

EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock,  
Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
July 14th, 1932.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, and Aldermen Mitchell, Minshull, Stech, Donovan, Miller, Adams, Logan, Golden, McDonald, Shields, O'Toole, Getley, O'Malley, Probert, Smeltzer and Doyle.

The meeting was called to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

✓ The following named papers were submitted.  
APPLICATION FOR TAG DAY

Read an application from the Womens' Auxiliary Canadian National Institute for the Blind for permission to hold a Tag Day on September 17th, 1932.

Referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee.

✓ APPLICATION FOR POSITION OF SUB COLLECTOR

Read an application from Alfred J. May for position of Sub Collector in the Collector's Office.

FILED ✓

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF  
LETTER, COL. THE HON. G. S. HARRINGTON, PREMIER

Read letter from Col. the Hon. G. S. Harrington, Premier concerning funds for unemployment relief.

*Red Daly  
Clerk*

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23rd June, 1932.

H. S. Rhind, Esq.,  
City Clerk,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir:-

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant enclosing the resolution of the City Council concerning funds for the relief of unemployment. While measures of this kind are essentially introduced into the Legislature as private bills yet you may rest assured the Government will lend its good office towards assisting such a private measure for this purpose.

Yours faithfully,

G. S. Harrington!

FILED

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$12,847.88.

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The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held July 13th, accounts amounting to \$12,847.88 were recommended to Council for payment, chargeable as follows:-

Works Dept.	Capital Appropriations	\$979.12 <u>9986.58</u>	\$10965.70
Water Dept.	Construction Maintenance	172.17 <u>1710.01</u>	1882.18 <u>\$12847.88</u>

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman O'Toole that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

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GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Finance Committee  
recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$13,069.97.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
July 12th, 1932.

To His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee  
held this day, the attached list of accounts chargeable  
to various services amounting to \$13,069.97 was  
passed as correct and recommended to the City Council  
for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by  
Alderman Shields that the report be adopted and  
accounts paid. Motion passed.

CITY HOME AND T.B. HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Charities Committee  
recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the  
City Home \$7,419.53, and to the T. B. Hospital  
\$2,836.50.

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His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Charities Committee met this day and  
beg to submit the following report.

MEMBERS PRESENT:- The Chairman, Aldermen  
Logan and Miller.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS JUNE 1932 AMOUNT \$6,376.53,  
CAPITAL \$1,043.00

City Home accounts for the month of June  
1932 amounting to \$6,376.53 and Capital accounts

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amounting to \$1,043.00 are recommended for payment.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS JUNE 1932  
AMOUNT \$2,836.50.

Tuberculosis Hospital accounts for the month of June 1932 amounting to \$2,836.50 are recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. Minshull,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Minshull, seconded by Alderman Golden that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee of Firewards recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the Fire Department \$12,599.42 and to Fire Alarm Maintenance \$480.18.

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His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day the attached accounts amounting to \$12,599.42 for the Fire Department and \$480.18 for the Fire Alarm Service were considered.

Your Committee recommend that these accounts be passed for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Mitchell,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Golden that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

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✓  
POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Police Committee  
recommending for payment accounts amounting to  
\$12,003.90.

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His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Police Committee  
held this date, the following accounts amounting to  
\$12,003.90, were examined found correct and  
recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Golden, seconded by  
Alderman O'Malley that the report be adopted and  
accounts paid. / Motion passed.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS

Read report of the City Prison Committee  
recommending for payment accounts amounting to  
\$1,579.39.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
July 12th, 1932.

To His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee  
held this day, the attached list of accounts amounting  
to \$1,579.39 was passed as correct and recommended  
to the City Council for payment.

The report of Governor Grant for the  
month of June 1932 is also attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. O'Malley,  
CHAIRMAN.

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Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman McDonald that the report be adopted and accounts paid. / Motion passed.

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

Read report of the City Health Board recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$3,497.55.

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His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Wednesday, July 13th, the following named accounts amounting to \$3,497.55, were passed and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. Forrest,  
CHAIRMAN, C. H. B.

Moved by Alderman Minshull, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the report be adopted and accounts paid. / Motion passed.

GARDENS, PARKS AND COMMON ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Commons recommending for payment accounts chargeable to Public Gardens \$3,681.55, and to Fleming Park \$524.62.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
July 8th, 1932.

To His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Commons held this day, the attached list of accounts amounting to \$3,681.55 chargeable to the Public Gardens and \$524.62 chargeable to Fleming Park were considered and recommended to be

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forwarded to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by  
Alderman Getley, that the report be adopted and  
accounts paid. Motion passed.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Citizens Free  
Library Committee recommending for payment accounts  
amounting to \$302.56.

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To His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Library Committee begs to submit the  
following accounts for payment.

City of Halifax	Salaries	\$277.48
T. C. Allen & Co.	Books	16.36
The Book Room	"	8.72
		<u>\$302.56.</u>

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. Minshull,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Minshull, seconded by  
Alderman Adams that the report be adopted and  
accounts paid. Motion passed.

PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on  
Gardens, Parks and Commons recommending for payment  
the account of Jubien Sheehan & Co, Ltd, \$130.00 being  
the amount of their contract for painting the Band  
Stand at the Public Gardens.

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Committee Room, City Hall,  
July 8th, 1932.

To His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Commons held this day, your Committee had under consideration the attached account of Jubien Sheehan & Company for \$130.00, being the amount of the tender for painting the Band Stand at the Public Gardens.

Your Committee recommend that as the work has been satisfactorily completed, the account be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
Vice-Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Miller that the report be adopted and account/paid. Motion passed.

N.S. LIGHT AND POWER CO, LTD, RATE HEARING  
ACCOUNT L. A. LOVETT, K. C.

Read report of the Finance Committee re account of Messrs. MacInnes, Lovett and MacDonald for services of Mr. L. A. Lovett, K.C, in connection with the rate reduction case against the N. S. Light and Power Co, Ltd, and for appearances before the House of Assembly on Bill number 158.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
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To His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter of the City Auditor in reference to the account of Messrs. MacInnes, Lovett, and MacDonald in connection with the rate reduction case against the N. S. Light and Power Co, Ltd, and for appearances before the House of Assembly on Bill 158, the service being for Mr. L. A. Lovett, K.C.



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The account including certain disbursements amounting to \$2,072.44 was submitted and read.

Your Committee recommend that the account be paid, and that the money required be provided for under provisions of Section 332 A of the Charter.

Your Committee further recommend that the accompanying resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

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The Chairman,  
Finance Committee.

Dear Sir:-

Attached hereto is an account from MacInnes, Lovett and MacDonald in connection with the rate reduction case against the Nova Scotia Light and Power Co., Ltd, and for appearance before the House of Assembly on Bill 158, the services being for Mr. L. A. Lovett, K.C. The amount of the account, including certain disbursements is \$2,072.44. This account has been taxed by the Taxing Master, and it will be necessary for the Solicitor to prepare a resolution under Section 332 A in order that it can be paid.

Yours truly,

A. M. Butler,  
CITY AUDITOR.

22nd June 1932.

