

CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Council Chamber  
City Hall  
Halifax, N. S.  
January 29, 1976  
8:00 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 Connolly, and Aldermen Shannon, Downey, Meagher, Sullivan, Stanbury, Walker, Hanson, Moore, and Lawrence.

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

MINUTES

Minutes of City Council meetings held on January 15 & 21, 1976, were approved on Motion of Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Walker.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

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

- 8(a) - Appeal against the Decision of the Development Officer to Refuse a Minor Variance at 89A Brook Street
- 9(b) - Petition Against Local Improvement Charges - Sidewalk - Gottingen Street
- 20(a) - Request for Council Approval of Expenditures for Teachers' Salaries
- 20(b) - Housing Task Force - Set Date for Public Meeting
- 20(c) - Legislation - Dutch Elm Disease
- 20(d) - Legislation - Athletic Commission Act.

The Order of Business, as amended, was approved.

DEFERRED ITEMS

Amendments to Zoning By-law:

- (a) Part III, Section 1 - Peninsula Zoning By-law
- (b) Section 14, Mainland Zoning By-law

A public hearing was held into the above noted matter on January 21, 1976.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Shannon that the following amendments to the Peninsula and Mainland Zoning Bylaws, be approved:

Part III, Section 1, Peninsula Zoning Bylaw which reads:  
"For the purpose of this Bylaw and the maps contained in Appendix "A" thereto annexed..."

be amended to read:

"For the purpose of this Bylaw and the maps entitled ZM-1, ZM-2, ZM-3, ZM-4, ZM-5, ZM-6, ZM-7, ZM-8, ZM-9, ZM-10, ZM-11, ZM-12, ZM-13, ZM-14, and ZM-15 hereto annexed..."; and

Section 14, Mainland Zoning Bylaw, which reads:  
"For the purpose of this Bylaw and of the maps contained in Appendices A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, C, P, and X hereto annexed..."

be amended to read:

"For the purpose of this Bylaw and of the maps entitled ZM-1, ZM-2, ZM-3, ZM-4, ZM-5, ZM-6, ZM-7, ZM-8, ZM-9, ZM-10, ZM-11, ZM-12, ZM-13, ZM-14, and ZM-15 hereto annexed..."

Motion passed.

The City Manager suggested that Council should also deal with the proposed rezonings for the Allen Property and the Clayton Park Area. Mr. Boyd Algee of the Development Department then, with the aid of maps, outlined the proposed rezonings in the two areas.

Alderman Meagher referred to the proposed shopping centre area in Clayton Park to be rezoned from "G" to "C-2", and felt this should be more properly be rezoned to R-4 at this time saying that when the developer wishes to proceed, the people of the area will have some input.

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His Worship noted that if Council wished to rezone the proposed shopping centre land to R-4 rather than to C-2 as is now proposed, another public hearing would have to be held.

It was MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that the rezonings proposed for Clayton Park and an area north of Clayton Park as shown on Plan No. TT-21-21681, as well as the Formal Resolution, be approved by City Council with the exception of the proposed shopping centre lands which are to remain zoned "G" (General Building).

Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that an area on Gottingen Street north of Glebe Street, commonly referred to as the Allen Property, be rezoned from C-3 (Industrial) to P (Park & Institutional), as is shown on Plan No. TT-21-21680, and that the Formal Resolution be approved.

Motion passed.

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Amendments to Zoning By-law:

- (a) Part VIII, Section 5 - Peninsula Zoning By-law
- (b) Part IX, Section 4 - Peninsula Zoning By-law

A Public Hearing was held on the above noted matter on January 21, 1976.

Deputy Mayor Connolly said he was of the understanding that Council was to be supplied with additional information from the City Solicitor with respect to Institutional use. The Deputy Mayor suggested that perhaps the item could be deferred until the City Solicitor has an opportunity to report.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Hanson that the matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council. Motion passed.

Street Closure - Portion of Dunbrack Street between Main Avenue and Adelaide Avenue

A Public Hearing was held with respect to the above noted matter on January 21, 1976.

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Moore that City Council approve the closure of Dunbrack Street between Main Avenue and Adelaide Avenue as shown on Plan No. TT-21-21631, and that the Formal Resolution be approved.

Motion passed.

Aldermen Stanbury and Meagher did not have a vote as they were not in attendance at the public hearing.

Street Closure - Proctor Street

A Public Hearing was held into the above noted matter on October 22, 1975.

A staff report dated January 23, 1976, was submitted.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walker that City Council not close Proctor Street from Brunswick Street to Barrington Street as shown on City of Halifax Plan Number TT-20-21400.

Motion passed.



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MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

Motion Alderman Meagher - Rescission of City Council Resolution of January 14, 1976, Respecting the Appointment of Fire Chief

A Notice of Motion relating to the above noted matter was given on January 21, 1976.

It was MOVED by Alderman Meagher that City Council rescind its Resolution of January 14, 1976 respecting the Appointment of a Fire Chief.

Alderman Meagher then proceeded to give reasons why he felt Council should take such action.

Alderman Stanbury seconded the Motion.

Alderman Stanbury read a letter from the Fire Fighters Association which outlined the feelings of the members on the matter. Alderman Stanbury also read the following Resolution of the Labour-Management Relations Committee under collective agreement between the City of Halifax and the International Association of Firefighters, Local Union No. 268:

"That the Committee endorse the position of Local 268, International Association of Firefighters, that in the interests of the morale and effective leadership of the Halifax Fire Department, the Council of the City of Halifax should rescind its decision of January 15, 1976, to appoint Ronald M. Horrocks as new Fire Chief of the City and should select the new Fire Chief from among the present members of the Halifax Fire Department."

Alderman Stanbury also submitted a great number of petitions containing signatures of persons supporting the appointment of a Fire Chief from within the Halifax Fire Department.

His Worship referred to the documents which were read by Alderman Stanbury and said that copies of these were received in the Mayor's office at 3:10 p.m. saying that he immediately acknowledged receipt of same.

