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MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Stanbury, that the motion be laid on the table pending receipt of confirmation in writing from the developer that the development on the site will be a fourplex.

The Acting City Clerk advised that Deputy Mayor Moore, Aldermen Meagher and Shannon were not present at the public hearing.

The motion was put and passed with Alderman Lawrence voting against and Deputy Mayor Moore, Aldermen Shannon and Meagher abstaining.

Rezoning from R-4 (Multiple Dwelling Zone) to C-1 (Local Business Zone) - Lot 7-B, 16 Titus Street

A public hearing re the above matter was held on December 8, 1976.

MOVED by Alderman Stanbury, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that the application to rezone Civic No. 16 (Lot 7-B) Titus Street from R-4 Multiple Dwelling Zone to C-1, Local Business Zone, as shown on Plan No. P200/7579 of Case No. 3366, and the formal resolution, be approved by City Council.

The Acting City Clerk advised that Deputy Mayor Moore, Aldermen Shannon and Meagher were not present at the public hearing.

The motion was put and passed with Alderman Lawrence voting against and Deputy Mayor Moore, Aldermen Shannon and Meagher abstaining.

Rezoning from R-2 (Two Family Dwelling Zone) to C-1 (Local Business Zone) - Lot J, 253-7 Herring Cove Road, Lands of Allan F. and Catherine Bryden

A public hearing re the above matter was held on December 8, 1976.

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MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the application to rezone Lot J (portions of Lots 16 and 18 Ferguson Farm), lands of Allen F. and Catherine Bryden, 253-7 Herring Cove Road, from R-2 Two Family Dwelling Zone to C-1 Local Business Zone, as shown on Plan No. P200/7527 of Case No. 3268, and the formal resolution, be approved by City Council.

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the matter be deferred until the proposed widening of the Herring Cove Road is dealt with by City Council.

The Acting City Clerk advised that Deputy Mayor Moore, Aldermen Shannon and Meagher were not present at the public hearing.

The motion was put and passed with Aldermen Downey, Stanbury and Walker voting against, Deputy Mayor Moore, Aldermen Shannon and Meagher abstaining.

It was suggested, and agreed, that staff report on the section of the Herring Cove Road affecting the property for which the above application for rezoning has been made.

Changes to R-2 Zone

A public hearing re the above matter was held on November 3, 1976.

A staff report dated December 13, 1976, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Shannon that the following amendments to the R-2 Zone be approved by City Council:

1. Delete Section 1(d) in the R-2 Zone of the Peninsula By-law and Section 19(e) in the R-1 zone of the Mainland By-law, and add same to the respective Park and Institutional zones of the Peninsula and Mainland By-laws;

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2. Amend Section 55(d) in the Park and Institutional Zone of the Mainland By-law to delete the phrase " . . . if not operated for gain";
3. Delete Section 1(e) in the R-2 Zone of the Peninsula By-law and adding it to the Park and Institutional Zone; and
4. Delete Section 1(f) in the R-2 Zone of the Peninsula By-law.

Deputy Mayor Moore asked if, during discussions with representatives of Dalhousie University, any consideration was given to a new university zone. Mr. Matthews, Director of Planning, stated there was no consideration for a university zone at this time on the basis of the discussions held. He further stated that on the basis of the original staff report it was staff's intention to try to deal with universities through a university zone in a new zoning by-law.

His Worship advised that a report dated December 16, 1976, in response to his requests dated November 12, 1976, and a legal opinion attached thereto dated December 15, 1976, was received, copies of which were circulated to members of City Council.

The motion was put and passed.

REPORT - FINANCE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on December 8, 1976, as follows:

General Borrowing Resolution - \$6,000,000

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign a Current Account Borrowing Resolution covering the period January 1, 1977 to June 30, 1977 in the amount of \$6,000,000. Motion passed.

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Transfer of Funds Maitland Street (Project Account CA117)

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, \$4,700.00 be transferred from the sidewalk account No. CA129 to the sidewalk Account No. CA117. This re-allocation of funds leaves a net surplus balance of \$14,300 (\$19,000 - \$4,700) in the CA129 Account. Motion passed.