To His Worship the Mayor,  
of the City of Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Rate Reduction Case  
Re: House of Assembly Bill Number 158

I enclose herewith our account in connection with the above matters made out as between Solicitor and Client, and including in the disbursements the account of Mr. J. R. Hays, Registered Professional Engineer, whose services I engaged under authority of the Resolution of the Council retaining our services.

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The total amount of the account including disbursements is \$2,072.44, and I hereby give you Notice of Taxation of this account before Mr. Charles F. Tremaine, Taxing Master, at his office 45 Sackville Street, Halifax, N.S., on Tuesday, June 28th, 1932 at the hour of 2.30 P.M, daylight saving time.

I have no doubt you will hand the Bill to the City Solicitor, who will attend on taxation.

I am also enclosing herewith a copy of the Final Order of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, disposing of the Application.

Yours truly,

L. A. Lovett.

THE NOVA SCOTIA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
PUBLIC UTILITIES

IN THE MATTER OF The Public Utilities Act

IN THE MATTER OF

an investigation of certain rates and charges of Nova Scotia Light and Power Company, Limited, for electrical energy for the purpose of light and power, the said Company being a public utility within the meaning of the Act.

BETWEEN:

CITY OF HALIFAX

Applicant

-and-

NOVA SCOTIA LIGHT AND POWER  
COMPANY, LIMITED

Respondent

The 2nd day of June 1932.

BEFORE ROBERT T. MacILREITH, K.C, CHAIRMAN, and  
JOHN S. ROPER, K.C, MEMBER.

The complaint and application of the City of Halifax, the Applicant herein, dated the 1st day of December 1931, to the Board for an Order that the rates and charges of the Respondent now in force are unreasonable and for an Order that said rates and charges be reduced or modified or cancelled and new rates and charges substituted so that the return on the fair value of that portion of the Respondent's property assets and undertaking used and useful for the purpose of its electric light and power department in furnishing electrical energy for light

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and power purposes to or for the public will not exceed eight per cent annually, coming on for hearing before the Board on the 4th day of May, 1932, and having been from time to time adjourned;

AND the Applicant by its Solicitor having applied to the Board for permission to withdraw its said complaint and to discontinue the said Application and all proceedings thereunder, and Counsel for the Respondent consenting thereto,

THE BOARD ORDERS that the Applicant be at liberty to withdraw its complaint herein and that the application of the Applicant herein and all proceedings thereunder be discontinued, all without costs to either party.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,

(Sgd) L. B. Taylor,  
CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

The following resolution was submitted.

RESOLVED that the City borrow under the authority of 332 A the sum of \$2,072.<sup>44</sup> and apply the same in payment of the account of MacInnes, Lovett and MacDonald in connection with the application of the City to the Board of Public Utilities for a reduction of electric light rates and in opposition to Bill no. 158, and that the amount so borrowed be included in the Civic Estimates for the civic year 1933-34.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman O'Malley and passed unanimously.

PRINTING CITY CHARTER

Read report of the Finance Committee re account of the Royal Print & Litho Ltd, for printing the City Charter and supplements.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
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To His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen!:-

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At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached report of the City Auditor on the account of the Royal Print & Litho Ltd, for printing the City Charter and supplements amounting to \$3,503.84 was submitted and read.

Your Committee recommend that the City Auditor be authorized to pay this account out of the appropriation available for this purpose, and that Mr. Bell be instructed to draft a resolution to provide for the payment of his services for revising the Charter under the provisions of Section 332 A of the Charter, and that the said resolution when drafted be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

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The Chairman,  
Finance Committee.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the attached invoice for printing the City Charter from the Royal Print & Litho Limited amounting to \$3,503.84, I wish to state that the prices are in accordance with the contract accepted by the City.

As to the two amounts appearing on the invoice for corrections and for alterations and proofs, \$200.00 and \$580.88, respectively, may I say that I am unable to check these. The City Solicitor would be the proper official to say whether these charges are fair for the work done.

The original authorization for this work is \$5,000.00 of which the sum of \$4,000.00 has been borrowed to date. We have on hand funds amounting to \$3,500.00 as \$500.00 has already been paid the City Solicitor on account of services. An additional provision would, therefore, have to be made for approximately the amount still owing the Solicitor for this work, as the amount of hand will just about meet the amount of the attached invoice.

I suggest to the Committee on account of legislation affecting the Water Department, being also the subject of revision, that that Department ought to contribute from 10% to 15% of the total cost of the work. The City Solicitor could then prepare a resolution under Section 332 A of the Charter to enable the balance owing to the Solicitor to be paid.

Yours truly,

A. M. Butler,  
CITY AUDITOR.

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Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by  
Alderman O'Malley that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

The following resolution was submitted.

RESOLVED that the City do borrow under  
the authority of Section 332 A of the City Charter  
a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars and  
apply the same in pay F. H. Bell, the balance of the  
sum due him for a revision of the City Charter and  
any amount so borrowed shall be included in the  
civic estimates for 1933-34.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by  
Alderman O'Malley and passed unanimously.

MCF. HALL CLAIM AGAINST THE N. S.  
PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION COMMISSION.

Read letter of the Hon. John Doull,  
Attorney General re judgment against the N. S.  
Exhibition Commission recovered by Mr. M. McF. Hall.

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Dear Mr. Mayor:

M. McF. Hall has recovered a judgment  
against the Nova Scotia Exhibition Commission for  
\$5,000. and costs. The costs have been taxed at  
\$467.50. The total amount due on the judgment is  
\$5,668.25, made up as follows:

Amount of judgment	\$5,000.
Taxed costs	467.50
Mr. Bell's fee	<u>200.75</u>
Total	\$5,668.25

There may also be due interest from April 16th.

The Exhibition Commission desires in  
some way to liquidate this amount as the judgment  
at present stands against it, and they are willing to  
arrange payment of the judgment and all costs if the  
City of Halifax approves of legislation, to be  
introduced at the next session of the Legislature,  
authorizing the Exhibition Commission to include the  
expenses in connection with this claim and judgment  
and the costs in connection therewith, as part of  
any possible deficit of the Exhibition Commission  
for the year 1932.

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Kindly bring this matter before the City Council and have the matter of the approval of the City decided upon at the earliest possible moment.

Yours sincerely,

John Doull,  
Attorney General.

A. A. Thompson, Esq.,  
Mayor,  
Halifax, N.S.

The following resolution was submitted.

RESOLVED that the City Council approve of legislation to be introduced by the Exhibition Commission at the 1933 Session of the Legislature, to authorize and confirm the payment of a sum amounting to \$5,668.25 which includes the costs of the action decided in favor of M. McF. Hall as follows:

Amount of judgment -	\$5,000.00
Taxed costs-	
Solicitor's fees-	668.25
	<u>\$5,668.25</u>

and to further authorize the Exhibition Commission to embody in the said legislation provision for charging the amount aforesaid, either to the expenses of any one year, or against the expenses over a longer period not exceeding five years.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by

Alderman Donoyan and passed unanimously.

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

Read report of the Finance Committee in reference to expenditures for unemployment relief work last fall.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
July 12th, 1932.

To His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter of the City Auditor in reference to expenditures for unemployment relief work last fall was submitted and read.



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Your Committee recommend that the special committee of the Committee on Works that interviewed the local government in respect to the expenditure for these services be requested to again take up the matter with the government to see if it would contribute its share of the cost of this work.