The Motion was then put and Lost, three voting for the same and seven voting against it.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, HEARINGS, ETC.

Appeal Against the Decision of the Development Officer to Refuse  
a Minor Variance at 89A Brook Street

A staff report dated January 27, 1976, was submitted.

Mr. Boyd Algee, the Development Officer, addressed Council and outlined the submitted report. Mr. Algee said the application to construct a single-family dwelling was not in accordance with Section 20 H of the Zoning By-law in that the building had a setback of 20' and the By-law called for 23'.

Alderman Moore said he was of the understanding that the applicant constructed a dwelling adjacent to the dwelling in question having a 20' setback and was granted a building permit.

Mr. Algee advised that this was correct saying that he felt an error had been made regarding that application.

Mr. Algee was further questioned on the matter.

It was MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the appeal of the decision of the Development Officer in refusing to grant a Minor Variance for Lot 89A, Brook Street, be granted by City Council.

Deputy Mayor Connolly said there are certain rules that have to be followed saying that if Council permits people to proceed when they are not supposed to, this sort of practice will start taking place throughout the City. The Deputy Mayor noted that the dwelling is partially constructed saying it would be a waste to order that it be taken down, and said he will be voting in favour of the Motion but requested the City Solicitor to investigate what action can be taken. Deputy Mayor Connolly said he would like this action to be followed as quickly as possible and said he would look for the most severe penalty possible.

Alderman Moore noted that the applicant did construct a building on the adjacent lot with the same setback and was not told otherwise suggesting that the situation the applicant finds himself in is not entirely of his own making.

Alderman Walker said he would have to agree with the Deputy Mayor and noted that the applicant was given notice to stop construction and said the City Solicitor should prepare legal action against the individual for not complying with the law.

In response to an invitation from the Chairman, the applicant addressed Council saying that he has constructed a number of houses in the City as well as in the County saying this is the first problem of this type which he has encountered. The applicant referred to the other dwelling on the Street which he completed about three months ago and for which he received a permit, and said the dwelling on Lot 89A has the same setback.

The Motion was put and passed with Alderman Shannon voting against.

PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

Petition Re: Local Improvements - Laurel Lane, Clayton Park

A number of petitions were submitted from residents of the area relating to the above noted matter.

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Moore that the petitions be referred to staff for a report. Motion passed.

Petition Against Local Improvement Charges - Sidewalk -  
Gottingen Street

A petition dated January 26, 1976 was submitted from Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Perry opposing proposed sidewalk improvements for the west side of Gottingen Street between Columbus Place and Merkel Place.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Connolly that the petition be referred to staff for a report. Motion passed.

Alderman Lawrence leaves the meeting.

REPORT - FINANCE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on January 21, 1976, as follows:

Possible Acquisition - 2215-17 Barrington Street

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Moore that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, the property of the assessed owner of Civic No. 2215-17 Barrington Street be purchased for the amount shown in the staff report of January 12, 1976 as settlement in full for all claims; funds available from Account #806 449 HAF09 (Land for Municipal Purposes).

The Motion was put and Lost, four voting for the same and five voting against.

Agency Agreement - Waterfront Property Acquisition -  
City and Province

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Agency Agreement between the Province and the City respecting property acquisition for the proposed Waterfront Development Project, be approved by City Council in the form attached to the staff report of January 19, 1976, and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

A questioning of staff ensued on the matter following which, the Motion was put and passed.

Report on Boards & Commissions - Manager's Authority  
DATE FOR MEETING

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, the City Clerk set a date for a special meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council for the purpose of discussing the report regarding the authority of the City Manager in relation to Boards and Commissions.

The City Clerk advised that the meeting has been scheduled for February 3, 1976 at 2:00 P. M.

The Motion was put and passed.

Halifax Transit Over-Expenditure

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, an additional appropriation under Section 201 (1) of the City Charter be made in the amount of \$110,000 to permit payment of a further subsidy to Halifax Transit Corporation on account of 1975 operations. Motion passed.

Amendment to Ordinance No. 128, respecting "Exemption from  
Real Property Tax on Property Used for Certain Purposes,  
SECOND READING

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

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 Second Time:

Sisters of the Good Shepherd - 6010 Cedar Street  
1740-1742 Robie Street.

Motion passed with Deputy Mayor Connolly and Alderman Shannon against.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, an amendment to Ordinance Number 128 respecting Exemption from Real Property Tax on Property used for Certain Purposes, to add the following property, be read and passed a Second Time:

Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation - 6345 Coburg Road.  
(Home of the Guardian Angel)

Motion passed with Deputy Mayor Connolly against.

Improved Employee Benefit Package Group Scheme

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee:

1. A tender call be authorized for insurance as outlined in the staff report of January 14, 1976, with prices to be rendered on different combinations of employee group involvement and also, on the basis of all labour groups participating in a group scheme;
2. A wait period of 60 days be established following opening of the bids to provide adequate opportunity for employee groups to opt for supporting the scheme and to enable individual canvassing of personnel for acceptance;
3. Upon evaluating the full impact of the bid and the response by employee groups, that staff may make further recommendations as seems appropriate; and
4. Upon receipt of the bids, a further report issue to City Council.

Motion passed.



Future Systems & Data Processing

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, authorization be given for negotiations to be undertaken by staff with the Provincial Government with a view to completing an agreement for the use by the City of Provincial computer facilities which would give the City the facilities for development and use of a totally integrated, on-line computer system available to, and shareable with, other municipal users, and report to Council at this stage.

Motion passed.

Engine Failure - Pumper #2

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Downey that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, an amount of up to \$15,000 be made available from 1976 budgeted funds to repower the King Seagrave 1250 I.G.P.M. pumper with a suitable diesel engine of comparable horsepower and torque to maintain the fire fleet at its full operational level and, that this work be awarded on a competitive basis with staff advising Council, upon acceptance of repairs, of the repairs, of the companies who have completed repairs and the costs involved. Motion passed.