Additional Funds - Widening Herring Cove Road at Cowie Hill Road, Widening Dentith Road from Herring Cove Road to Old Sambro Road

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

- a) Council approve a transfer of \$12,486.00 from Account No. CEA99 to CEA45 to cover the additional cost for the Herring Cove Road at Cowie Hill Road project;
- b) Council approve a transfer of \$19,800.00 from Account No. CEA99 to CEA47 for the Dentith Road project.

Motion passed.

Uniacke Square Redevelopment - Phase "A"

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

WHEREAS Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the City of Halifax have agreed to call for proposals on Phase A of Uniacke Square;

AND WHEREAS two proposals have been received;

AND WHEREAS a Committee representing the local group and City staff have reviewed the two proposals;

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AND WHEREAS a report from the Citizens' Committee and City staff has recommended the acceptance in principle of the proposal submitted by the Old North End Community Residents' Association;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Halifax accept the proposal in principle submitted by the Old North End Community Residents' Association, subject to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation's concurrence;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a development agreement be entered into by the City of Halifax and the Old North End Community Residents' Association after final plans, specifications and proof of satisfactory financial arrangements have been approved by the City of Halifax and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Motion passed.

Neighbourhood Improvement Program - Second Area

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Shannon that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Old South End area as outlined on the sketch attached to the staff report be accepted in principle; further, that Council authorize staff to organize a public meeting for the above mentioned area in order to obtain an indication of residents' support for this program as well as for the suggested boundaries.

It was suggested that the public meeting be arranged for mid-January 1977.

The motion was put and passed.

Cancellation of Development Agreement between the City of
Halifax and Convoy Projects Limited

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive

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Committee, that staff be authorized to apply the \$50,000 deposit against the \$56,205.27 interest due, advise Peat Marwick Limited that the agreement is now cancelled, and attempt to collect the balance owing to the City of Halifax; further, that staff arrange for a Call for Proposals on the remaining parcel of land.

It was agreed that staff undertake to explain to the condominium groups and neighbourhood residents what the situation is, in consultation with Aldermen Stanbury and Sullivan.

Alderman Walker asked that Council members be advised what the previous proposal was for the site. He further requested that staff consider and report back on whether larger deposits should be required in future.

The motion was put and passed.

The Edmonds Grounds

This item was deleted from the Order of Business.

Changing Role - Abbie J. Lane Memorial Hospital

Mr. Harold Crowell, Social Planner, stated he was unable to provide the requested report as he had just received information from the Province this date. Mr. Crowell advised what facilities would be available at the Adult Rehabilitation Centre in Cole Harbour.

After extensive discussion of the matter with Mr. Crowell, it was MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Lawrence, that the matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion.

It was suggested that Messrs. Cowan and Jenner be invited to attend the meeting of Committee of the Whole Council as well as a representative of the Adult Rehabilitation Centre in Cole Harbour who is familiar with the program offered there.

The motion was put and passed.

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Write-off - Bad Debts

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, under Section 184 of the City Charter 1963, City Council excuse the Treasurer from collecting the monies due to the City, as set out in the staff report dated November 12, 1976, and authorize the write-off of \$42,266.68.
Motion passed.

Tender 76-151 - Four Police Cars

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

- (1) that authority be granted to award the tender to Scotia Chevrolet Oldsmobile Limited, who is the lowest tenderer meeting specifications, at a cost of \$18,588.00;
- (2) that authority be granted to transfer funds from the vehicle replacement reserve account in the amount of \$18,588.00; this commitment will be reduced by the amount realized from the sale of vehicles being replaced when new units are received and placed in service.

Motion passed.

Tender 76-148, 149 & 150 - Petroleum Products

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Downey that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, a contract be entered into for 1977 for petroleum products with the lowest bidders meeting specifications as indicated by an asterisk on Appendices I, II and III attached to the staff report dated November 30, 1976. Motion passed.

Tender 148 and 149 - Petroleum Products

A confidential report dated December 14, 1976, was submitted.

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MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that authority be granted to award a contract for gasoline and Bunker "A" Petroleum products to Imperial Oil Limited at firm discounts on all gasses of \$.1082/gallon and \$.0052/gallon for Bunker "A". Motion passed.

Authority to Advertise for Candidates for the Position of
Planning Information and Liaison Officer

Deputy Mayor Moore asked if the work involved in this proposed position could be done by staff presently on strength rather than adding to the staff establishment.

