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CHAIRMAN

G. I. BLENNERHASSETT (Mrs.)
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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES

Council Chamber
City Hall
Halifax, N. S.
September 21, 1977
8:00 P. M.

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

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

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

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

The meeting was called as a public hearing with respect to:

Amendments to the Peninsula and Mainland Zoning
By-laws concerning Day Nurseries

A public hearing was held at this time into the above noted matter which was duly advertised.

Alderman Sullivan, at this time, said he was speaking with some of the residents of his Ward and there apparently has been some difficulty with the distribution of the report. Alderman Sullivan asked if staff distributed the report to all the Day Care Centers and Day Nurseries in the City.

The Director of Planning advised that the report was not distributed saying it was submitted in the normal manner to City Council. Mr. Matthews suggested the report which Alderman Sullivan is referring to is one prepared by the Social Planning Department respecting policy statements on Day Care Centers which City Council directed be distributed. Mr. Matthews said the item being discussed this evening was already before Council at the time the Policy statement report was submitted.

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Mr. Matthews, the Director of Planning, proceeded to review the two staff reports which have been submitted on the subject matter, one dated July 27, 1977 and the other dated March 25, 1977, and the recommendations contained therein.

With respect to recommendation #6 as contained on Page #2 of the staff report of July 27, 1977, Alderman Sullivan asked whether the definition presented would include supervised recreation centers where children could go but not necessarily during the school day.

Mr. Matthews said staff would look at the question and report to Council separately.

Mr. Matthews also advised that when the staff report came before Council and it was decided to hold a public hearing, Council instructed that the advertisement be worded in such a way that the provisions could be varied on the basis of the input received at the public hearing, saying that such a provision was included in the advertisement.

Alderman Stanbury referred to the submitted report and noted that in some zones, the number of children are permitted per 6,000 square feet but in the "P" zone, there is no restriction with respect to the number of children. Alderman Stanbury expressed the feeling that the number of children permitted should be the same in the differently zoned areas.

The Chairman then suggested that Mr. Matthews and the staff of the Planning Department could take the suggestion under advisement.

Members of staff then responded to questions put forth by Council on the matter.

The Chairman then called for those persons wishing to speak in favour of the proposed amendments but there was no response from the gallery. The Chairman then called for those persons wishing to speak against the proposed amendments.

Mr. Evans of Spryfield addressed Council saying he was against the proposal as it unfairly discriminates against day care centers. Mr. Evans suggested that the necessity of requiring a public hearing, in order to obtain a "D" designation, in every case in the future where a day care center wants to relocate or be established, discriminates against something which the City should be trying to encourage.

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Mr. Evans in referring to day care centres said that in some cases mothers, for their own reasons, want to be able to work either full or part-time and are in need of day care services. He said there are also those who, for economic reasons, have to work and they also require such services.

Mr. Evans further outlined the value of day care services and referred to a policy passed by Council on June 30th which encourages the development of a variety of child care programs within residential neighbourhoods to serve families residing in the community, and which also encourages the builders of new development to provide the physical space for day care services at a reasonable rent. Mr. Evans then responded to a short questioning.

Mr. Don Burns of the Child Life Institute, addressed Council in opposition to the proposed amendments saying he would like to reiterate much of what the previous speaker said. Mr. Burns suggested there is a misunderstanding that those involved in day care operations do not want regulations saying he felt that most people wanted appropriate controls.

Mr. Burns went on to outline the difficulties which day care operations have in communicating with the various levels of government which they have to deal with and expressed the feeling that before Council considers whether the operations should be permitted in an R-1 or R-2 zone, the regulatory bodies should get together and consolidate their efforts.

Ms. Sue Wolstenholme of St. Joseph's Day Care Centre spoke in opposition to the proposed amendments and drew Council's attention to a fact sheet which she previously circulated which presents information with respect to the number of children, number of staff members, and the number of staff members using cars at the various centers in the City.

With respect to the proposed parking requirements, she suggested the staff of day care centers are not likely to create a parking problem saying she discovered that of a total of 66 staff members in day care centers, the only vehicles used were two bicycles and one motorcycle. Ms. Wolstenholme felt it would be more appropriate to relate parking requirements to the number of staff employed rather than to the number of square feet involved.

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Mrs. Wolstenholme also referred to the requirement for a public hearing and felt her concern could best be demonstrated by reviewing the experience of St. Joseph's during the past four years. She said the centre has moved four times and is now looking at another move in three months time. She said the upcoming move is the only time the center has had more than three months notice and suggested the requirement for public hearings will undoubtedly result in establishments having to close.

Mrs. Wolstenholme responded to questions put forth and said she was not sure what the problem was that brought the matter before Council in the first place but felt this should be determined before an attempt is made to find a solution to it.

The Acting City Manager asked if there was an organization of Day Care Centers which staff could consult with if they were considering changes in the recommendations based on the submissions made this evening and Mrs. Wolstenholme advised there were two groups, one of which was the Child Care Council which is presently being developed and which does have an executive, and the other being the Pre-School Educational Association of Nova Scotia which has a Halifax branch.

Alice Saulnier of the Childrens Development Centre, addressed Council in opposition and concurred with the remarks made by the previous speaker. Ms. Saulnier expressed the feeling that if parking requirements are to be met and public hearings are required with respect to temporary locations, it would result in an expensive and probably impossible situation where children would not be provided with day care services.

She felt the proposed parking requirements were a bit excessive saying that in their particular center, personnel from the immediate community are employed and all but three children live within three or four blocks of the center.

Barbara Rumscheidt, a volunteer with the Childrens Development Centre, addressed Council in opposition and said she would like to know on whose behalf the changes are proposed and pointed out that no persons have addressed Council in support of the changes. Ms. Rumscheidt said she would like to see more consideration given to the necessity of day cares and less to giving in to pressures from people whose main objectives are not in the interests of the community at large.

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Mr. Doug MacDonald of the Ward 5 Community Center addressed Council and suggested the definition of day nurseries should be changed as the **proposed** definition includes almost any small gathering of youth. Mr. MacDonald also suggested the meeting was not publicized very well and felt the public should have received some information so they would be better prepared.