Halifax Housing Authority Budget

The City Manager, in referring to the recommendation of the Finance & Executive Committee, said it should include authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the budget.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Downey that approval of the Halifax Housing Authority budget in the amount of \$400,000.00 be granted by City Council and that instructions be given to staff to include the amount in the 1976 Current Budget of the City of Halifax to provide for the City's share of the projected operating deficit for 1976, and that His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the budget. Motion passed.

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Contract - Sewer Relocation - Forum Lands

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, the Forum Lands Sewer Relocation project be awarded to the lowest bidder, G. W. Mills Limited in the amount of \$9,010.00 based on their unit bid prices.

Following a short questioning, 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 21, 1976, as follows:

Application for Subdivision - Lands of Charles Warren,  
Princeton Avenue

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for final approval of Lots C-1 and C-2, as shown on Plan No. P200/7244 of Case No. 3245, be granted.  
Motion passed.

MOTIONS

Motion Deputy Mayor Connolly Re: Resolution Respecting  
Municipal Taxes on Residential Property to be  
Deducted for Income Tax Purposes

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by  
Alderman Meagher:

WHEREAS many taxpayers - in particular low income families, widows, persons in retirement, and senior citizens - are experiencing considerable (or extreme) difficulty in meeting the cost of maintaining their own living accommodations;

AND WHEREAS the element of taxation is a contributing factor to the problem of cost of affordable living accommodation;

AND WHEREAS there is in the (matter of) taxation of residential accommodation the element of duplication of taxation in that the owner of residential accommodation is required to pay an income tax on that part of his income used for municipal tax purposes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Halifax request the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities to urge the Federal Government to adopt legislation to allow municipal taxes on residential property to be a deductible item for income tax purposes.

Motion passed unanimously.

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Supplementary Report - Neighbourhood Improvement Program

A supplementary staff report dated January 23, 1976, was submitted.

Mr. Crowell, Social Planner, responded to questions from members of Council, stating that there are provisions in the Neighbourhood Improvement Program to provide funds for staff to be hired to accumulate data re neighbourhoods selected to be recommended to CMHC.

It was agreed that City Council authorize staff to make application to the Nova Scotia Housing Commission for participation under the Neighborhood Improvement Program in an area or areas of the City other than that area in which the program now is operating.

It was further agreed that once the City's participation under the program is approved by the Federal and Provincial governments, staff be authorized to hire the necessary expertise to embark upon a selection process.

Report - Heating Problem - North End Library

A staff report dated January 26, 1976, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that approval be granted to the Library Board for the expenditure of up to \$3,700 on this Special Item and that authorization be given for a transfer of this amount from available funds within the 1975 Library Budget.  
Motion passed.

Amendment to Administrative Order No. 10 - Signing Authorities

A staff report dated January 14, 1976, was submitted.

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MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that Administrative Order No. 10, Section 6 (1) respecting signing authorities be amended to read:

"The City Treasurer and either the City Manager or the Assistant Treasurer of the Finance Department shall sign all cheques issued by the City."

Mr. Smith, the Director of Finance, in response to a question, advised that both the City Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer are bonded for \$100,000. each.

The motion was put and passed.

#### 1976 Legislation - Election Procedures

A memorandum dated January 28, 1976, re Residence requirements - Right to Vote, and Election Procedures legislation were submitted by the City Solicitor.

The City Solicitor advised that the legislation submitted is to give effect to decisions of City Council on December 11, 1975, re recommendations of the Election Procedures Committee.

His Worship noted a variance in the residency requirement for a regular election as opposed to a special election. After some discussion, it was agreed that the requirements remain as presently stated in the City Charter.

The City Solicitor requested Council's authorization to further amend Sections 81, 107 and 108 of the City Charter to eliminate references to two aldermen representing a Ward in the City.

Deputy Mayor Connolly referred members of Council to a memorandum submitted by him re work involved for the 1977 Civic Election. He expressed concern that some of the suggested changes may require Charter changes as well, for example, an increase in the number of Wards in the City. He suggested that City Council should be very seriously looking at the appointment of a Returning Officer at this time in order that the work involved might be proceeded with as quickly as possible.

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Alderman Moore suggested that the City Solicitor be permitted to proceed to the Legislature with the present amendments and begin work immediately on the six items set out in the Deputy Mayor's memorandum.

His Worship stated that it is his understanding that Mr. R. H. Stoddard is working on such matters and will be reporting very shortly suggesting some things that would respond to the points raised by the Deputy Mayor.

Deputy Mayor Connolly requested that the City Manager note his concern in this regard and that a report be issued relatively soon.

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that City Council authorize the City Solicitor to proceed with the legislation to the House of Assembly at its next session, including the additional amendments re Sections 81, 107, 108 as requested by the City Solicitor; and that careful note be taken of the representations made by the Deputy Mayor and the City Manager be requested to submit a report as quickly as possible on the senario and what is required to carry out the same. Motion passed.

Current Budget - 1976

The City of Halifax Proposed Current Estimates - 1976 was submitted.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walker, that the preliminary current estimates for the City of Halifax for the fiscal period 1976 be now tabled and that publication thereof be, and is hereby prohibited, prior to 12:00 midnight this date. Motion passed.

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QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Hanson Re: Blasting

Alderman Hanson asked if the City can explore other ways and means of controlling the effects of the blasting on Dunbrack Street. He suggested that the present monitoring does not seem to have any control and wondered if some other approach could be taken to control the effects.

Deputy Mayor Connolly advised that at a Public Service Commission meeting this afternoon this issue was debated for some time and assured Council members that the Public Service Commission is monitoring very closely their blasts. He suggested that there is blasting taking place relating to another project and the Public Service Commission is registering the time of each of their blasts so that they can be identified.

