

Ms. Whitman then responded to a brief questioning from members of Council.

Mr. Goldberg addressed the meeting as a Halifax Merchant and outlined how his operation has expanded in an attempt to compete with the national chain stores. Mr. Goldberg suggested it was important that he have the opportunity to serve the masses and expressed the feeling that the situation existing in Dartmouth has proven that people will shop on Sundays and holidays.

Mr. Goldberg indicated that the situation existing in Halifax has taken away the potential for him to open more stores in Halifax but that he has opened stores in areas such as Dartmouth, Bedford, Sackville, and Truro because there is a freedom in retailing not given to retailing in Halifax. Mr. Goldberg advised that he would support a liberalization of laws in Halifax and suggested the City is losing business and retailers to Dartmouth and to the County.

With respect to the matter of people being required to work on Sundays and holidays, Mr. Goldberg suggested that no one in his business is forced to work on such days saying he has found there are many teenagers who want to work and appreciate the opportunity to earn part-time money.

Mr. Goldberg also referred to the practice being followed in other parts of Canada and the United States such as the Cities of Boston, New York, and Quebec where one can see more and more openings on Sundays especially in the core centers and requested that Council in its deliberations, consider that Halifax should be as advanced and dynamic in a retailing sense as it is in development and other areas as Council deems fit.

Mr. David Mark addressed the meeting as a Halifax retailer and expressed the opinion that the majority of retailers share his view that the present Bylaws should remain in their present form. Mr. Mark responded to a short questioning from members of Council.

Mr. Kirk Mitchell addressed the meeting as a member of the Downtown Halifax Merchants' Association and advised that the merchants do not feel they require extra hours. Mr. Mitchell noted there are a number of businesses in the Downtown that can open on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings saying he knows of none that open on Wednesday evenings, most are closed on Thursday, and almost all are closed on Friday, and noted that his competitors close on Saturday afternoon.

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Mr. Mitchell referred to developments taking place in the Downtown such as the Convention Centre suggesting the situation may change in the future and that while the downtown merchants do not request any extra opening hours at this time, it might be wise to make them available.

A short discussion then ensued with respect to the subject-matter with various members from the public gallery making comments and responding to questions.

Mr. Morris Crosby addressed the meeting as a consumer and as a merchant saying that as a consumer, he found no fault in having stores such as the Seven-Eleven stores open for a 24-hour period and felt the difference between 1,800 sq. ft. and 2,400 sq. ft. had little significance. Mr. Crosby felt that Halifax needs more people of this type who are prepared to establish businesses in Halifax and cater to the public.

As a merchant, Mr. Crosby noted that he has several businesses in Halifax but advised that he and his wife purchase groceries in Bedford as it is convenient and as they find it to be an outing to be able to shop on Saturday evening.

Mr. Crosby said that at the present time, he did not see any need for longer hours in the immediate downtown area but in referring to developments to be completed in the future such as the Waterfront Development, Nova Scotia Place, and the Hotel, expressed the feeling that suggestions would be made to Council that stores be open every night. Mr. Crosby said he would like to see stores open and to let free enterprise take its course.

Other submissions received included a letter and attachment from the Knox United Church, Sackville, Nova Scotia under date of March 28, 1979 containing the results of a poll of approximately 243 members with respect to opening on Sunday of certain stores in the area. The poll revealed that 190 persons were in support of the letter attached to the submitted letter of March 28, 1979 and seven persons were against.

A letter dated March 16, 1979, was also received from Mrs. Jean L. Jess of 130 Evans Avenue opposed to stores being open on Sundays except drug stores and restaurants etc.

His Worship advised that all members of Council had been greatly helped by what had been said and that careful consideration would be given to the matter.

10:30 P. M. - Meeting adjourned.

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MAYOR EDMUND L. MORRIS
CHAIRMAN

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CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES

Council Chamber
City Hall
Halifax, N. S.
April 4, 1979
7:40 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: Deputy-Mayor Downey, Chairman; 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. Intention to adopt certain amendments to the Peninsula and Mainland portions of the Halifax Zoning Bylaw, specifically to delete the definition of "professional person" (Section 1ff, Peninsula, and Section 2tt, Mainland) and further to delete those provisions which permit "professional persons" to engage in business at their place of residence.
2. To consider an application under Schedule "C", Section 83, Subsections (c) and (d) of the Zoning Bylaw (Peninsula Area) for a 10,000 square foot addition to the existing building at Civic No. 7035 Chebucto Road.

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A supplementary report on the matter, dated April 2, 1979, was submitted.

As Council members indicated additional information was not required from staff, the Chairman called for those persons present wishing to address Council in support of the proposed Bylaw amendment.

Mr. Peter McDonough endorsed the recommendations contained in the staff report of January 4, 1979, pointing out that Halifax is one of the few cities in Canada of its size which does not provide for home occupations in its Zoning Bylaw. Calling the existing definition of a professional occupation "elitest" and "outdated", Mr. McDonough stressed that, by restricting legitimate home occupations to those of a doctor, lawyer or architect, the City is discriminating against other wage earners such as music teachers, carpenters and typists. He referred to Appendix "A", Paragraph 5 of the January 4 report, noting that, in his opinion, the regulations proposed for home occupations are sufficiently restrictive so as to protect the residential quality of City neighbourhoods.

With reference to a question from Alderman Hanson, the City Solicitor advised that a home occupation would be taxed at the commercial rate and would also be charged a business occupancy tax based on the value of the occupied premises.

Responding to a question from Alderman Wooden, the City Solicitor advised that, under the provisions proposed for home occupations, offenders could be penalized by having their license suspended. However, he noted that, in his opinion, it would be almost impossible to guarantee a successful prosecution through the courts system.

Alderman Wooden suggested that, in reference to Appendix "A", Paragraph 5(5) of the January 4 staff report, a clause could be inserted prohibiting any obvious deterioration of a dwelling housing a home occupation. The

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City Solicitor advised that problems of this kind could be handled more effectively under the terms of Ordinance 157.

