

CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Council Chamber
City Hall
Halifax, N. S.
January 11, 1979
8:15 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 were led in Prayer by Reverend Calvin Pretty of St. Marks Anglican Church.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Deputy Mayor Downey, and Aldermen Maley, Shannon, Meagher, Sullivan, Clarke, Wooden, Hanson, Moore, and Hamshaw.

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

M I N U T E S

Minutes of City Council meeting held on December 28, 1978, were approved on Motion of Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hanson.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

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

- 20(a) - Schedule "N"
- 20(b) - Collective Agreement - Halifax Police N.C.O.'s and Officers' Association for 1978
- 20(c) - Heritage Building - 1697 Brunswick Street - Demolition

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

- 20(d) - Snow Clearing
- 20(e) - Demolition Controls

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

- 20(f) - Crosswalks
- 8(a) - Agenda, Public Hearing - January 17, 1979

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Agenda, Public Hearing - January 17, 1979

The above item was added to the agenda at the request of Alderman Meagher who referred to the Notice of Meeting which members of Council received for the public hearing on January 17th., and suggested the two agenda items listed should be reversed as the Willow Street Closure matter would likely be short.

His Worship suggested that Alderman Meagher bring the matter up at the time of the public hearing and expressed the feeling that Council would be willing to reverse the items.

REPORT - FINANCE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on January 3, 1979, as follows:

Request for Designation Under Ordinance Number 123 - Halifax Landmarks Commission (Convent of the Sacred Heart) TO BE TABLED

MOVED by Alderman Clarke, seconded by Alderman Wooden that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, the recommendation of the Halifax Landmarks Commission of December 1, 1978, that the Council proceed with the designation of the Convent of the Sacred Heart as a Halifax Landmark under Ordinance #123, be now tabled by City Council.

Motion passed.

Ordinance #105 Re: "Establishment of Standing Committees of Council"

The above item was forwarded to City Council without recommendation.

MOVED by Alderman Wooden, seconded by Alderman Shannon that the proposed amendment to Ordinance #105 as attached to the staff report of December 15, 1978, be approved by City Council.

Following a discussion on the matter, the Motion was put and passed with Aldermen Meagher, Clarke, Hanson, and Moore against.

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Interest Rate - Past Due Taxes

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

"That, subject to the amendment of Ordinance 145 presently before Council, that City Council resolve to set the rate of interest on all outstanding taxes at 13½% per annum, such interest to accrue at that rate per annum calculated daily from the first day of the month next following the month in which the obligation to pay the taxes arises."

A supplementary staff report dated January 9, 1979, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Maley that, subject to the amendment of Ordinance 145 presently before Council, that City Council resolve to set the rate of interest on all outstanding taxes at 15% per annum, such interest to accrue at that rate per annum calculated daily from the first day of the month next following the month in which the obligation to pay the taxes arises subsequent to this motion.

Discussion ensued on the matter and it was MOVED in Amendment by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Hanson that the Motion be amended to change the interest rate on all outstanding taxes from 15% to 13½% and staff be requested to draw Council's attention to the experience of the rate at intervals not less frequent than 60 days.

The Amendment to the Motion was put and passed with Aldermen Maley, Shannon, Sullivan, and Wooden against.

The Motion, as amended, was then put and passed with Aldermen Maley, Shannon, and Sullivan against.

Encroachment Ordinance Number 112

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Wooden that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, Council authorize staff to request the Minister of Municipal Affairs to approve the amendments to Ordinance 112 passed by Council on September 28, 1978, subject to the changes set forth in the staff report of December 22, 1978.

Motion passed.

Social Assistance

The above item was forwarded to City Council without recommendation with a further report to be submitted with reference to the Shelter Allowance rates proposed by the December 21 staff report.

A supplementary report dated January 8, 1979, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Alderman Hanson that:

1. Halifax City exercise the third option as outlined in the staff report of December 21, 1978, and ignore the Tax Credit completely;
2. The reduced monthly Family Allowance rate be counted as income in Municipal Assistance Budgets; and
3. The City of Halifax adjust social assistance scales effective February 1, 1979, as follows and request 100% re-imburement from the Province of Nova Scotia:

A. Food Allowance - Monthly

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Present Rate</u> | <u>Proposed Rate</u> | <u>% Increase</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Adult | \$50.00 | \$53.00 | 5.7% |
| Age 12-18 | 59.00 | 63.00 | 6.3% |
| Age 7-11 | 45.00 | 48.00 | 6.2% |
| Age 0-6 | 35.00 | 37.00 | 5.4% |

B. Clothing Allowance - Monthly

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|-----------|---------|---------|------|
| Adult | \$16.00 | \$16.00 | NIL |
| Age 12-18 | 18.00 | 19.00 | 5.2% |
| Age 7-11 | 14.00 | 15.00 | 6.6% |
| Age 0-6 | 13.00 | 13.00 | NIL |

C. Shelter Allowance - Monthly - Includes - Rent and Mortgage, Power, Fuel, Water, Taxes (actual cost to maximum of:

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|---------------|----------|----------|------|
| Single person | \$188.00 | \$196.00 | 4.2% |
| 2 Persons | 220.00 | 230.00 | 4.5% |
| 3-4 Persons | 240.00 | 250.00 | 4.2% |
| 5-6 Persons | 250.00 | 260.00 | 4.0% |
| 7 or more | 275.00 | 275.00 | NIL |

Alderman Sullivan referred to the difficulty which the Social Planning Department referred to in administering the tax credit and asked if it would be helpful if a communication was forwarded to the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities on the matter.

His Worship suggested that such a move would strengthen the position which the Federation is beginning to take now saying it would be helpful if Council would ask the Social Planner to prepare a brief monograph giving the impact on the City at gross as well as the net municipal share.