Alderman Meagher referred to the street conditions in the Mandaville Court area and asked if something has been done in that regard. Mr. Calda advised that improvements had been made this date in the Mandaville Court area.

His Worship suggested that all members of Council are aware that the present circumstances re blasting are not satisfactory and advised that he has requested that the commencement time for blasting on the permits be changed to 9:00 a.m. because of children in the area being enroute to school prior to that hour.

After some discussion, His Worship advised that the matter will be placed on the agenda of the Committee on Works to be held on February 4, 1976, for thorough discussion.

The City Manager advised that this is a building inspection matter and the appropriate staff will be available at the meeting of the Committee on Works and, in the meantime, the suggestion re the commencement hour of blasting will be considered by staff.



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Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Police Boys' Club

Alderman Sullivan referred to a staff information report dated January 29, 1976, re the above subject and asked if the staff report re the emergency task force recommendations could be submitted sooner than the suggested week or ten days.

The City Manager advised that hopefully it could be completed within a week but there are complex aspects and she felt it should be thoroughly reviewed before a presentation is made to City Council.

Alderman Sullivan stated that he is concerned re withdrawal of services.

Question Deputy Mayor Connolly Re: Installation of a Nuclear Reactor at Dalhousie University

Deputy Mayor Connolly stated he has had a number of inquiries re the proposed installation of the nuclear reactor at Dalhousie University and it appears that the installation will be controlled by the Atomic Energy Commission of Canada and the City would have to rely entirely upon their advice. He stated his concern is one of whether the standards, as set by the Atomic Energy Commission of Canada, are sufficient for our City or whether an ordinance should be drawn up in order to influence the installation. He advised that he raised the matter, not necessarily in opposition to the installation, but concern has been expressed by several people, some of whom are involved with it and will be working with it.

Deputy Mayor Connolly requested that the City Manager take this matter under advisement and determine how the installation can be controlled by means of an ordinance.

His Worship advised that he has had conversations with representatives of Dalhousie University re the proposed installation of the Slowpoke reactor. He stated that a public meeting was held by the University to explain the matter to the people.

His Worship asked that the City Manager circulate a report sent to the Mayor's office this date, in response to

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inquiries made by His Worship, to all members of City Council.

Question Alderman Moore Re: Access to School Avenue

Alderman Moore noted that School Avenue has only one access and considerable concern has been expressed by residents, both from a safety aspect and lack of access to homes in the area. He stated that there are two rights-of-way over Public Service mains off School Avenue, one opposite Hillcrest Street and one opposite Willett Street. He asked if staff would submit a report re the City installing a walkway across the right-of-way.

Question Alderman Walker Re: Use of Lanes Restricted Bus  
Lanes by Taxis

Alderman Walker stated that this matter had been raised previously and asked if a reply could be expedited.

Question Alderman Walker Re: Amendment to City Charter Re  
Time Limit for Residents to Hook Up to City Sewer  
System

Alderman Walker asked that the City Solicitor prepare an amendment to the City Charter whereby there would be a time limit within which residents of the City would be obliged to hook up to the City sewer system on streets where such system is available.

Rotary Improvements

Mr. Calda, Director of Engineering and Works, advised the traffic lights at the Rotary will be installed before February 4, 1976, and by February 15, 1976, the lights should be operational as designed.

Alderman Walker asked that some consideration be given to have the left lane from Quinpool Road to the Rotary to proceed around the Rotary and up the Purcell's Cove Road with the centre lane for the Herring Cove Road and possibly the right-hand side would take care of St. Margaret's Bay Road and Dutch Village Road.



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ADDED ITEMS

Request for Council Approval of Expenditures for Teachers' Salaries

A memorandum dated January 28, 1976, was submitted by Mr. E. J. Flinn, Chairman, Halifax School Board, re the above subject.

The City Manager advised that she concurs with the request as stated in Mr. Flinn's memorandum.

Deputy Mayor Connolly asked whether His Worship is aware of any School Boards that might be considering referring the increase in teachers' salaries to the Anti-Inflation Board and, if so, whether the Halifax School Board should pay teachers on a scale which perhaps could ultimately be overturned.

His Worship advised that at a recent meeting he heard conversation there volunteered by other municipal representatives and school board officials to the effect that three or four are considering a reference to the Courts in the matter of teachers' salary increases.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that City Council accede to the request in the letter of January 28, 1976, from the Chairman of the Board of School Commissioners, City of Halifax, authorizing the implementation of new teacher salary scales forthwith and retroactive to January 1, 1976, as concurred in by the City Manager.

Alderman Moore suggested that the Province be approached to release monies due the City of Halifax as soon as possible in order to finance teachers' salaries.

Motion was put and passed.

Housing Task Force - Date for Public Meeting

The City Clerk advised that the public meeting re the Housing Task Force will be held on Monday, February 16, 1976, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

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Legislation - Dutch Elm Disease

Proposed legislation re the above subject was submitted by the City Solicitor.

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the City Solicitor be authorized and requested to process the said draft legislation to the House of Assembly for adoption. Motion passed.

Legislation - Athletic Commission Act

Proposed legislation re the above subject was submitted by the City Solicitor.

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the City Solicitor be authorized and requested to process the said draft legislation to the House of Assembly for adoption. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned - 10:50 p.m.

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MAYOR EDMUND MORRIS  
CHAIRMAN

G. I. BLENNERHASSETT (MRS.)  
CITY CLERK

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Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.  
February 4, 1976  
8:05 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; Deputy Mayor Connolly, Aldermen Shannon, Downey, Sullivan, Stanbury, Walker, Hanson, Moore and Lawrence.

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

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Moore, that the item "Possible Acquisition -2215-17-19 Barrington Street" be added to the Order of Business.  
Motion passed unanimously.

