QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS

Read report of the Special Committee appointed to investigate the qualification of voters.

Committee Room, City Hali, February 10th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor, and Members of City Council.

A meeting of a Special Committee appointed to investigate the qualification of voters was held on the above date.

The opinion of the committee was that a large number of citizens did not know the qualifications of voters, and therefore recommends that the City Collector be authorized to insert advertisements in the press before April 1st notifying the taxpayers regarding the qualifications of voters and that the City Assessor be instructed to attach a note(to the same effect) to the tax bills when the same are being sent out beginning with 1938-39.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan, CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded

by Alderman Stoch that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

ROWELL COMMISSION

Road letter from His Worship the

Mayor ro Rowell Commission.

February 12th, 1938.

The City Council, Halifax, N.S.

Dear Aldermen:-

Pursuant to resolution passed at meeting of the City Council held on January 13th, 1938, re the City's brief to be presented before the Rowell Commission, I beg to report that the City Auditor, City Solicitor and myself appeared before the Commission on the 5th instant and presented the Brief, copies of which are in your hands.

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Robruary 17th, 1938.

The Commission gave us a very fair hearing and we are in hopes that when it appears before the Government the report will be in our favor and that the Government will implement its findings, insofar as they affect our tax situation.

Yours very truly,

Walter Mitchell, MAYOR.

FILED

Alderman Gough, at this time, stated that he wished to congratulate the City Auditor and the City Solicitor on the brief they prepared and presented in connection with the Rowell Commission.

ACCOUNT - DEPUTY STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE

Read letter of the City Clerk submitting resolution re payment to the Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate.

February 17th, 1938.

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

At the last regular meeting of the City Council a report of the Finance Committee, recommending payment to the Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate for services rendered during the civic year 1936-37, was adopted.

As the nocessary resolution, providing for the borrowing of the money, was not submitted with the report I am enclosing herewith a resolution for Council's adoption.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Publicover, CITY CLERK.

WHEREAS the City requires money for the purpose of paying the Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate for services rendered in the absence of the Stipendiary Magistrate; and no funds have been provided in the estimates for the aforesaid purpose.

AND WHEREAS Section 332A.of the City Charter as enacted in Chapter 53 of the Acts of 1932 authorizes the City to borrow for such purpose.

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BR IT RESOLVED that an amount not exceeding \$200.00 be borrowed from any bank or fund available under the provisions of the said enactment. The money so borrowed, with interest thereon, shall be included in the estimates for the civic year 1938-39.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the letter of the City Clerk and resolution as submitted be adopted. Motion put and passed unanimously. The following voting therefor:-

Aldermen Adams Batson Burgess Curtis Donovan Freda Gough Keshen MacKay McDonald Power Smeltzer Stech Sullivan Walker -15-

A two-thirds vote of Council being required.

QUESTIONS BY ALDERWEN

Alderman Stech suggested that the Charities Committee furnish a report to Council in order that Council may know what is being done at the City Home.

Adderman Gough stated that the Mayor had appointed an independent committee to investigate and make a report on the conditions at the City Home.

10.10 P.M.,

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Stech that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Burgess
Keshen
Power
Stech

Aldermen Curtis
Donovan
Freda
Gough
MacKay
McDonald
Smeltzer
Sullivan
Walker
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LABORERS PROGRAM OF PUBLIC WORKS

Read extract from minutes of a meeting of the Direct Relief Committee re laborers program of Public Works.

"February 7th, 1938.

International Hod Carriers Building and Common Laborers Union of America.

Mr. Harding, President of the Union presented two resolutions as follows:

The Halifax Direct Relief Committee:-

Gentlemen:-

We desire to urge your co-operation at the next meeting of the Halifax City Council relative to contracts in the City Program of Works, this summer in an effort to protect local labor also seeking your protection through the Council that all men in receipt of relief be employed at the city rate of wages for laborers (40¢ per hour) 8 hours a day.

Committee on Program of Public Works Construction and General Laborers Union. Halifax Local #605 of the International Hod Carriers Building and Common Laborers Union of America, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor.

(Sgd) John H. Harding, President,

(Sgd) W. H. Brown, Chairman.

(Sgd) G. H. MacLood, Secretary.

The Halifax Direct Relief Committee.

Members of the Construction and General Laborers Union, Local #605, International Hod Carriers Building and Common Laborers Union of America have elected us as their delegates to appear before your committee tonight to discuss if possible an employment work scheme in which the Federal, Provincial and Civic Governments could share their respective financial responsibilities and co-operation in the abolishment of Direct Relief in Halifax after April 30th, 1938.

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Our Union has made an intimate study and are therefore in a position to know what the laboring people of Halifax want more urgently than anything else (food, warmth and shelter) which are available to all, provided employment is there for the laboring people to purchase them. A large number of our people lack the necessities of life-living in squalor and misery.

A simple straightforward demand is being made here tonight for the inauguration of a program of work in Halifax and the surrounding district. This demand must be made to those in authority and to those of whom we feel that the reponsibility of the burden of Direct Relief rests. We are placing in your committee's hands the program of public works which our union has given close study and has already the commendation of the citizens of Halifax.