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Alderman Sullivan suggested Council ask the Social Planner to prepare such information and Council could prepare a resolution to be sent to the Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, to which agreement was expressed.

Alderman Clarke made reference to the 10% of the Social Planning Department caseload that is in a rental situation above the amount allowed for shelter, and asked what it would cost for the City to pay the amount in question. The Social Planner indicated that staff would give an estimate of the cost at the present time and would attempt to make a projection for the future.

The Motion was put and passed with Deputy Mayor Downey against.

A short discussion also ensued with respect to the matter of Social Assistance payments getting close to the Minimum Wage levels, and Council agreed the City Manager enquire of the Provincial Government what its intentions are with respect to the minimum wage.

Rescission of Section 538 Moratoria NIP I and NIP II

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, Council agree to lift the moratorium as previously recommended in a staff report dated November 27, 1978 and consideration by the City Planning Committee on December 7 and by City Council on December 14.

In reply to a question, the Director of Planning advised that staff have never recommended that there be a moratorium during the preparation of a Detailed Area Plan.

Alderman Maley asked if there could be a moratorium in such a case and the Acting City Solicitor indicated he would like to consider the question and report at a later date. Alderman Maley indicated she would like to receive an answer on the matter.

The Motion was put and passed with Alderman Maley against.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on January 3, 1979, as follows:

Encroachment - Civic No. 5245 Prince Street

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Downey, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, an encroachment be authorized to the Palm Lunch Restaurant for the purpose of erecting a canopy at Civic No. 5245 Prince Street, as indicated in the staff report of December 14, 1978.

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His Worship noted that at the Committee of the Whole Council meeting, a member of Council asked staff to ascertain that the proposed canopy will not obstruct the sight line of traffic moving on Grafton and Prince Streets, and suggested that such a report should be submitted.

Motion passed.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on January 3, 1979, as follows:

Ordinance #144 Respecting the Regulating and Controlling of the Making of Bonfires - Increase of Maximum Fine

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Wooden that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, Council authorize the increasing of the maximum fine of a violation of Ordinance No. 144 to \$500.00 from \$25.00.

Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Amendment to Ordinance No. 145 respecting the Payment and Collection of Taxes - SECOND READING

The above item was read by the Committee of the Whole Council at its meeting held on January 3, 1979.

Alderman Meagher referred to representations made to Council respecting special consideration for senior citizens and suggested an appeal should be made to the Province to see if the City could have a special Ordinance for senior citizens to divide the tax bill.

The City Manager noted Council could request the Province to amend the Assessment Act in order for Council to proceed differently.

His Worship suggested the Province should be asked to pay the City the interest cost on any deferred taxes from senior citizens.

Alderman Meagher suggested the Social Planner and Director of Finance should prepare a report on deferment of taxes over ten months for senior citizens to determine if there is any assistance available to the City to keep such citizens in their own homes, and His Worship indicated this would be done.

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MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Wooden that the proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 145 respecting the Payment and Collection of Taxes, with regard to Section 4, Subsection (1) and Section 6 of said Ordinance, be read and passed a Second Time.

Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Appointments

(Halifax Natal Day Committee)

MOVED by Alderman Clarke, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that Aldermen A. Hamshaw and R. Hanson, and Darrell Wentzell be appointed to the Halifax Natal Day Committee for terms to expire October 31, 1979.

Motion passed.

(Halifax Transit Corporation)

MOVED by Alderman Clarke, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that Alderman Hamshaw be appointed to the Halifax Transit Corporation for a term to expire October 31, 1980.

Motion passed.

(Election Procedures Committee & Halifax Civic Hospital)

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Downey that Alderman Hamshaw be appointed to the Election Procedures Committee and to the Halifax Civic Hospital Board for a term to expire October 31, 1980.

Motion passed.

(Municipal Development Plan Committee)

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Maley that all present members of the Municipal Development Plan Committee and Alderman Hamshaw be continued in appointment to June 30, 1979.

Motion passed.

(Halifax Housing Authority)

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Downey that the present members of the Halifax Housing Authority be further appointed for terms at the further pleasure of Council, pending Council's consideration of the proposed 1979 budget of, and further meeting with, the Authority.

Motion passed.

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Application under Ordinance No. 19 respecting Bill Posters
and the Posting of Bills (The New World Church of Jesus Christ)

A letter was submitted from a representative of the above Church requesting permission to distribute a handbill in accordance with Ordinance #19.

Alderman Clarke indicated he would have thought members of Council would have been circulated with a sample of the proposed handbill and suggested the item be deferred until such time as members of Council are supplied with a sample copy.

His Worship suggested the City Clerk should also enquire of the Community Appeals Review Board as to whether the organization has been recommended by that agency. His Worship said it would be useful for members of Council to know whether the organization is a registered charity and whether it has been considered by the Community Appeals Review Board.

MOVED by Alderman Clarke, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the item be deferred until the City Clerk is able to provide Council with additional information as to the nature of the organization and the information requested from the Community Appeals Review Board.

Motion passed.

Approval of Issuing Resolution -
\$90,496.33 - Storm Drainage - 73-8

A staff report dated January 9, 1979 entitled "Issuing Resolution - Kearney Lake Road Sewer", was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Hamshaw, seconded by Alderman Moore that the Mayor and the City Clerk sign the Kearney Lake Road Sewer Issuing Resolution on behalf of the City of Halifax.

Motion passed.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS:

Notice of Motion Alderman Wooden Re: Amendment to Ordinance #144

Alderman Wooden gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Halifax, to be held on the 25th day of January, 1979, she proposes to introduce an amendment to Ordinance Number 144, Respecting Regulating and Controlling the Making of Bonfires.

Alderman Wooden advised that the purpose of the amendment was to increase the maximum fine in order that the courts may be in a position to levy fines which would discourage violators of the Ordinance.