The Chairman noted that public hearings are advertised in the newspaper and the staff reports are public documents which are available to the public.

Alderman Sullivan asked whether it was necessary that the subject matter be forwarded to the next regular meeting of Council without recommendation, and the Acting City Manager said that as a result of the submissions being made, he may have something to say in that regard at the conclusion of the public hearing.

Dr. Sodhi, a teacher of Developmental Psychology at Dalhousie University, addressed Council in opposition to the proposed amendments and felt the City should be encouraging the development of day care centers and exploring the ways to provide facilities so that women can work.

Rosella MacLean of the Playmate Nursery School addressed Council in opposition to the proposed amendments and expressed the feeling that because of the many stipulations that are being developed, many people will have illegal nursery schools and day nurseries. Ms. MacLean referred to the proposed restriction of 21 children in R-1 zones saying this would not affect her school but noted there are some establishments that have more than this. She felt that day nurseries and day care centres should be dealt with by Council individually rather than as a whole. Ms. MacLean indicated she did not know why the matter was before Council at this time.

Alderman Shannon advised she brought up the matter about one year ago saying that in Ward #2, there are a number of day care centers and a rather large one is located on Chestnut Street. Alderman Shannon advised that a petition was received from residents with respect to the Chestnut Street operation which resulted in a review of the whole subject.

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Mr. George Cooper addressed Council in opposition on behalf of St. Joseph's Childrens' Centre. Mr. Cooper said he would like to point out that 65% of the families who use the Centre are single parent families who have no choice but to use such a facility. He also advised that 80% of the parents who use the facility receive some Provincial Government subsidy and said the subsidy runs out when the take home pay is \$9,000 per year.

Mr. Cooper said he was mentioning these two points to let Council know the services are greatly needed in the community and they are provided for the average citizen. Mr. Cooper advised the City is about to experience a great breakthrough for the provision of day care services saying that St. Joseph's has just made arrangements with Maritime Tel & Tel whereby that company is providing the centre with space for 100 children in their old building. Mr. Cooper said this is a magnificent gift and felt this may be the start of something new.

Mr. Cooper suggested that what will stop private enterprise from getting into the day care business is the proposed D zone and in referring to the proposed standards, felt the Maritime Tel & Tel building likely does not have any side yard or front yard space but suggested it is a good place for a day care. He expressed the feeling that standards should be flexible.

Coleen O'Connell addressed Council in opposition as a single parent and as a parent with a child attending Chestnut Pre-School part time. She suggested that a person applying for a "D" zone runs the risk of being turned down on some technical ground saying it allows people to make discretionary judgements about the kind of person who wants to establish a day care center. She also felt it was laudable for people to want to establish centers in residential areas and suggested it would be satisfactory to limit the number of children in such areas.

Ms. O'Connell felt that many parents want to use such facilities that are near their place of employment and, in referring to the Chestnut Pre-school, advised that 50% of the children attending live in Ward #2 and that 50% of the parents are single parents.

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Mrs. Muriel Duckworth addressed Council in opposition to the proposed amendments saying she was impressed with the position Council took in support of Day Cares a few months ago. Mrs. Duckworth felt that to zone children is about the bottom of the line saying people should take for granted that there will be centers for the care of children wherever they live. She said that Council must say that day care centers can go anywhere and noted that public schools are not just permitted in certain wards or streets.

Mrs. Duckworth suggested that in City planning, the opposite should be true to what seems to be the trend with the suggested amendments in that there should be planning for parks for children and day care facilities within walking distance, if possible.

No further persons expressed a desire to address Council on the subject matter.

Alderman Walker proposed that the item be deferred until staff have further opportunity to submit a further report to Council.

The Acting City Manager said he had no objection to the item being deferred and felt it would be the intention of staff to meet with representatives from the Child Care Council or the Pre-School Educational Center of Nova Scotia with the expectation they would reflect the views of the people who have addressed Council this evening. He said staff would also take into account the representations made at this meeting and bring the matter back to Council for consideration.

Mr. Murphy advised that all members of Council could vote on the item whether they attended the public hearing or not saying Council simply has to meet the requirements of the Statute for holding a public hearing and advised there are no time constraints involved. Mr. Murphy said staff can make arrangements to meet with the two organizations, if that is the wish of Council, and give reconsideration to a recommendation to Council.

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Alderman Sullivan felt that staff should try to make sure that any report which is prepared, is circulated to the people concerned and in that regard, the Acting City Manager expressed the feeling that Council would probably proceed again by way of a public hearing and noted the City does advertise that the information is available in the Planning Department. Mr. Murphy suggested that the onus be put on those concerned to look for the advertisement and to obtain the information from the Planning Department or to make an arrangement whereby it could be mailed out.

The Director of Planning said it is sometimes difficult to notify all interested organizations and, in referring to the number of groups that have made representation this evening, suggested that they take it upon themselves to contact the Planning Department saying the report would be circulated to the people which the Department is contacted by.

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Shannon that the item be deferred until staff have a chance to come back to Council with another report.

The Motion to defer was put and passed.

9:55 P. M. - Meeting adjourned.

HEADLINES

Amendments to the Peninsula and Mainland Zoning By-laws
concerning Day Nurseries (Public Hearing) 457

DEPUTY MAYOR WILFRED P. MOORE
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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 Acting City Clerk, joined in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

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

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

Presentation - Warrant Officer Jack C. Whalen

His Worship advised that Mr. Jack C. Whalen, Warrant Officer I of the Canadian Core of Commissionaires, is leaving City Hall and extended best wishes on behalf of members of City Council and the staff of the City.

Alderman Sullivan presented Mr. Whalen with a gift and card from the members of Council and the staff of City Hall following which, Mr. Whalen extended thanks and appreciation for the presentation and gift.

His Worship then introduced and welcomed Staff Sergeant Gordon Hawkins, the new City Hall Commissionaire.