We feel certain that your consideration will be sincere and shall receive the recommendation it deserves when your committee decides to place this important question before your City Council at its next meeting for action.

Jommittee on Program of Public Works. Jonstruction and General Laborers Union. Halifax Local #605 of the International Hod Carriers Building and Common Laborers Union of America, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor.

(Sgd) John H. Harding, President.

(Sgd) W. H. Brown, Chairman.

(Sgd) G. H. MacLood, Secretary.

Brief

Laborers Program of Fublic Works, Halifax City and district; adopted and approved, April 1937, reaffirmed January 30th, 1938.

- across Halifax Harbor at a location suitable to all interests, the improvement of arterial roads serving the City such as that from Bedford by the addition of sidewalks to protect prestrians and motorists and a building of a direct Bedford-Halifax Highway to handle through traffic.
- 2. That the City go ahead with plans for the completion of Connaught Amenue.

- 3. Improvement in the condition of burial grounds of historic interest which serve as tourist attractions.
- 4. Installation of a modern high pressure water main by the City to augment existing facilities.
- 5. Completion of paving on Barrington Street from North Street to the Kempt Road junction, making Bedford Basin a scenic drive.
- A home building scheme similar to the English plan of providing singly detached homes for small income families, the number built as the initial move not to be less than four hundred.
- 7. Erection of comfort stations at convenient points in the City, also at playgrounds of modern design and constructed of stone cut by local workmen.
- 9. . Fort Needham and Mulgrave Park be put in proper condition to serve as a monument to those who lost their lives in the Halifax explosion 1917.
- 9. Discontinuance of the practise of having relief men do necessary work in return for relief orders, this causing more unemployment for men who do this work for wages.
 - Proservation and improvement of historic sites such as the Citadel, Point Pleasant Park batteries and the Martello Tower, the taking of permanent measures to maintain ancient cometeries such as St. Paul's and the Dutch Church.

Committee on Program of Public Works. Construction and General Laborers Union Halifax Local #605 of the International Hod Carriers Building and Common Laborers Union of America, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor.

(Sgd) John H. Harding, Prosident.

(Sgd) W. H. Brown, Chairman.

(Sgd) G. H. MacLood, Secretary.

During the reading and at the conclusion of it all members of the committee expressed themselves on various points at issue and it was eventually moved by Alderman Smeltzer and seconded by Alderman Curran that the resolutions be brought to attention of City Council for consideration. Carried."

Mr. John H. Harding, President of the Laborers Union was present at the meeting and wished to address Council.

Moved by Alderman Curtis, seconded by Alderman Power that Mr. Harding be heard for a period of five minutes. Motion passed.

Mr. Harding then addrissed Council and asked Council to appoint a committee to wait on the Provincial Government for the purpose of inaugurating a works scheme for the unemployed.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that this matter be referred to the Relief Committee to interview the Provincial Government for the purpose of discussing a program of public works. Motion passed.

GRANT TO RED CHOSS SOCIETY

Read letter from the Secretary of the Halifax Direct Relief Committee submitting resolution regrant to the Red Cross Society.

January 26th, 1938.

To the Mayor and Aldermon Halifax City Council.

Attached hereto is a copy of a resolution passed at the meeting of the Halifax Direct Relief Committee, January 24th, 1938, requesting the approval of the City Council that Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.) be granted to the Red Cross Society to defray cost of administrating unexpended balance of approximately Seventeen Hundred Dollars (\$1700.) left over from grant by City Council of Twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500.) supplemented by similar amounts of Twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500.) each from Provincial and Federal Governments.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Vaughan, SECRETARY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council in pursuance of a request received by the Direct Relief Committee from the Canadian Red Cross Society appropriate a sum not exceeding \$200.00 for the purpose of meeting the expenses of administering the fund for providing clothing for the poor and needy; this sum to be supplementary to the sum of \$500.00 voted at the Council Meeting of November 18th, 1938.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Gough that the letter and resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS AND THE CITY OF HALIFAX RELATING TO DIRECT ELIEF.

Read report of the Halifax Direct

Relief Committee re agreement between the Governments and the City of Halifax, also form of telegram proposed to be forwarded to the Federal Premier and Minister of Labor.

February 17th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor, and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Direct Relief Committee held this evening, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried, that the City Council of Halifax, be requested to go on record, in respect to a new relief contract now being considered as between the governments and the City of Halifax, which contract is not in the opinion of the Relief Committee favorable to the City, by the sending of the attached letter to the Federal Premier and Minister of Labor.

F. W. Curtis, CHAIRMAN.

Form of Telegram

"The City Council of the City of Halifax firmly protests the reduction in percentage of grant in aid provided in new agreement between Dominion and Province of Nova Scotia. Stop. In view of relatively small proportion paid to Halifax since inception of relief as compared with other Canadian cities and the frugal distribution made here of money received, proposed reduction regarded extremely unfair. Stop. Please advise at once if matter to be reconsidered.

W.P.Publicover,

CITY CLERK".

"Telegram to be sent to Rt. Hon. W.L. MacKenzie-King, Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, Hon. J.L. Ilsley, Hon. N. McL. Rogers, G.B. Isnor, M.P., R.E. Finn, M.P., Premier of Nova Scotia, Minister of Labor and R. H. MacKay".