Notice of Motion Alderman Wooden Re: Amendment to Ordinance #105

Alderman Wooden gave notice that at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on January 25, 1979, she proposes to introduce a Motion to amend Ordinance #105, Section 16, for the purpose of altering the scope and mandate of the Halifax Recreation Committee.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Bus Stop at Brunswick and Duke Streets - Entrance to Metro Centre

Alderman Meagher stated that patrons of the Metro Centre who use transit have to walk up Duke Street which presents an inconvenience particularly to the elderly. He asked that the Transit Authority be requested to consider having buses stop at the Brunswick and Duke Street entrance to the Metro Centre for the convenience of those patrons.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Parking North of Purdy Bros. on the Waterfront

Alderman Meagher stated that during discussion last fall of parking on the waterfront, a report was requested re the demand for parking in that area and whether or not additional parking area is required north of Purdy Bros. He advised that such report was not forthcoming.

The City Manager advised that the report will be issued.

Question Alderman Shannon Re: Construction at the Intersection of University Avenue and Robie Street

Alderman Shannon referred to the unsatisfactory situation for pedestrians at the intersection of University Avenue and Robie Street due to the construction underway there. She asked how much longer it is likely to continue.

The City Manager advised that staff will inquire and advise City Council. Alderman Shannon suggested that if the situation is to continue much longer, some other provisions will have to be made for pedestrians.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Disposal of Derelict Cars

Alderman Sullivan stated that abandoned derelict cars are presenting a problem in his Ward and asked if the problem is unique to Ward 5 or if it is a problem throughout the City. He requested that if it is a city-wide problem, the procedure be readvertised for those residents who wish to dispose of derelict vehicles.

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Question Alderman Sullivan Re: The City Manager advised that residents may report instances of abandoned vehicles to the Building Inspection Department who will take appropriate action.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Construction at the Corner of Kencrest Avenue and Gottingen Street

Alderman Sullivan advised that it is his understanding that no work has taken place at a construction site at the corner of Kencrest Avenue and Gottingen Street since July and there is absolutely no fencing around the excavation, with the result that earth is falling away to the point where it has reached the driveway of the last house on Kencrest Avenue. He asked if the Building Inspector could inspect the site tomorrow and possibly have the developer construct a fence around the excavation and determine if something can be done for the resident whose driveway is affected.

Question Alderman Maley Re: Crosswalk at Rogers Drive and Tower Road

Alderman Maley stated that two previous investigations have taken place to determine whether a crosswalk should be installed at Rogers Drive and Tower Road. She stated that the intersection continues to be a very busy one and she constantly receives telephone calls re the situation there. She requested that the matter be again considered.

Question Alderman Maley Re: Distribution of Federal Government Literature - Halifax Regional Library

Alderman Maley advised that the library has been informed, although not officially as yet, that the Federal Government will not be distributing their literature so widely in the Province. She suggested that it is likely that the Halifax library will be one of the locations where the information will be sent and, as a result, will be asked to distribute the literature, thereby increasing library costs. Alderman Maley asked that the Mayor write a letter on behalf of City Council to the appropriate department underlining their concerns that this is another example of actions of the federal government which reflect on municipal budgets.

His Worship suggested, and it was agreed, that City Council ask the Library Board for a brief comment on the matter prior to further action being taken.

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Question Alderman Moore Re: Life-Saving Equipment -
New Ferry Terminal Construction Site

Alderman Moore stated that recently he had occasion to observe construction of the new ferry terminal underway at the rear of the Law Courts building and there did not appear to him to be life-saving equipment at the site. He asked that the matter be investigated.

The City Manager stated that staff would divert the Department of Labour inspectors from the City's activities to the site.

Question Alderman Moore Re: Ordinance No. 105 and Proposed
Administrative Order No. 18

Alderman Moore referred to previous discussion re the above matters when City Council asked staff to review the concerns expressed and consider the compromise suggested by Alderman Hanson and asked if such had taken place.

The City Manager advised that some compromise situations had been discussed with the Recreation Committee, mainly along the lines of the slotting of the programing, the number of areas, and whether they fit within the total organizational structure. He indicated that staff has reported to some degree on the matter but will again review it if so requested.

Alderman Moore stated that the concern expressed is that the programming be under the jurisdiction of the recreation staff and asked that the matter be reviewed and City Council advised if that sort of compromise could be achieved so that the information may be available when City Council considers the Notice of Motion given by Alderman Wooden.

Question Alderman Wooden re: Bus Shelter on Herring Cove
Road

Alderman Wooden stated that she has been advised, in response to her former request, that the bus shelter on the Herring Cove Road will not be refurbished at this time. She strongly urged that the Transit Corporation reconsider their decision and that the improvements not be delayed pending budget deliberations.

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Question Alderman Clarke Re: Policy re Salting of Streets

Alderman Clarke advised that it has been brought to his attention that in two locations in the City the streets are being salted on one side only and asked what is City policy in this matter.

The City Manager advised that the policy is that both sides of the street are salted and suggested that staff be advised of the locations so that the matter can be checked.

Question Alderman Hamshaw Re: Crosswalk Sign - Tremont Drive on the Bedford Highway

Alderman Hamshaw asked that a larger pedestrian crosswalk sign be placed at the intersection of Tremont Drive and the Bedford Highway.

Question Alderman Hamshaw Re: Garbage Disposal at Schools

Alderman Hamshaw stated that garbage disposal trucks pick up garbage at Rockingham Central School anytime from 12:00 midnight to 5:00 a.m. He asked if it is possible that the garbage be picked up before midnight for the convenience of the residents who live close to the school who are being disturbed.

Question Alderman Hamshaw Re: Traffic Island at Melody Drive

Alderman Hamshaw referred to the traffic island at the intersection of Melody Drive and the Bedford Highway stating that residents are experiencing difficulties particularly during winter weather conditions. He asked that about four feet be cut off the island so that traffic may maneuver through the intersection more easily.