His Worship advised that the meeting was called as a public hearing to consider:

1. To alter the southern official street line of Lady Hammond Road from Robie Street to Duffus St.;  
To confirm the southern official street line of Lady Hammond Road from Robie Street to Agricola Street;  
To confirm the eastern official street line of Robie Street across the western end of former Duffus Street.
2. Zoning of the Halifax Golf & Country Club (Ashburn), Dutch Village Road to P, Park & Institutional Zone.

Alderman Meagher entered the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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Zoning of the Halifax Golf & Country Club (Ashburn), Dutch  
Village Road to P, Park & Institutional

A public hearing was held at this time re the above matter.

Mr. B. Algee, Development Department, with the aid of a plan, indicated the land proposed to be zoned, stating that it is the eastern portion of the site which contains the golf course (approximately 92 acres) and an undeveloped portion of approximately 20 acres. He stated that the purpose of the zoning is to retain these lands as a recreational and open-space site within the City.

His Worship then called for those persons wishing to speak in favour of the proposed zoning.

Dr. Albert M. Sinclair, representing the Springvale - Fairmount Resident's Committee, read a brief dated February 4, 1976, in support of the proposed zoning, copies of which were circulated to members of Council. Dr. Sinclair then responded to questions from members of Council.

There being no further persons wishing to speak in favour of the proposed zoning, His Worship called for those wishing to speak against.

Mr. F. B. Wickwire, a solicitor representing the Ashburn Golf and Country Club, submitted a brief entitled "Ashburn - Summary of Position and Supporting Materials", dated February 4, 1976, copies of which were circulated to members of Council. He reviewed his submission and, in response to questions, stated that he did not have an offer in hand from the Club and suggested that the situation calls for an understanding and the giving and receiving of assurances; good faith, which has always prevailed between the two parties, can continue through negotiation. He stated that Ashburn simply wanted its views generally to be expressed at this time and suggested that, if it is Council's wish to meet with members of Ashburn, they would be delighted to do so and would do so forthwith.

Alderman Moore responded to Mr. Wickwire's remarks and stated that this matter was not initiated with any intent to undermine the value of this asset to the Club, and pointed out that the asset has gained in value because of its proximity



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to surrounding neighbourhoods, services provided for by taxpayers, and the fact that this Club has enjoyed a benefit tax wise from the taxpayers of the City of Halifax as well as the County of Halifax.

Alderman Moore stated that the initiation of this matter was not as a result of the action of CMHC but was a constant rumour within the community as to what might take place there. He stated that his information is that the Public Service lands in the area will probably be kept in their present use to provide emergency water supply to the City. In defence of Dr. Sinclair's submission, he stated he did not totally agree that the submission was not based on sound planning principles. Alderman Moore suggested that staff or the administration of the City, in his view, do not consider the lands to be an asset "of" the City but an asset "to" the City.

There being no further persons wishing to speak against the proposed zoning, His Worship declared the matter to be before Council.

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

In response to a question of the legality of staff holding conversations with Ashburn representatives prior to the next regular meeting of Council, the City Solicitor advised that he saw no difficulty if it is the wish of Council for the City Manager and the City Solicitor to meet with representatives of Ashburn but it would be improper for any member of Council who was going to vote on the zoning issue to meet with the members between the time of the hearing and voting on this matter. He stated that he would consider, depending upon negotiations, what if any problem results by the City Manager and the City Solicitor meeting with the representatives of the Club and if the information could be properly given to Council prior to a vote on the matter.



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To confirm the southern official street line of Lady Hammond Road from Robie Street to Agricola Street;  
To confirm the eastern official street line of Robie Street across the western end of former Duffus Street

A public hearing was held at this time re the above matter.

Mr. C. L. Dodge, Asst. Director of Development, with the aid of a sketch, explained the proposal and responded to questions from members of Council.

There being no persons wishing to speak in favour of or opposed to the proposal, His Worship declared the matter to be before Council.

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

Possible Acquisition - 2215-17-19 Barrington Street

This matter was previously considered at a meeting of City Council held on January 29, 1976.

Alderman Hanson stated he raised this matter because of the unintentional hardship imposed on the owner of this property as a result of Council's decision on January 29, 1976. He explained the background of the property and requested that Council members reconsider their decision of January 29, 1976.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Lawrence, that the property of Michael Amyoony, known as Civic No. 2215-17-19 Barrington Street, be purchased for \$35,000 as settlement in full for all claims. Funds can be made available from account no. 806 449 HAF09. (Land for Municipal Purposes).

Deputy Mayor Connolly stated that he was opposed to the purchase of property on the eastern side of Barrington Street and explained the reasons for his opposition.

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Alderman Downey stated that he is concerned with the price the City is offering for the property and he felt the property is more valuable. His Worship pointed out that the appraisals are not higher than the offering price, and the owner has agreed to accept the price offered.

Alderman Meagher stated that he has voted against the acquisition of such properties as he has not agreed with the principle and could not support the motion.

The motion was put and passed with Aldermen Downey, Meagher and Deputy Mayor Connolly voting against.

Meeting adjourned - 9:30 p.m.

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CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Council Chamber  
City Hall  
Halifax, N. S.  
February 12, 1976  
8:00 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 Connolly, Aldermen Shannon, Downey, Meagher, Sullivan, Stanbury, Walker, Hanson, Moore and Lawrence.

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

LONG SERVICE AWARD -- CONSTABLE DONALD C. HUBLEY

His Worship the Mayor, in recognition of Constable Hubley's thirty-four years' service with the Police Department of the City of Halifax, reviewed his employment history within the Department and presented to him, on behalf of Council and the citizens of Halifax, a long service award.

MINUTES

Minutes of City Council meetings held on January 29, 1976, and February 4, 1976, were approved on Motion of Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Lawrence.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

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

20(a) - Amendment - Administrative Order No. 10 -- FIRST  
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- 20(b) - Authorization for Expenditure to Provide  
Paraplegic Ramp - Visitors & Convention Bureau

The Order of Business, as amended, was approved.