Moved by Alderman Curtis, seconded by Alderman Gough that the report of the

Direct Rolief Committee and form of telegram as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

WATER BILL REDUCTIONS

Road report of the Committee

on Works re water bill reductions.

February 17th, 1938.

The City Council.

The Committee on Works on the 3rd instant, on motion of Alderman Stech and Alderman Freda, recommend unanimously the following reductions in water bills subject to the provision that the accounts be paid within thirty days.

#50215 - #991 Barrington St.

Bill for the six months ending April 1936 to be reduced to \$295.48, and the bill for the six months ending October 1936 to be reduced to \$292.13.

#51315 - 56 Maitland St.

Consumption for September 1937 to be reduced to 10,000 gallons.

#62398 - 171 Windsor St.

Consumption from May to October 1936, inclusivee, to be reduced to 1,000 gallons for each month.

#60897 - 132 Duffus St.

Consumption for April 1937 to be reduced to 6,000 gallons.

Wm. J. O'Toole. DEPUTY MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stoch, seconded by

Alderman Donovan that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

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Colork on

February 17th, 1938. STREET LIGHTING - ALBERT STREET

City Eng.

Read report of the Comm. on Works

and City Engineer re street lighting, Albert Street.

January 27th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the application of the residents of Albert Street south of Russell Street for a street light on Albert Street extension, that this is a doad end street being an extension of Albert Street from Young Street to the Wellington Barracks property.

There are three houses on the extension and a light at the south end would make a great improvement.

In the estimates now under consideration, I am recommending that provision be made for twenty (20) new lights and it is recommended that if these lights are ordered, that one be placed at the end of Albert Street extension.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston, CITY ENGINEER.

February 16th, 1938.

The City Council.

At a mooting of the Committee on Works on the 3rd instant, the attached report of the City Engineer on an application for street lighting on Albert Street extension was on motion of Alderman Walker and Alderman Stech, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

> Wm. J. O'Toole, DEPUTY MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stoch, seconded

by Alderman Donovan that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

STREET LIGHTING - HENNESSEY STREET

Read report of the Committee on

Ceity bort forko Works and City Engineer re street lighting,

Honnossey Street.

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January 27th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on an application from owners of property on Hennessey Street between Agricola and Isleville Street, that a street light be installed.

A considerable improvement in lighting conditions would be effected by the installation of a new light in this block.

The estimated cost of installation is \$30.00 and the yearly maintenance \$20.00.

In the estimates now under consideration, provision is asked for twenty new lights, if this money is voted, it is recommended that one of them be installed on Hennessey Street between Agricola Street and Isleville Street.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston, CITY ENGINEER.

February 16th, 1938,

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 3rd instant, the attached report of the City Engineer on an application for the installation of a street light on Hennessey Street between Agricola and Isleville Streets was on motion of Alderman Stech and Alderman Walker, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

> Wm. J. O'Toolo, DEPUTY MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stoch, seconded

by Alderman Donovan that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

TEA ROOM, 160 SPRING GARDEN ROAD

Read report of the Comm. on Works.

Control of of orthe and City Engineer re tea room, 160 Spring Gardon Rd.

January 27th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on an application, copy of which is attached, from Mr. H.W. Hall for permission to cut a doorway near the western side of the property known as No. 160 Spring Garden Road, for the purpose of making an entrance from the street to the room which is proposed to be used as a tea room.

The premises are located within the residential district.

The eastern part of the ground floor of the premises is used as a shop for the sale of goods by retail and was so used previous to 1914 when the residential district Act came into force.

The applicant states that no interior alterations whatever will be made.

As the proposed work will necessitate the use of the building for sale of goods by retail to a greater extent than it was used for at the time of the coming into force of the Act, it will be necessary for the applicant to obtain a permit from the Council, after a report thereon has been made by the Committee on Works.

In June 1934 an application for a permit to put a shop front in the building No.152 Spring Gardon Road was refused.

In November 1935 a permit to alter the premises No. 162-164 Spring Garden Road into a shop was also refused.

This building is immediately adjoining No. 160-160%

It may also be stated that the owner of the building last mentioned, signed a petition against the conversion of the premises No. 162-164 into a shop.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston, CITY ENGINEER

February 16th, 1938.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 3rd instant, the attached report of the City Engineer on an application from Mr. H.W. Hall for permission to cut a doorway near the western side of the property known as #160 Spring Garden Road for the purpose of making an entrance from the street to the room which is proposed to be used as a tea-room, was considered.

On motion of Alderman Walker and Alderman Freda, the committee recommended to the City Council that the permission applied for be granted.

> Wm. J. O'Toole, DEPUTY MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by

Alderman Freda that the report of the Committee Works be adopted. Motion passed. City of Archo.

LEASE OF PROPERTY - BEECH HILL

Read report of the Comm. on Works.

and City Engineer re lease of property, Heech Hill.

January 27th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Last year the City leased a portion of its property on the north side of the St. Margarot Bay Road at Beech Hill to the Halifax Gun Club for the purpose of providing a site for a skeet club at a rental of \$25.00 per annum. The lease expires on the 31st of January, 1938.