The City Manager advised that the work involved has been carried on by two individuals on a part-time/full-time basis. She advised that the individual will not only be required to carry out meetings with the public but also will be capable of explaining the planning aspects of the various proposals.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Shannon that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, staff be authorized to advertise immediately for candidates for the position of planning information and liaison officer at the Grade 11 level, and that Council at this time commit the recommended funds of \$16,002 for this position for 1977. Motion passed with Deputy Mayor Moore, Aldermen Stanbury, Walker and Lawrence voting against.

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REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on December 8, 1976, as follows:

Appointment of Consultants - Kearney Lake Road Services

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the consulting firm of Fenco Consultants Ltd., be retained to provide the engineering services on Kearney Lake Road services project.

Motion passed.

Final Design & Tender Documentation Dunbrack Street -
Phase IV

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, Canadian British Consultants Ltd. be retained and authorized to complete and finalize roadway service design plans including the necessary specifications and tender documentations for Dunbrack Street, Phase IV, from Main Avenue to Kearney Lake Road and further, that the associated engineering consulting costs be charged to Capital Budget Account CEA51-54.

Motion passed.

REPORT - BOARD OF HEALTH

Council considered the report from the Board of Health from its meeting held on November 23, 1976, as follows:

Recommendation - Board of Health (44 & 46 Mansion Road -
Malfunctioning Septic Tanks)

The following is the recommendation from the Board of Health respecting the above noted matter:

"That Council direct City forces to proceed forthwith to carry out the work necessary to connect the houses situated at 44 and 46 Mansion Road to the sewer system under the authority of the City Charter."

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Alderman Walker referred to communication that was previously sent to the property owners in question in which they were given sixty days in which to carry out the necessary work saying that Council should not deal with the matter until the sixty days have expired.

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that the matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Amendment to Ordinance Number 105, respecting "The Committee Ordinance" - SECOND READING

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Walker that amendments to Ordinance Number 105 respecting "The Committee Ordinance", as submitted, be read and passed a Second Time.

Motion passed.

REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on December 8, 1976, as follows:

Halfway House - Macara Street (Alderman Sullivan)

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, a transcript be made of the City Planning Committee item of December 8, 1976, entitled "Macara Street Halfway House - (Alderman Sullivan)" and it be forwarded to the Minister of Social Services with a copy distributed to members of Council for future reference in case of a modification application.

Motion passed.

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Lot Consolidation - 6026-40 North Street

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application to consolidate Block A, Lot 9, Lot 10, and Lot 11 to form Lot AB, at 6026-6040 North Street, as shown on Plan # P200/7582 of Case # 3388, be approved by City Council.

Motion passed.

Amendment to C-4 Zone, Part X, Section 1, Subsection (5) (i),
DATE FOR HEARING

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, City Council set a date for a public hearing to consider the following amendments to Part X, C-4 Professional Zone:

1. Section 1, Subsection (5) (i) be amended to read, "There shall be no advertising or identification signs visible from the exterior of the building; and";
2. Section 1, Subsection (5) (ii) be deleted and Clause (iii) be renumbered Clause (ii); and
3. Bank be deleted from Part X, Section 1, Subsection (1) (m) and inserted in Part X, Section 1, Subsection (3) (c).

The Acting Clerk advised the public hearing has been scheduled for January 5, 1976 at 8:00 p.m.

Motion passed.

Subdivide Site into 7 Lots - Fernwood

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, Council approve the Development Permit process asked for by the applicant subject to the final agreement and plans having been submitted to City staff to be reviewed and approved by staff, and also subject to the City having received the required open space money and easements for the subdivision.

The Motion was put and passed with Alderman Shannon, Meagher, Sullivan, and Walker against.

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Final Approval of Lots 3-8 Incl., Cromwell Road,
Thornvale Subdivision

The following is the recommendation of the
City Planning Committee:

"That staff negotiate an agreement for a private
subdivision with the developer of Lots 3-8 inclusive,
Cromwell Road, Thornvale Subdivision."

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by
Alderman Connolly that staff negotiate an agreement for a
private subdivision with the developer of Lots 3-8 inclusive,
Cromwell Road, Thornvale Subdivision subject, however, that
the applicant provide open space money in the negotiations
covering the entire Thornvale Subdivision and that the
negotiations deviate from the Subdivision Regulations only
on the matter of the width of the roadway and elimination of
storm sewers.