Responding to a question from Alderman Maley, with reference to Appendix "A", Paragraph 5(1), Mr. McDonough noted that he would support a proposal to extend the limitations to include one non-family member (such as a receptionist or typist).

With reference to Appendix "A", Paragraph 5(2), Alderman Shannon suggested that, by limiting home occupations to one per lot, the Bylaw amendments could be viewed as being discriminatory in terms of apartment dwellers.

Mr. S. J. Murphy of 39 Crown Drive and the proprietor of a beauty parlour operating from his home voiced support for the proposed amendments, noting that, in his opinion, home occupations could become a considerable source of revenue for the City.

Mr. Sidney Langmaid, speaking on behalf of the Community Planning Association of Canada, recommended adoption of the proposed amendments on the basis that home occupations will serve to enhance the residential quality of Halifax neighbourhoods while overcoming some of the rigidity of existing zoning regulations. Mr. Langmaid also noted, with reference to Alderman Shannon's previous comment, that many apartment leases specifically preclude the possibility of commercial operations on the premises, adding that, in most cases, this clause is diligently enforced by the landlords themselves.

Lynn Roberts, a resident of Stairs Place, appeared on behalf of Mr. Robert Calnen, stressing that in the four years she has resided across the street from Mr. Calnen's photography studio, she has not experienced any problems in terms of traffic or noise resulting from Mr. Calnen's business.

Alderman Clarke requested that staff provide information as to the number of doctors, lawyers and accountants in the City presently operating from their homes, their location, and the amount of business occupancy and realty taxes paid by these individuals.

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There were no additional persons present wishing to address Council in favour of or in opposition to the proposal.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Hanson that the matter be referred to City Council without recommendation. Motion passed.

Public Hearing Re: To Consider an application under Schedule "C", Section 83, Subsections (c) and (d) of the Zoning Bylaw (Peninsula Area) for a 10,000 square foot addition to the existing building at Civic No. 7035 Chebucto Road

Members of Council indicated that no additional information was required from staff concerning this matter.

Mr. Peter MacDonald, President of Maritime Accessories Limited, supported the recommendations contained in the February 12 staff report and offered to supply further information to Council members if required.

There were no additional persons present wishing to address Council either in favor of or in opposition to the application.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Shannon that the matter be referred to City Council without recommendation. Motion passed.

Retendering of Cunard Street School - NIP/Multi-Service Project

This matter was referred to this Special Meeting of Council from a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on April 4, 1979.

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

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1. Staff be authorized to proceed with the retendering of the Cunard Street School Project; and
2. An amount not exceeding \$6,000.00 be allocated for architect's fees. Funds to implement the project are available in Account #Z0500 EH003.

Motion passed.

Award of Tender 79-12 - Sidewalk Renewals

This matter was referred to this Special Meeting of Council from a meeting of the Committee on Works held on April 4, 1979.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Shannon that, as recommended by the Committee on Works:

1. Tender No. 79-12 for the projects listed in Appendix "A" of the staff report dated March 26, 1979, be awarded as follows:
 - Items 1, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12 - G. & R. Kelly Enterprises Limited
 - Items 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 11 - Steed & Evans Limited for the prices quoted.
2. Project funds be authorized from Capital Accounts CB028, CB029, EH004, CB038, CB052, CB141, CB109, CB145, CB146, CB139 in total amount of \$229,000.00.
3. Funding transfers be approved as shown in Appendix "A".

Motion passed.

8:20 P.M. - Meeting adjourned.

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DEPUTY MAYOR GRAHAM DOWNEY
CHAIRMAN

G. I. BLENNERHASSETT (MRS.)
CITY CLERK

Date Approved by City Council: _____

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SPECIAL MEETING
HALIFAX CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Council Chamber
City Hall
Halifax, N. S.
April 7, 1979
10:05 A.M.

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

INVITED GUESTS: The Hon. Terence Donahoe, MLA;
Mr. Walter R. Fitzgerald, MLA; Mr. Gerald A. Regan, Q.C., MLA;
Mr. Joel R. Matheson, MLA; Mr. Arthur R. Donahoe, MLA.

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

This special meeting of Halifax City Council was held to discuss the indicated inadequacy of provincial acceptance of responsibility for financial assistance to the City of Halifax and the consequent impact upon the provision of services and the 1979 tax rate of the City.

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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Superintendent Kenneth Vincent of the Department of Engineering and Works recently deceased.

Representatives of the House of Assembly were welcomed by His Worship the Mayor and invited to join Council members at the center table.

A report entitled "The City of Halifax Position - 1979", dated April 7, 1979, was submitted.

Referring to the 1979 Proposed Current Budget for the City of Halifax, submitted to Council on January 28, 1979, the City Manager emphasized that the amount of collectable revenues has not kept pace with increasing costs in terms of the provision of services, particularly with reference to education and social assistance programs. He

noted that, while anticipated revenues will increase approximately 4.5% in 1979, it has become apparent that expenditures (owing to inflation and higher service costs) will also increase in the area of 8-10%.

Mr. Calda stated that this increase in expenditures does not reflect the provision of any additional programs over those in the 1978 budget, nor does it indicate a decrease in the level of services provided by the City.

With reference to the imbalance between revenues and expenditures, he stressed that the City is experiencing considerable difficulty collecting revenue from sources other than taxes and had therefore hoped to use the guidelines established in the White Paper on Municipal Reform to obtain assistance from the Province for services provided them by the City. Should this assistance not be forthcoming, Mr. Calda advised that the resultant amount required by the City from direct taxation would be in the vicinity of 11%.

The Director of Finance, using a flipchart presentation based on the April 7 position report, enlarged on Mr. Calda's remarks, emphasizing that with expenditures showing an increase of only 6.3% over the 1978 level, the City feels it has been successful at keeping expenditures in line with operating and cost of living increases.