MINUTES

Minutes of City Council meeting held on September 15, 1977, were approved on Motion of Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Hanson.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

At the request of Deputy Mayor Moore, Council agreed to add:

20(a) - Award of Tender #77-23

20(b) - City Manager

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

20(c) - Belmont on the Arm

20(d) - Former City Employees - Provincial Assessors

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

20(e) - Naming of Street off Old Sambro Road

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Appeal of the Development Officer's Decision to Refuse
a Minor Variance at 7179 Andrew Street

A staff report dated September 15, 1977, was submitted.

Mr. Boyd Algee, the Development Officer, addressed Council and, with the aid of maps, outlined the matter as contained in the staff report and responded to questions put forth.

Mr. Carrigan, the appellant, addressed Council in support of the appeal and also responded to questions from members of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Walker that the appeal of the Development Officer's decision to refuse a minor variance of the front yard requirement at Civic No. 7179 Andrew Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, be upheld by City Council.

Motion passed.

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Appeal of the Building Inspector not to Issue an
Occupancy Permit for the Building situated at Civic
No. 6969 Bayers Road (Bayers Apartment Parks Ltd.)

A staff report dated September 27, 1977, was submitted relating to the above noted matter. The report was also in relation to the next item appearing on the agenda dealing with an appeal of the Building Inspector's decision not to issue an Occupancy Permit for the building situated at Civic No. 41 Cowie Hill Road (Terrace View Apartments).

Mr. Morgan, the Building Inspector, addressed Council and outlined the subject matter as contained in the submitted report and responded to a number of questions put forth by Council.

Following a discussion of the matter, Mr. Ralph Medjuck, the appellant, addressed Council saying the item is very complex. Mr. Medjuck noted that an excavation and foundation permit was secured in December of 1975 and advised that the reason it was obtained at that time was as a result of the new sprinkler regulations.

Mr. Medjuck advised he had discussions with the Fire Marshall, the Deputy Minister and the Minister of Labour and enquired as to what he could do to meet the regulations as the buildings were not designed for sprinklers. Mr. Medjuck said he was advised to obtain a permit, and to get started saying that as a result of this, the permit was secured, men and machinery were moved on the site, and a large excavation took place in order to effect a commencement of construction.

Mr. Medjuck said the buildings are fully in accordance with the National Building Code and C.M.H.C. standards and they have all of the 1975 smoke measure and life saving devices and are not diluted in any way from any building comparable in Canada. Mr. Medjuck further outlined the proceedings which resulted in the item coming before Council and asked that Council understand the background and efforts which his company has made on the matter.

Alderman Connolly made reference to the traffic problem in the area of the Bayers Road apartments, and Mr. Medjuck said he would undertake, without any reservation, to meet with the residents and to be reasonable and open to any constructive suggestions which will eliminate, if not totally preclude, the driveway running from Bayers Road to Chisholm Avenue from being used as a short-cut and from being a nuisance.

Mr. Medjuck said he was open to any suggestions which might make the roadway a one-way street or a street to be used for local traffic only.

Following a questioning of staff and discussion of the matter, it was MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that the appeal of the Building Inspector's decision not to issue an occupancy permit for the building situated at Civic No. 6969 Bayers Road (Bayers Apartment Parks Ltd.), be upheld by Halifax City Council.

Following a further short discussion, the Motion was put and passed with Aldermen Shannon and Meagher against.

Appeal of the Building Inspector Not to Issue an Occupancy Permit for the Building Situated at Civic No. 41 Cowie Hill Road (Terrace View Apartments)

A staff report dated September 27, 1977, was submitted on the matter which was also in relation to the previous agenda item. The appeal with respect to the subject matter was also heard during the previous agenda item.

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that the appeal of the Building Inspector's decision not to issue an occupancy permit for the building situated at Civic No. 41 Cowie Hill Road (Terrace View Apartments), be upheld by Halifax City Council.

Motion passed with Aldermen Shannon and Meagher against.

PETITIONS

Petition - Sewer and Water Installation - Woodberry Drive, Rockhaven Drive and Dickson Avenue

Alderman Lawrence submitted a letter dated September 7, 1977, and attached petition from residents of Woodberry Drive, Rockhaven Drive, and Dickson Avenue with respect to the provision of water and sewer services in the area.

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore that the petition be forwarded to City staff for consideration and report.

Motion passed.

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REPORT - FINANCE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on September 21, 1977, as follows:

Staff Comments - Taxi Committee Report

The following was the action of the Finance and Executive Committee:

"That the City seek, through the Acting City Manager, the legislation and operating mode in Calgary and as quickly as it is known that it is forthcoming, a special meeting be set for the purpose of dealing with the report."

Alderman Sullivan advised that as a result of a Committee of the Whole meeting held last Friday, the above noted item was placed on the agenda of tonight's meeting. Alderman Sullivan said it was not his intention to deal with the entire Taxi report but felt Council could deal with some of the recommendations rather than to hold a special meeting on the matter. Alderman Sullivan said he would like to present six recommendations for the consideration of Council.

Alderman Sullivan then referred to Page #13 of the Taxi Committee report and made reference to the recommendation relating to Taxi Stands and Taxi Stand Policy.

Taxi Stands & Taxi Stand Policy - Page #13 Taxi Report

Following a short discussion, Council agreed that the Resolution of Council of May 27, 1971, respecting the governing of Taxi Stands and Taxi Stand Policy in the City of Halifax, be included in Ordinance #116, and that Section 3 of that Resolution be supplemented to include Section 3(f) - "No Common Taxi Stand may be used as a feeder stand for a stand on private property".

Appearance of Drivers - Page #19, Taxi Report

Following a discussion, Council agreed that Section 21 of Ordinance #116 be deleted and replaced with:

"1. Every driver of a licensed vehicle shall at all times when engaged in the operation of same for hire, wear a shirt or military type blouse, ankle length trousers, socks, and shoes. Suspenders, if worn, shall not be visible. Every driver shall be, and shall wear the required clothing in a neat, clean and tidy condition at all times.