The Club is anxious to have the lease renewed for another year on the same terms as are contained in the present one.

There is no more objection to granting a renowal of the lease than there was to the granting of the original onc.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston, CITY ENGINEER.

February 16th, 1938.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 3rd instant, the attached report of the City Engineer in reference to the lease of city property at Beech Hill to the Halifax Gun Club, which lease expired on January 31st, 1938, was considered.

On motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman Walker, the committee recommended to the City Council that the said lease be renewed for a period of one year.

Wm. J. O'Toole, DEPUTY MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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February 17th, 1938. Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by

Alderman Walker that the report of the Comm.on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

CAPITAL BORROWINGS

Read report of the Comm. on Works and

Coity Ent Hopes Colert Mytops City Engineer re capital borrowings.

January 12th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

Legislative authority for borrowing on capital account for water construction, pavements and sidewalks is becoming exhausted and it would appear advisable to borrow for the different services as follows:-

> Water construction Sidewalks

\$100,000.00 100,000.00

It is understood of course that these sums may be borrowed from time to time only as the Council may direct.

Pavements - With regard to the amount required for paving, the policy was adopted of spending a certain amount every year for a period of five years. This year, about \$119,000.00 was spent for this work.

It is recommended that legislation be sought authorizing the City to borrow a sum not exceeding \$100,000.00 per annum for four years. This would enable us to pave a number of our streets and would bring the mileage of paved streets nearer to the percentage it should be in a City of the size and importance of Halifax.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston, CITY ENGINEER.

February 16th, 1938.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on on the 3rd instant, the attached report of the City Engineer in reference to capital borrowings was on motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman Freda, approved and recommended to the City Council for adoption.

Wm. J. O'Toole, DEPUTY MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Freda that the reports be adopted.

Motion put and passed unanimously. The following voting therefor:-

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Burgess
Curtis
Donovan
Freda
Gough
MacKay
McDonald
Smeltzer
Stech
Sullivan
Walker
—13—

A two-thirds vote of Council being

necessary.

SHORT TERM BORROWINGS

Read report of the Comm.on Works and

City Engineer re short tterm borrowings.

January 13th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

In July, a report was made on the erection of street signs throughout the City in which it was suggested that next year an amount be borrowed to install all necessary street name signs and that an amount be borrowed to do the work in one year, repayment to be spread over five years.

This year the type of sign erected with four name plates and steel posts painted, cost an average of about \$6.00 set in place, although the cost may be increased in certain cases where it is necessary to make a stronger base.

It is recommended that authority be obtained to borrow a sum not exceeding \$5,000.00 for the purpose of erecting street name signs. The amount borrowed to be repaid in five annual instalments.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston, CITY ENGINEER.

February 17th, 1938. Fob. 16th, 1938.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 3rd instant, the attached report of the City Engineer recommending that authority be obtained to borrow a sum not exceeding \$5,000.00 for the purpose of creeting street name signs was on motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman Walker, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

> W. J. O'Toole, DEPUTY MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Donovan,

seconded by Alderman Walker that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

SALE OF LAND - CHESTNUT STREET

Read report of the Comm.on Works

Coily Engloska Clerk A Horka and City Engineer re sale of land, Chestnut Street.

February 4th, 1938,

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:

I beg to report on the application of Mr. H. E. Williams for the purchase of land on the east side of Chestnut Street Detween Jubilee Road and Watt Street owned by the City, that some years ago when Walnut Street and Chestnut Street were straightened, that the lines of Chestnut Street were moved about 21 feet westwardly and the property required on the west side was purchased from the various owners.

This straightoning of the street left a strip of land about 21 feet on the east side of the street which was no longer required for street purposes, and at different times portions of this were sold to the abutting owners. The price paid for both the purchase and sale of the properties was ten cents per square foot and the present assessed v alue of the land is about the same.

Mr. Williams is the owner of lots 61 and 65 and the area of the property lying in front of his property between the old and new east line of the street is approximately 1407 square foct, which at ton cents per square foot would amount to \$140.70. Respectfully submitted,

Wirdongineer.

February_17th, 1938. Fob. 16th, 1938.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 3rd instant, the attached report of the City Engineer on an application of Mr. H. E. Williams for the purchase of land on the east side of Chestnut Street, between Jubilee Road and Watt Street, owned by the City of Halifax was considered.

On motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman Freda, the report recommending that the land formerly a portion of Chestnut Street lying between the old and the new east line of the street in front of Mr. Williams' property be sold to him for \$140.70 was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Wm. J. O'Toole, DEPUTY MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Donovan,

seconded by Alderman Freda that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

SUPT'S REPORT RE INMATES IN THE CİTY HOME FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1938.

Read report of the Charities

Committee for the month of January, 1938, showing
the number of inmakes in the City Home to be 452.

FILED

DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Read report of the City Auditor re departmental appropriations and expenditures. FILED

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1938.

Read report of the City Auditor covering tax collections for the month of January, 1938.

February 17th, 1938.

TAX COLLECTIONS, JANUARY, 1938.