Mr. Smith noted that more than half of the City's revenues are drawn from the taxpayers while the remainder consists primarily of transfers from the Provincial Government. He stressed that unless the amount of these transfers is adjusted to reflect rising operating costs, City residents can anticipate higher taxes or a reduction in services.

Mr. Smith advised that, although approximately 20% of City property is owned by the Province or by universities and is therefore exempt from taxes, neighbouring municipalities such as the City of Dartmouth and the County of Halifax have less exempt property but receive more Provincial assistance. He added that Halifax has been diligent in suggesting various methods by which the Province could more fairly assist in offsetting the City's operating costs, listing as possible alternatives: 1) grants in lieu of taxes, 2) an increase in the education foundation formula, 3) Provincial implementation of the recommendations contained in the White Paper and 4) and adjustment in the basis of calculation for the education property tax relief grant.

As a fifth alternative, Alderman Moore advocated that special consideration in terms of a grant be afforded the City of Halifax because of its designation as Provincial Capital.

Responding to a question from Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Smith noted that the City would gain approximately \$1.3 million if an adjustment were made in the education foundation formula as suggested.

Mr. Smith added that, should the Province fail to adopt any of the suggested alternatives, the City is prepared to implement the levying of a basic user charge, a revenue generating tool encouraged by the White Paper recommendations whereby non-contributing properties are taxed for the use of City services.

Responding to a question from Mr. Arthur Donahoe, His Worship advised that the Cabinet has indicated it would object to the implementation by the City of a basic user charge because, as the primary owner of non-contributing properties, the Province would conceivably be liable for the bulk of this expense and has not allocated funds in its 1979 budget for this purpose.

With reference to a further question from Mr. Donahoe, His Worship noted that an amount of \$1,965,000 (representing the Province's special assistance grant to the City in 1978) has been included in the City's 1979 proposed budget together with \$12.5 million in the form of an education tax relief grant.

Alderman Sullivan noted that a representation had recently been made to members of City Council by the Halifax Board of Trade recommending that the business realty tax rate and the residential tax rate be kept in line, and specifically, that they come together prior to the application of the Province's special education tax relief grant directed only to the residential taxpayer. Alderman Sullivan further noted that between 1970 and 1977 the commercial realty tax rate has increased approximately 32% compared to an increase in the residential rate of only 6%.

Mr. Calda also advised that Halifax has the highest commercial tax rate in the Province and noted that the proximity of other municipalities with much lower rates is a very real detriment to Halifax as a commercial centre.

10:45 A. M. - The meeting adjourned for a brief recess.

11:00 A. M. - The meeting reconvened with the same members being present as well as Alderman Meagher.

Responding to a question from Mr. Matheson, the Director of Finance advised that Halifax has generally received proportionately less from the Province in terms of financial assistance when compared with other municipalities, although the differential has worsened over the past three years owing in particular to increases in the non-sharable costs of education.

With reference to a further question from Mr. Matheson, the City Manager advised that regulations regarding the implementation of the education property tax relief frant, signed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, were published in the Royal Gazette on January 10, 1979.

His Worship added that a copy of the City's 1979 Proposed Budget had been forwarded to the Honourable Mr. Giffin on February 2, 1979 and at that time specific attention had been drawn to the inclusion of the anticipated grant in the City's estimates.

On Mr. Regan's recommendation, staff were asked to provide figures pertaining to the amount of Provincial assistance to the City over the last several years as well as calculations showing increases in the business and residential tax rates over the corresponding period.

Alderman Clarke noted that problems have also arisen owing to the Province's failure to adjust its cost-sharing formulas in areas of joint concern. He cited the Halifax County Correctional Centre as one example, noting that since 1973 the costs borne by municipalities in terms of this institution have risen almost 150% while the Province's contribution has remained at a fixed amount.

After some further discussion, it was agreed that representations in this regard would be made by the Halifax MLA's to members of the Provincial Cabinet, and in particular to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, on the City's behalf.

11:50 A. M. - Meeting adjourned.

HEADLINES

Special Meeting of Council with representatives
of Electoral Districts Nos. 25, 26, 27, 28,
29 and 30 to discuss the indicated inadequacy
of provincial acceptance of responsibility
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MAYOR EDMUND MORRIS
CHAIRMAN

G. I. BLENNERHASSETT (MRS.)
CITY CLERK

Date Approved by City Council: _____

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CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.
April 12, 1979
8:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

PRESENTATION - GERALD P. TOBIN

His Worship, on behalf of present and past City Council members, paid tribute to Mr. Gerald P. Tobin, for his exemplary public service as Chairman of the Halifax Housing Authority, expressing personal respect and admiration for the citizenship displayed.

Alderman Meagher presented a scroll to Mr. Tobin, who was accompanied by General Manager John West and Chairman Richard MacLean, Halifax Housing Authority.

MINUTES

Minutes of City Council meetings held on March 29, April 4 and April 7, 1979, were approved on Motion of Alderman Hamshaw, seconded by Alderman Wooden.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

At the request of the City Clerk, it was agreed to add:

- 9.1. - Petition: Desmond Avenue Petition Against Paving Renewal

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- 9.2. - Petition: Scot Street Petition Against Paving Renewal
- 20.1. - Zoning Review - Soft Area No. 14 (MDP Map 4)
- 20.2. - Soft Area No. 16 - Priority 2
- 20.3. - Encroachment License for Pedways -- Phase II, Durham Leaseholds

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

- 20.4. - Primary Grade Admissions

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

- 20.5. - Zoning Bylaw
- 20.6. - Store Opening Hours

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

- 20.7. - Metro Centre - Purchase of Acoustical Material

The Order of Business, as amended,
was approved.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE - CITY OF HALIFAX - 1979

His Worship advised City Council that this date he received a communication from the Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs confirming that the Executive Council has authorized that Special Assistance in the amount of \$1,965,201.00 will be made available to the City of Halifax for the year 1979.

His Worship stated that the Honourable Minister further advised that the Executive Council had decided and asked the Minister to pursue a thoroughgoing review of basic services and charging therefor in the three urban communities of Halifax, Dartmouth and Sydney, with a view to having some more appropriately delineated policy next year.