Motion passed with Alderman Sullivan against.

Correction of Previously Approved Plans P200/7576 Sullivan St.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by
Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the City Planning
Committee, City Council approve corrected Plan No. P200/7629
of Case No. 3387, reducing the dimensions of the northern
and southern boundaries of Lot B, to enable the consolidation
of Lots B and 1A to form Lot B1A (Civic No. 5819) Sullivan
Street, to proceed as originally approved.

Motion passed.

Agreement - Detailed Criteria - Waterfront Development
Corporation and the City of Halifax

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by
Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the City Planning
Committee, staff be authorized to prepare a formal agreement
between the City and the Waterfront Development Corporation
based on the study proposal outlined in the staff report dated
December 2, 1976, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be
authorized to sign the agreement upon passage by Council
on behalf of the City.

Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Offer to Purchase - 2275 Brunswick Street -
Uniacke Square Redevelopment Area

At the November 17, 1976, meeting of the Finance & Executive Committee, a confidential staff report dated November 12, 1976, was submitted.

The City Manager, in referring to the item, said she is advised that staff is not ready with a report at this time.

MOVED by Alderman Downey that the Old North End Residents Association be given first opportunity to purchase the property in question.

The City Manager said the City has to obtain concurrence from C.M.H.C. to dispose of the property which, she said, has not been received. The City Manager also advised an appraisal has been carried out on the property saying Council could be advised of this in a report at the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting if that were the wish of Council.

A short discussion ensued, and it was MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the item be deferred to the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council in order to receive a report from the City Manager.

Alderman Downey indicated he was in agreement with the Motion to defer.

The Motion to defer was put and passed.

Supplementary Report - Subdivision of Lot 130 -
207-207A Main Avenue

A Supplementary staff report dated December 9, 1976, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee at its meeting held on October 6, 1976, the subdivision of Lot 130 to form Lots 130A and 130B (Civic No. 207-207A) Main Avenue, as shown on Plan No. P200/7628 of Case No. 3343, be approved by City Council.

Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Statements of Revenue
and Expenditure

Alderman Connolly referred to the report of December 9, 1976 relating to the Statements of Revenue and Expenditure saying he has a number of questions which he could ask now or suggested an item could be placed on the agenda for the Committee of the Whole when he would deal with the subject.

Alderman Connolly referred to information contained in the report relating to the matter of speeding-up audits, National Harbour Board grants, and Financing costs saying he would like to have some explanation.

The Director of Finance responded to the matter of the National Harbour Board grants and Financing costs and, with respect to the matter of audits, the City Manager advised that when she was in Ottawa, she attempted to contact the appropriate personnel on this subject saying she was informed that due to changes in staff, the earliest date the audit could be carried out would be January or February.

Alderman Connolly also noted the report indicates the City Collector is pursuing payment due on November 1st for the lease of 3700 Kempt Road by Bryant Enterprises Ltd., and questioned whether taxes were outstanding on this building as well.

The City Manager said staff would have to report back on the matter.

Council then directed that the Statement of Revenue and Expenditure item be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Question Alderman Downey Re: Type of Insulation - Roof of
Centennial Swimming Pool

Alderman Downey asked for a report on the type of insulation being used on the roof of the Centennial Swimming Pool.

ADDED ITEMS

Tender 76-09 - Halifax Fire Department Tape
Logging Installation

A staff report dated December 15, 1976, was submitted relating to the above noted matter.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the offer of Metro Radio be accepted for the installation of Tape Logging equipment at the Halifax Fire Department in the amount of \$12,268.00 as it fully complies with specifications and will provide a total lower overall per annum cost on a six year basis, and that additional funds be made available from the Fire Department Account 028-061-BC004.

Motion passed.

10:30 P. M. - Meeting adjourned.

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MAYOR EDMUND L. MORRIS
CHAIRMAN

EDWARD A. KERR
ACTING CITY CLERK

CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Council Chamber
City Hall
Halifax, N. S.
December 30, 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 Moore, and Aldermen Connolly, Shannon, Downey, Meagher, Sullivan, Walker, Hanson, and Stanbury.