2. Every female driver of a licensed vehicle may, in place of ankle length trousers, wear a skirt.

3. Every owner of a licensed vehicle shall ensure that the driver of such vehicle is in a neat, clean, and tidy condition."

Duke Street Entrance - Scotia Square - Page #21, Taxi Report

Following a discussion of the matter, it was MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Connolly that staff be instructed to hold discussions with Halifax Developments Limited and the Halifax Metro Centre Commission with a view to securing a covered taxi stand within the Scotia Square and Halifax Metro Centre area, and further, that the Traffic Authority be instructed to investigate short-term solutions to alleviate the problems being experienced at the Duke Street entrance to Scotia Square.

Motion passed.

Lay bys - New Construction - Page #27, Taxi Report

Following some discussion, Council agreed that the provision for deposit and pickup of passengers, under cover and off street, shall be a requirement of subsequent construction in high demand areas, where appropriate.

Permanent Taxi Commission - Page #28, Taxi Report

Following a short discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Connolly that a permanent Taxi Commission be established by Council including representatives of City Council, Taxi drivers, Taxi owners, and Taxi users with back-up to be provided by staff of the Traffic Management Board, Police Department, and representatives of the City Manager's office.

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In reply to a question, the Acting City Manager advised that legislation will be required to set up such a Commission under the Motor Vehicle Act, and His Worship asked whether a Commission could not be established in an advisory capacity. Mr. Murphy advised that Council could establish an advisory Commission under the general powers of setting up ad hoc committees.

Discussion ensued with respect to the terms of reference of such a Commission and it was MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the powers and responsibilities of the Commission shall generally be to advise City Council on all matters concerned with the Taxi Industry in the City of Halifax and including representations regarding fare changes, the process of appeals on applications for licenses, suspension or cancellation of licenses, the supply and demand of taxis, and to hear submissions on questions arising in the Taxi Industry and examining ways by which the Taxi Industry can help in the achievement of the City's regional transportation objectives and all such matters as are appropriate for the Commission.

Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - 7½ and 9 Pinegrove Drive

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

1. The property of Sergio and Elaine Comuzzi known as 9 Pinegrove Drive, be purchased for \$30,000 as settlement in full; and
2. The property of Sergio and Elaine Comuzzi known as 7½ Pinegrove Drive be purchased for \$6,000 as settlement in full.

Motion passed with Aldermen Shannon and Meagher against.

Street Lighting - 37 Street Lighting Standards

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, authority be granted to award the tender to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Purves Industrial Sales Ltd., for the tendered amount of \$14,582.35 for ornamental street lighting standards for the University Avenue project in the Capital Budget 808-CGA16.

Motion passed.

Tender 77-70 - One 1977 Model Aerial Platform

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, authority be granted to award tender 77-70 to John White Ltd., for the tendered amount of \$21,675.00 for one truck with utility body and aerial lift, to be charged to current budget account 017-452-XY232.

Motion passed.

Tax Concessions and Grants Committee Recommendations

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

Age & Opportunity - Senior Citizens Centre

That a grant in the amount of \$6,500 be approved for Age & Opportunity - Senior Citizens' Centre.

Atlantic Child Guidance Centre

That a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 be approved for the Atlantic Child Guidance Centre.

Callow Veterans and Invalids Welfare League

That a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 be approved for the Callow Veterans and Invalids Welfare League.

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Canadian Cancer Society

That no grant be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Canadian Council Christians and Jews

That no grant be made to the Canadian Council Christians and Jews.

Canadian Mental Health Association

That a grant in the amount of \$3,500 be made to the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Canadian National Institute for the Blind

That a grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 be made to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Canadian Paraplegic Association

That a grant in the amount of \$2,100.00 be made to the Canadian Paraplegic Association.

Community Appeals Review Board

That a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be made to the Community Appeals Review Board.

Halifax Welfare Rights Association

That a grant in the amount of \$2,500 be made to the Halifax Welfare Rights Association.

Home of the Guardian Angel

That a grant in the amount of \$3,200 be made to the Home of the Guardian Angel.

Hot Lunch Program - Cornwallis St. Baptist Church

That a grant in the amount of \$6,000 be approved for the hot lunch program - Cornwallis Street Baptist Church.

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Halifax Association for the Deaf

That a grant in the amount of \$2,500 be made to the Halifax Association for the Deaf.

Halifax Youth Clinic

That a grant in the amount of \$1,500 be made to the Halifax Youth Clinic.

Job Opportunities for Young People

That no grant be approved for Job Opportunities for Young People.

John Howard Society

That no grant be made to the John Howard Society.

Loyal Wilberforce Lodge - Cornwallis Street Baptist Church Activity Centre

That a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be made to the Loyal Wilberforce Lodge - Cornwallis Street Baptist Church Activity Centre.

Micmac Native Friendship Centre

That a grant in the amount of \$2,500 be made to the Micmac Native Friendship Centre.

Para-Legal Information Centre (Matrimonial Counselling Assoc.)

That a grant in the amount of \$1,100 be made to the Para-legal Information Centre (Matrimonial Counselling Association).

Movement Citizens Voice & Action

That a grant in the amount of \$750.00 be made to Movement Citizens Voice & Action.

Resource Centre on Deafness

That no grant be made to Resource Centre on Deafness.

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Sisters of Service

That a grant in the amount of \$2,300 be made to the Sisters of Service.

Unison

That no grant be made to Unison.

St. John's Ambulance Association

That a grant in the amount of \$1,500 be made to St. John's Ambulance Association.

Victorian Order of Nurses

That a grant in the amount of \$3,200 be made to the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Armdale Children's Co-Operative Nursery

That a grant in the amount of \$1,100 be made to the Armdale Children's Co-Operative Nursery.

South End Community Daycare Centre

That a grant in the amount of \$1,200 be made to the South End Community Daycare Centre.

St. Joseph's Childrens Center

That a grant in the amount of \$8,875.00 be made to the St. Joseph's Childrens Center.

Ecology Action Centre

That a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be made to the Ecology Action Centre.