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His Worship further advised that the City Clerk, following a Special Meeting of City Council held on April 7, 1979, forwarded a letter to the Premier of the Province of Nova Scotia requesting a meeting of the Cabinet of the Province of Nova Scotia with the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Halifax. His Worship advised that as of this time, there has been neither acknowledgment nor response to the request.

DEFERRED ITEMS

Case No. 3662 - Home Occupations

A public hearing re the above matter was held on April 4, 1979.

A staff information report dated April 11, 1979, was submitted.

Alderman Sullivan addressed City Council re the matter of home occupations generally and specifically in the matter of an application of December 28, 1978 filed by Robert F. Calnen, to amend the Zoning Bylaw to include home occupations.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Moore that the application be denied and the amendment to the Zoning Bylaw suggested by staff be refused.

His Worship pointed out that the matter before City Council is whether or not to amend the Zoning Bylaw as advertised for public hearing on April 4, 1979. His Worship stated the motion, as heard by the Chair, is a motion not so to amend the Zoning Bylaw.

After further discussion, members of City Council requested that staff consider permitting that one person who is not a member of the household be employed in the home occupation, only one commercial vehicle per home occupation be permitted to park on the premises, and the 400 gross square feet requirement be changed to a percentage requirement. It was further requested that staff indicate what form licensing will take, who will be included in the licensing, what revenue will such licensing produce, what will the financial implications be on the City, will individuals be required to apply for a permit or will City staff have to search them out, and what is intended in the definition of a commercial vehicle.

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MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Maley that the matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council pending receipt of a further staff report. Motion passed with Alderman Sullivan voting against.

Case No. 3608 - Civic No. 7035 Chebucto Road - Contract Zoning

A public hearing re the above matter was held on April 4, 1979.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Shannon that City Council approve the proposed 10,000 square-foot addition to the Maritime Accessories building at Civic No. 7035 Chebucto Road under Section 83, Schedule "C", of the Zoning Bylaw, Peninsula Area, subject to the terms and conditions listed below:

- (1) the building must be constructed substantially in terms of exterior dimensions as shown on Plan No. P200/8728;
- (2) the building can only be used for a warehouse-retail use consistent with the permitted uses of the present C-2 zone;
- (3) an on-site drainage system must be installed to the satisfaction of the City of Halifax.

Motion passed.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Petition - Desmond Avenue - Against Paving Renewal

A Petition dated March 19, 1979 from Wm. R. Mantle, 2553 Joseph St., and a petition dated March 28, 1979 from E. L. Sceles, 65 Main Avenue, were submitted.

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

Petition - Scot Street - Against Paving Renewal

A petition dated March 16, 1979, containing seven signatures and a petition dated March 21, 1979 from E. L. Sceles, were received.

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

Petitions - Proposed Changes in Early Closing Bylaw and Sunday Regulations - Alderman Meagher

A petition dated April 11, 1979 from the Oxford Street United Church members, was presented.

A petition dated April 11, 1979, from Reverend Norman D. MacDougall, Chairman, Halifax Presbytery, The United Church of Canada, was presented.

A petition from Mrs. Scharf, 6120 Allen Street, on behalf of the Luthern Church, was presented.

It was agreed that the petitions be referred to staff for review and comment.

REPORT - FINANCE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting of April 4, 1979 as follows:

1979 Animal Control Contract and Dog Pound Agreement

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Downey that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City suggest to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty that the City will wish to achieve a better result and to that end, wishes to review its Dog Ordinance and certain other matters, and would then like to talk again with the S.P.C. and would the S.P.C., therefore, continue the contract under present terms until July 30th at a monthly rate of \$5,074.75. Motion passed.

Petition for Repayment of Taxes - Purdy Brothers Limited

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, staff be authorized to reimburse Purdy Brothers Limited in the amount of \$18,657.36 for taxes paid in 1978 in error on the area designated as Harbour Walk. Motion passed.

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Quinpool Road Development

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Downey, that the matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council pending a report from the City Solicitor. Motion passed.

Tender 79-50 to 79-65 - Vehicles and Equipment

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Downey, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the matter be referred to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council pending a report from staff on the feasibility of deferring some purchases until next year. Motion lost, two voting for the same and eight voting against.

MOVED by Alderman Hamshaw, seconded by Meagher that Tender 79-64 for one trailer mounted portable air compressor be awarded to W. N. White & Co. Ltd. in the amount of \$9,997.00. The motion was put and resulted in a tie vote, five voting for the same and five voting against as follows:

FOR: Aldermen Meagher, Clarke, Sullivan, Hamshaw and Deputy Mayor Downey

AGAINST: Aldermen Maley, Shannon, Wooden, Hanson and Moore

The Chairman cast his vote in opposition to the motion and declared the same lost.

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Alderman Wooden that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, tenders be awarded as follows:

Tender 79-50 Four 1979 Model four door compact sedans

Halifax AMC, 6054 Stairs St.
Halifax, N. S. \$20,400.00

Tender 79-51 One 1979 Model ½-ton pick-up truck

Scotia Chevrolet Oldsmobile Ltd. \$ 5,850.00
2477 Robie St., Halifax, N.S.

Tender 79-52 Three 1979 Model cargo vans with aerial lifts - 8200 GVW

John White Ltd. \$58,155.00
217 Bedford Hwy., Halifax, N.S.

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Tender 79-53 Four 1979 Model Hi-cube vans - 8200 GW

Scotia Chevrolet Oldsmobile Ltd. \$34,016.00
2477 Robie St., Halifax, N.S.

Tender 79-54 One 1979 Model cargo van - 8200 GW

Scotia Chevrolet Oldsmobile Ltd. \$ 7,030.00
2477 Robie St., Halifax, N. S.

Tender 79-55 Four 1979 Model Truck Chassis with
Combination salt-dump body and reversible plow
- 27,500 GW

International Harvester of Can Ltd. \$162,050.36
1 Morris Dr., Dartmouth, N. S.