In order to meet the expenditure already made, your Committee recommend that an appropriation not to exceed \$1,000.00 be provided for under the provisions of Section 332 A of the Charter to pay for the crib work at the base of the monument at Point Pleasant Park.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

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The Chairman,  
Finance Committee.

Dear Sir:-

I should like to report that it was apparently the understanding of the City Engineer and certain members of the Works Committee who formed a special committee to interview the local government in respect to unemployment relief work last fall, that the local government would arrange to contribute half the cost towards the construction of crib work at the base of the Sailors Memorial in Point Pleasant Park. Evidently, it was also their impression that there would be funds forth coming to the extent of 50% towards the cost of certain sewers to be constructed in the City; this latter amounting to \$12,500.00.

It now appears that the local government had no such understanding of these two items, and they are not to form a part of the unemployment relief program for last year.

It becomes necessary therefore, for the City to provide another authorization for the crib work at the base of the monument, and regardless of the outcome of any discussions with the Provincial Government, this must be done in order to authorize the expenditures already made; these expenditures being made on the faith of the report that the crib work would be a part of unemployment relief work. I would ask therefore, that the Committee approve of a resolution to be prepared by the City Solicitor, under Section 332 A of the City Charter to provide funds for the crib work at the base of the memorial up to an amount of \$1,000.00.

Yours truly,

A. M. Butler,  
CITY AUDITOR.

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Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

The following resolution was submitted.

RESOLVED that the City do borrow under the authority of Section 332 A a sum not exceeding One Thousand Dollars and apply the same in defraying the costs of constructing the crib work at the base of the Sailor's Monument in Point Pleasant Park and any sum so borrowed shall be included in the Civic Estimates for 1933-34.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman O'Malley and passed unanimously.

WALKER STREET, CHANGING NAME TO  
GLADSTONE STREET.

Read report of the Committee on Works recommending that the name of Walker Street be changed to Gladstone Street.

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The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting on June 29th, resolved to recommend to Council that the name of Walker Street be changed to Gladstone Street.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman O'Toole that the report be adopted.

Motion passed. ✓

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

Read report of the Finance Committee asking for a further appropriation of \$5,000.00 for unemployment relief.



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Committee Room, City Hall,  
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To His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:--

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, His Worship the Mayor attended and informed the meeting that he, together with the Auditor, Mr. C. W. Ackhurst, and Mr. A. Hanfield Whitman had just concluded an interview with the Provincial Government, in connection with the matter of the local and federal governments contributing to the relief of the unemployed.

He further informed the meeting that the fund established at the June meeting of Council was exhausted because of the many applications for relief that had to be met, and that the delegation interviewing the government had come to a tentative agreement that if the City voted a further sum of \$5,000.00, making in all \$10,000.00 voted, the Provincial government would approve of a like amount and would further recommend to the federal authority the granting of a like amount.

Your Committee recommend that a further sum of \$5,000.00 be appropriated for unemployment relief, and that an application be made to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor in Council for an undertaking to implement with necessary legislation the borrowing of the said sum of \$5,000.00 for this purpose, all of which is conditional on the Provincial Government ratifying in writing the agreement as outlined by the Mayor.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

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Colonel the Honourable G. S. Harrington,  
Premier, Province of Nova Scotia,  
Province Building,  
CITY.

Dear Sir:--

I enclose herewith a brief, which the City submits to support its appeal for funds to assist the local situation respecting unemployment.

At a conference held Tuesday, July 12th, 1932, with the members of your Government, it was agreed that your government would contribute up to an amount of \$10,000.00, the City having contributed

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\$5,000.00 and being willing to contribute \$5,000.00 more, and that you would recommend to the Federal authority that they also contribute the sum of \$10,000.00. It was also understood that the amount of \$5,000.00 already contributed by the City should be considered as part of the total sum of \$10,000.00 to be contributed to care for the needs of the next two or three months. It is also the understanding of the delegation which waited on your honourable body, that the amounts mentioned are maximum amounts, and that your Government and the Federal Government (if the latter agrees to a contribution as aforesaid) will return to the City an amount equal to two-thirds of the expenditures made by the City on direct relief each month.

Will you please write me a letter confirming my understanding of this matter so that I will receive it in time for the meeting of Council which takes place on Thursday evening, July 14th.

Yours truly,

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR.

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To His Honor the Lieutenant,  
Governor in Council,  
Halifax, N. S.

Sir:-

I have the honor in behalf of the Corporation of the City of Halifax, to make representations to your Government, in order to emphasize the alarming number of cases of distress in the homes of the City, with which, without aid from other governmental sources, it will be impossible, from a financial standpoint for the City to deal with.

Until recently private charity, augmented by appropriations of money made by the City for social services and the upkeep of a poor asylum, have been sufficient to care for the needs of the unemployed; but conditions have sharply become worse within the past three months, and with an almost complete tie-up in the usual seasonal works, there is little or no employment to absorb the floating supply of labor. This is not only true of unskilled labor, but of skilled labor as well.

The City of Halifax last year was able to substantially avert the economic stress which more or less prevailed elsewhere throughout the country.

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This was accomplished largely by the expenditures of monies raised by the City on capital account as well as private undertakings. In order to help the situation this year substantial amounts have been appropriated for permanent improvements to streets and other public services, and it is intended that a sum equal to the expenditure of last year, or probably greater, will be made. On capital works last year an expenditure of some \$400,000.00 was made, and a like amount will be expended this year.

In addition to the foregoing, the City expends \$65,000.00 annually on its City Home. Its other social activities involve the expenditure of \$26,000.00 annually on a Tuberculosis Hospital; an expenditure of \$28,000.00 annually on its health services; an expenditure of \$40,000.00 annually to provide free hospital services for people unable to pay; an expenditure of \$25,000.00 annually on account of neglected and delinquent children. Added, are numerous grants made to homes and institutions established for the protection of the sick and mentally deficient. The foregoing facts are written in order to demonstrate that the City of Halifax is doing its utmost to relieve the present situation. In doing this, it is here emphasized that the burden on the taxpayers is already an abnormal one, inasmuch as 45% of the assessable property within the City limits is tax exempt.

For the reasons given, the City feels it cannot, and it would not be provident, to make further expenditures itself. The City is desirous of making every effort to relieve the present situation, to aid the poor and destitute. But it cannot do this to the point of putting in peril its own financial structure.