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

MINUTES

Minutes of City Council meeting held on December 16, 1976, were approved on Motion of Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Connolly.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

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

- 20(a) - Appointment of Committee under Section 575 of the City Charter.
- 20(b) - Request to Purchase 100' Aerial Ladder Equipment.
- 20(c) - Appointments - Civic Boards & Commissions.
- 20(d) - Report - Tax Concessions & Grants Committee.

With respect to the City Clerk's request to add the following items, Council directed they be placed on the agenda of the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting:

- "Final Approval - 7 Lots, Fernwood" and
- "Final Approval - Lots 3-8 Incl., Cromwell Road".

8:08 P.M. - Alderman Lawrence arrives.

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At the request of the City Clerk, delete the following item and to have it placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of City Council:

5(a) - Rezoning from R-2 to R-4 Lot A-1 Bedford Highway;

AND, to delete:

14(a) - Ordinance No. 166 (New) Respecting Signs, Billboards, and Advertising Structures - SECOND READING.

The Order of Business, as amended, was approved.

REPORT - FINANCE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on December 22, 1976, as follows:

Park Projects Ltd.

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

1. the matter of compensation to be paid to Park Projects Limited in connection with the expropriation by the City of certain of the Company's lands in the Spryfield area, be referred to the Expropriation Compensation Board for settlement; and
2. the Legal Department make necessary arrangements with Park Projects Ltd., to release funds in the amount of \$5,632.03 without prejudice to the rights of either party to accept, reject or modify the final settlement in respect of such costs as recommended in the report from the City Manager under date of October 18, 1976.
Motion passed.

After a short discussion, Council agreed that the staff report of October 18, 1976, should now be made public.

Edmonds Grounds

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Shannon that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City not purchase the Edmonds Grounds at this time.

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Alderman Hanson noted that at the Finance & Executive Committee, he asked if staff could negotiate with the Trustees of the Edmonds Grounds to determine if it would be possible to negotiate an agreement on the two alternatives that are contained in a report dated April 29, 1976. Alderman Hanson said he would like to have staff pursue this avenue before Council determines that it is not interested in purchasing the Edmonds Grounds in total.

His Worship in referring to discussions that took place at the Finance Committee, suggested the Motion did not preclude staff coming back with respect to the four parcels as contained in the April 29, 1976 report.

Mr. Churchill of the Real Estate Department, advised that staff have already indicated to the Trustees the action taken by the Finance Committee as well as the suggestion of Alderman Hanson. Mr. Churchill advised the Trustees are now in the process of studying the matter with the heirs to determine whether there is any possibility of negotiating with respect to the four parcels.

His Worship asked whether staff would be making a report to Council, and Mr. Churchill replied in the affirmative.

Alderman Walker advised he would be abstaining from voting on the matter.

The Motion was put and passed with Alderman Walker abstaining.

Borrowing Resolution - Quinpool Road Site

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council authorize the City Solicitor to create a new borrowing resolution for the sum remaining outstanding at the expiry date, for presentation to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for his approval to run from Midnight January 8, 1977 to Midnight, June 30, 1977.

Motion passed.

Agreement - S. P. C. A. 1977

MOVED by Alderman Stanbury, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, staff be authorized to draw up, and the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign, a contract with the S.P.C.A. incorporating the provisions of the existing agreement, and a \$2.00 charge for each call received from the Halifax Police Department between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

Motion passed.

January 3, 1977

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Monday, January 3, 1977, be a holiday for Civic Employees.

Motion passed.

Negotiations - Northcliffe Community Centre - Lockers

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the lockers at the Northcliffe Community Recreation Center be considered as part of the purchase of the land and buildings during closing negotiations.

Motion passed.

Assessment Exemption - Public Hospitals

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the resolution as attached to the staff report of December 22, 1976, be adopted exempting the Grace Maternity Hospital from taxation so that it will be treated in the manner as the other hospitals in the City.

Discussion ensued on the matter and Alderman Meagher suggested the City will be experiencing problems this year with the new Assessment Act. Alderman Meagher referred to the effect it will have on some of the charitable institutions and establishments such as Senior Citizen housing suggesting the Act will have to be studied by staff to determine its effects.

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Alderman Meagher made the suggestion that an item dealing with the subject might be added to the agenda of the next Committee of the Whole meeting in order to commence a review of the implications of the new Act.

Further discussion ensued following which, the Motion was put and passed.