Arrears Taxes					
Civic Year Reserve	Outstanding Balances December	Now accounts adjustmon	and Collectio		
1933-34 \$59,705.75 1934-35 53,660.73 1935-36 60,429.99 1936-37 55,297.92	\$47,492.97 \$14,709.57 214,465.96 351.893.45 728,561.95	\$2.00 \$2.61 \$367.64 \$1.95 \$374.20	\$759.51 15,532.14 8,025.81 24,118.34 48,435.80	\$46,735.46 99,180.04 206,807.79 327,777.06 680,500.35	
Current Taxes 1937-38 59,721.50	674,265.21	† 1.24	30 , 642 . 58	643 , 623 . 87	
Water Dept. Rates, etc.	70,313.99 473,141.15	+ 375 . 44	11,707.37 90,785.75	58,606.62 1,382,730,84	
Poll Taxes 1933-34 Poll Taxes 1934-35 Poll Taxes 1935-36 Poll Taxes 1936-37 Poll Taxes 1937-38	1,887.33 2,801.49 2,977.33 4,906.99 15,235.52	1.20 + 30 + 4.42 + 7.42 + 33.00	57.50 31.50 127.00 387.50 1,574.00	1,831.03 2,770.28 2,854.75 4,526.91 13,694.82	•
Additional Collections Tax years 1908-9 to 1924-25 Corresponding period last year Tax years 1925-26 to 1932-33 Corresponding period last year		·	\$159•54 852•75	31 .7 2 973 . 65	
Collections per above Corresponding period	re statoments l last year		90,785.75 91,798.04	86,434.01 87,439.38	
Collections of Poll. Taxes					
May 1st, 1937 to Jan. Corresponding period	31st,1938. I last year		\$20,151.78	19,321.17	

A. M. Butlor, CITY AUDITOR.

10.40 P.M.,

Moved by Alderman Smoltzer, seconded by Alderman Stech that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Moeting adjourned.

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Wm. J. O'Toole, DEPUTY MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

W. P. Publicover, CITY CLERK.

EVENING SESSION

SPECIAL MEETING.

8.00 o'clock, Council Chamber, City Hall, February 25th, 1938.

A moeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Batson, MacKay, Donovan, Sullivan, Freda, Adams, McDonald, Keshen, O'Toole, Power, Gough, Walker and Smeltzer.

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:-

1. Estimates 1938-39.

2. Water estimates 1938-39.

3. Legislation.

4. Borrowing resolution.

His Worship the Mayor stated that before proceeding with the business of the meeting, he would like to extend congratulations to Deputy Mayor O'Toole on having reached his 79th birthday. 8.05 o'clock,

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Power that owing to the importance of the business to be considered and a number of aldermen being absent, that this meeting do now adjourn, until Monday, February 28th at 8 P.M.

Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows:-

FOR THE M	OTION
Aldermen	Gough Power
	Smeltzer Walker

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Donovan
Freda
Keshen
MacKay
McMonald
O'Toole
Sullivan

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman McDonald that item #2 on the agenda, namely "Water Estimates" be now considered. Motion passed.

WATER ESTIMATES, 1938-39

Road report of the Committee on Works submitting estimates for the Water Department for the civic year 1938-39.

February 24th, 1938.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this date, estimates for the Water Department for the civic year 1938-39 were submitted by the City Engineer.

The committee recommends to Council that said estimates as attached hereto be approved.

> Walter Mitchell, MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

HALIFAX WATER WORKS ESTIMATES, 1938-39.

Revenue:	Estimato 1938-39		1937
Meter Rates Meter Rentals Special Agreements Fire Protection Bond Rates Interest Miscellaneous	1,5,000.00 6,000.00 34,000.00 82,500.00 2,800.00 2,300.00 900.00	\$263,500.00	\$137,138.95 6,314.75 34,721.44 85,904.07 3,059.87 2,301.92 947.14\$270,388.14
Less: Discounts Reductions &Adjustments Short Collections Total revenue	5,500.00 500.00 2,000.00	8,000:00 255,500:00	5,227.56 7.80 2,000.00 7,235.36 263,152.78
Expenditures: Salaries Deputy City Engineer Acting Superintendent Clerk of Works Asst. Clerk of Works(hal Stenoggapher Clerk Ledger Keepers 2 @1700. Entry Clerk Plumbing Inspector(half Meter Readers 2 @1500.	1,300.00 3,400.00 1,280.00) 1,150.00 3,000.00	468-	3,600.00 3,600.00 2,300.00 910.00 1,300.00 3,400.00 1,220.00 1,130.00 3,000.00

Mcter Readers, l " " 1 " " 1 Cashier(Collector's Off.) Sub-Collector " " Clerk Audit Clerks(part)	\$1,263.60 1,300.00 1,220.00 1,123.20 600.00 1,600.00 1,100.00 900.00	\$29 ,7 76 . 80	\$1,480.00 1,300.00 1,160.00 1,040.00 600.00 1,600.00 1,220.00 900.00	\$29,760.00
Wages Materials & supplies General expenses	50,000.00 9,500.00 8,000.00	67,500.00	49,839.74 9,713.56 7,332.19	66,885.49
Int.Consolidated Fund 1880 Int.Consolidated Fund 1905 Instalment Debentures Int.& Premium U.S.Loan Sinking Fund Depreciation & renewals	19,516.00 79,408.67 5,967.24 1.00 23,399.35 25,000.00	1 6 3,292,26 250,569.06	19,516.00 81,561.09 3,033.72 1,00 23,399.35 25,000.00	152.511.16 249,156.65

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman O'Toole that the Water Department estimates as submitted be approved. Motion put and passed unanimously.