Tender 79-56 One 1979 Model stake-dump truck - 10,000 GW

Scotia Chevrolet Oldsmobile Ltd. \$ 9,474.00
2477 Robie St., Halifax, N. S.

Tender 79-57 One 1979 Model truck chassis with aerial
lift and utility body

Wajax Industries Ltd., \$40,985.52
1 Moore Rd., Dartmouth, N. S.

Tender 79-58 Two 1979 Model four-wheel drive vehicles
with plows

McDonald Chevrolet Oldsmobile Ltd. \$16,557.50
3681 Kempt Rd., Halifax, N.S.

Tender 79-59 One 1979 Model tracked vehicles for
Sidewalk snow plowing

Industrial Machinery Co. Ltd. \$18,980.00
P.O. Box 2006, Halifax, N.S.

Tender 79-60 One 1979 Model four-wheel street sweeper

Standard Machinery & Equipment \$71,692.00
Co. Ltd.
P.O. Box 306, Saint John, N.B.

Tender 79-61 Two vibratory rollers, portable walk-
behind type

Coastal Rentals, Sales & Service Ltd. \$11,554.00
200A Waverley Road, Dartmouth

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Tender 79-62 One 1979 Model tractor/front end loader

Paul C. Palmer, P.O. Box 457 \$12,800.00
Berwick, N. S.

Tender 79-63 One skid steer loader

W. N. White & Co. Ltd. \$15,942.00
2-213 Bedford Hwy., Halifax, N.S.

Tender 79-64 One trailer mounted portable air compressor

Wilson Equipment Ltd. \$ 9,954.00
Elm St., Truro, N. S.

and, further, that authority be granted to transfer funds from the Vehicle Replacement Reserve Account sufficient for this purpose, such amount to be reduced by the amount realized from the sale of the vehicles and equipment being replaced.

Motion passed with Deputy Mayor Downey and Alderman Hamshaw against.

Metro Centre - 1978 Expenditures - TO BE TABLED

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Alderman Hanson that the matter be deferred to a future meeting dealing with the budget as a whole. Motion passed.

Proposed Municipal Elections Act

A staff report dated April 6, 1979 was submitted.

Discussion ensued re the manner in which City Council's observations on the proposed legislation would be formulated for submission to the Law Amendments Committee.

It was agreed that the matter be referred to Committee of the Whole Council for discussion.

Halifax Industries Limited

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

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Tender 79-62 One 1979 Model tractor/front end loader

Paul C. Palmer, P.O. Box 457 \$12,800.00
Berwick, N. S.

Tender 79-63 One skid steer loader

W. N. White & Co. Ltd. \$15,942.00
2-213 Bedford Hwy., Halifax, N.S.

Tender 79-64 One trailer mounted portable air compressor

Wilson Equipment Ltd. \$ 9,954.00
Elm St., Truro, N. S.

Tender 79-65 One leaf collector

LaHave Equipment Ltd., \$14,995.00
P.O. Box 240, Bridgewater
N. S.

and, further, that authority be granted to transfer funds from the Vehicle Replacement Reserve Account sufficient for this purpose, such amount to be reduced by the amount realized from the sale of the vehicles and equipment being replaced.

Motion passed with Deputy Mayor Downey and Alderman Hamshaw voting against.

Metro Centre - 1978 Expenditures - TO BE TABLED

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Alderman Hanson that the matter be deferred to a future meeting dealing with the budget as a whole. Motion passed.

Proposed Municipal Elections Act

A staff report dated April 6, 1979 was submitted.

Discussion ensued re the manner in which City Council's observations on the proposed legislation would be formulated for submission to the Law Amendments Committee.

It was agreed that the matter be referred to Committee of the Whole Council for discussion.

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Halifax Industries Limited

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

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REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Works Committee from its meeting held on April 4, 1979, as follows:

Glenora Avenue - Petition Against Concrete Sidewalk,
Sod and Trees

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Wooden that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the installation of concrete sidewalk, sod and trees on the north side of Glenora Avenue between Herring Cove Road and McLellan Avenue, proceed as a local improvement project.

Motion passed.

Colindale Street - Petition Against Sidewalk, Sod and Trees

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Wooden that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the installation of concrete sidewalk, sod and trees on the northeast side of Colindale Street between McLellan Avenue and Inverness Avenue, proceed as a local improvement project.

Motion passed.

Herring Cove Road - Petition Against Asphalt,
Curb and Sidewalk

The above item was forwarded to City Council without recommendation.

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

Motion passed.

McLennan Avenue - Petition Against Sidewalk,
Sod and Trees

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the installation of concrete sidewalk, sod and trees on the northwest side of McLennan Avenue between Glenora Avenue and Colindale Street, proceed as a local improvement project.

Motion passed.

St. Margaret's Bay Road - Petition Against
Sidewalk, Sod and Trees

The above item was forwarded to City Council without recommendation.

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

Motion passed.

Lacewood Drive - Petition Against Sidewalk,
Curb and Gutter, Sod and Trees

MOVED by Alderman Hamshaw, seconded by Alderman Moore that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the installation of curb and gutter, sidewalk, sod and trees on the south side of Lacewood Drive between Clayton Park Drive and Cedarbrae Lane, proceed as a local improvement project.

Motion passed.

Swallow Street - Petition Against Asphalt
Paving, Curb and Gutter, and Sidewalk

MOVED by Alderman Hamshaw, seconded by Alderman Moore that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, City Council accept the petition and delete the installation of asphalt paving, curb and gutter and sodding on Swallow Street from the existing pavement to 50' south, from the Capital Budget.

Motion passed.

Hartlen Avenue - Petition Against Paving, Curb and
Gutter, Sidewalk, Sod and Trees

MOVED by Alderman Wooden, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the installation of paving, curb and gutter, sidewalk, sod and trees on Hartlen Avenue between Herring Cove Road and the end of the street, proceed as a local improvement project.