I have the honor to draw to your attention the several discussions I have had with the members of your Government, the first of which began on June 16th, and the last on July 12th, 1932. At this latter conference the City representatives attended the representatives from our social agencies and it was then tentatively decided and agreed that the City would augment its initial appropriation of \$5,000.00 by an additional \$5,000.00 on the condition that your Government would supplement the said appropriation by an appropriation for a like amount, and that you would recommend to the federal authority that they under the act of parliament authorizing them to do so, also supplement the appropriation by a further \$10,000.00. It was agreed that for the time being that the maximum appropriation would be \$30,000.00 to be divided as follows:-

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The City of Halifax - \$10,000.00

The Government of the Province of Nova Scotia - 10,000.00

The Government of the Dominion of Canada (if and when granted on the recommendation of the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia) - 10,000.00

It would be as well to inform your honorable body that this City, except in times of extreme stress, has well organized agencies which are capable of caring for the needs of the poor. These agencies are still efficient organizations, but are unable to secure adequate funds through private subscription for their work. Their records and experience, however, makes their services invaluable at a time like this, and the organization established to distribute the direct relief fund is composed of representative citizens who have for many years taken an active interest in relieving conditions affecting the poor. In addition to this it has been decided that all expenditures for food shall be made from a list of some twenty staple commodities. The prices shall be fixed by the relief organization, and shall be based on wholesale prices. Relief will not be given the second time until a thorough investigation is made into each case to decide its merits. I may add finally that the purveyors of the commodities will be given equal treatment in respect to distribution of orders of food.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity to emphasize that in the judgment of those whose experience should not make them err, the present situation will undoubtedly become worse, for up to the present relief has been given only to those who in good and bad times stand more or less in need of relief. So far no applications have been received from the heads of households who for the first time in their experience are faced with the necessity of obtaining the necessaries of life by direct appeal, and I should like to add that the fund, which it is hoped to create through equal contributions from the three Authorities, will be sufficient only to care for relief for a period of approximately three months, after which it will again be necessary to discuss the matter of winter assistance.

I have gone to some length to make clear the situation within the City and while I have touched on many points which will be familiar to you, I trust that the appeal which I now make, and is herein set forth will receive your early and favorable consideration.

On behalf of the Corporation of the City of Halifax,

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR.



July 14th, 1932.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by  
Alderman O'Malley that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

The following resolution was submitted.

BE IT RESOLVED that subject to the undertaking of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor in Council to implement with necessary legislation, the city do borrow from any bank or fund available the sum of \$5,000.00 to be paid out on the order of His Worship the Mayor for the purpose of giving such direct charitable relief to bona-fide residents of the City of Halifax as His Worship in his absolute discretion may deem advisable.

The money so borrowed shall be included in the civic estimates for the following year after the passage of such legislation.

This resolution is conditional on the province of Nova Scotia subscribing an amount equal to the amount voted by the city for direct relief since June 1st, 1932, by an undertaking not later than 16th July instant and on the further assurance that that government will recommend to the federal authority that a subscription, equal to the amount given separately by the province and the city, be made by the said federal authority.

*on Percy Bland  
the wing  
Premier*  
Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by  
Alderman Minshull and passed unanimously.

SIDEWALK WEST YOUNG STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works  
re extending of the sidewalk on West Young Street  
to the property of Mr. John Diachuk.

July 14th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend that the sidewalk now being laid on Agricola Street be extended for a distance of 90 feet on West Young Street, in front of the property of Mr. John Diachuk.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

July 14th, 1932.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the report be adopted.

*Engineer*  
Motion passed. ✓

CHEBUOTO LANE ACCEPTANCE.

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re the acceptance of Chebuoto Lane as a city street.

July 14th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

I beg to report on the petition from property owners on Chebuoto Lane asking that the lane be graded and accepted as a City street, that it is signed by the owners of about 84% of the frontage. This lane is only about twenty feet wide.

Legislation was obtained at the last session of the Legislature authorizing the City Council to take over as a street this lane extending from Chebuoto Road to Allen Street notwithstanding that it is less than 60 feet in width.

Chebuoto Lane is the only connection between Allen Street and Chebuoto Road between Windsor and Harvard Street and is a convenience to all the residents in the locality as well as a large number of the public in general.

The estimated cost of the work is about \$200.00. It is recommended that the grading be done at the expense of the property owners and when graded that the lane be accepted as a City street.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

July 14th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend that the attached report of the City Engineer be adopted, and Chebuoto Lane be accepted as a City street.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

July 14th, 1932.

Moved by Alderman O'Toole, seconded by  
Alderman O'Malley that the reports be adopted.

*Engineer*  
Motion passed.

OILING CREIGHTON STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works  
recommending that Creighton Street be oiled.

July 13th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend that  
Creighton Street be oiled, from Charles to  
Bloomfield Street.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman O'Toole, seconded by  
Alderman Doyle that the report be adopted. Motion  
passed.

JUBILEE ROAD ENCROACHMENT, TENDERS FOR  
MOVING DWELLING.

Read report of the Committee on Works  
covering tenders for moving dwelling and shop at the  
south east corner of Jubilee Road and Walnut Street.

July 13th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works  
held this day, the following tenders were received  
for moving dwelling and shop at the south-east  
corner of Walnut Street and Jubilee Road:-

Charles E. Morton	\$1195.00
Wm. H. Phillips and	
J. J. Brunt	1275.00
W. F. Bedwin	1650.00
Robert Ed Co.	1987.00
Standard Construction Co.	2817.00

It was resolved to recommend to Council  
that the tender of Charles E. Morton, being the lowest,  
be accepted.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

July 14th, 1932.

*Engineer*  
Moved by Alderman Shields, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the report be adopted.

Motion passed. ✓

PAINTING PARADE RAILING

Read report of the Committee on Works covering certificate of the City Engineer recommending the final payment to Collins & Ead of balance in full on their contract for painting the Parade railing.

July 14th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend payment to Collins & Ead of the balance in full on their contract for painting the Parade Wall, amounting to \$79.40.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the report be adopted. Motion passed. ✓

QUINPOOL ROAD IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT

*Engineer*  
Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Quinpool Road Improvement contract.

July 7th, 1932.

Mr. F. H. Bell,  
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

The following memorandum covers the history of the contract between the City and Thomas S. Stephen for the construction of a retaining wall and other work for the Quinpool Road Improvement.

The contract was entered into between the City and Thomas S. Stephen on the 5th day of December 1931. A bond in the sum of \$4,200. was furnished by the contractor with O. A. Hubley and Samuel Butler as sureties. The amount of the contract was \$16,574. Additional extra work to the



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extent of \$785. was authorized bringing the total amount of the contract to \$17,359.

On the 22nd day of March, Stephen entered into an agreement with Hubley and the Fairview Crushed Stone Company which was filed with the City but upon which no action was taken by the latter. The contract provides that the contractor shall not assign or transfer his interest in the contract or any right he has under the same unless the written consent of the City is first obtained, which consent shall be certified by the Engineer in writing. No such consent has been given.

A letter dated March 22nd was received from Mr. T. R. Robertson, Solicitor for O. A. Hubley, covering an assignment from Stephen to Hubley of all monies owing or to become due or payable under the contract.

On the 2nd day of April a letter was received from Stephen notifying the Engineer that Hubley was then acting as his representative on the work instead of P. Campbell, the man he had formerly notified us as being in charge. After this date orders in connection with the work were given to Hubley.

On June 7th, Hubley stating he was acting as foreman for Stephen made a claim for extras, \$9628.03.

On June 23rd another letter was received from him claiming a further sum of \$2,672.

On June 29th, Mr. T. R. Robertson, Solicitor for Hubley, notified the City that a mechanics' lien had been filed by the latter against the work on the Quinpool Road Improvement. The amount claimed under this lien was \$12,298.