8.15 o'clock,

Alderman Stech arrives and takes his seat in Council.

CIVIC ESTIMATES, 1938-39

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman McDonald that the estimates be considered, schedule by schedule. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "A" - JOINT ESTIMATES, MUNICIPALITY OF HALIFAX.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Freda that Schedule "A" be approved.

Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "B" - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that Schedule "B" as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "C" - CITY HOME

Read report of the Finance Committee

re recommendations of the Charities Committee.

Committee Room, City Hall, February 23rd, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor, and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, a list of items was presented by the Charities Committee which had been recommended by the said committee for inclusion in the Estimates as follows:-

- 1. New plumbing as per Plumbing Inspector's report, September 28th, 1937 \$10,000.00
- 2. Extras for suppers three nights per week 1,000,00
- 3. New floor and rooms for 2M. insane wardl,000,00
- 4. Infirmary wards, plaster and paint walls1,000.00
- 5. Isolation wards for insane men and women as requested by Inspector of Humane Institutions

500.00

6. Provide quarters for feeble minded children

20,000.00

Attention having been drawn to the rapid rate of increase in the cost of mental patients in roc ent years and at the present time, a discussion followed after which it was decided to recommend the appointment of a special committee of Council to interview the County Council, now in session, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the said Council would voluntary agree to the cancellation of existing legislation which binds the City and the County to a long term agreement with respect to the maintenance of the County poor in the City Home.

In view of the fact that recently an agitation for such cancellation had been expressed by certain County Councillors, it was deemed by this committee important to secure the view of the County Council with respect to the matter.

It is also recommended that following a report from the special committee as to whether or not the County Council is agreeable to such cancellation of the agreement, that, if so, the item for new plumbing \$10.000.00, should be gone on with and legislation secured therefor.

Under such circumstances the removal of county patients would provide ample room in the City Home for quarters for the harmlessly insane and feeble minded patients, and the expense for plumbing replacement would be justified.

If however, the County authorities are not desirous of cancelling this agreement, the Finance Committee proposes that enabling legislation be secured to construct a new building or add to the present buildings in order to house the increased and increasing number of harmbess insane.

Your committee makes this recommendation, having in mind in the long run it would be more economical to deal with this problem in the City's own institution than otherwise.

Item No. 2 providing for extras for suppers, three nights per week. \$1,000.00, is not approved in view of the fact that extras are now provided four nights per week.

insane ward is approved and an item of \$1,000.00 has been placed in the ostimates.

Item No. 3 for plastering and painting walls in the infirmary wards, \$1,000.00. is not approved and it is recommended that this be deferred for one year.

Item No. 5 to provide for isolation wards for insane men and women, \$500.00, is approved and has been placed in the estimates.

Item No. 6, being provision for quarters for feeble minded children, \$20,000.00, is not approved for the reason that this item is involved in the recommendation above which deals with the question of additional quarters for harmlessly insane and feeble minded patients.

Your committee recommends prompt action in this matter in order to cope with the increasing cost of hospitalizing these patients,

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan, VICE-CHAIRMAN.

by Alderman Smeltzer that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to appoint a committee of three to interview the County Council, now in session, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the said Council

would voluntary agree to the cancellation of existing logislation which binds the City and the County to a long term agreement with respect to the maintenance of the County poor in the City Home.

Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that Schedule "C" as submitted be approved. Motion put and passed unanimously.

SCHEDULE "D" - FLEMING PARK

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman McDonald that Schedule "D" be approved.

Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "E" - PUBLIC GARDENS

Read report from the Finance Comm. and City Engineer as follows:

dommittee Room, City Hall, February 23rd, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor, and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, a report was received from the Gardens Committee requesting approval of legislation to borrow the sum of \$600.00 for a motorized mowing machine and repay the sum in three years. This request is recommended for approval.

Also received from the same committee was a recommondation for legislation to expend the sum of \$2,500.00 for improving the Commons.

Your committee has recommended that the Council give consideration to a long term improvement program which will be submitted to the Council direct from the Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan, VICE-CHAIRMAN.

City Engineer's Office, Halifax, N. S. February 25th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a minute of the Committee on Finance with regard to moneys for the improvement of the Common.

This matter came before the Gardens Committee but there is no record of the improvements that were suggested. Apart from the children's playground section very little work has bech done on other parts of the Commons. there was a resolution to Council that the sum of \$2500.00 be included in the estimates for the improvement of the Common and that legislation be drafted, authorizing the City to assess each year. for ten years a similar amount. This amount was included in the estimates for 1921-22 and 1922-33. Since that time no funds have been specially provided for improvement. The only work that has been done being the raking of stones on the baseball diamond, putting ashos on the walks on the north Common and grading a portion of the south Common, using direct relief labour.