Assessment Exemption - Widows

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walker that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council adopt the following resolution under the provisions of Section 227 of the City Charter, as enacted by Section 9 of Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1976:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Halifax

1. THAT an exemption from taxes be granted pursuant to Section 227 of the City Charter, in the amount of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500);
2. THAT the exemption be granted to every person assessed with respect to taxable property in the City of Halifax, who is,
 - (a) a widow or widower;
 - (b) sixty-five years of age or over;
 - (c) the head of a single parent family supporting a dependent within the meaning of the Income Tax Act (Canada);
3. THAT the exemption be granted only to persons whose total income from all sources for the year preceding the year for which the exemption is sought is less than Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500); ✓
4. THAT the City Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Municipal Affairs."

Motion passed.

His Worship questioned whether staff was going to look at a further question relating to the deferment of one-half the tax, and the City Solicitor advised that one of his staff members is reviewing the matter now and a report would be submitted on the item.

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Cost of Living Assistance to Pensioners

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the full payment of supplementary assistance be authorized as per the list attached to the staff report of December 15, 1976, in the amount of \$452.00.

Motion passed.

Recreation Integration Project

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City of Halifax Recreation Department accept the grant of \$6,500 from the Provincial Department of Recreation and proceed as is outlined in the staff report of December 22, 1976.

Motion passed.

Halifax Natal Day - 1977

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Monday, July 18, 1977, be declared Halifax Natal Day.

MOVED in Amendment by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that Wednesday, July 20, 1976, be declared Halifax Natal Day.

The amendment to the Motion was put and Lost with two voting for the same and eight against.

The Main Motion was then put and passed with Aldermen Meagher and Stanbury against.

Changing Role - Abbie J. Lane Memorial Hospital

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

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1. City Council concur in the recommendation of the Board of the Abbie J. Lane Memorial Hospital having to do with the function of that Hospital to be that of an active treatment hospital serving citizens of Halifax and the surrounding western area all as is set out in the Board's memorandum to Council and subsequent staff reports to Council;
2. City staff be authorized to expend an amount not exceeding \$65.00 per day or two days a week for 13 weeks for purposes of transportation of relatives of patients now at the Abbie J. Lane Memorial Hospital that might be relocated to the Adult Rehabilitation Centre at Cole Harbour;
3. The question of Transportation of said relatives be made the subject of a further report from staff; and
4. City Council authorize staff to hire one additional Social Worker to assist in the development of Group Homes, the cost of which is to be shared 75% by the Province.

Alderman Sullivan asked when he might expect to receive the schedule which he previously asked for, and the Social Planner indicated it would be in the mail tomorrow.

The Motion was put and passed.

Offer to Purchase - 2275 Brunswick Street - Uniacke Square
Redevelopment Area

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

"That no units be disposed of in the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Area until staff are able to arrange for the disposal of all remaining units."

Alderman Connolly noted this item came about because of an offer received for the purchase of 2275 Brunswick Street.

A questioning of staff ensued and His Worship questioned whether Council should pass a Motion that the City not dispose of the property at this time and that an item be placed on the agenda of the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting in order to discuss the whole issue.

Mr. Corkum of the Development Department advised that he hoped to have additional information from C.M.H.C. by that time.

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MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Walker that the City not dispose of the property 2275 Brunswick Street at this time and that an item be placed on the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Council meeting of January 19, 1977 relating to the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Area.

Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on December 22, 1976, as follows:

Upgrading City Streets

The following is the recommendation of the Committee on Works:

- "1. That the program as outlined in Appendix "A", "B", and "C" of the staff report of November 30, 1976, be approved in order of priority;
2. That funds be set aside from the 1976 Current Budget from within the Engineering and Works Accounts in the amount of \$400,000.00 to provide for this work, but with the proviso that this amount be reduced by any amount by which the overall surplus on the 1976 City Budget was less than \$400,000.00; and
3. That staff be authorized to call tenders immediately."

His Worship made the suggestion that this item be placed on the agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting in order to see what the balance of ways and means is.

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Meagher the item be deferred to the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Alderman Connolly questioned whether this action would mean the item would be deleted from the 1976 budget and the City Manager advised the funds could be held because the books would not be closed until that time.

The Motion to defer was put and passed.