Question Deputy Mayor Downey Re: Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Deputy Mayor Downey asked if garbage collectors are picking up Christmas trees this week. The City Manager responded in the affirmative.

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Question Deputy Mayor Downey Re: Broken Watermain -
Brunswick Street

Deputy Mayor Downey advised that there is a broken watermain on Brunswick Street between Duke and Cogswell Streets and asked that the situation be investigated.

Question Deputy Mayor Downey Re: Street Sweeping

Deputy Mayor Downey asked if staff are sweeping streets at the present time.

The City Manager advised that staff are only sweeping at special locations such as construction sites, etc. and that the Director of Engineering and Works will advise when street sweeping will commence on a regular basis.

Alderman Meagher stated that a resident of Allen Street has indicated that the street had not been cleaned in the fall and wished to know when it would be done. He stated that he will inform the City Manager of the specific area so that it will be cleaned immediately in the spring.

Alderman Meagher requested that staff check on the type of fill that is being removed from the Dalhousie site. He stated that the loads appear to contain a great amount of water which spills on the street and creates slippery conditions. He asked that it be drawn to their attention so that they might have the loads drained more.

ADDED ITEMS

Schedule "N"

The above item was added to the agenda at the request of the City Clerk. A staff report dated January 5, 1979, was submitted on the matter.

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Alderman Shannon that City Council confirm its intent that, in the passage of the resolution of December 28, 1978 with respect to the Schedule "N" Zoning Bylaw amendment, the area to which the amendment is to be applied is that which is shown on the map entitled "Schedule 'N', Proposed Boundary" in Appendix "B" of the November 3 staff report entitled "Proposed Amendments - MDP and Zoning Bylaw (Schedule "N")", and that which is described in Appendix "A" (Implementation Policies - Schedule I) of the said staff report, and that the Zoning Bylaw be amended by adding the aforesaid map.
Motion passed.

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Collective Agreement - Halifax Police N.C.O's and
Officers' Association for 1978

A confidential staff report dated January 9, 1979, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute a Collective Agreement between the City and the Halifax Police N.C.O.'s and Officers' Association which provides for a salary increase of six (6) per cent Across-The-Board for 1978.

Motion passed.

Heritage Building - 1697 Brunswick Street - Demolition

An information report dated January 10, 1979, was submitted.

His Worship noted the report was only just received by members of Council and suggested the item be forwarded to the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw that the item be deferred to the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Motion passed.

His Worship suggested that perhaps the owner of the building should be asked if he wishes to attend the meeting and perhaps Parks Canada should be told Council is to discuss the subject next week.

Snow Clearing

The above item was added to the agenda at the request of Alderman Maley who advised she would like to give another telephone number which senior citizens can call in order to have students clear snow. Alderman Maley urged that residents call the number prior to a storm and said that those who have already called need not phone the new number. She advised that the number was 422-4290 which could be called during usual office hours.

Demolition Controls

The above item was added to the agenda at the request of Alderman Maley who requested that the matter of demolition controls for landmarks and old buildings be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Municipal Development Plan Committee with a view to holding a public meeting on the matter in the near future.

His Worship noted the item is already on the agenda of the meeting by virtue of the Heritage Study being the report which includes demolition control.

Alderman Maley suggested the Committee be supplied with a report from the Heritage Co-Ordinator outlining how the City would go about making representations to the Province on demolition controls.

His Worship advised that Mr. Churchill and others are now preparing a Statute for the Province suggesting that Alderman Maley's request is being carried out. His Worship suggested Mr. Churchill could be asked to attend the meeting and advise the Committee what further, if anything, it could do immediately by considering the Statute and not the whole Heritage report.

Crosswalks

The above item was added to the agenda at the request of Alderman Meagher who advised that Council received a report dated December 12, 1978 from staff concerning the City's enforcement of crosswalks.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw that a letter be directed to the Minister of Highways expressing City Council's view that the present prohibition of parking within 15 feet of a crosswalk is inadequate and ask for consideration for an amendment to the Motor Vehicle Act to provide a larger, and thereby safer, prohibition area.

Motion passed.

10:55 P. M. - Meeting adjourned.

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MAYOR EDMUND L. MORRIS
CHAIRMAN

G. I. BLENNERHASSETT (Mrs.)
CITY CLERK

Date Approved by City Council: _____

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PUBLIC HEARING
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Council Chamber
City Hall
Halifax, N. S.
January 17, 1979
8:35 P.M.

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

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

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Deputy Mayor Downey; Aldermen Maley, Shannon, Meagher, Sullivan, Clarke, Wooden, Hanson, Moore and Hamshaw.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager, City Solicitor, City Clerk, and other members of staff.

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

1. To Consider an Application Under Schedule "C", Section 83 of the Zoning Bylaw, Peninsula Area, for the Development of Thirty-five (35) Condominium Units at Civic No. 6770 Jubilee Road.
2. To Consider the Willow Street Closure at Chebucto Road.

Public Hearing Re: To Consider an Application Under Schedule "C", Section 83 of the Zoning Bylaw, Peninsula Area, for the Development of Thirty-five (35) Condominium Units at Civic No. 6770 Jubilee Road

His Worship stated that he had only recently been advised of substantive changes, as they pertain to infilling of the Northwest Arm, proposed by the developer for the contract zoning application for 6770 Jubilee Road. He added that, on the advice of the City Solicitor and in consultation with Alderman Shannon, it had been recommended that this public hearing be adjourned and readvertised at the earliest possible date in order to provide ample opportunity for staff, Council and interested citizens to review the amended application.

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In response to a suggestion from Alderman Shannon, it was agreed that a tentative date for the adjournment of this public hearing be set for 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 14, 1979, this date to be confirmed at the January 25 regular meeting of City Council.

