of \$4,989.69.

Motion passed.

Request for Bill Posters License - Princess Louise Fusiliers

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, a Bill Posters License be granted to the Princess Louise Fusiliers and the License fee not be waived. Motion passed.

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Authority for Over Expenditure - Street Maintenance

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

Deputy Mayor Connolly said that at the Committee meeting, the question was put forth as to why it was that Council was not aware of what the total cost of the program would be. The Deputy Mayor said the bill has to be paid and said he has had discussions with staff on the item saying the City was seeking additional cost sharing with the Department of Highways which the City did not receive.

Alderman Meagher suggested that Council should receive further information on the matter before approval is given and the City Manager requested that the amount of the transfer be approved.

The City Manager advised that negotiations are still taking place on the item saying that staff can come back to Council with the final amount.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that the amount of \$202,000.00 be transferred between Account Nos. CEA48 and CEE40 into Account No. 057, but that no payment be made without prior approval of City Council.

Motion passed.

Public Housing Project - Carson Street

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee:

1. The City of Halifax make a commitment to the residents of the Carson Street Public Housing Project through the Social Planning Department and take responsibility for a long-term developmental approach to solving the problems of the Project;

2. The City of Halifax, as a first step, hire a qualified Community Youth Worker to work initially with the youth of the Carson Street Project and the surrounding areas, and the appropriate agencies, e.g. Schools, Canada Manpower Department, Halifax Police Department, City Recreation Department etc.; and

3. The Community Youth Worker and the Social Development Worker be the 'team' in the Social Planning Department responsible for the total Carson Street area.

Motion passed.

Authorization of Relocation - Halifax Visitors & Convention Bureau

A supplementary report dated December 19, 1975, was submitted.

Following debate of the matter, it was MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Hanson that:

1. City Council approve an allocation in the 1976 budget for \$8,216.00 to cover the cost of the rent at Historic Properties for 1976;

2. City Council authorize an over-expenditure of funds under Section 201 of the City Charter in the amount of \$6,400.00 to be used as follows:

Moving expenses	-	\$ 400
Tenant Improvements	-	<u>\$6,000</u>
		<u>\$6,400</u>

3. The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign a three year lease with option to renew at the basic price with Historic Properties on behalf of the City to cover the per annum cost of rent at the Red Store.

Motion passed.

Authorization of Over-expenditure - Halifax Visitors and
Convention Bureau

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, under Section 201 of the City Charter, the sum of \$1,100.00 be authorized as a supplementary appropriation to the Halifax Visitors and Convention Bureau; the additional sum to be allocated to the various sections of the budget as deemed necessary by the City Manager.

Following a short questioning, the Motion was put and passed.

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REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on December 17, 1975, as follows:

Petition - Sewers - Coronet Avenue

The following is the recommendation of the Committee on Works:

"That City Council approve the installation of a sanitary sewer on Coronet Avenue as petitioned for by 82% of the affected property owners and that this approval be granted under the provisions of Section 390(a) and 390(b) of the City Charter."

Alderman Hanson said he is of the understanding that staff is requesting that this item be deleted from the agenda and asked if he could have an explanation.

Mr. Sullivan of the Engineering & Works Department addressed Council, and advised that staff are encountering survey difficulties which would also result in difficulties with the local improvements etc., which are to follow.

Mr. Sullivan said staff want to be sure they have the proper information before Council gives its approval saying that the work is about 95% complete at this time. Mr. Sullivan expressed the feeling that the delay would not inhibit the project.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the matter be referred to the next regular meeting of City Council. Motion passed.

Upgrading of Streets

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Committee on Works:

1. The program as outlined in Appendix 'A', 'B', and 'C' of the staff report of December 10, 1975, be approved in order of priority;
2. Funds be set aside from the 1975 Current Budget under Section 201 in the amount of \$800,000.00 to provide for the work; and,

3. Staff be authorized to call tenders immediately.

Motion passed.

Acceptance of Private Storm Drainage Systems

The following is the recommendation of the Committee on Works:

"1. That where a private drainage system forms an integral part of the Street drainage system and is compatible to City standards, and upon the recommendation of the Director of Engineering & Works, the City accept the system; and

2. That Appendix "A" titled "Recommendation Procedure for the Acceptance of Private Storm Drainage Systems" as attached to the report of December 12, 1975, be accepted as the basic procedure to be followed in dealing with requests for acceptance of private drainage systems."

Mr. Calda, the Director of Works, advised that at the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council, a report will be submitted relating to costs of the City taking over the sewer in the area of Starling Street and Flamingo Drive, as requested.

Alderman Lawrence questioned how it is determined whether a storm drainage system is private or not saying that the residents in the area of the Flamingo Drive and Starling St. sewer maintain the sewer is not private.

Deputy Mayor Connolly suggested that perhaps the whole report should be deferred saying there may be some groups that would wish some input into the policy and who may also wish to deal with their specific problems.

The Director of Works advised that staff could give the report wide distribution and publicity in order that those interested may react following which, staff would submit a report to Council.

His Worship suggested the item should be carried on the agenda of the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council saying that if staff is not ready, the item may be deferred to a later time, to which the members of Council agreed.