Without a general plan of proposed improvements it is difficult to estimate the amount of money required, although no matter what the extent of such improvements, the expenditure of the work should be spread over a term of years, and it would seem advisable that the yearly expenditure should be placed in the estimates rather than borrowed under short term borrowings, where in addition to the yearly amount interest on the unpaid balance would have to be added.

Subsection 1 of the City Charter, the City cannot assess a sum exceeding \$15,000. for the maintenance of the Gardens, Parks and open spaces which, I presume, includes the Commons. In addition, the Council may apply any rents from the leased parts of the Commons towards the improvement and adornment of the part not appropriated or leased.

In order to provide the necessary funds it would seem advisable to amend Section 310 either by providing that the amount of \$15,000. be increased or to insert an additional paragraph that a fixed amount may be borrowed for the improving and adornment of the Common.

As stated before, in the absence of a general plan, it is impossible to make any close estimate but it is thought that if the amount authorized was fixed at a sum not exceeding.

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\$2,000.00 a year, a gradual improvement in conditions could be effected.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston, CITY ENGINEER.

Matter deferred, to be considered with legislation.

Moved by Alderman McDonald, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that Schodule "E" as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "F" - POINT PLEASANT PARK

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that Schedule "F" be approved.

Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "G" - CITIZENS FREE LIBRARY

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Steeh that Schedule "G" be approved as submitted. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "H" - CITY HEALTH BOARD

. Moved by Alderman Keshen, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that Schedule "H" as submitted be approved.

Moved in amondment by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman Keshen that the salary of the Medical Superintendent be increased in the amount of \$200.00. Amondment put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldormen Batson

Aldormen Adams

Aldormen Batson
Gough
Keshen
MacKay
O'Toole
Smeltzer

Aldermen Adams
Donovan
Freda
McDonald
Power
Stech
Sullivan
Walker
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Motion put and passed.

SCHEDULE "I" - SUPERANMUATIONS

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Donovan that Schedule "I" as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "J" - CITY GRANTS AND SUNDRIES

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Keshen that Schedule "J" as submitted be approved.

Read report of the Finance Committee re Halifax Tourist & Convention Bureau.

Committee Room, City Hall, February 23rd, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor, and Members of City Council,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, an application received from the Halifax Tourist and Convention Bureau applying for a grant for \$3,000.00 was dealt with.

In view of the policy of the Council in making grants to this organization in recent years, it was recommended that the Council decide the question for the coming year, and if in favor to include such amount as may be granted under the heading of "advertising".

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan, VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Keshen that an item of \$3,000.00 be included in Schedule "J" under the heading of "advertising". Amendment put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT	AGAINST IT
Aldermen Batson Donovan Keshen MacKay McDonald O'Toole Smeltzer	Aldermen Adams Freda Gough Power Walker
Stoch Sullivan -9-	- 5-

Read minopity report of

Finance Committee re grant to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty.

Committee Room, City Hall, February 23rd, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor, and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, when considering the estimates covering various grants a resolution was passed deleting a sum of \$1,500.00 from the schedule covering the grant to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty.

Aldorman Donovan dissenting and wishing to forward this as a monority report to the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan, VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Moved in amendment by Alderman

Donovan, seconded by Alderman MacKay that an item of \$1,500.00 be included in the estimates for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty. Amendment put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 4

against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT		AG/	INST IT
Aldermen Adams		Aldermon	_
Batson			Power
Donovan			Sullivan
Freda			Walker
Keshen			
MacKay			
McDonald			
O'Toole			
Smeltzer			
Stoch	•		• •
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Moved in amendment by Alderman

Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Adams that the Schedule "J" as amended be now approved. Amendment put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Batson Donovan Froda Keshen

MacKay
McDonald
O'Toole
Smeltzer
Stech
Sullivan

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Aldermon Adams Gough Power Walker

Motion not put.

SCHEDULE "K" - SHORT TERM DEBENTURES AND INTEREST

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that Schedule "K" as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "L" - INTEREST ON CONSOLIDATED FUND 1880

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Power that Schedule "L" as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "M" - INTEREST ON CONSOLIDATED FUND 1905

Moved by Alderman Steeh, seconded by Alderman Donovan that Schedule "M" as submitted be approved. Motion passed,

SCHEDULE "N" - SINKING FUND REQUIREMENTS

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Donovan that Schedule "N" as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "O" - INTEREST AND INSTALMENTS DUE ON SERIAL DEBENTURES

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Donovan that Schedule "O" as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "P" - POLICE

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Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Keshen that Schedule "P" as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "Q" - CITY PRISON

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Batson that Schedule "Q" as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "R" - CITY WORKS DEPARTMENT

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman McDonald that Schedule "R" as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "S" - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that Schedule "S" as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the supplement to Schedule "S" namely, "Fire Alarm Tolegraph System", be approved. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "T" - MISCELLANEOUS

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Donovan that Schedule "T" as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "U" - SALARIES

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Stech that Schedule "U" be approved.