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His Worship suggested the Director of Finance could be invited to present a subsequent report on ways and means at the Committee of the Whole and not be expected to follow the 48 hour rule for submission of reports.

Encroachment 1499-1505 Barrington Street
(Maritime Centre Ltd.)

The following is the recommendation of the Committee on Works:

"That an encroachment be authorized to Trizec Equities Limited for the purpose of erecting two canopies; one on the North elevation (Salter Street), and one on the North West corner (Salter Street at Barrington Street)."

The City Manager suggested the Motion should relate to the matter of fees as set out in Ordinance #112.

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore that an encroachment be authorized to Trizec Equities Limited for the purpose of erecting two canopies; one on the North elevation (Salter Street), and one on the North West corner (Salter Street at Barrington Street) subject to the application of fees under Ordinance #112.

Motion passed.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on December 22, 1976, as follows:

Street Closure - William Hunt Avenue

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Shannon that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the existing closure by means of standard guard railing remain in effect on William Hunt Avenue until the Spring of 1977.

Motion passed.

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REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on December 22, 1976, as follows:

Lot Consolidation 3309-17 Dutch Village Road

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for lot consolidation of Lots 7 and 8 to form Lot G-D1 at 3309-17 Dutch Village Road, as shown on Plan No. P200/7598 of Case No. 3393, be approved. Motion passed.

Application for Approval of Lot 6 (Civic No. 21) Carson Street

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for final approval of Lot 6 (Civic No. 21) Carson Street, as shown on Plan No. P200/7697 of Case No. 3392, be approved. Motion passed.

Application for Final Approval of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Lands of
L. B. Stevens Construction Ltd., Fairmount Road

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for final approval of Lots 1, 2 and 3, lands of L. B. Stevens Construction Limited, Fairmount Road, and the development line, as shown on Plan No. P200/7641 of Case No. 3384, be granted by City Council and that the City enter into an agreement with the developer regarding the development line and the money in lieu of land for open space dedication. Motion passed.

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QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Walker Re: Inspection of Nursing Homes
by Fire Department

Alderman Walker asked that the Fire Department make another inspection of all nursing homes in the City of Halifax in view of the recent disaster in Newfoundland.

The City Manager stated that a report was issued this date from the Building Inspection Division re the subject which will be circulated to members of Council.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Letter from Union of Nova
Scotia Municipalities re Nova Scotia Power
Corporation hearings on rate increases

Alderman Connolly referred to a letter dated December 21, 1976, from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities re the Nova Scotia Power Corporation hearings on rate increases stating that he assumed Council would further aid the request of the Union and asked that a letter in support of the request be issued from the Mayor's office to the Premier of Nova Scotia.

His Worship advised that such a letter had been issued by his office on the day following receipt of the Union's letter.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Usage of Electricity

Alderman Connolly stated that he has noticed from time to time street lighting on a great deal earlier than is apparently required and, since the City is being billed on a meter basis, he asked if the City has some claim to rebate on electricity charged to the City for lighting turned on prematurely. The City Manager advised that a report will be issued.

Alderman Walker asked if the City is paying for poles which have not been in use due to disrepair for periods of six months or more.

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NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Alderman Hanson Re: Amendment to
Ordinance No. 105 Respecting The Establishment
of Standing Committees of Council

Alderman Hanson gave notice that at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on Thursday, the 13th day of January, A.D., 1977, he proposes to introduce an amendment to Ordinance No. 105 Respecting the Establishment of Standing Committees of Council, Section 16, re the membership of the Halifax Recreation Committee. He stated that the purpose of the amendment is to increase the membership from the present one alderman and six residents to two aldermen and seven residents.

Notice of Motion - Alderman Shannon Re: Ordinance No. 168,
the Fire Prevention Ordinance

Alderman Shannon gave notice that at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on Thursday, the 13th day of January, A.D., 1977, she proposes to introduce Ordinance Number 168, the Fire Prevention Ordinance. She stated that the purpose of this Ordinance is to adopt the National Fire Code of Canada, 1975 (2d) as the standard for the construction and maintenance of buildings in the City, and to provide that among other things, all rooming houses are to be equipped with approved heat detectors and smoke detectors.