On July 4th a letter was received from Mr. Robertson giving particulars of three claims of Hubley without mentioning any amounts. (1) concerned the alleged extra work done on the parapet wall; (2) the alleged extra work done by excavating and placing stone footings instead of crib work; and (3) requested that the fifteen percent withheld by the City be paid to his client less Workmen's Compensation Board charges \$200. and small wages claims approximating \$72.00.

Clause 20 of the contract provides that any dispute or difference between the parties in respect to the proper amount payable under the contract

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or the final settling of accounts or in any other way arising out of the contract or the work to be done thereunder, shall be referred to the Engineer whose sole written decision thereon shall be absolutely final, binding and conclusive between the parties. In my opinion there is no merit in the claims for extra work made by Mr. Hubley.

The contract provides that the contractor shall be responsible for the payment of labour in connection with the work and that if he fails to pay for labor or materials the City may appropriate any amount of money due the contractor or any money held by the City for deposit as security for the contract and apply the same or any part thereof towards the payment of such liabilities. The contract also provides, under Section 23, Sub-section 3, that the City shall not be in any way liable for any such wages or materials or for any payment or appropriation made under this Section nor shall the City be bound to act under this Section or to make any such appropriation.

Several claims for wages amounting to about \$371.79 have been received and filed in this office. In addition there is a claim for material delivered of \$75.00, and a claim on account of a sub-contract for constructing the parapet wall of \$1,205.00.

The contract was completed on May 31st, 1932, and the City has paid to the contractor on account on it \$14,545.85, the certificates being made payable to Thomas S. Stephen but a portion of the money was paid to Hubley under the assignment above referred to. Fifteen percent (15%) of the contract amounts to \$2,603.85. Taking into account a few small items for materials supplied by the City amounting to \$69.64, the amount held by the City on account of the contract is \$2,743.51. The amount due the Workmen's Compensation Board is \$257.68, so that the City has on hand an amount equal to \$2,485.83, owing to the contractor.

I would like to have your opinion in view of all the circumstances of the case as to what disposition should be made of this money.

Yours faithfully,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

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Mr. H. W. Johnston,  
City Engineer.

Dear Sir:-

RE: QUINPOOL ROAD IMPROVEMENT

It appears clear to me on your statement of facts that Hubley is entitled to receive the balance payable under the contract, either as the Assignee of the contractor or under his claim for Mechanics Lien, assuming the latter to be of any validity, which under Section 3 of the Mechanics Lien Act does not appear to be the case.

As to the City recognizing claims for wages and materials, there might be a question if Mr. Hubley was entitled to the full fifteen percent under the Mechanics Lien Act. Assuming that he is not entitled under that Act, but only as the Assignee of the contractor, the City has the right to deduct from any monies payable to him in that capacity what it would be entitled to deduct from the contractor, and under Clause 23 of the contract the recognition of any such claims and payment of them by the City is entirely within the discretion of the City.

As I understand it, the claims of this nature against the contractor are very numerous. The wisdom of the City undertaking to act under this Clause is very doubtful, and I would suggest that the wisest course is to give the certificate in the usual way.

Yours truly,

F. H. Bell,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

July 13th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter from the City Engineer to the City Solicitor with regard to the Quinpool Road Improvement contract and the Solicitor's reply, in which he advises that the wisest course is to give the certificate for the balance of moneys retained by the City, in the usual way. My own opinion is that the small claims for wages should be paid on account of the hardship and injustice involved; however in view of the Solicitor's opinion I am submitting herewith a final certificate deducting only the amount due the Workmen's Compensation Board for which we are liable. As previously reported to the Committee in my opinion the

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contractor is only entitled to payment for the extras that are shown on the certificate.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

July 14th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the City Engineer and City Solicitor with reference to claims for extras on the Quinpool Road Improvement contract and also on claims of Mr. O. A. Hubley and others, against the balance retained on the said contract, were approved by the Committee on Works at a meeting on the 13th instant.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Shields, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the reports be adopted.

*Engineer*  
Motion passed.

QUINPOOL ROAD IMPROVEMENT FINAL PAYMENT ON CONTRACT

Read report of the Committee on Works covering a certificate of the City Engineer recommending the final payment of the Quinpool Road improvement, contract amounting to \$2,485.83.

July 13th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend payment to Thomas S. Stephen of the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty-five Dollars and Eighty-Three cents (\$2,485.83) being the balance in full on his contract for Quinpool Road Improvement.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

July 14th, 1932.

Moved by Alderman Shields, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Probert, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the report be referred back to the Committee on Works for further consideration and report. Amendment put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 12 against it as follows.

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Getley  
O'Malley  
Probert  
Smeltzer

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Mitchell  
Minshull  
Stech  
Donovan  
Miller  
Edams  
Logan  
Golden  
McDonald  
Shields  
O'Toole  
Doyle  
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The original motion is put and passed.

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Mitchell  
Minshull  
Stech  
Donovan  
Miller  
Adams  
Logan  
Golden  
McDonald  
Shields  
O'Toole  
O'Malley  
Doyle  
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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Getley  
Probert  
Smeltzer

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STREET LIGHTS, QUINPOOL ROAD

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re street lights, corner of Quinpool Road and Windsor Street.

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June 28th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

On May 16th, a report was made recommending that a new 250 c.p. light be installed on a pole at the north-east corner of Quinpool Road and Windsor Street to improve conditions at this point where cars stop to discharge and take on passengers. This recommendation was referred back for further report on the question of using a flood light.

Flood lighting is not in general use for purposes of lighting streets. There is a glare from the beam from this light which may be dangerous and also there is the quick transition from bright light shadow, which condition is a source of danger.

We were able to obtain a Diolux Lighting Unit for test purposes which was mounted on a pole at the north-west corner of the intersection where there is at present a street light. The glare from this was not so bad, but to be effective it would require the installation of an additional light across the street. In addition, these lights only throw the light in one direction. The estimated cost of installing two of these lights in multiple lighting is approximately \$240.00 and the maintenance per year would be about \$88.00.

In my opinion, which is concurred in by the City Electrician, better results would be obtained by installing two 600 c.p. lamps, one on the north-east corner of the street and the other on the south side opposite the centre of Windsor Street. The estimated cost of this installation would be \$135.00 with approximately the same charge for maintenance as given above.

In the very near future the whole lighting system on Quinpool Road should be renewed with ornamental street lighting and in view of this, it is recommended that the proposition contained in the original report of the 16th ultimo be adopted, namely that 250 c.p. light be installed at the north-east corner of the intersection at an estimated cost of \$35.00 and a yearly maintenance charge of \$28.00. This light would relieve the present cause of complaint and source of danger.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

July 14th, 1932.

July 8th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend that the attached report of the City Engineer be adopted and that a 250 c. p. light be installed at the north-east corner of the intersection of Quinpool Road and Windsor Street.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Golden, seconded by Alderman Shields that the reports be adopted.

*Engineer*  
Motion passed.

LIGHTING LEPPERT STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re lighting of Leppert Street.

June 28th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the application of the residents of Leppert Street for the installation of a light on this street, that at present there are five houses on the south side and the Sir. John S. Thompson School is on the north side at the corner of Mumford Road. To properly light the street would require two lamps each 250 c.p. The cost of installing these two fixtures is \$60.00 and the increased cost of maintenance \$ 56.00.