Moved in amendment by Alderman
Walker, seconded by Alderman Power that the items

Walker, seconded by Alderman Power that the items
"Clerk, Hospitals" and "Clerk-Stnnographer" be
deleted from this schedule. Amendment put and lost,

3 voting for the same and 11 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT	AGAINST IT	
Aldermen Gough Power Walker	Aldermon Adams Batson Donovan Froda Keshen MacKay McDonald O'Toole Smoltzer	
	Stoch	
	Sullivan	
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Moved in amendment by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the salary of the Bailiff be increased in the amount of \$100.00. Amendment put and resulted in a tie vote as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT	<u>AGAINST</u>	IT
Alddrmen Donovan Gough Keshen MacKay O'Toole Smeltzer Sullivan -7-	Aldermen	Adams Batson Freda McDonald Power Stech Walker -7-

His Worship the Mayor casts the deciding vote against the amendment and declared it lost.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Sough, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the salary of the Chief Clerk in the Assessor's Department be increased to \$1,500.00. Amendment put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 3 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Batson Donovan

Gough
Keshen
MacKay
McDonald
O'Toole
Power

Aldermon Adams Freda Stech

Power Smoltzer Sullivan

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Moved in amendment by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the Schedule as now amended be approved. Amendment put and passed.

The original motion not put.

SCHEDULE "V" - ESTIMATED INCOME

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Donovan that Schodule "V" as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Power that Schedule "U" be re-opened to reconsider the salary of the Assistant City Collector. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman O'Toole, seconded by Alderman McDonald that the salary of the Asst.

City Collector be increased by the sum of \$100.00.

Motion put and passed, 8 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION AGAINST IT Aldermen Adams Aldermen Batson Donovan MacKay Freda Power Gough Stech McDonald Sullivan O'Toolo Smoltzer Walker -g-

The following resolution was then

submitted:-

RESOLVED that the General and Ordinary Assessment amounting to \$689,980.71 less probable income \$154,348.66 making a total of \$535,632.05 and the extra assessment amounting to \$1,714,189.14 as set out in the yearly estimated herewith submitted for 1938-39 making a total of \$2,249,821.19 plus 2% for short collections \$44,996.42 making \$2,294,817.61 less estimated poll tax \$26,000.00 and \$5,000.00 from unexpended balances making a total of \$2,263,817.61 be confirmed and do now pass and that the inhabitants and property within the City be assessed and rated for the said sum of \$2,263,817.61.

Clerk is hereby directed to transmit the said estimates together with a copy of this resolution to the City Assessor won or before the 1st day of March next, and to instruct him to fix the rate of taxation for the year ending April 30th, 1939, on the basis of the said amount of \$2,263,817.61.

Moved by Alderman Stoch, seconded

by Alderman Donovan that the mesolution as submitted be adopted. Motion passed.

CITY OF HALIFAX ESTIMATES FOR CIVIC YEAR 1938-39 Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the civic year ending April 30th,1939, as passed by City Council February 25th,1938.

Extra Assessment	1938-39	<u>Increase</u>	Decrease	1937-38
A.Joint estimates, Municipality of Halifax B.Public Schools C.City Home D.Fleming Park E.Public Gardens&Common F.Pt.Pleasant Park G.Citizens Free Library H.City Health Board I.Superannuations J.City Grants & Sundric	\$61,257.99 761,757.62 66,708.00 3,000.00 8 14,801.73 5,000.00 5,600.00 74,036.00 38,869.21 8220,218.07	\$1,659.17 \$6,391.99 25,700.00 1,584.20 115.00 3,290.00 15,945.63	4,414.48	\$59,598,82 725,365.63 41,008.00 3,000.00 13,217.53 4,885.00 5,600.00 70,746.00 43,283.69 204,272.44
K. Short Term Debentures and Interest	17,877,27		2,225.20	20,102,47
L.Interest on Consolida Fund 1880	49,394.00			49,394,00
M. Interest on Consolida Fund 1905	272,815.39		48,867 .8 5	321,683,24
N. Sinking Fund requirements	90,744.72		6,081.71	96,826.43
O.Interest and Instalme due on Serial Debentures	•	32,109.14		
1	,714,189.14	116,795.13	61,589,24	1,658,983.25
General Assessment P.Police Q.Prison R City Works Dept. S.Fire Department	\$132,703.00 23,605.10 245,003.73 170,927.95	3,196.00 9,283,95 2,480,35	10,797.50	129,507.00 14,321.15 255,801.23 168,447.60
Fire Alarm Telegraph System T.Miscellaneous U.Salaries	7,400.40 9,900.00 100,440.53	615.00 2.837.20	10 707 50	6,785,40 9,900,00 97,603,33
V.Less Estimated Income Total General Assessmen Total Extra Assessmentl 2	t 535,632.05	18,412,50 18,012,70 37,425,20 116,795,13 154,220,33	10,797,50 10,797,50 61,589.24 72,386,74	682,365,71 173,361.36 509,004.35 1,658,983.25 2,167,987.60
Add Provision Short collection 2%	44.996.42 ,294,817.61	154,220.33	3,783.31 76,170.05	48,779.73 2,216,767,33
Less unexpended balance Less estimated poll tax	5,000.00 26,000.00		1,000:00	5,000.00 25,000:00
Civic Year 1938-39 2 Previous Year 2	,263,817.61 ,186.767.33	154,220.33 77,170.05	77,170.05	2,186,767.33
INCREASE	\$77,050.28	\$ 77,050.28		