ADDED ITEMS

Appointment of Committee under Section 575 of City Charter

At a special meeting of Committee of the Whole Council held on December 29, 1976, a motion was passed re the purchase of property on Chebucto by a member of City Council. The motion directed that, under Section 575 of the City Charter, the Mayor name a Committee of three members to investigate and make inquiry into the matter.

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His Worship stated that at this time he is prepared to name the members of the investigatory committee if it is Council's wish. His Worship stated that, upon further reflection on the matter, Council might prefer to proceed under Section 574 of the Halifax City Charter rather than Section 575. He advised that Section 574 provides for an inquiry by a Judge of the County Court, District No. 1.

In response to a question from Alderman Shannon re the scope of such an investigation carried out by a Judge of the County Court, the City Solicitor recalled that in a previous similar investigation the Judge was not simply legalistic. He stated that in the Judge's decision he did deal with the matter legally but also discussed in his decision a number of other items such as the judgement used by the alderman in question in that particular case, the practices of the civic administration, and commented on the confidentiality re members of the press. The City Solicitor advised that the Judge sitting for the case referred to is presently a member Judge for District No. 1.

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that Halifax City Council now request the Judge of the County Court for District No. 1, to investigate certain matters relating to the purchase of property on Chebucto Road, the terms of reference for such investigation to be submitted to the meeting of Committee of the Whole Council to be held on January 5, 1977, by the City Solicitor. Motion passed with Alderman Walker abstaining.

Request to Purchase 100 Foot Aerial Ladder Equipment Without
Tenders

A confidential staff report dated December 30, 1976, was submitted.

Fire Chief Horrocks explained the request and responded to questions from members of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Connolly that staff be authorized to acquire a 100' aerial ladder truck for the Halifax Fire Department and a report of final confirmation be submitted to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council. Motion passed.

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His Worship made mention of various fires which occurred in the City over a period of time and stated he had the experience of observing the members of the Halifax Fire Department performing their duties at such fires. He stated that such experiences have given him a very good impression of the work performed by the Fire Department members and he asked that members of Council authorize him to issue a Mayor's commendation to the Fire Chief to transmit to the members of the Halifax Fire Department.

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Walker, that his Worship the Mayor be authorized to issue a Mayor's commendation to the Chief of the Halifax Fire Department to bring to the members of the Fire Department. Motion passed.

Appointments - Civic Boards and Commissions

A report dated December 30, 1976, was submitted by His Worship the Mayor.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that the following appointments be approved by City Council:

Directors of Point Pleasant Park

Mr. G. Frank Bennett, 1839 Armview Terrace
Dr. Charles Gordon, Suite 2C, 5991 Spring Garden
Road

Mr. Hector Porter, 510 Young Avenue

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Board of Health (Appointments extended to March 31, 1977)

Alderman J. A. Walker
Alderman Brenda Shannon
Alderman Graham Downey
Alderman Gerald Lawrence
Alderman Terrence Sullivan
Mrs. Elton Bonnell
Mr. G. J. Jollymore
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Halifax City Regional Library Board

Mr. L. B. Murphy, 19 Crestview Drive
Mrs. Bernice Jones, 1621 Walnut Street
Mr. B. Merrill, 10 Laurentide Drive
Mr. George White, 2618 Belle Aire Terrace
Mrs. Joyce Prest, 3804 Basinview Drive
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Motion passed.

Final Recommendations of the Tax Concession and Grants
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A report dated December 30, 1976, was submitted.

Ward Fire Resources Council

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman
Sullivan, that the Balance of \$8,695.00 of the 1976 grant,
originally awarded subject to the operation of a satisfactory
winter program of activity be revoked, and the amount of
\$5,000.00 be approved, but the qualification on the payment
be removed. Motion passed.

New Life Church

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman
Stanbury, that an amount of \$1,828.71 be paid to the New
Life Church to offset the amount of taxes charged on Church
property in years 1975 and 1976. Motion passed.

Portus Productions

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman
Lawrence that a grant of \$400.00 be approved to assist
Portus Productions in its offering of a Christmas pantomime
in the City and to encourage the continuance of such
productions. Motion passed with Alderman Connolly voting
against.

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St. Joseph's Day Care

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that a grant in the amount of \$3,498.18 be approved for the St. Joseph's Day Care Centre. Motion passed with Aldermen Connolly, Shannon and Walker voting against.

Meeting adjourned - 10:20 p.m.

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