Motion passed.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on April 4, 1979, as follows:

Melody Drive at Bedford Highway - Follow-up Report

MOVED by Alderman Hamshaw, seconded by Alderman Moore that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the approach be widened by four (4) feet (at the widest section) for a distance of approximately 25 feet, and since it is a minor expenditure (less than \$2,000) that the current street maintenance account be utilized for this project.

Motion passed.

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REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Motion Alderman Maley Re: Amendment to Ordinance No. 168,
the Fire Prevention Ordinance - SECOND READING

Proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 168 as considered by the Committee of the Whole Council on April 4, 1979, were submitted.

A staff report dated April 11, 1979, was submitted on the matter.

His Worship noted that the report was submitted to members of Council today and also advised that the Urban Development Institute has asked that the item be deferred to the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 9th in order to give them an opportunity to review the matter.

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the Second Reading of proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 168, be deferred to the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 9, 1979.

Motion passed.

REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on April 4, 1979, as follows:

NIP I and NIP III - Housing Conversion Amendments - Zoning Bylaw

The City Planning Committee at its meeting held on April 4th., referred the above item to the Municipal Development Plan Committee and the item was to be placed on the agenda of tonight's meeting, if possible.

A report dated April 10, 1979, was submitted from the Chairman of the Municipal Development Plan Committee on the matter.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Downey, seconded by Alderman Meagher that a date be set for a public hearing with respect to NIP I and NIP III Housing Conversion Amendment, Zoning Bylaw.

It was agreed that the date of May 16, 1979 at 7:30 P. M., be set as the time for the public hearing.

Motion passed.

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Case No. 3595 - Contract Zoning - 2074 Robie Street

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, subject to detailed construction set forth in a staff report dated March 28, 1979, clause 5(b) of the zoning contract made by City Council on August 7, 1978, respecting the Welsford building, 2074 Robie Street, be amended to read:

"Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 7 of this contract, erect a wall similar to that which exists at 2074 Robie Street, or a fence suitable to the Building Inspector, along the frontage of 2056 Robie Street, provide a suitable pedestrian access from 2074 Robie Street to 2056 Robie Street (stairs, ramp) and landscape 2056 Robie Street so there is no danger to the public, all of which is to be completed no later than June 30, 1979; and,"
Motion passed.

MOTIONS

Motion Alderman Shannon Re: Amendment to Ordinance No. 149, the Petty Trades Ordinance - FIRST READING

A Notice of Motion was presented respecting the above item, on March 29, 1979.

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Maley that proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 149, be read and passed a First Time by City Council.

Motion passed.

Motion Alderman Meagher Re: Amendment to Ordinance No. 151, the Automatic Machines Ordinance - FIRST READING

A Notice of Motion was presented by Alderman Meagher on March 29th respecting the above item.

A proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 151, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Hanson that the proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 151, be read and passed a First Time and that the words and numbers "five (5)" be inserted in the blank in the proposed amendment.

Alderman Maley asked that staff secure a copy of the amendment passed by the City of Toronto to its Automatic Machines Ordinance, and the City Manager that staff, as instructed, are gathering information from other Cities across the country saying responses are being awaited.

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Alderman Shannon suggested that staff might ask why the City of Toronto amended its Ordinance.

His Worship advised that he recently visited one of the Legion Branches saying there were more than five machines located in the games room and suggested that staff should review the situation in the City .

Motion passed.

Motion Alderman Hanson Re: Amendments to Ordinance No. 147,
the Dog Ordinance - FIRST READING

A Notice of Motion was presented by Alderman Meagher at the March 29, 1979 meeting of Council with respect to the above item.

A staff report dated March 28, 1979, which had attached proposed amendments to the Ordinance, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw that the proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 147, be read and passed a First Time, as submitted.

Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Minor Variances

A staff report dated March 26, 1979, was submitted.

Alderman Maley noted that the report was circulated this evening and MOVED, seconded by Alderman Hanson that the matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council

Motion passed.

Isleville Street Playground

A public meeting was held respecting the above item on April 9, 1979.

His Worship suggested the sentiment of those who attended the meeting was that a community support group volunteer committee should be established, the lighting should be improved with staff to look into that matter, a fence previously authorized by Council be installed as quickly as possible, and that the said matter would then rest with Council.

The City Manager advised that the community support committee intends to meet early next week.

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Alderman Sullivan noted that the minutes of the public meeting indicate the community's progress is to be reported to the Committee of the Whole Council meeting scheduled for April 18th and His Worship advised that Council is awaiting a report to that effect, suggesting the item could be forwarded to the next Committee meeting or be tabled by Council.

Council agreed that the item be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

His Worship noted that input could be received from the community support group and that a sketch should be available at the meeting.

Alderman Wooden requested that an item dealing with Lynnet Playground, be added to the agenda of the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Clarke Re: Ordinance - Air Guns

Alderman Clarke asked if the City has an Ordinance dealing with the use air guns saying he has received a call with respect to damage done to one of the schools in his Ward. Alderman Clarke suggested that Council be given instruction as to how to deal with the problem if an Ordinance does not exist.

His Worship advised that the City Solicitor will advise with respect to possession and use of air guns in the City limits.

Question Alderman Hamshaw Re: Report - Ordinance #155

Alderman Hamshaw asked that staff report next Wednesday with respect to a day-time truck route on Kearney Lake Road from Dunbrack Street to the Bedford Highway for a 30 day period if possible. His Worship noted the request is whether trucks going to the container pier could use the Kearney Lake Road between Dunbrack Street and the Bedford Highway during the period in question and that staff make some report by next Wednesday.

Question Alderman Hamshaw Re: Fill for Parking Area - Maskwa Club

Alderman Hamshaw advised that members of the Club would like to know if there was any extra fill left over from the installation of the Flamingo storm sewer and if so, if it was possible that some fill could be used at Kearney Lake for the Club's parking area.