It was further agreed that Council consider holding the February 14 public hearing in a location other than the Council Chamber for the convenience of those citizens wishing to attend.

9:00 P.M. - Alderman Maley retired from the meeting.

Public Hearing Re: To Consider the Willow Street Closure
at Chebucto Road

Mr. Fred Bradbrook of the Engineering and Works Department stated that, in response to a request from the Parent-Teacher Association of Oxford School, a temporary barrier was installed on Willow Street at its intersection with Chebucto Road in the latter part of August, 1978. He added that, as indicated by the staff report of October 31, 1978, there has been a substantial decrease in traffic accidents reported in this area, but that the traffic flow has increased in both directions on Dublin Street as a result of this closure.

With the aid of maps and diagrams, Mr. Bradbrook indicated the location of a suggested cul-de-sac which would effect the permanent closure of Willow Street at this juncture. He noted that the cost of such an installation is estimated at \$32,000 and would involve a turning area with a 52 foot radius and the extension of the sidewalk on the Lawrence Street side of Chebucto Road as well as various landscaping improvements.

Responding to a question from Alderman Moore, the Director of Engineering and Works advised that by retaining the existing barricade and making minor improvements to the sidewalk, curb and gutter at the closure point, the estimated cost would be reduced to approximately \$12,000.

His Worship recommended that staff submit a report, prior to Council's consideration of this matter on January 25, as to possible alternatives to the installation of a cul-de-sac and the costs involved.

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Alderman Sullivan requested that staff investigate the signage at the corner of Dublin and Willow Streets to ensure that motorists are sufficiently advised of this closure.

His Worship called for those persons present wishing to address City Council in support of the proposed street closure.

Mr. J. B. Robertson, Community School Coordinator for the Oxford School, voiced his support for the Willow Street closure, but requested consideration be given to the congestion caused by parked vehicles at the entrance to the schoolgrounds adjacent to the closure which is particularly evident during the evening hours. He also suggested that fire department vehicles may have difficulty gaining access to the school owing to the limited turning area.

His Worship requested that staff review these matters.

Mr. Robert Bruce, President of the Oxford School Parent-Teacher Association, reiterated his Association's support of the proposed street closure.

Mr. George Boutilier, a resident of Willow Street, voiced his approval of the street's permanent closure, but commented on the large number of transport trucks which frequently travel on Willow Street.

His Worship noted that Willow Street is not an approved truck route and advised Mr. Boutilier that staff will be requested to investigate this matter.

Responding to a question from His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Charles Williams, Principal of the Oxford School, noted that fire department vehicles could, if necessary, gain access to the schoolgrounds from the North Street entrance. His Worship suggested that staff request a plot plan from the Fire Department of all fire hydrants in the immediate vicinity of the closure.

Mr. Doug Lane, Chairman of the Civic Affairs Committee, Halifax Homeowners Association, expressed appreciation for staff's efforts in this regard. He requested, however, that a stop sign presently posted on a tree in the area of the closure be relocated.

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The Chairman of the School Improvement Committee, Oxford School Parent-Teacher Association, voiced his committee's support of the proposed closure and advocated that existing parking regulations on Dublin Street be continued for the convenience of neighbourhood residents.

As there were no further persons wishing to address Council in support of or in opposition to this proposal, it was MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Clarke that the matter be referred to City Council without recommendation.

Motion passed.

9:50 P.M. - Meeting adjourned.

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CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Council Chamber
City Hall
Halifax, N. S.
January 25, 1979
8:00 P. M.

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

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Deputy Mayor Downey, and Aldermen Maley, Shannon, Meagher, Sullivan, Clarke, Wooden, Hanson, Moore, and Hamshaw.

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

MINUTES

Minutes of City Council meetings held on January 11 and 17, 1979, were approved on Motion of Alderman Wooden, seconded by Alderman Sullivan.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

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

- 20(a) - Expropriation of Rockingham Sewer Easements
- 20(b) - Alteration of Ward Boundaries

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

- 20(c) - Halifax Natal Day

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

- 20(d) - Condition of Building Sites

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

- 20(e) - Fire - 3451 Agricola Street

The agenda, as amended, was approved.

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DEFERRED ITEMS

Willow Street Closure at Chebucto Road

A public hearing was held respecting the above item on January 17, 1979.

A supplementary staff report dated January 22, 1979, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Maley pursuant to Section 350 of the Halifax City Charter, Halifax City Council officially approve the closure of Willow Street along a line where Willow Street intersects with the northerly street line of Chebucto Road.

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

Case No. 3632 - Civic No. 6770 Jubilee Road - Contract Zoning - DATE FOR RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING

At the special meeting of City Council on January 17, 1979 which was called as a public hearing, it was agreed that a tentative date for an adjournment of the public hearing respecting the above matter be set for Wednesday, February 14, 1979, with the date to be confirmed at tonight's meeting of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Maley that the rescheduled public hearing to consider the proposed contract zoning of Civic No. 6770 Jubilee Road as outlined in the staff report of November 6, 1978, be set for February 14, 1979 at 7:30 P. M., in the Council Chamber.

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

PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

Request to Speak - Mr. John Cordon (Alderman Meagher)

Alderman Meagher advised that he was approached by Mr. John Cordon who would like to appear before Council concerning the demolition of three properties on Kempt Road. Alderman Meagher advised that the properties were Civic Nos. 3482, 3484, and 3466 Kempt Road.

The Chairman advised that the difficulty he had was that demolition orders for dilapidated premises are not made by Council but are issued by the Committee on Works. His Worship suggested that the item might be placed on the agenda of the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting and the City Solicitor could be asked to review the circumstances as to whether the Committee can reverse a demolition order.

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MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw that the item be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the Committee on Works and the City Solicitor be requested to supply an opinion as to whether or not the Committee can reverse a demolition order.