Halifax Senior Citizens' Housing Corporation

That a grant in the amount of \$52,000 be made to the Halifax Senior Citizens' Housing Corporation.

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Halifax Transit Simulation Project

That a grant in the amount of \$250.00 be made to the Halifax Transit Simulation Project.

Junior Achievement of Metropolitan Halifax-Dartmouth

That no grant be made to Junior Achievement of Metropolitan Halifax-Dartmouth.

Manchester Unity Building Company

That no grant be made to the Manchester Unity Building Company.

Nova Scotia Teacher's Union

That no grant be made to the Nova Scotia Teacher's Union.

Point Pleasant Lodge (S. P. Lodge Limited)

That no grant be made to Point Pleasant Lodge (S. P. Lodge Limited).

Volunteer Week

That a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be made to Volunteer Week.

Atlantic Chamber Orchestra

That a grant in the amount of \$750.00 be made to the Atlantic Chamber Orchestra.

Atlantic Symphony Orchestra

That a grant in the amount of \$7,500 be made to the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra.

Downtown Halifax Businessmen's Association

That a grant in the amount of \$1,000 be made to the Downtown Halifax Businessmen's Association.

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Eve Level Gallery

That no grant be made to the Eye Level Gallery.

Joseph Howe Festival

That a grant in the amount of \$10,000 be made to the Joseph Howe Festival.

National Youth Orchestra

That no grant be made to the National Youth Orchestra.

Neptune Theatre

That a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 be made to Neptune Theatre.

Nova Scotia Kiwanis Music Festival Association

That a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be made to the Nova Scotia Kiwanis Music Festival Association.

Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra

That a grant in the amount of \$1,000 be made to the Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra.

Armdale Yacht Club

That no grant be made to the Armdale Yacht Club.

Halifax Curling Club

That no grant be made to the Halifax Curling Club.

Halifax Junior Bengal Lancers

That no grant be made to the Halifax Junior Bengal Lancers.

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Maskwa Aquatic Club

That a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be made for programs to the Maskwa Aquatic Club.

South End Tennis Club

That no grant be made to the South End Tennis Club.

Spryfield Lions Club Rink

That a grant in the amount of \$16,500 be made to the Spryfield Lions Club Rink.

Ward 5 Resources Council - North End Rink

That a grant in the amount of \$14,500 be made to the Ward 5 Resources Council - North End Rink.

Waegwoltic Club

That no grant be made to the Waegwoltic Club.

Community YMCA

That a grant in the amount of \$4,000 be made to the Community YMCA.

YMCA

That a grant in the amount of \$500 be made to the YMCA.

MOTION PASSED.

A supplementary report dated September 29, 1977 was submitted by the Committee.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Stanbury, that the following recommendations of the Tax Concessions and Grants Committee be approved by City Council:

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Salvation Army Men's Social Centre, Gottingen Street

a grant in the amount of \$7,000.00 be made
to the Salvation Army Men's Social Centre, Gottingen Street.

Canadian Red Cross Association

a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 be made
to the Canadian Red Cross Association.

Nova Scotia Tuberculosis & Respiratory Diseases Association

no grant be made to the Nova Scotia
Tuberculosis & Respiratory Diseases Association.

Canadian Association for the Mentally Retarded

a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 be made
to the Canadian Association for the Mentally Retarded.

Halifax Police Boys Club

a grant in the amount of \$13,000.00 be made
to the Halifax Police Boys Club.

Victoria Hall (Old Ladies' Home)

a grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 be made
to Victoria Hall (Old Ladies' Home).

Grace Maternity Hospital

a grant in the amount of \$4,000.00 be made
to the Grace Maternity Hospital.

North End Community Health Association

a grant in the amount of \$475.00 be made
to the North End Community Health Association.

Epiphany House

a grant in the amount of \$200.00 be made to
Epiphany House.

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Ward Five Resources Council

a grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 be made to the Ward Five Resources Council.

Halifax Longshoremen's Association

no grant be made to the Halifax Longshoremen's Association.

MOTION PASSED.

Alderman Meagher requested that staff hold discussions with the Department of Municipal Affairs to seek legislation concerning the Salvation Army Men's Hostel so that they may receive certain benefits which they received prior to the Assessment Act change.

Alderman Meagher suggested that the Grace Maternity Hospital be notified that the City will look favourably at a higher grant next year re the peri-natal unit.

Alderman Meagher also advised that requests for assistance from the following have been reviewed by the Committee and it is the view of the Committee that they should be the subject of further review by the Director of Assessment and, as such, are referred back to the Assessors Department by the Committee for further review:

Mount St. Vincent Motherhouse
Pine Hill Divinity Hall
St. Paul's Church
Sisters of the Good Shepherd
St. George's Anglican Church.

Award of Contract - Fencing - Flynn Park

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

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1. A contract be awarded to the low bidder, the Gillis Co., 5674 Russell Street, Halifax, in the amount of \$8,787.50 to erect this fence subject to 50/50 cost sharing by the CNR, and
2. Council authorize an over-expenditure of \$2,388.54 in this account under Section 201(1) of the City Charter to permit the over-expenditure to be offset by the 50/50 cost sharing by the CNR of the total contract.

Motion passed.

Award of Contract - Landscaping - Isleville Street,
Bluestone, and Hartlen Playgrounds

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, a contract be awarded to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Terra Nova Landscaping, Box 5, Armdale, Nova Scotia, to complete the landscaping of Isleville St. Playground for \$8,690.00, Bluestone Field for \$8,595.00, and Hartlen Playground for \$17,499.00, and that Council authorize provisions for a 7% overrun at the Isleville Street and Hartlen Playgrounds in case additional sod is required. Motion passed.

Tender 77-78 - One Tractor - Loader - Backhoe

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, authority be granted to award Tender 77-78 to Harbourview Contractors Equipment Limited, 141 Joseph Zatzman Drive, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia for the bid amount of \$29,666.00, and that staff be authorized to charge the amount of \$29,666.00 to the vehicle replacement reserve account. Motion passed.

St. Agnes School Playing Field

A further staff report, undated, was submitted.