DEFERRED ITEMS

Zoning - Halifax Golf & Country Club (Ashburn), Dutch Village  
Road to "P" (Park & Institutional)

A public hearing was held re this matter on  
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MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman  
Lawrence, that this matter be deferred to the next regular  
meeting of Committee of the Whole Council so that Council  
has an opportunity to review the proposal received from the  
Ashburn Golf & Country Club. Motion passed.

To alter the southern official street line of Lady Hammond  
Road from Robie Street to Duffus Street;  
To confirm the southern official street line of Lady Hammond  
Road from Robie Street to Agricola Street;  
To confirm the eastern official street line of Robie Street  
across the western end of former Duffus Street

A public hearing was held re this matter on  
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MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by Alderman  
Sullivan, that the southern official street line of Lady  
Hammond Road from Robie Street to Duffus Street be altered  
as shown on Official Plan 5-F; that the southern official  
street line of Lady Hammond Road from Robie Street to  
Agricola Street be confirmed as shown on Official Plan 5-F;  
that the eastern official street line of Robie Street across  
the western end of former Duffus Street be confirmed as shown  
on Official Plan 5-F; and that the Formal Resolution be passed.  
Motion passed.

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REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on February 4, 1976, as follows:

Approval of Expenditure - Metro Guide - Visitors & Convention Bureau

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MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council approve the expenditure of \$2,914.00 from the Bureau Budget. Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - 6319 Chebucto Road/6348 Willow Street (One Property)

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MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the property at 6319 Chebucto Road/6348 Willow Street not be purchased at this time. Motion passed.

Possible Expropriation Settlement - Parcel 109A - Dunbrack - Pockwock Acquisition Program - F. S. Etter & Son Ltd.

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MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Moore that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, payment for the above parcel of land be approved for the amount of \$3000.00 as settlement in full for all claims. Funds can be made available from account number 806 425 HAJ01. Motion passed.

Sale of Used Sweeper ES-104

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, authority be granted to sell the above unit to the Town of Amherst at a price of \$4,050.00 on an "as is where is basis", without guarantee. Motion passed.

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Property for Sale - Captain William Spry School - 4 Arnold Drive

A confidential staff report dated February 12, 1976, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Hanson, that the property be re-advertised for sale by tender without restriction except as to present zoning. Motion passed with Alderman Sullivan voting against.

Approval of Expenditure of Funds - Aldermen's Office

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Downey that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council approve an estimated expenditure of \$925.00 to allow painting of the Aldermen's Office, the purchase of one desk and three chairs, and the installation of two telephones. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on February 4, 1976, as follows:

Selection of a Consulting Engineer - Herring Cove Road Realignment

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, subject to the reaching of a satisfactory agreement between the consultant and the committee within the bounds of the terms of reference and the budgetary limitations as provided by City Council for the execution of these works, staff be authorized to negotiate a contract for engineering services between the City and Whitman Benn and Associates Limited, to carry out an engineering design of the Herring Cove Road between the Armdale Rotary and the City limits. Motion passed.

Official Street Lines - Pinewood Terrace - DATE FOR HEARING

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Moore, that a date be set for a Public Hearing to discuss



the laying down of official street lines for Pinewood Terrace. Motion passed.

It was agreed that the public hearing re the above be held on Thursday, March 25, 1976, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Multiple Surfact Treatment Project

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that, as recommended by the Committee on Works:

1. The multiple surfact treatment projects contained in the 1976 Capital Budget, be approved as local improvement projects.
2. The proposed local improvement rate of \$3.00 per lineal foot (each side) be approved for 1976.
3. No local improvement charge is to be levied for multiple surfact treatment done within five years of the initial treatment.
4. Should new asphalt paving occur within five years of the installation of multiple surfact treatment, the local improvement tax for multiple surfact treatment will be deducted from the paving tax.
5. Should new asphalt paving occur after five years from the date of multiple surface treatment installation, no deduction will be made to the paving local improvement tax.

Motion passed.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on February 4, 1976, as follows:

Median Closure - Connaught Avenue at Norwood Street

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that the Traffic Authority be requested to re-open the temporary median closure at the intersection of Connaught Avenue at Norwood Street to vehicular traffic simultaneously with the posting of 'no left turn' signs at peak a.m. hours

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on Norwood Street; that the Traffic Authority be also requested to review the adequacy of school neighbourhood signs in the area of Sir Charles Tupper School and to install any that are required to make the provision adequate, and to also look at the signing of the area from Preston Street to Oxford Street on Norwood Street and report back as soon as possible.

Mr. P. Connell, Acting Director of Engineering and Works advised that advertising will be done re the above changes and members of Council will be circularized at the same time the advertising is inserted in the newspaper.

The motion was put and passed.

Unlimited & Gratuitious Saturday Metered Parking

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the Traffic Authority be requested to issue a regulation whereby gratuitious and unlimited Saturday metered parking within the City of Halifax be maintained on a continuing basis to be reviewed annually by the Traffic Authority, having due regard to ever-changing conditions and needs with respect to the well-being of the community. Motion passed.

Median Closure - Robie Street at Bliss Street

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, no action be taken to close off the median opening at the Robie Street - Bliss Street intersection at this time, and that budgetary provisions for this item remain for reconsideration in 1977. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Supplementary Report - Boards & Commissions - City Manager's Authority

A supplementary staff report dated February 9, 1976, was submitted.