This street in its present condition is very dark at night and owing to the proximity of the school some lighting should be installed.

It is recommended that two 250 c.p. lights be installed.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

July 14th, 1932.

July 8th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend the adoption of the attached report of the City Engineer on the installation of lights on Leppert Street.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by  
Alderman Minshull that the reports be adopted.

*Engineer*  
Motion passed. ✓

OILING JOHN STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works  
and City Engineer re oiling of John Street.

June 29th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

In accordance with instructions from the Committee on Works I beg to report on the oiling of John Street, that the estimated cost of oiling this street is \$240.00. The street connects two streets which are already oiled, namely West and Charles Street.

I would recommend that the work be ordered to be done.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

July 8th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the City Engineer on the oiling of John Street is recommended to Council for adoption.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by  
Alderman Minshull that the reports be adopted.

*Engineer*  
Motion passed.



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July 14th, 1932.

CURBS AND GUTTER, ROSEBANK AVENUE.

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer on the construction of concrete curbs and gutter on Rosebank Avenue.

July 4th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition from owners of property on Rosebank Avenue asking that concrete curb and gutter be laid on both sides of this street and that the present sidewalk receive necessary repairs, that the petition is signed by the owners of about 53% of the property fronting on the street.

Some years ago concrete sidewalks were laid on this, as well as other streets in the Rosebank subdivision. Most of these walks are in poor condition and were evidently not constructed originally in accordance with the City's specifications.

This street is well built up and the work asked for would make a great improvement.

A large part of the sidewalk should be replaced. The estimate submitted is for new work throughout, this of course will be reduced by the value of the old work that is not destroyed.

The estimated cost of the whole work is \$8,900. with the curb and gutter alone the estimate is \$3,400., in both cases the city's share would be one-half of the figures given.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

July 8th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is a report of the City Engineer on the construction of concrete curbs, gutters and sidewalks on Rosebank Avenue.

The Committee on Works recommend that the said report be adopted and that the work be placed on the order paper to be done when funds are available.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

July 14th, 1932.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by  
Alderman Minshull that the reports be adopted.

*Engineer*  
Motion passed. ✓

SIDEWALK WINDSOR STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and  
City Engineer re sidewalk, Windsor Street near  
Duncan Street.

July 5th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

There is a gap of about 146 feet on  
Windsor Street between the concrete sidewalk near  
Duncan Street and the end of the walk at present  
ordered. These two walks should be pointed up  
while we are working on Chebucto Road. The estimated  
cost of the work is \$250.00 of which the City's  
share would be one-half.

I would recommend that the work be  
ordered to be done while the walks on Chebucto Road  
are being built.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

July 8th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:\*

The Committee on Works recommend that the  
attached report of the City Engineer on the  
construction of about 146 feet of concrete sidewalk  
on Windsor Street, near Duncan Street be adopted and  
the work ordered to be done while Chebucto Road  
sidewalk is under construction.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by  
Alderman Minshull that the reports be adopted.

*Engineer*  
Motion passed.

✓  
July 14th, 1932.

CURB AND GUTTER GERRISH STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re curbs and gutters to be laid on both sides of Gerrish Street from Gottingen Street to Maynard Street.

June 29th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report that there is no permanent sidewalk, curb or gutter on either side of Gerrish Street between Gottingen Street and Maynard Street, the gutters being cobble stones.

We have continual complaints from this portion of the street as to the condition of both sidewalks and gutters and also the roadway.

The estimated cost of curbs and gutters is \$1350.00 and of concrete sidewalks \$2500.00.

There is no doubt as to the improvement that would be effected, if this work were done, not only as regards sidewalks but also the roadway.

I would recommend that the work be placed on the order paper to be done.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

July 8th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend that curbs and gutters be laid on both sides of Gerrish Street, from Gottingen to Maynard Street.

A report of the City Engineer on sidewalks, curbs and gutters on Gerrish Street, is attached hereto for the information of the Council.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

July 14th, 1932.

*Engineer*  
Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by  
Alderman Minshull that the reports be adopted.  
Motion passed.

WATER EXTENSION, ROBIE AND INGLIS STREETS

Read report of the Committee on Works  
and City Engineer on the petition of Dr. A. L. Murphy  
and Dr. A. M. Jones for the extension of water to new  
houses now being erected at the corner of Inglis  
and Robie Streets.

July 13th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition from  
Dr. A. L. Murphy and Dr. C. M. Jones asking that the  
water be extended so as to supply them with water  
to new houses being built, one on the north-west  
corner of Inglis and Robie Street and the other on  
the lot immediately west of Inglis Street, that the  
present pipe on Robie Street ends at a point about  
172 feet north of the north line of Inglis Street.

The length of the extension required to  
supply the properties is 172 feet on Robie Street and  
90 feet on Inglis Street, and the estimated cost  
of the extension is \$1,074.00, the interest on which  
at 6% would be \$64.45.

I would recommend that the extension be  
ordered to be made and that a rate of \$32.22 be fixed  
as a special rate for each of the two houses.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

July 13th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend that the  
attached report of the City Engineer be adopted and that  
the water be extended to supply two new houses at the  
north-west corner of Inglis and Robie Street.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

July 14th, 1932.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by  
Alderman Minshull that the reports be adopted.

*Engineer*  
Motion passed.

WATER SUPPLY TO HOUSE ST. MARGARET'S BAY ROAD

Read report of the Committee on Works and  
City Engineer on the application of Colin L. Keddy  
for a connection to the City water supply on St.  
Margaret's Bay Road.

June 22nd, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the application of  
Mr. Colin L. Keddy asking for a connection to the City  
water supply to supply his house on the St. Margaret's  
Bay Road, that I can see no objection to making this  
connection provided the owner will sign the usual  
agreement, which among other things provides that he  
shall pay a minimum rate of \$10.00 per annum, all  
costs that the City may be put to in making the  
connection, and that the City may have the right to  
disconnect the supply at any time on one months notice.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

July 8th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend that the  
attached report of the City Engineer be adopted, and  
that a water connection be made to supply the house  
owned by Mr. Colin L. Keddy on the St. Margaret's  
Bay Road, subject to the conditions set out in the  
said report.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by  
Alderman Shields that the reports be adopted.

*Engineer*  
Motion passed.

July 14th, 1932.

TENDERS FOR PAINTING FOUNTAINS AT GARDENS.

Read report of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Common recommending the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Collins & Ead for painting the two fountains at the Public Gardens.

City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.  
June 20th, 1932.

To His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Commons held this day, the Vice-Chairman submitted tenders for painting the two fountains at the Gardens as follows:

Wm. J. Roche	\$123.00
Collins & Ead	220.00
Saxton & Lutley	281.00

Your Committee recommend that the tender of Collins & Ead, \$220.00 be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
Vice-Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by  
Alderman Miller that the report be adopted.

*Engineer*  
Motion passed.

TRANSFER OF WATER FUNDS.

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending the transfer of the sum of \$25,000.00 from the balance to the credit of the Water Maintenance account to Water Construction Capital account.

His Worship the Mayor.

July 4th, 1932.