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MOVED by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, surplus funds be transferred from FAA36, 59, 67, 68, and 72 to FAA76 to complete the St. Agnes Sports Field in 1977. Motion passed.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the quotation be awarded to Edmonds Bros. Enterprises Ltd. for a total bid price of \$26,590.00. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on September 21, 1977, as follows:

Encroachment - Queen Street

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Downey that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, an encroachment be authorized to Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company Limited for the purpose of erecting an outdoor telephone booth on the west side of Queen Street, between Green Street and Kent Street as indicated on the sketch attached to the staff report of September 7, 1977. Motion passed.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council, considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on September 21, 1977 as follows:

Traffic Control - Quinpool Road

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, City Council approve a two-month trial of reversible lanes on Quinpool Road at Connaught Avenue, in conjunction with providing Connaught Avenue the right-of-way at Jubilee Road; the total cost (approximately \$14,000) will be funded by the Traffic Management Board. Motion passed with Aldermen Meagher and Stanbury voting against.

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MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, City Council approve an expenditure of approximately \$20,000. for the construction of an overhead lane designation structure on the Quinpool Road approach to the Willow Tree. This amount to be transferred from Account CEA-84 and application be made to the Province fo 50% cost sharing. Motion passed.

Regional Transit - The Employees' View - Transit Union
Division

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Meanbury that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, City Council go on record as favouring the designation, appointment, nomination of a representative of the Amalgamated Transit Workers Union on the Board of the Regional Traffic Management Centre and defers for further consideration, upon receipt of the Regional Authority's response concerning organziational structure, a decision on whether or not Halifax City Council will endorse Amalgamated Transit Union Membership on the main Board of Regional Transit.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Walker that the motion be amended to provide that members of the Amalgamated Transit Workers Union be appointed to our Regional Traffic Management Board and also be appointed to a Regional Transit Board when such is set up.

The amendment was not put.

Motion passed.

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REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARD AND
COMMISSIONS:

Repeal of Administrative Order Number 8, Respecting
Real Property of a Character or Nature other than
Residential or Business - SECOND READING

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Sullivan
that the repeal of Administrative Order Number 8, respecting
Taxation of Real Property of Character or Nature other
than Residential or Business, be now read and passed a
Second Time. Motion passed.

Amendment to Ordinance No. 109 Respecting the Opening
of Stores, Canteens, Fruit Stands, Laundromats, Billiard
Halls and Pool Rooms on the Lord's Day - SECOND READING

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Lawrence
that Ordinance #109 respecting the Opening of Stores,
Canteens, Fruit Stands, Laundromats, Billiard Halls and
Pool Rooms on the Lord's Day, as amended, be now read
and passed a Second Time.

The Acting City Manager indicated that he proposes an
additional amendment to the definition section of the
Ordinance which would define the "gross floor area".

City Council indicated its concern about excluding the
storage space when calculating the gross floor area.

It was agreed that the matter be deferred to the next
Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Repeal of Ordinance No. 167 Respecting Tax Exemptions
for Property Used for Charitable Purposes - SECOND READING

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Shannon
that the Repeal of Ordinance No. 167, Respecting Tax
Exemptions for Property used for Charitable Purposes
be read and passed a Second Time. Motion passed.

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REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Durham Leaseholds - Phase II Proposal and Statements
from the Halifax Landmarks Commission and the Downtown
Committee

Written submissions were received from the
Downtown Committee dated September 29, 1977 and the
Landmarks Commission dated September 26, 1977.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by
Alderman Lawrence that City Council approve the
recommendations in the Staff Report dated September 28,
1977, as follows:

- (1) The City approve the immediate conveyance of its interest in the partnership triangle to Halifax Developments Limited and subsequent conveyance to Durham Leaseholds with the provision that the City will have the right of first refusal from Durham to repurchase the triangle lands at the price for which they are sold to Halifax Developments in the event that Durham at any time proposed to sell the triangle lands in an undeveloped condition and that in the **event of non-performance the City will have the right to purchase the property back at the price for which it was sold.**
- (2) The City approve the sale of Buckingham Street and the partnership triangular piece of land as well as the purchase of Parcel "A" from Durham Leaseholds as per the amounts detailed in Appendix "A" attached to the staff report dated Sept. 28, 1977.
- (3) The City approve the necessary Capital expenditures involved, as outlined in the general considerations for the 50/50 cost sharing of offsite services and the possible remaining cost of relocating the underground wiring.
- (4) Council authorize staff to commence immediate discussions with Durham Leaseholds for purposes of finalizing the various necessary agreements, such as the amendment to the development agreement, pedway agreement, the various details respecting design and traffic movement, to be the subject of later reports to Council.

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- (5) Council provide a reasonable assurance to Durham Leaseholds that the City will cooperate in establishing lay-bys, access to the site, pedways and encroachments, both under and above ground.
- (6) (a) Council authorize a change in the proposed use of Granville Street to primarily pedestrian usage with limited vehicular access;

(b) Council authorize the hiring of an architectural consultant to determine the detail of design and cost of constructing the Granville Mall with the terms of reference to include liaison with Durham Leaseholds, the Nova Scotia College of Art & Design, the Landmarks Commission, the Downtown Committee of Council and City Staff.
- (7) Staff be authorized to commence final proceedings for the closure of Buckingham Street. (Closure of Buckingham Street was deferred by City Council November 14, 1975, pending a proposal from Durham Leaseholds for Phase II).

Mr. Graham Brown and Mr. Tom McQuarry responded to questions asked by members of City Council.

After a brief discussion on the matter the motion was put and passed.

Lands of Doris H. Hopkins - Application for Consolidation of Lots 36 and 37 (Civic No.121) Purcell's Cove Road

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Walker that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for consolidation of Lots 36 and 37 (Civic No. 121) Purcell's Cove Road to create Lot A, as shown on Plan No. P200/8031 of Case No. 3466, be granted by City Council. Motion passed.