The City Manager advised that staff would check into the matter and advise Alderman Hamshaw.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Portion of Richmond Street

Alderman Sullivan referred to a small portion of Richmond Street between Union Street and Devonshire Avenue saying he did not know whether it is still part of the official street network, but said the City has not looked after it over the past few years. Alderman Sullivan said he would like staff to review the matter and perhaps include the area in a list of projects to be done this summer. Alderman Sullivan suggested the grass could be cut, holes filled in, and the area cleaned up.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Merchant Marine

Alderman Sullivan noted Council attended a seminar on the merchant marine recently and asked when the matter will be on the agenda of a meeting for discussion.

A short discussion ensued and Council agreed that the item be placed on the agenda of the May 9th Committee of the Whole Council meeting.

His Worship noted the City has some material on the matter and there is a staff report that would be the agenda item.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Duffus Street, Progress Report

Alderman Sullivan asked if the Director of Engineering and Works could supply him with a progress report on Duffus Street.

Mr. Connell addressed Council and advised the consultant has started tests which should last about two weeks saying that staff will report to Council upon completion of the tests at which time it will be known if further expenditures are required.

Question Alderman Meagher - Public Service Commission Billings

Alderman Meagher expressed concern about recent Public Service Commission billings and referred to two cases where water meters were read on December 19 and January 18 and the bills were not received until March of 1979. Alderman Meagher advised that one party who contacted him was concerned that if the P.S.C. were to apply for further rate increases and if such increases were granted but not by the time of the normal billing, the billings should be sent and not held for a period of time.

His Worship then advised of the circumstances surrounding the most recent billings and rate increase granted to the Public Service Commission.

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Alderman Meagher asked if the Public Service Commission intends other rate increases for water in the next year and His Worship advised that the Commission will have to make an application for a further water increase, to reflect that portion of the cost of the Pock Wock fresh water supply and distribution system for which the Province insists upon being repaid by the Commission. His Worship indicated the matter is presently being negotiated with the Province.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Grants - Pensioners

Alderman Meagher noted that last year, the City paid a grant to some of its pensioners and asked if it will be possible to make a similar payment this year.

His Worship advised that the matter will be brought forward during the coming month.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Bridge Repairs

Alderman Meagher noted that last year, the Bridge Commission carried out repairs to one lane of the A. Murray MacKay Bridge saying he recently observed Commission staff inspecting the work. Alderman Meagher asked if the Commission has received a report on the matter.

His Worship advised that the Commission is carrying out an annual inspection of the running surface saying that as soon as the Commission receives the report, it will be communicated to Council.

Question Alderman Wooden Re: Litter Problem

Alderman Wooden expressed concern about the litter problem in the City and expressed the feeling that many residents are not aware of their responsibility in this regard. Alderman Wooden asked for a report on Ordinance provisions relating to litter on streets and private property.

Question Alderman Wooden Re: Dump Truck - Litter

Alderman Wooden advised that while driving along the North West Arm Drive, she observed a large dump truck carrying salvage material which was uncovered saying the material was flying off the truck and landing in the gutters etc. Alderman Wooden asked what can be done to correct such situations and the City Manager advised that provisions relating to that problem are contained in the same ordinance which staff will be bringing to Council's attention on the previous question.

Question Alderman Maley Re: Truck Traffic

Alderman Maley suggested that as a result of construction work taking place in the area, trucks are using Fenwick and Inglis Streets and requested that staff monitor the area. Alderman Maley advised that the last time the streets were monitored, violators were stopped and the practice ceased for a few weeks, but suggested that trucks are now using the streets again during the early morning hours.

Question Alderman Maley Re: Financing of Pock Wock

Alderman Maley asked if she could receive information on the financing of Pock Wock as she was not a member of Council at the time the matter was dealt with. Alderman Maley indicated it was not an urgent matter but said she would like to receive information with respect to cost sharing etc.

Question Alderman Hanson Re: Jogging

Alderman Hanson noted there is a steady increase in the number of joggers in the City and asked if there is any way consideration could be given to designated areas, programs used by other Cities for joggers, and what action could be taken by the Recreation Department to encourage jogging.

The City Manager advised that a staff report would be prepared on the matter.

Question Alderman Moore Re: Visit - Queen Mother

Alderman Moore asked for a report on what activities the City will be convening in connection with the visit of the Queen Mother and the dates, and His Worship advised that such information would be supplied as quickly as is possible.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Notice of Motion Alderman Shannon Re: Amendment to Ordinance No. 131, the Building Code Ordinance

Alderman Shannon gave notice that at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on Thursday, the 26th day of April, A.D. 1979, she proposes to introduce an amendment to Ordinance Number 131, the Building Code Ordinance.

Alderman Shannon advised that the purpose of the amendment was to amend the National Building Code of Canada, 1977, as it relates to the City of Halifax to provide that all new apartment buildings to be constructed in the City of Halifax be equipped with approved smoke detectors.

Zoning Review - Soft Area No. 14 (MDP Map 4)

A report dated April 10, 1979, was submitted from the Chairman of the Municipal Development Plan Committee.

Following a discussion of the matter, it was MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Clarke that City Council set a date or dates for separate public hearings to consider amendments to the Zoning Bylaw cited in recommendations (i) and (ii)(a) of the staff report of March 14, 1979, and set a date for a public hearing to consider a proposed amendment to the Municipal Development Plan as outlined in the staff report of March 14, 1979.

The date of May 16, 1979 at 7:30 P. M. was set as the time for the public hearings.

Motion passed.

His Worship advised that the date of the public meeting to be held by the Municipal Development Plan Committee with respect to the proposed amendment to the Municipal Development Plan is to be held on April 24th.

Soft Area No. 16 - Priority 2

A revised report dated April 12, 1979, was submitted from the Chairman of the Municipal Development Plan Committee.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Clarke that a date be set for a public hearing to consider a proposed amendment to the Municipal Development Plan as recommended in the staff report of February 8, 1979.

The date of May 16, 1979 at 7:30 P.M. was set as the time for the public hearing.