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REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on December 17, 1975, as follows:

Neighbourhood Improvement Program - Development Officer's
Decision Re: Residential Redevelopment within
the N.I.P. Area

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Shannon that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, City Council consent to the Development Officer's approach to residential redevelopment within the N.I.P. area as outlined in the staff report dated December 11, 1975.

The City Manager stated that a report on a possible moratorium will be brought to Council as quickly as possible.

The motion was put and passed.

Application for Resubdivision & Consolidation, Lands of
Kaizer Construction & Services Ltd. & Maritime
Tile Company Ltd., Creighton Street and Cornwallis
Street

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application to resubdivide Lot B to form Lot B-1 and Block Y, lands of Maritime Tile Company Limited, and the application to consolidate Lot B-1 with Lot C and Lot A, lands of Kaizer Construction & Services Limited to form Block X as shown on Plan No. P200/7249 of Case No. 3258 be approved by City Council. Motion passed with Alderman Downey voting against.

Public Meeting - Proposed Parkmoor Subdivision, Spryfield
- DATE FOR PUBLIC MEETING

It was agreed that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, City Council set a date for a public meeting regarding the matter of the proposed Parkmoor Subdivision.

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The City Clerk advised that the public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 8, 1976, at the J. L. Ilsley High School Gymnasium.

Halifax Metro Centre

A letter dated December 22, 1975, re the above subject, was submitted by the President and Chairman, Convention Center Committee, of the Halifax Board of Trade.

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, that City Council:

- 1) approve the site recommended by the Regional Complex Committee;
- 2) approve the amount of \$2.55 million as the City's cash contribution to the construction of the Centre in accordance with the terms set out in the letter dated December 17, 1975, and addressed to the Mayor and Members of City Council by the Premier of the Province of Nova Scotia;
- 3) set a date for a public hearing respecting the closure of City streets within the approved site.

Deputy Mayor Connolly stated that he has the same reservations as expressed at the City Planning Committee meeting and a further concern re deficits not only of the new facility but of the existing facility. He suggested that if the present facility is to remain, there could be one facility vying against the other facility for events.

Alderman Stanbury expressed concern that Council members are being asked to act swiftly on this matter and she stated she found it difficult to make a decision due to the limited amount of information available.

Alderman Shannon stated that the proposal seems to be contrary to at least two proposed policies of the Municipal Development Plan. She stated that if the City is destined to have this complex, it has to be made transit orientated.

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The Motion was then put and passed with Aldermen Shannon, Stanbury and Deputy Mayor Connolly voting against.

His Worship asked Alderman Moore, on behalf of City Council, to convey to the Halifax Metro Centre Limited the opinions expressed to City Council this date in a letter from the Halifax Board of Trade to ask the Halifax Metro Centre Limited to meet at the earliest opportunity with the Directors and General Manager of the Halifax Transit Corporation Limited to develop a module connection to Halifax Metro Centre in the initial design stages.

Alderman Moore stated he would do so at a meeting scheduled for December 23, 1975.

The City Clerk advised that a public hearing re the street closures within the approved site would be held on February 18, 1976.

MOTIONS

Motion - Alderman Meagher Re: Amendment to Ordinance Number 128, Respecting "Exemption from Real Property Tax on Property Used for Certain Purposes" - FIRST
READING

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Downey, that an amendment to Ordinance Number 128 respecting Exemption from Real Property Tax on Property used for Certain Purposes to add the following properties, be read and passed a First time:

Sisters of the Good Shepherd	-	6010 Cedar Street 1740-1742 Robie Street
Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation (Home of the Guardian Angel)	-	6345 Coburg Road

Motion passed.

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His Worship advised that if the Assessment Act is passed by the Provincial Government the proposed amendment may be in violation thereof.

He further advised that the Residential Tenancies Act amendments will be proclaimed by the Governor-in-Council this date and the Rent Control Act will be proclaimed twenty four hours hence.

His Worship, on behalf of City Council, thanked Alderman Shannon for her presentation on behalf of the City re the Housing Task Force recommendations to the Provincial Government.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Appointment - City Clerk

A staff report dated December 8, 1975, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Connolly, that Gladys Blennerhassett be appointed City Clerk of the City of Halifax, effective January 1st, 1976.
Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Meagher thanked Mr. Stoddard, the retiring City Clerk, for everything he has done for the City and stated he is a very effective and efficient man and the City will miss him.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Stanbury, that City Council go on record as thanking Mr. Stoddard, the retiring City Clerk, for everything he has done for the City of Halifax and wishing him all the best in his future endeavours. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stoddard thanked the members of City Council for their kind wishes.

Metro Mail Processing - Forum Site

A staff report dated December 19, 1975, was submitted.

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MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Shannon, that this matter be deferred to the next meeting of Committee of the Whole Council. Motion passed.

Alderman Meagher retired from the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

CMHC Loan for Dunbrack Street Trunk Storm Sewer

A staff report dated December 15, 1975, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign the loan agreement with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation on behalf of the City of Halifax for Dunbrack Street Trunk Storm Sewers. Motion passed.