Amendment to Cowie Hill Development Agreement - Block I

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, that the application to amend the Cowie Hill Development Agreement to allow the commercial development of Block I, as shown on Plan Nos. P200/7369-72 of Case No. 3306, be approved by City Council subject to the undertakings given by Mr. Medjuck at the City Planning Committee meeting of September 21, 1977. Motion passed.

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Halifax-Dartmouth Ferry - Terminal Building and
Dockage Area

The following is the recommendation of the City Planning Committee:

"That the matter of the Halifax-Dartmouth, Ferry, terminal buildings, and dockage area be referred to staff for consideration along with the Chebucto Square proposal, and that City Council inform the City of Dartmouth that the City of Halifax concurs in the conceptual design of the ferry boats and their mode of operation"

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that, the matter of the Halifax-Dartmouth, Ferry, terminal buildings and dockage area be referred to staff for consideration along with the Chebucto Square proposal, and that City Council inform the City of Dartmouth that the City of Halifax concurs in the conceptual design of the ferry boats and their mode of operation, and also that City Council request the City of Dartmouth to deal with the matter of Regional Transit, be approved by City Council. Motion passed.

Alderman Connolly asked if the City of Dartmouth could be requested to look at including in the Regional Transit set-up the possibility of a ferry service from the Woodside area over to the ferry terminal.

His Worship indicated that a report on the matter would be issued.

His Worship suggested that when the City approves the ferry terminal site in Halifax that the matter of requesting a return of grants in lieu of taxes be looked at and that the Provincial Government be requested to pick up the subsidy rather than the City of Halifax.

Senior Citizens Project - Queen St. and South Street

A staff report dated September 27, 1977 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that, the modification for reduced open space and increased density for the 134-unit senior citizens building on Queen and South Streets be approved by City Council.

Mr. Smith from Central Mortgage and Housing responded to questions by the members of Council.

After a brief discussion the motion was put and passed.

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South and Queen Streets Senior Citizens Project

A staff report dated September 27, 1977 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walker that City Council approve the Designation Agreement attached to the Staff Report dated September 27, 1977 and authorize His Worship and the City Clerk to execute same. Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Appointments

A report dated September 26, 1977 was submitted from His Worship the Mayor.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that City Council approve the following appointments:

Halifax Metro Centre Ltd.	- Donald F. Murphy, Q.C. Acting City Manager
Halifax-Dartmouth Port Commission	- Mr. Ron Walsh International Longshoremens' Association 1451 Hollis Street

Motion passed.

Planning Act - Request for Council Direction as
to the Preparation of Amendments

This item was sent to City Council from a Sepcial Committee of the Whole meeting which was held on September 23, 1977.

After a brief discussion on the matter, it was MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Shannon that, City Council request that the Staff document be sent to the Department of Municipal Affairs as constituting City Staff's comments on the Planning Act and that it also be directed to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities with the proposal that the Union create a special study group to study amendments to the Planning Act, and that further, Halifax City Council's Committee on Planning be convened at the earliest appropriate time for further consideration of the staff document. Motion passed.

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Pockwock Water

His Worship indicated that the Public Service Commission met today and authorized its' chairman to make the following public statement:

"The Public Service Commission has reviewed carefully the views of the Atlantic Health Unit and has made comment upon them. The Public Service Commission has met today with officials of consultant and contract provision firms and the Commission has decided that recent testing indicates that considerable progress has been made in the matter of purity of Pockwock Water and that the Commission anticipates the resumption of water delivery through the transmission system from Pockwock commencing on Tuesday, October 4, 1977.

Engineering and Works - 1976 Annual Report

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walker that the 1976 Annual Report of the Engineering and Works Department be received and tabled. Motion passed.

Tender for Relocation - 104 Herring Cove Road

A report dated September 26, 1977 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Hanson that City Council approve that the contract for Relocation of the City-owned buildings at 104 Herring Cove Road be awarded to David L. Baker and Sons in the amount of \$13,820.53, the scope of the work to include all items referred to in the specification attached to the Staff report dated September 26, 1977. Funds can be made available from Account Number 806 171 HAF09 (land for Municipal Purposes) and further that, on satisfactory completion of the contract, staff be authorized to offer the property for sale by public tender. Motion passed.

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Application for Bill Posters License - Walter Flynn

An application was received from Walter Flynn for a bill posters license, dated September 22, 1977.

The City Solicitor ruled that the applicant is not required to obtain a bill posters license for Election purposes.

It was agreed by City Council that, the applicant be advised that in this circumstance, for election purposes, he is not required to obtain a bill posters license but, that his attention is drawn to the Election Procedures wherein no bills or placards shall be posted on City property including trees.

Application for Bill Posters License - Daniel J. Clarke

An application for a bill posters license was received from Daniel J. Clarke dated September 26, 1977.

It was agreed by City Council that the applicant be advised that in this circumstance, for election purposes, he is not required to obtain a bill posters license, but that his attention be drawn to the Election Procedures wherein no bills or placards shall be posted on City property including trees.

Joseph Howe Festival - Helicopter Tour

A staff report dated September 27, 1977 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, City Council record no objection to the Helicopter tours of the City as proposed by Versatile Helicopters Limited subject to the approval of the appropriate authority and in conjunction with Federal regulations. Motion passed.

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QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Lawrence Re: Sodding on Glenforest Avenue
near Evans Avenue

Alderman Lawrence asked when the sodding will take place on Glenforest Drive near Evans Avenue.

Mr. Connell, Acting Director, Engineering and Works, stated that he will advise the Alderman tomorrow.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Sprig Lane

Alderman Sullivan referred to Sprig Lane which he stated is located off Agricola and Isleville Streets. He stated that he is aware that it is a private roadway and requested a report on what can be done to improve its condition. He asked that when staff are considering the matter, it be compared to what City Council approved re back lanes in the hydrostone.

Question Alderman Shannon Re: Sea Wall - Horseshoe Island

Alderman Shannon requested that staff look at the sea wall around the island of Horseshoe Island beach as it appears to be in disrepair.