Motion passed.

Encroachment License for Pedways - Phase II, Durham Leaseholds

A staff report dated April 6, 1979, was submitted.

Alderman Shannon expressed concern about the 50¢ per square foot fee being set for 50 years and suggested there should be some flexibility rather than it being fixed for the period.

Alderman Clarke suggested that a clause be inserted making the fee subject to changes in the Encroachment Ordinance.

Alderman Maley also referred to the matter of possible advertising on the pedway and suggested the firm should be asked if it intends to display advertising.

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Discussion ensued on the matter and Alderman Meagher asked that the City Solicitor determine whether City staff or Durham staff drew up the agreement.

His Worship then asked whether the City Solicitor recommended the agreement as being in the proper form and the City Solicitor replied in the affirmative.

Alderman Shannon said she would like the fee to either be tied into the encroachment Ordinance or, if necessary, to go back to staff for a redrafting of the appropriate paragraph. Alderman Shannon advised that she would like the matter to go back to staff for a redrafting of the appropriate paragraph to which Council agreed.

The City Solicitor suggested staff could attempt to negotiate such a condition with the firm and report back to Council on the matter, but expressed the feeling that the matter had been taken into consideration.

Alderman Maley suggested that an item that should be added to the negotiations was whether the firm intends to advertise and if so, could some agreeable solution be found.

Primary Grade Admissions - Alderman Clarke

Alderman Clarke noted he raised the matter at a previous Council meeting at which time he expressed a desire to change the admission date for primary students from the end of September to December 31st.

Alderman Clarke advised that the School Board has completed a report on the subject and requested it be distributed to members of Council for the Committee of the Whole meeting in two weeks time at which time it will be his intention to bring it to Council for debate. Alderman Clarke said he would also like to be advised by the School Board if it would favour a resolution to that effect and whether the Board can accept admissions for 1979/80 on that basis.

Zoning Bylaw (Alderman Moore)

Alderman Moore advised he would like to receive a report from staff on the matter of having a uniform Bylaw in that the same use may be made of a property of the same zoning whether it is located in the mainland or peninsula area of the City. Alderman Moore suggested a report was to come forward on the matter and requested that staff supply Council with a report on the status of the matter and when it can be brought before Council.

Alderman Moore said he would like staff to review the Park & Institutional Zone with a view to separating the zone and having two separate zones and accompanying Bylaws providing for their use.

Store Opening Hours - Alderman Moore

In referring to discussions held on the matter earlier in the meeting, Alderman Moore advised he would like the item deferred until Council receives further information on the matter from staff.

Metro Centre - Purchase of Accoustical Material

The City Manager referred to a previous information report submitted on the matter saying he has been advised today by the architect and by staff that they have discovered a ready supply of panels for the accoustical treatment of walls, and negotiations on price and delivery times have taken place.

The City Manager advised that in order to secure a delivery time of two to three weeks as opposed to the normal time of six to seven weeks, he has authorized the purchase order. The City Manager advised that should Council feel otherwise, he is able to cancel the order later this evening without penalty. Mr. Calda advised that the purchase order is for 27,000 square feet of panels at a total amount of \$18,630.

Following a discussion on the matter, it was MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Alderman Hanson that City Council concur in a purchase of an amount not to exceed \$19,000 by the City Manager in connection with the acquisition of accoustical material to be used in the subsequent accoustical treatment of the Halifax Metro Centre.

Motion passed with Alderman Sullivan against.

11:20 P. M. - Meeting adjourned.

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CHAIRMAN

G. I. BLENNERHASSETT (Mrs.)
CITY CLERK

Date Approved by City Council: _____

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REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on April 18, 1979, as follows:

Site of the Former Young Street Fire Station

The above item was referred to City Council without recommendation in order that the City Solicitor may revise the proposed agreement to include provision for the consolidation of the properties in question.

A supplementary report dated April 25, 1979, was submitted which had attached a letter from McInnes, Cooper and Robertson dated April 24, 1979.

MOVED by Alderman Clarke, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that City Council approve the plans and upon receipt of \$37,300, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement attached to the staff report of April 10, 1979, lifting the restrictive covenant on the deed for the property.

Motion passed.

NIP II Area - Implementation Project - Cornwallis Park

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Downey that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council authorize staff to hire the necessary expertise to develop design and tender documents for the improvement of the Cornwallis Park to include pre-school children's play areas, benches, and a low fence protecting the pre-school children's play areas (funds to implement the project up to \$20,000 are available in Account No. EH004).

Motion passed.

Authority to Expropriate, Rockingham Services

MOVED by Alderman Hamshaw, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council authorize:

- (a) expropriation of easements for underground services over lands of John C. Smeltzer, Mildred Burt, and Helen Kelly, as shown on Plan Nos. TT-25-23136, TT-25-23137, and TT-26-25380 respectively;

CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Record

Council Chamber
City Hall
Halifax, N. S.
April 26, 1979
8:40 P. M.

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

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

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

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

Presentation of Long Service Award - Stanley Roberts, Police Dept.

His Worship paid tribute to Mr. Stanley Roberts of the Halifax Police Department in recognition of his 31 years' service and Alderman Shannon, on behalf of City Council, presented a long service scroll to Mr. Roberts.

MINUTES

Alderman Shannon, in referring to the Metro Centre Commission item as contained in the April 12, 1979 minutes, suggested the matter was deferred until receipt of the Auditor's Report, and Council agreed that the minutes should be amended accordingly.

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Downey that the Minutes of April 12, 1979, as amended, be approved by City Council.
Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

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

- 20.1 - Gerrish Street NIP Project - NIP I Area
- 20.2 - Application for an Auctioneer's License -
LVG Auctions Limited

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

- 20.3 - Amendment to Council Minutes of March 29, 1979

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, Council agreed to add:

- 20.4 - Proposed Bond Issue
- 20.5 - Amendments to Ordinance No. 105

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

- 20.6 - Setting of the 1979 budget.

The agenda, as amended, was approved.