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MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Walker that Council approve the following recommendations:

1. Staff be authorized to enter into discussions with each Board et al of the City of Halifax with the intention of identifying specific areas of service that are recommended to be centralized or otherwise made more harmonious with customary civic administrative procedures.
2. All Boards, Commissions, Committees and Corporations of the City submit to the City Manager:
  - (a) Monthly, or on other term as agreeable to the City Manager, financial statements of revenue and expenditures with suitable comments.
  - (b) Not less than quarterly, estimates of year-end revenue and expenditures with suitable comments.
  - (c) Minutes of each and every meeting called by the appropriate Board, Commission or Committee.
  - (d) Copies of all notices of meetings and agendas for each duly constituted Board, Commission or Committee.
  - (e) Monthly activity reports for inclusion in the monthly City activity report.
3. Section 159, subsection (e) of the Halifax City Charter be amended to allow the City Manager or appointee to attend all meetings of Boards, Commissions, Committees or Corporations.
4. All Boards, Commissions, Committees and Corporations be requested to distribute to each of its appointed or elected members, monthly financial, administrative and activity reports.
5. The City Clerk be requested to bring to the attention of all Boards, Commissions, Committees or Corporations, Section 192 of the Halifax City Charter "Limitations of Expenditures" and Section 201 (1) of the Halifax City Charter, "Supplementary Appropriations" as outlined in Appendix A of the staff report of November 10th, 1975.

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6. The City Clerk send to each Board, Commission, Committee or Corporation that portion of the Minutes of City Council and Committee of the Whole meetings, or any related resolutions, affecting a particular Board, Commission, Committee or Corporation.
7. As discussions are concluded with each Board, Commission or Committee, the mutually agreed procedures will be returned to Council for information or approval, as dictated by the arrangements made.

Motion passed.

REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on February 4, 1976, as follows:

Amendments to Zoning By-law Parts VI, VIII, IX, and XI

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Moore that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the following amendments to the Zoning By-law, be approved:

1. The following to be inserted as Section 5 of Part VIII:

Section 5, Part VIII

"Buildings erected, altered, or used for R-1, R-2, R-3, and C-1 uses in a C-2 zone shall comply with the requirements of R-1, R-2, R-3, and C-1 zones respectively as detailed in Parts IV, V, VI, and VII above."

2. The following inserted as Section 4 of Part IX

Section 4, Part IX

"Buildings erected, altered, or used for R-1, R-2, R-3, C-1, and C-2 uses in a C-3 zone shall comply with the requirements of R-1, R-2, R-3, C-1, and C-2 zones respectively as detailed in Parts IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII above."

3. Part XI, Section 4, Peninsula Zoning Bylaw which reads:

"4. Basic height	)	Provisions of
Lot coverage	)	Part VI above
Minimum front and year yards	)	apply"

be amended to read:

"4. Buildings erected, altered, or used for P uses in a P zone shall comply with the requirements of the R-3 zone as detailed in Part VI above."

4. Part V, Section 4, Peninsula Zoning Bylaw which reads:

"4. Front Yards - The requirements of Part IV above shall apply."

be amended to read:

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- "4. Front and Rear Yards - The requirements of Part IV above shall apply.", and
5. That a Formal Resolution, be approved.

Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Letter - Firefighters Association

A letter dated February 10, 1976, was submitted from the Secretary of the City Fire Fighters Benevolent and Protective Association, Local #268, requesting that City Council call for a plebiscite to determine the wishes of citizens of the City of Halifax on the question of whether the position of the Fire Chief should be filled from the present members of the Halifax Fire Department.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Shannon that the letter be received and tabled by City Council.

Alderman Meagher said he would like to see the request sent to the City Manager and a report submitted on the feasibility and legality of holding such a plebiscite.

Discussion ensued on the matter and Deputy Mayor Connolly said that by tabling the item, it allows, at any time, for the item to be re-introduced and said his Motion was only meant as a way of receiving the report.

It was MOVED in amendment by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that the letter be forwarded to the City Solicitor for a ruling on the legality of such a plebiscite.

The Motion as amended was put and passed, seven voting for the same and three voting against.

Report - Halifax-Dartmouth Waterfront Plan

The above noted report was submitted.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Moore that the report be received and referred to staff for a report to be submitted at the March 3rd meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council and that a public meeting be held on the subject matter on Friday, February 20, 1976 at 8:00 P.M. in the Queen Elizabeth High School auditorium. Motion passed.



Resolution Re: Extension of Order of Minister of Municipal  
Affairs - Continuance of City of Halifax Zoning By-law

A staff report dated February 6, 1976, was submitted relating to the above noted matter.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Moore that the City of Halifax request the Minister of Municipal Affairs to order that the time for the completion of a Municipal Development Plan be extended for a further period of one year from February 29, 1976.

Motion passed.

Appointments

A letter dated February 10, 1976, was submitted from His Worship nominating various persons for appointment to Committees, Boards, and Commissions.

His Worship advised that Mr. Paul Edwards should be added to the list of appointments to the Board of Health.

The City Solicitor referred to the proposed appointment of Mr. Gordon Hebb to the Court House Commission saying that Mr. Hebb was appointed when he was a member of the City Solicitor's Department. Mr. Murphy said that Mr. Hebb has since resigned saying it was hoped that Mr. Barry Allen would now be appointed as it has been the policy that a member of the Department be appointed to the Commission.

It was MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that the following appointments, be approved by City Council:

Arbitration Committee

Term

His Worship the Mayor  
Alderman Terrence Sullivan  
Alderman J. A. Walker

All for a  
term to expire  
October 31, 1976

Atlantic Child Guidance Centre  
(Board of Directors)

Alderman Margaret Stanbury  
(replacing Mr. Harold Crowell)

For a term to expire  
October 31, 1977

Board of Health

Term

Alderman Brenda Shannon	All for a term
Alderman Graham Downey	to expire on
Alderman Gerald Lawrence	October 31, 1976
Alderman Terrence Sullivan	
Alderman J. A. Walker	
Mrs. Elton Bonnell	
Mr. G. J. Jollymore	
Mr. Paul Edwards	

Halifax Civic Hospital Board

His Worship the Mayor	-	A further term to expire October 31, 1976
A nominee from the Halifax- Dartmouth and District Labour Council (Mr. William Brooks)	-	Term to expire October 31, 1976

Halifax Landmarks Commission

Mr. Archibald Jackson	All for a term
Mr. John E. Lloyd	expiring on
Mr. Charles A. Vaughan	April 30, 1978

Abbie J. Lane Memorial Hospital Board

Mr. J. S. Cowan	- All for a term
Mr. David Bryson	expiring on
Mr. Alan R. Abraham	October 31, 1977
Mr. Max Forman	
Mr. Frank Milne, Sr.	