Alderman Clarke noted the Committee made an order with respect to the properties in question and indicated he would not be willing to reconsider the order unless there is a pressing reason for doing so. Alderman Clarke said he would be against referring the matter to the Works Committee. Alderman Clarke asked whether it would be proper, within the Rules of Order, for the matter to be referred back and debated again.

Alderman Meagher, with the agreement of the Secunder, withdrew his Motion but said he would like the City Solicitor to review the matter saying that if it is possible, perhaps the item could be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting.

Alderman Clarke said he would not agree to having the item placed on the agenda unless the City Solicitor supplies Council an opinion that it is proper to do so.

It was then agreed that the item would not be placed on the agenda of the next Committee on Works meeting unless the Committee agreed to do so and a legal opinion be received from the City Solicitor as to whether or not the item could be placed on the agenda if the majority wished it to be put on the agenda.

REPORT - FINANCE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on January 17, 1979, as follows:

Proposed Park - Negro Point - Supplementary Report

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Clarke that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Park to be developed at the site be, and hereafter, is known as Seaview Memorial Park and further, the City make known to the Canada Permanent Committee on Geographical Names its wish and request that the Committee assent to the change of name "Negro Point" to be "Seaview Point".

Motion passed.

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Possible Acquisition - Civic No. 341 Herring Cove Road

MOVED by Alderman Wooden, seconded by Alderman Moore that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the property of Kathleen Pearl Stevens, known as Civic No. 341 Herring Cove Road, be purchased for \$48,000 as settlement in full; funds available from Account No. 806 449 HAF09, Land for Municipal Purposes.

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

Joseph Howe Festival - Trade Dollar Program

The above item was forwarded to City Council without recommendation for the purpose of ascertaining the dates between which the Joseph Howe Trade Dollar was to be used as currency in the City.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Downey, seconded by Alderman Meagher that Halifax City Council grant its permission to the Joseph Howe Festival Society to sell Joseph Howe Festival Society trade dollars between July 1, 1979 and October 15, 1979, and that the said trade dollars shall be taken as equivalent to currency within the City of Halifax during those dates.

Motion passed.

Assessment Appeals

At the Finance & Executive Committee meeting, it was generally agreed that Council should look at the impact of the reductions in revenue resulting from assessment appeals on the generalities of public accounts in the City.

His Worship questioned whether Council could add anything further to what was said at the last Committee meeting and what has, in part, been said in the public media during the past 24 hours and expressed the hope the matter may now be taken to be at rest.

A discussion ensued on the matter with no resolutions being made by Council.

Metro Centre - Sound System

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Moore that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee,

1. City Council authorize the City Manager in co-operation with Metro Centre Commission and its consultant, to determine the required acoustical treatment, prepare drawings and specifications, and call tenders from qualified acoustical contractors for the acoustical treatment of Metro Centre;

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2. City Council request the Metro Centre Commission work closely with the Nova Scotia Arts and Convention Centre Ltd. to determine the overall sound reproduction and speech amplification requirements of Nova Scotia Place, more specifically the Convention Centre space to be operated by Metro Centre, to assure Council that the system to be installed in Nova Scotia Place is adequate to meet the needs of the Convention Centre and compatible with Metro Centre's sound reproduction system; and

3. No action be taken at this time with respect to improving the speech amplification and sound reproduction system as it presently exists in Metro Centre until the final plans for Nova Scotia Place are available and Recommendation No. 2 has been resolved to the satisfaction of City Council and acoustical treatment completed.

Motion passed with Alderman Sullivan against.

Disposition of City Owned Land - George Street

Alderman Maley suggested there is an increasing shortage of parking spaces downtown saying she has received complaints on the matter during the past week. Alderman Maley asked if the Waterfront Development Corporation could advise of any policy they may have for parking in the Waterfront Development.

His Worship indicated this could be done and noted the Corporation will be before Council shortly, and Alderman Maley suggested such information could be included in their presentation.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Wooden that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Waterfront Development Corporation be advised that the City will make available land on George Street, in order to permit construction of retail facilities including a fish market, the manner and terms of conveyance of the land to be negotiated, it being understood that the design and location of the facilities are subject to the approval processes contained in Schedule J of the City of Halifax Zoning Bylaw.

Motion passed.

Social Assistance Agreement

The above item was forwarded to City Council without recommendation. Alderman Maley indicated the concerns which she had on the matter have been explained.

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MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Downey that Council continue Phase I, accept Phase II as outlined in the staff report of January 4, 1979, and authorize His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into a new Agreement with the Provincial Minister of Social Services.

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

Tender - Fire Fighters' Helmets

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the helmets be purchased from LaFrance Equipment Corporation, P. O. Box 333, Elmira, New York, for a landed cost of \$12,336.00 (Canadian dollars) including exchange and freight. Motion passed.

Provincial Job Creation Program

MOVED by Alderman Wooden, seconded by Deputy Mayor Downey that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council, by adoption of the staff report dated January 16, 1979, subject to the limitations of the proviso as mentioned in the report, formally endorse the City's participation in the Provincial Job Creation Program. Motion passed.

Alderman Sullivan advised that he had received a number of calls and some correspondence from people between the ages of 16 and 28 who are unemployed. Alderman Sullivan said there seems to be a lot of such people in the City who are attending N. S. Technical College and trade schools who obtain their theory in the first year, but who are not able to obtain the practical experience required for their trade.

Alderman Sullivan asked if the Social Planning Department could look at the unemployment statistics and provide a breakdown of what percentage such persons represent in the overall unemployment figure in the City.

Alderman Meagher said he has also received calls from the 50+ age group who have lost their jobs due to changes and relocation of offices. Alderman Meagher suggested that, while staff are reviewing statistics on the youth in the City, they might also look at the age group

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which he mentioned. Alderman Meagher suggested there may be a program these people may be able to take advantage of or it may be possible to receive some type of grant from the government to help them.