Sir:-

Instead of making a borrowing on Capital



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Account for the cost of work done last year and to be done this year, it is recommended that the sum of \$25,000. be transferred from the balance at the credit of the Water Department Maintenance Account to Water Construction Capital.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

July 8th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the City Engineer with reference to the transfer of the sum of \$25,000.00 from the balance to the credit of the Water Department Maintenance Account, to Water Construction Capital, is recommended to Council for adoption.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the reports be adopted.

*Engineer*  
Motion passed.

AUDIT OF PRE - LIEN TAXES

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending the continuance of the audit on pre-lien taxes from 1907 to 1925.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
July 12th, 1932.

To His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the City Collector reported that the special audit authorized by the Council on November 12th, 1931 to ascertain what accounts of pre-lien taxes from 1908 to 1925 are collectable and what accounts are to be written off. The work from 1908 to 1921 has been completed but the appropriation is exhausted, he asked that a further appropriation be provided to complete this work up to the date of the Refunding Loan, May 1925.

July 14th, 1932.

Your Committee recommend that a further sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for this purpose, and that the money be provided for under the provisions of Section 332 A of the City Charter.

Your Committee also recommend that the accompanying resolutions dealing with this appropriation be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Logan that the report be referred back to the Finance Committee for further consideration. Amendment put and lost, 7 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows.

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Miller  
Logan  
O'Toole  
Getley  
O'Malley  
Smeltzer  
Doyle

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Mitchell  
Minshull  
Stech  
Donovan  
Adams  
Golden  
McDonald  
Shields  
Probert

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The original motion is put and passed,

10 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows.

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Mitchell  
Minshull  
Stech  
Donovan  
Adams  
Golden  
McDonald  
Shields  
Probert  
Doyle

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Miller  
Logan  
O'Toole  
Getley  
O'Malley  
Smeltzer

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July 14th, 1932.

The following resolution was submitted:

RESOLVED that the City do borrow under the authority of Section 332 A of the City Charter a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars and apply the same to defraying the cost of completing the audit of the amounts due for rates and taxes for the years 1908-1925, both inclusive and any amount so borrowed shall be included in the Civic Estimates for 1933-34.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by  
Alderman Mitchell.

On a vote being taken there appeared,

FOR THE RESOLUTION

Aldermen Mitchell  
Minshull  
Stech  
Donovan  
Adams  
Golden  
McDonald  
Shields  
Probert  
Doyle  
-10-

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Miller  
Logan  
O'Toole  
Getley  
O'Malley  
Smeltzer

-6-

The Resolution not receiving the necessary two-thirds vote of Council was declared lost by the Chairman.

CLAIM FOR LEGAL FEES IN CONNECTION WITH LOAN

Read report of the Finance Committee on the claim advanced by the legal firms retained by H. R. Bain & Co, Ltd, and the N. S. Bond Corporation Ltd, in the matter of the floating of the recent loan of \$309,000.00

Committee Room, City Hall,  
July 12th, 1932.

To His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

July 14th, 1932.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter of the City Auditor in reference to a claim advanced by the legal firm retained by H. R. Bain & Co, Ltd, and the N. S. Bond Corporation Ltd, in the matter of the floating of the recent loan of \$309,000.00 was submitted and read.

Your Committee recommend that the correspondence be filed.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Shields that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

N. S. RELIEF MAP AND DIRECTORY

Read report of the Finance Committee on the application of the N. S. Relief Map and Directory Co, Ltd, to contribute the sum of \$50.00 for repainting the name of the City of Halifax on the relief maps, Amherst and Yarmouth.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
July 12th, 1932.

To His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter of the N. S. Relief Map and Directory Co, Ltd, of Sydney, N.S. asking the City to contribute a sum of \$50.00 towards the improving of the N. S. Relief Map and Directory situated at Amherst and Yarmouth, was submitted and read.

Your Committee recommend that the letter be filed.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

July 14th, 1932.

*J. J. Rudder Lane*  
Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by  
Alderman Shields that the report be adopted.  
Motion passed.

CITY HOME AND T.B. HOSPITAL,  
TENDERS FOR COAL AND ICE.

Read report of the Charities Committee  
re tenders for the supply of coal and ice for a period  
of twelve months to the City Home.

Halifax, N.S. June 29th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Charities Committee met this day and  
beg to submit the following report.

MEMBERS PRESENT: The Chairman, Aldermen  
O'Malley, Shields, Probert, Logan and Miller.

Tenders were opened and considered for  
Coal and Ice, City Home for a period of twelve months  
from July 1st, 1932 as follows:-

COAL

G. B. Goodwin & Co., Ltd.

	1200 Tons Acadia R/Mine @ \$6.84 ton	\$8208.00
(\$8595.50)	1200 " Greenwood " 6.59 "	7908.00
	25 " Welsh Anthracite 15.50 "	387.50

R. E. Archibald & Co.

	1200 Tons Acadia R/Mine @ \$6.85 "	\$8220.00
(\$8592.50)	1200 " Bayview Screened 6.60 "	7920.00
	25 " Welsh Anthracite 14.90 "	372.50

ICE

Rocky Lake Ice Co.

Ice.....	@ \$3.75 per ton
3 (10 lb. pieces daily)	5.00 " month

George Hutchinson

Ice.....	4.00 per ton
3 (10 lb. pieces daily)	5.00 " month.

The tender of R. E. Archibald for Acadia  
Run of Mine and Welsh Anthracite Coal being the lowest  
is recommended for acceptance.

The tender of Rocky Lake Ice Co, being the  
lowest is recommended for acceptance.

Respectfully submitted,  
A. H. Minshull,  
CHAIRMAN.

July 14th, 1932.

*Carver  
A. Minshull  
J. B. Buchanan*

Moved by Alderman Minshull, seconded by  
Alderman Mitchell that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

APPLICATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN  
ASSISTANT PLUMBING INSPECTOR.

Read report of the City Health Board asking  
for the appointment of an Assistant Plumbing Inspector.

July 14th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held  
on Wednesday, July 13th, a Resolution was passed  
recommending that an Assistant Plumbing Inspector  
be appointed; provision for which was made when the  
salaries of all officials were readjusted.

Appearing before the meeting was a  
delegation representing the Master Plumbers and  
Steamfitter's Association of Halifax County  
emphasizing the absolute need of such an appointment  
being made without delay.

The President of the Association, Mr,  
W. M. Walker and the Secretary, Ralph E. Sullivan,  
stated that one inspector could not satisfactorily  
handle the large amount of work which he was  
called upon to do, and, as a result much delay  
through no fault of the present Inspector, was  
experienced at a considerable loss to the trade.  
This loss was also borne by those paying for the  
plumbing work.

It was also pointed out that previous  
to the superannuation of the late John E. Burns,  
an assistant Plumbing Inspector was available and  
that there was just as much need today for an  
assistant as before.

The City Health Board strongly recommends  
the appointment of an Assistant Plumbing Inspector.

Respectfully yours,

W. D. Forrest,  
CHAIRMAN, C. H. B.

July 14th, 1932.

A delegation from the Master Plumbers Association was present. Messrs. Walker and Sullivan of the Association addressed the Council on the subject, and urged upon the Council the necessity of appointing an assistant to Mr. Morrissey, who is now over worked. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided on motion of Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Shields to refer the report to the Committee on Works with the request that that Committee take immediate action in the matter, and that the Chairman of the Health Board and representatives of the Master Plumbers Association be notified to attend the meeting of the Committee when this matter is to be considered.