Question Alderman Shannon Re: Comparison of Purity -
Drinking Water vs. Recreational Water

Alderman Shannon asked that the Atlantic Health Unit be asked to issue a report in layman's terminology on the comparative purity of drinking water vs. recreational water.

Question Alderman Walker Re: Installation of Sewer and
Water - Colpitt Lake Road and Yeadon Avenue

Alderman Walker requested an up-to-date report

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on the possibility of installing sewer and water at Colpitt Lake Road and Yeadon Avenue. He noted that the residents had petitioned against and asked what effect this would have on their domestic water supply.

Question Alderman Walker Re: Installation of Traffic Light
at Parkhill Road, Williams Lake Road and Purcell's
Cove Road

Alderman Walker requested that staff submit a report on the possibility of installing a traffic light, possibly a flashing amber light, at the corner of Parkhill Road, Williams Lake Road and Purcell's Cove Road.

Question Alderman Walker Re: Increase in Price of Milk

Alderman Walker referred to the recently announced increase in the price of milk and asked what affect this would have on the residents of the City.

Question Alderman Downey Re: Fuel Used by Tenants in Public
Housing

Alderman Downey requested that a report be submitted by the Halifax Housing Authority indicating the amount of fuel used yearly by tenants living in public housing.

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ADDED ITEMS

Award of Tender #77-23, New Sidewalks, Traffic
Improvements and Miscellaneous Projects

A staff report dated September 26, 1977 was submitted.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Alderman
Hanson that Tender #77-23 be awarded as follows:

1. That the project for Arlington Avenue be awarded to Standard Paving Maritime Limited for the unit prices quoted.
2. That the project for Flamingo Drive be awarded to Clark and Smithers Limited for the unit prices quoted.
3. That the projects for Purcell's Cove Road at Dingle Gates and University Avenue be awarded to Kaizer Construction and Services Limited for the unit prices quoted.
4. That the Sussex Street project be deferred (due to lack of Surplus funds) for early 1978 tender call and construction start.
5. That project funds be authorized from Capital Accounts CEA81 and CGA16.
6. That as outlined above, funding transfers be approved as outlined in appendix "A" attached to the staff report dated September 26, 1977.
Motion passed.

City Manager (Deputy Mayor Moore)

This item was added to the agenda at the request of Deputy Mayor Moore.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Alderman
Lawrence that City Council authorize that the Acting City
Manager be requested to retain a Management Consultant
to seek applicants for the position of City Manager of
the City of Halifax and such recruitment to take place
both within and without the Halifax Public Service.

Alderman Sullivan suggested that maybe some time and money could be saved by first having a look at some of the people within the City Departments and then if necessary the job could be advertised without.

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His Worship indicated that this Council would favour a local applicant but that the intent of the motion would allow the advertising to be directed to the Halifax Public Service and outside in order to find the best person, male or female, for the position of Halifax City Manager.

The motion was then put and passed with Deputy Mayor Moore, Aldermen Connolly, Shannon, Downey, Meagher, Walker, Hanson and Lawrence voting in favour, Aldermen Sullivan and Stanbury voting against.

Belmont-on-the-Arm (Alderman Connolly)

This item was added to the Agenda at the request of Alderman Connolly.

Alderman Connolly indicated that 1150 Belmont on the Arm is a home which has been in the process of being built for approximately 3 years and it is a terrible eye-sore to the area. He said that it appears that nothing can be done about this.

Alderman Lawrence indicated that this situation is occurring in his Ward and that he is aware of at least 4 homes on Bayview Road which have been under construction for at least 4 years.

It was agreed that the matter would be referred to staff for a report.

Former City Employees

This item was added to the Agenda at the request of Alderman Connolly.

Alderman Connolly said that it has come to his attention that several former members of City Staff who worked in the Assessing Department, and are now Provincial Employees and are about to retire, are not being treated as they would be if they were still members of Halifax City Staff.

His Worship indicated that the matter is being looked at and the former staff members have been re-assured of this. He said the City Solicitor, in a letter, suggested that in the near future it might require representation to be made and that he is waiting for one more paper on the matter. He said that every indication is that it will work out. He suggested that with the help of these comments and a further week or ten days, that possibly the problem could be resolved.

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Alderman Meagher asked if His Worship could look at another situation where a former employee of the City is working for the Department of Highways and when he retires it will cost him a great deal of money because of the shifting of pensions.

Naming of a Street off the Old Sambro Road

This item was added to the Agenda at the request of Alderman Walker.

Alderman Walker indicated that off the Old Sambro Road there is a short street, which at one time was the extension of Hillary Street but at the present is separated from Hillary Street by a wooded area. He said there are two houses on this street and the people have difficulty receiving mail service, deliveries, emergency service, etc. He suggested that this short street be named Dobson Lane.

It was agreed that the matter be referred to staff with the suggestion of naming this street Dobson Lane.

Alderman Walker indicated that there are approximately 30 junked car bodies near the water tower on Public Service Property at the top of Penny Avenue.

He asked that the matter be brought to the attention of the Public Service Commission.

Phase A - Uniacke Square - Market Value of Land

His Worship spoke briefly on the matter of the definition of the true value of the land. He indicated that Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, after long negotiations, have agreed that the market value of the land shall be defined as the value which the partnership puts upon the land for an agreed use and that this would now allow the Old North End Community Residents Association to proceed. He indicated that it would now appear that the City can go ahead at length with Brunswick Street and that staff can bring forward the subsequent development area in Uniacke Square which has been held pending the resolution of Market Value.

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CHAIRMAN

CATHERINE MACNEIL
ACTING CITY CLERK

CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Council Chamber
City Hall
Halifax, N. S.
October 13, 1977
8:05 p.m.

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

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

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

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

MINUTES

Minutes of City Council meetings held on September 21, and 29, 1977 were approved on Motion of Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Hanson.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

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

20(a) Contract Ratification - Halifax Police Officer's and NCO's Contract

20(b) CUPE Local 143 Contract Ratification

At the request of Deputy Mayor Moore, Council agreed to add:

20(c) Wanderers Grounds

20(d) Crosswalk at Bayers Road at Ashburn Ave.