His Worship indicated that staff would review the two groups mentioned and would do everything possible to assist them.

1979 Salary Scale Advance - Non-Union Employees

The above item was forwarded to City Council without recommendation.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw that a general economic salary increase of six (6) percent be applied to the existing salary structure of the Non-Union Employee Group, effective January 1, 1979. Motion passed.

Continuing Expenditures in 1979 Social Planning Sundries

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Clarke that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council authorize the expenditure of funds in January, February and March to agencies normally receiving funding on a monthly basis through the Social Planning Sundries Account H.02.1.0 and H.02.2.0, as follows:

Children's Aid Society
North End Neighborhood Programs
Veith House
Halifax Police Boys Club
Senior Citizens Resource & Information Centre
Halifax Welfare Rights
Homemakers Bureau
Volunteer Bureau - Help Line
Association for Family Life

Motion passed.

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Waterfront Development - Outfall Structures

The above item was forwarded to City Council without recommendation in order for staff to review plans and to advise with respect to dating.

The City Manager indicated staff were not yet able to supply information which was requested at the last meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee.

It was then agreed that the item be deferred pending receipt of the requested report.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on January 17, 1979 as follows:

Quality of Water - Chocolate Lake

The above item was referred to City Council without recommendation with therequest that staff confer with the Department of Environment for the Province to see what their view is on the relative cost benefit ratios of carrying out this kind of study.

It was advised that the staff investigation had not yet been completed.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw that the item be deferred to the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Motion passed.

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REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on January 17, 1979 as follows:

Site Planning - Uniacke Square

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Downey that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee:

1. the development policy and strategy for the implementation of development outlined in the letter dated January 10, 1979 attached to the Steering Committee's report of January 9, 1979 be approved by City Council; and
2. City Council authorize His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign the letter dated January 10, 1979 attached to the Steering Committee's report of January 9, 1979 on behalf of the City and that the letter be forwarded to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for its concurrence and a request to sign a copy of the letter and return to the City.

Motion passed.

Contract Zoning - 59 Main Avenue: DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, a date be set for a public hearing to consider the application for contract zoning under Section 67 of the Zoning Bylaw, Mainland Area, to permit the construction of a 39-unit apartment building at 59 Main Avenue, as shown on Plan Nos. P200/8447-8450 of Case No. 3603.

Motion passed.

Council set the date of this public hearing at Wednesday, February 21, 1979 at 7:30 p.m.

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MOTIONS

Motion Alderman Wooden Re: Amendment to Ordinance No. 144
Respecting Regulating and Controlling the Making of
Bonfires - FIRST READING

Notice of Motion with regard to this matter
was presented at the January 11, 1979 meeting of City Council.

MOVED by Alderman Wooden, seconded by
Alderman Hanson that the proposed amendment to Ordinance 144
Respecting Regulating and Controlling the Making of Bonfires,
with regard to Section 5, be read and passed a First Time.

Motion passed.

Motion Alderman Wooden Re: Amendment to Ordinance No. 105
Respecting Establishment of Standing Committees of
Council - FIRST READING

Notice of Motion with regard to this matter
was presented at the January 11, 1979 meeting of City Council.

MOVED by Alderman Wooden, seconded by Alderman
Shannon that the proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 105
Respecting Establishment of Standing Committees of Council,
as submitted, be read and passed a First Time.

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman
Clarke that the matter be deferred until the next regular
meeting of Committee of the Whole Council or until such time
as a staff report regarding this matter is submitted.
Motion passed with Alderman Wooden voting against.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Heritage Amendments - Municipal Development Plan

A report dated January 23, 1979 was submitted
from Mayor Edmund Morris, Chairman of the Municipal Development
Plan Committee.

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman
Wooden that City Council set a date for a public hearing to
consider the recommendations concerning Heritage Amendments to
the Municipal Development Plan, as contained in a memorandum
from the MDPC dated January 23, 1979. Motion passed.

It was agreed that this public hearing be
scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. in the
Council Chamber.

QUESTIONS

Question Deputy Mayor Downey Re: Bus Stop Adjacent to
5528 North Street

Deputy Mayor Downey advised that complaints have been received regarding damage done to shingles on the residence located at 5528 North Street. He requested a report from the Halifax Transit Corporation as to the possibility of making restitution to the property owner in question or of relocating this bus stop.

Question Deputy Mayor Downey Re: Bus Tickets for Senior
Citizens

Deputy Mayor Downey noted that, while individuals are eligible for senior citizen housing at the age of 55, they cannot purchase transit tickets at a reduced rate until they reach 65, and requested the matter of uniformity be reviewed.

His Worship advised that the City has expended approximately \$135,000 for the subsidization of these tickets in 1978 and to extend the age requirement would place an even greater demand on the budgetary requirements for 1979.

Mr. Harold Crowell of the Social Planning Department noted that at present the card issued by the Federal Government to those over 65 is commonly used for identification purposes by seniors purchasing transit tickets and that administrative problems would arise should the age limit be extended to 55.

Question Alderman Maley Re: Tendering Practises - City of
Halifax

Alderman Maley requested a staff report concerning the tendering practises employed by the City. She also asked that this report address the question of consultants, i.e., whether it is preferable to have consultants prepare design specifications for a particular project, or to request that those submitting tenders supply their own specifications.

The City Manager advised that a report on City tendering policies will be prepared prior to the February 7 meeting of Committee of the Whole Council while details concerning the use of consultants will be made available in approximately six weeks' time.

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Question Alderman Maley Re: Accidents Caused by Defective
Pavement on City Streets

Alderman Maley requested a report from the City Solicitor's Department regarding City liability in damages resulting from defective pavement, potholes, etc. on City streets.

Question Alderman Maley Re: Designation of Emergencies

Alderman Maley referred to the City's recent snowstorm and requested information as to the criteria used to designate an emergency situation.