*Engineer  
Clark of Works.*

REPLASTERING - INFECTIOUS DISEASE HOSPITAL.

Read report of the City Health Board re final payment to Mr. J. J. Campbell for replastering the Infectious Disease Hospital.

July 14th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Wednesday, July 13th, the final account of Mr. J. J. Campbell, covering the cost of replastering the Infectious Disease Hospital, was considered.

The Board recommends that the final payment amounting to \$1,296.00 be paid.

Respectfully yours,

W. D. Forrest,  
CHAIRMAN, C. H. B.

Moved by Alderman Logan, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.



✓  
July 14th, 1932.

CITY HEALTH BOARD, PURCHASE OF AN  
ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR.

Read report of the City Health Board re  
the purchase of an electric refrigerator for the  
Infectious Disease Hospital.

July 14th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held  
on Wednesday, July 13th, further consideration was  
given to the account of Cragg Bros, Co, Ltd, for one  
electric refrigerator amounting to \$231.00.

This machine was purchased by the  
outgoing Board on the recommendation of a Special  
Committee but the account was not due for payment  
until the new Board was appointed.

This explanation was given at  
Wednesday's meeting and was accepted as satisfactory.  
I was instructed to forward it to you with a  
recommendation that it be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. Forrest,  
CHAIRMAN, C. H. B.

Moved by Alderman Minshull, seconded by  
Alderman Logan that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

✓  
TAX COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE 1932

Read report of the City Auditor covering  
tax collections for the month of June 1932.

City Auditor's Office,  
June 30th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Report on Tax Collections for the month  
of June is submitted. Collections amounted to  
\$505,015.27; corresponding period last year  
\$673,860.88. (Collections for May and June totalled  
\$1,305,757.05; corresponding period last year  
\$1,301,761.19).



July 14th, 1932.

Collections on account of taxes for the civic years prior to May 1st, 1925 were \$57.95. The outstanding book value of this group on June 30th, 1932 after deducting Reserves for short collection was \$554,307.20.

		Outstanding Balances May 1932	New Accounts and other adjustments	June Collections	Outstanding Balances June 1932.
<u>Arrears Taxes</u>					
<u>Civic Year</u>	<u>Tax Reserve</u>				
1925-26	\$67,755.24 *	\$66,724.08		\$24.05	\$66,700.03
1926-27	40,149.20 *	44,185.51		261.67	43,923.84
1927-28	44,552.59 *	44,452.20		361.57	44,090.63
1928-29	54,023.08 *	53,519.92		535.64	52,984.28
1929-30	79,763.76 *	87,387.09		6,264.52	81,122.57
1930-31	71,832.22 *	232,035.64		9,960.81	222,074.83
1931-32	62,432.64 *	404,204.77	-.50	24,790.61	379,413.66
		932,509.21	-.50	42,198.87	890,309.84
<u>Current Taxes</u>					
1932-33	46,246.48	1,436,384.75		419,204.13	1,017,180.62
<u>Water Department</u>					
Rates, etc.	11,167.56	123,447.33	17,314.19	43,612.27	97,149.25
		2,492,341.29	\$17,313.69	\$505,015.27	\$2,004,639.71
<u>Dog Taxes 1932-33</u>					
		1,976.00		2,026.00	cr. 50.00
<u>Poll Taxes 1932-33</u>					
		24,990.00		2,383.00	22,607.00
<u>Poll Taxes 1931-32</u>					
		2,166.80	478.70	916.50	1,729.00
		\$ 27,156.80	478.70	3,299.50	24,336.00

Collections of Poll Taxes in 1932-33 of current and arrears to June 30th, 1932 were \$6,522.90; corresponding period last year \$4,319.10.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Butler,  
CITY AUDITOR.

\*Includes special tax payments and unexpended balances, and, for the year of 1925-26, a special transfer as authorized by the Acts of 1928, Cap. 62.

FILED ✓

CITY HOME AND T.B.HOSPITAL MONTHLY REPORT

Read report of the Charities Committee for the month of June showing the number of inmates in the City Home to be 424 and the number of patients at the T. B. Hospital to be 56.

FILED

July 14th, 1932.

AMENDMENT TO TRUCK ORDINANCE

Read an extract from minutes of a meeting of the City Council held on the 16th day of June 1932, in re an Ordinance to amend Ordinance number 14 of the City of Halifax relating to trucks.

Moved by Alderman Minshull, seconded by Alderman Miller that the said Ordinance be now read a second time. Motion passed.

Read an Ordinance to amend Ordinance number 14 of the City of Halifax relating to trucks.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 14  
OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Halifax as follows:-

Section 4 of Ordinance no. 14 of the City of Halifax entitled of "The Regulation of Trucks" is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor.

4. (1) The fees payable for truck licenses shall be -

Horse-drawn vehicles -

One horse.....\$5.00  
Two horses or more.... 7.50

Motor Vehicles -

One ton or under..... 15.00  
For every ton or fraction  
of a ton in addition to one  
ton..... 5.00  
(But not in any case to  
exceed) 25.00

(2) The license fees imposed by this Section shall be due and payable in respect to any truck licensed during the civic year 1932-33.

The Schedule to the said Ordinance is amended by adding thereto the following:

FORM OF TRUCK LICENSE

License is hereby granted to.....  
to operate a truck in the City of Halifax until the  
30th day of April 19.....

July 14th, 1932.

The number of such truck shall be.....  
The stand appointed for such truck shall be.....  
The licensee undertakes to comply with the provisions  
of the Motor Vehicle Act and of the Laws and  
ordinances of the City of Halifax.

.....MAYOR

.....CITY CLERK".

Second reading.

Moved by Alderman Minshull, seconded by  
Alderman Miller that the Ordinance to amend Ordinance  
number 14 of the City of Halifax relating to trucks,  
having been read a first time at a meeting of the City  
Council held on the 16th day of June 1932, and having  
now been read a second time at this meeting be adopted  
and forwarded to the Governor in Council for  
approval. ✓ Motion passed.

ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAY TREATY.

Alderman Mitchell drew to the attention of  
Council to reports in the Press that a treaty was about  
to be signed between the Dominion of Canada and the  
United States of America re opening up of the St.  
Lawrence Waterway from the Great Lakes to the sea  
at the joint expense of the Dominion of Canada and the  
United States of America, and submitted the following  
resolution.

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of  
Halifax views with alarm published reports in the  
Press to the effect that a treaty is about to be  
signed between the Dominion of Canada and the  
United States of America re opening up of the St.  
Lawrence Waterway from the Great Lakes at joint  
expense of the Dominion of Canada and the United  
States of America.

*loc the Hon  
G. D. Harrington*

July 14th, 1932.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council at a meeting held this 14th day of July do unanimously protest to the Premier of Canada against the signing of this treaty without the full authorization of Parliament.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Dominion Cabinet and members of Parliament for Nova Scotia.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Stech. Resolution put and passed unanimously, and referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for redrafting.

10.30 o'clock,

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Donovan, that this meeting do now adjourn.  
Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

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A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR

H. S. Rhind,  
CITY CLERK.