Alderman Terrence Sullivan (replacing Alderman G. Downey)	-	Term expiring October 31, 1977
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Halifax City Regional Library Board

Alderman Margaret Stanbury	-	For a further term to expire October 31, 1976
Mr. L. B. Murphy (replacing Mr. L. A. Kitz)	-	For a term expiring December 31, 1976

Neptune Theatre Foundation

His Worship the Mayor (replacing Alderman Margaret Stanbury)	-	No term set.
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Directors of Point Pleasant Park

Alderman Wilfred P. Moore - A further term expiring  
October 31, 1977

Halifax Recreation Committee

Alderman Ronald Hanson - A further term expiring  
October 31, 1977  
Mrs. Marlene Mullenger - A further term expiring  
December 31, 1976  
Mr. James Aitken - A term to expire  
December 31, 1977

Retirement Committee

Alderman Terrence Sullivan - A term expiring October 31/77.  
(replacing Alderman Moore)

Visitors and Convention Committee

Alderman N. P. Meagher  
Alderman Gerald Lawrence  
Alderman Ronald Hanson  
Mr. Chris Gowers - All for a term to expire  
October 31, 1977  
Mrs. Marie Nightingale  
Mr. Donald LeBlanc  
Mr. George Martin  
Mr. John C. MacDonald

Emergency Planning Committee

His Worship the Mayor  
The Deputy Mayor  
Alderman J. A. Walker  
City Manager, Constance R. Glube  
City Clerk, Gladys Blennerhassett - No terms set  
City Solicitor, Donald F. Murphy  
Chief of Police, G. O. Robinson  
Fire Chief, Ronald Horrocks  
Mr. Peter Connell, Emergency Planning Officer

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Municipal Development Plan Committee

His Worship the Mayor	Mr. Reginald Bell
Members of City Council	Mr. A. M. McCrae
Mr. Harold Crosby	Mrs. Daisy Goodall
Mr. Donald A. Mahon	Mr. Donald LeBlanc
Mr. Arthur Grantham	Mr. Donald Mielke
Mr. Murray Josey	

(All members reappointed for a term to expire February 28, 1977)

Halifax-Dartmouth United Appeal  
(Board of Directors)

Mr. Harold Crowell

Court House Commission

Alderman Wilfred P. Moore	
Mr. H. W. Butler	- All for a term to expire
Mr. Barry Allen	October 31, 1976
Mr. Lawrence J. Hayes	

Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Buildings on Barrington and  
Kaye Streets

Alderman Sullivan said he previously asked for reports on two buildings, one being on Barrington Street and the other on Kaye Street. Alderman Sullivan said he was of the understanding there was some problem reaching the owners due to the recent Postal strike and questioned whether staff have now received any information.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Local Improvement Charges

Alderman Sullivan referred to the Local Improvement Charges and asked if he could receive some written information as to how the charges are applied etc.

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Question Alderman Shannon Re: Reports on Metro Centre

Alderman Shannon referred to a question which she previously asked relating to receiving copies of the Metro Centre reports and asked when Council can expect to receive copies of same. Alderman Shannon asked if copies could be received prior to the date of the public meeting which has been scheduled on the subject.

The City Manager advised that staff will attempt to have the reports circulated prior to the meeting.

Question Alderman Downey Re: Traffic Lights - Corner of  
Cogswell and Gottingen Streets

Alderman Downey referred to traffic lights which are to be installed at the above noted location and said he would like to receive a report on the matter of having left turn flashing arrows installed at the same time.

ADDED ITEMS

Amendment to Administrative Order No. 10 Respecting "The  
Functions, Duties and Responsibilities of the Finance  
Department and City Treasurer - FIRST READING

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the following amendment to Administrative Order Number 10, be read and passed a First Time:

1 Subsection (1) of Section 6 of said Administrative Order Number 10 is amended by striking out the words "Chief Accountant" in the second line and substituting therefor the words "Assistant Treasurer".

Motion passed.

Authorization for Expenditure to Provide Paraplegic Ramp -  
Visitors and Convention Bureau

A staff report dated February 11, 1976, was submitted relating to the above noted matter.

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Moore that:

1. staff be authorized to proceed with the construction of a cement paraplegic ramp at the Red Store site;
2. authorization for an expenditure in the amount of \$800.00 be approved, and provision be made for this extra sum in the 1976 Current Budget for the Tourist Bureau as an added item.

Motion passed

9:15 P. M. - Meeting adjourned.

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SPECIAL MEETING  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL  
HOUSING TASK FORCE REPORT  
MINUTES

Council Chamber  
City Hall  
Halifax, N.S.  
February 16, 1976  
7:40 PM.

A Special Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council was held on the above date to consider the final report of the Housing Task Force.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman;  
Aldermen Shannon, Walker, Stanbury, Downey and Sullivan.

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

His Worship opened the meeting, welcoming those present and inviting public participation in this meeting of the Housing Task Force.

Halifax-Dartmouth Council of Churches.

Mr. Pat Kierans, representing the Halifax-Dartmouth Council of Churches expressed the support of this group for the recommendations made in the Task Force Report.

Catholic Social Services Division.

Mr. Michael Marentette, Executive Director of the above organization submitted a written and oral brief, saying that the Archdiocese of Halifax supports the main thrust of the recommendations made in the report.

Mr. Marentette said great care should be exercised to preserve the fabric of the community to enable people to have a sense of stability and security.

Housing Task Force - Private Sector.

Mr. Rex Burgess addressed the meeting saying that in the private sector frustration and expense occur at the delay in getting sites approved. Mr. Burgess agreed that uniform standards had to be adhered to, but queried the stringency, stating that in some cases unnecessarily high