His Worship emphasized that an emergency had not been declared during the storm to which Alderman Maley referred, and advised that amendments to the Emergency Planning Ordinance, which include provisions for the declaration of an emergency, will be brought forward to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Proposed Building at Fort
Needham/Odor Problem - Duffus Street

Alderman Sullivan requested information as to when construction will commence on the building proposed for Fort Needham. He further noted that a previous information report had indicated that additional details concerning a solution to the odor problem at the foot of Duffus Street would be forthcoming in mid-January.

The City Manager advised that he would investigate both matters and communicate his findings to Alderman Sullivan on January 26.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Canadian Merchant Marine

Alderman Sullivan expressed disappointment with regard to remarks recently made by the Minister of Transport concerning the reestablishment of a Canadian Merchant Marine. He requested that staff prepare a report as to the possible impact of a merchant marine on Halifax as a port city and also recommended this matter be placed on the agenda of a future Committee of the Whole Council.

In support of Alderman Sullivan's recommendation, His Worship suggested that staff obtain the text of Mr. Lang's comments for distribution to Council members.

Question Alderman Shannon Re: Full-time Student Costs

Alderman Shannon requested a staff report regarding per pupil costs for those enrolled in full time academic and vocational programs offered by public schools in Canadian municipalities. She asked that this report be made available prior to the discussion of education items included in the 1979 budget.

Question Alderman Shannon Re: Vernon Street

Alderman Shannon requested that staff investigate that area of Vernon Street between Jubilee Road and Pepperell Street, noting that there are several rectangular cuts made by the Public Service Commission which are in poor condition.

Question Alderman Wooden Re: Priority Listing - Sidewalks

Alderman Wooden requested a report outlining the criteria employed in preparing a priority listing of sidewalks slated for renewal or repair.

His Worship advised that a report containing priority listings of these sidewalks is usually prepared prior to budget discussions and suggested that the Director of Engineering and Works discuss the matter with Alderman Wooden as soon as possible.

Question Alderman Hamshaw Re: Fence - Halifax West High School

Alderman Hamshaw reported that he has received various complaints from residents of Rufus Avenue who request that the fence surrounding the Halifax West High School playing field be extended to prevent students from trespassing on their property.

The City Manager advised that the appropriate staff member would be asked to investigate this situation.

Question Alderman Hamshaw Re: Sodding - Fairview Villa

With reference to Alderman Hamshaw's comment that the sodding recently installed adjacent to the Fairview Villa is in extremely poor condition, the City Manager advised that this could be a matter of litigation and that he would report to Council at a later date.

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Question Alderman Hamshaw Re: Interrupted Sidewalks -
Main Avenue

At Alderman Hamshaw's request, staff were instructed to investigate the matter of sidewalk interruptions on the south side of Main Avenue and to advise as to whether this consideration has already been included in the proposed 1979 budget.

Alderman Wooden noted that the sidewalk surrounding Maritime Centre on Salter and Hollis Streets was in poor condition. The City Manager advised that, under a development agreement, repairs to this sidewalk are to be cost-shared between the City and the developer, and will be undertaken during the Spring months.

ADDED ITEMS

Expropriation of Rockingham Sewer Easements

A staff report dated January 23, 1979 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Hamshaw, seconded by Alderman Moore that, pursuant to Section 11, Subsection (7) of the Expropriation Act, Chapter 7, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1973, City Council authorize submission of an application to the Attorney General requesting an order for possession of the necessary easement(s) on or before February 1, 1979.

Motion passed.

Alteration of Ward Boundaries

A report dated January 24, 1979 from the Chairman and members of the Election Procedures Committee was submitted.

As Chairman of the Election Procedures Committee, Alderman Moore advised that his Committee is seeking Council's authorization to proceed with a study intended to review existing ward boundaries and polling divisions and to analyze the City's overall population distribution.

Responding to a question from Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Moore emphasized that a recommendation to increase the number of wards is merely one of several suggestions which could result from the Committee's findings. He added that such recommendations will be made only after input is received from members of Council and the public.

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MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman

Wooden that:

1. Council require the Election Procedures Committee and the City Clerk to carry out such population studies as shall be necessary to enable the City to make application to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for an order redistributing the ward boundaries of the City under the provisions of the Municipal Boundaries and Representation Act.
2. Council require the Election Procedures Committee and the City Clerk, on the completion of the studies, to report back to Council with their recommendations.
3. Council require the City Clerk to provide in her Departmental Budget for the 1979 fiscal year sufficient funds to cover the costs of such studies and the application to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities.

Motion passed.

Halifax Natal Day - 1979

A report dated January 25, 1979 from Alderman R. J. Hanson, Chairman of the Halifax Natal Day Committee, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw that Halifax Natal Day be set for Monday, July 30, 1979. Motion passed.

Building Site Conditions

Alderman Maley commented on the unsanitary and hazardous conditions in evidence on various construction sites in the City, referring in particular to the new computer centre on Grafton Street, Scotia Square Phase IX on Market, and the Archives site on University and Robie. She requested that staff visit these sites with a view to having the problems rectified as soon as possible.

Responding to a question from Alderman Wooden, the Director of Engineering & Works advised that he would ascertain that authorization has been granted to the developer in charge of Scotia Square Phase IX to place equipment and crews on the sidewalk and roadway of Market Street.

Fire - 3451 Agricola Street

Alderman Sullivan expressed praise and appreciation for the efforts of the firemen who responded to a recent alarm at 3451 Agricola Street and who managed to contain the blaze despite sub-zero temperatures.

His Worship suggested that the City Clerk forward a copy of the Minutes of this meeting to the Fire Chief with a request that Alderman Sullivan's comments be passed on to the appropriate staff members.

10:20 P.M. - Meeting adjourned.

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