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QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Lawrence Re: Proposed Closing of Y.M.C.A.
in Rockingham

Alderman Lawrence referred to the proposed closing of the Y.M.C.A. in Rockingham and asked what the City can do in this regard. He stated that the Y.M.C.A. is certainly providing a much needed recreational facility in that area of the City.

His Worship suggested that there is a communications gap re this matter and the President and Directors might reasonably be encouraged to communicate with the City as quickly as possible.

Question Alderman Walker Re: Building Permit - 25 Clovis Ave.

Alderman Walker stated that at the last Committee on Works a building permit was approved for Mr. Fillmore at 25 Clovis Avenue. He asked if Council ratification is necessary.

The City Solicitor advised that the Committee on Works is authorized to deal with such matters.

Question Alderman Walker Re: New Year's Levee

Alderman Walker asked if a New Year's Levee is being held at City Hall on January 1, 1976. His Worship replied that arrangements for same are underway.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Building Permit - 2595
Agricola Street

Alderman Sullivan referred to an information staff report dated December 16, 1975 and asked if there had been any work done on the site.

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Mr. Dodge, Acting Building Inspector, advised that there was some interior work done on the building and the owner has been advised that all work is to cease until such time as the lot consolidation is approved by City Council.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Progress Report - Community
Employment Strategy

Alderman Sullivan referred to the above report and asked why there was a representative from Guysborough involved.

Mr. Crowell advised that the representative from Guysborough was present as there were two Employment Strategies announced for the Province, one for Guysborough County and one for Halifax.

Question Alderman Downey Re: Lay-offs in the Department of
Engineering and Works

Alderman Downey requested a report on any employees laid off recently in the Engineering and Works Department.

Question Alderman Downey Re: North West Corner of Gerrish
and Gottingen Streets

Alderman Downey stated that there are a couple of buildings at the north west side of Gerrish and Gottingen Streets with "For Sale" signs on them and the ice is not being removed from the front of these buildings, on the Gottingen Street side. He asked if this section of street could be salted.

Mr. Calda advised that it is the responsibility of the assessed owner to remove the ice, etc. and the Police Department will be informed to enforce the law.

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Question Alderman Walker Re: Padlocking of Premises Ordered
by the Board of Health

Alderman Walker referred to a recent meeting of the Board of Health at which an order was issued for the padlocking of two establishments which were in violation of health regulations. He asked if the said establishments have in fact been padlocked.

After investigation, the City Solicitor advised that on Friday afternoon, Mr. Leahy, of the Atlantic Health Unit, and two policemen went to Mike's Grocery and found the store closed. They did not have a padlock with them.

Alderman Walker stated he was not satisfied with the action taken. His Worship stated that he will consult with the City Solicitor forthwith and will do everything he can to ensure that such orders legitimately issued are executed faithfully.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Alderman Shannon Re: Reconsideration of
Motion of City Council dated December 22, 1975,
Respecting the Halifax Metro Centre

Alderman Shannon gave notice that at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on January 15, 1976, she proposes to introduce a motion to reconsider the motion passed by City Council on December 22, 1975, re the Halifax Metro Centre.

Notice of Motion - Alderman Stanbury Re: City Dump

Alderman Stanbury gave notice that at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on January 15, 1976, she proposes to introduce a motion that staff's recommendation to reconfirm June 30, 1976, as being the cutoff date to all refuse and rough material from sources outside of the City limits be approved.

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ADDED ITEMS

Current Budget 1975 - Engineering & Works Department

A staff report dated December 19, 1975, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Walker, that approval be granted under Section 201 of the City Charter for the expenditures as outlined in the staff report dated December 19, 1975. Motion passed.

Amendment to Cowie Hill Agreement

A staff report dated December 22, 1975, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Deputy Mayor Connolly, that City Council approve the changes that would permit the construction of a 101-unit apartment building on Block H and an amendment to the Cowie Hill Development Agreement. Motion passed.

Appointment - City Assessor

A staff report dated December 4, 1975, was submitted.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that Mr. Douglas B. Fraser be appointed City Assessor, effective December 31, 1975. Motion passed.

Non-Union Salaries - 1976

A staff report dated December 22, 1975, was submitted.

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MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Deputy Mayor Connolly, that all Non-Union classifications that are not under restriction by an application before the Labour Relations Board be given an increase of 10%, or in those cases where a 10% increase would exceed \$2,400. for any one person, the amount of \$2,400., commencing January 1, 1976. Motion passed.

Staff Report - City Dump

This matter was dealt with previously under Order of Business, Section 19, Notice of Motion.

Ward 10 Flooding

Alderman Lawrence requested that staff submit a report and the estimated cost of surveying the affected areas of Ward 10 re flooding.

The Aldermen from Wards 7, 8 and 9 asked that their wards also be included in the report.

Alderman Lawrence further asked that staff determine what affect the Dunbrack Street project has had on the water flow system in the area.

Mr. Calda, Director of Engineering & Works, advised that a verbal report could be made at a meeting to be held on December 23, 1975 and a more comprehensive report, outlining the more detailed areas would be submitted at a later date.

Meeting adjourned - 4:30 p.m.

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