

A F T E R N O O N   S E S S I O N  
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
October 29, 1951,  
5:00 P. M.

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

After the meeting was called to order by the Chairman and before considering the regular order of business, the members of Council attending, led by the City Clerk, joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

There were present His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Lane, Abbott, Adams, Macdonald, Fox, Vaughan, Hatfield and MacMillan.

The meeting was called specially to consider a Report from the Committee on Works re Fairview City Entrance.

FAIRVIEW CITY ENTRANCE

October 26th, 1951.

Re: Proposed Entrance to City - Fairview

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on October 23rd, the attached report from the Commissioner of Works in regard to the land necessary to be purchased for a proposed road from Bayers Road northwardly to the Dutch Village Road was considered.

The Committee recommended that the Provincial Government be advised that the City is prepared to expropriate or purchase this land, but can only do so on the understanding that we have their assurance that they will complete their end of it beyond the end of the City limits.

Alderman Abbott against.

It was agreed that Council appoint the Committee to confer with Provincial Authorities.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabean,  
CLERK OF WORKS.

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October 23rd, 1951.

Re: Proposed Entrance to City - Fairview

His Worship the Mayor, Chairman  
and Members of the Committee on Works.

Gentlemen:-

Plan No. QQ-3-11880 has been prepared and shows the land necessary to be acquired for a Proposed Road from Bayers Road northwardly to the Dutch Village Road.

The proposed road is laid one hundred (100') feet in width extending from Bayers Road to one thousand, two hundred and twenty-five (1,225') feet northwardly, and then the width is increased to one hundred and fifty (150') feet at this point and gradually widens to two hundred (200') feet terminating within the City's building at the Dutch Village Road. The widths mentioned are the proposed total widths of the right-of-way, which would comprise a total area of land to be acquired of approximately five hundred and twenty-six thousand, one hundred (526,100 sq. ft.) square feet. Based on a rate of twenty-five (25¢) cents per square foot, the amount required for land would be \$131,525.00.

Since the Province of Nova Scotia will take the necessary steps to secure the right-of-way immediately outside the City limit, it is recommended that the City take similar steps within the City.

This would then permit the City to construct a Sewer Outlet from Bayers Road to the existing sewer at Fairview and thus allow the development of the property on both sides of Bayers Road between the Canadian National Railways main line and the Dutch Village Road.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Harris,  
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

October 22nd, 1951.

Dear Mayor Kinley:-

With reference to the proposed improvements to the entrance to the City of Halifax, at Fairview, and further to our conversation which took place in my office on October 19th, it would appear that we are now in agreement in principle on the proposal of the construction of a new main traffic artery from the Bedford Road to Bayers Road, which would relieve the situation now existing at the Fairview Underpass.

While the Department of Highways & Public Works is not prepared at this time to proceed with the actual construction, it is more desirable that the land involved in the proposed Bedford Road - Bayers Road western approach be secured before any further development takes place.

I would therefore suggest that the City of Halifax acquire title to the lands involved within the City boundaries, the cost to be borne by the City.

My Department will take the necessary steps to secure

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the right of way required, outside the limits of the City, the cost to be borne by the Province.

At the present time, there is no legislation permitting me as Minister of Highways & Public Works to enter into an agreement with the City for actual construction, and I am not able to give the City the assurance that my Department will undertake and pay the cost of construction outside the City.

Yours very truly,

M. D. Rawding,  
Minister of Highways & Public Works,  
Province of Nova Scotia.

Mayor Gordon S. Kinley,  
Mayor of Halifax,  
HALIFAX, Nova Scotia.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the City forthwith acquire this land within the City limits.

Alderman Vaughan stated that he failed to see where too much traffic would be diverted to the new highway but that the pressing problem has been the fairview underpass and said he would not want to see the underpass by-passed in favor of this diversion highway as it would not be the solution of the Fairview Bottleneck. He wanted it impressed upon the minds of the members of Council that the problem was not being solved by the building of this highway.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the Fairview approach is being developed by the Works Department in two phases and that this is the first phase called the Western approach. The Department is also working on a plan for an overhead bridge over the Fairview Bottleneck connecting into Kempt Road and that is called the Eastern approach but that development has to be processed as yet and the City has to proceed to the Board of Transport Commissioners and the C. N. R. to have the costs proportioned.

5:10 P. M. Alderman Donahoe arrives.

His Worship the Mayor continued and said that he had the pressure on the Provincial Government for the last 6 months and that the City was faced with a subdivision in the area. He

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advised that if the City set aside a 100 ft. right-of-way and if nothing happened within the next year or two, the area is large enough to be turned into building lots.

Alderman Lane requested information on the following:

- (1) The amount of land to be acquired
- (2) The owners of the land and
- (3) The approximate cost.

The City Assessor advised that he had dealt with 2 parties vis: Mr. Samuel Butler and the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation Trustee and that the following parcels of land would be in the acquisition if the City proceeded:

C. N. R. ....	82,000 sq. ft.
Canada Permanent Mortgage Corpt.....	168,000 "
Mr. B. Stevens.....	11,000 "
Mr. S. Butler.....	99,000 "
Canada Permanent Mortgage Corpt. (Jones)...	176,000 "
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	526,100 "

The cost would be .25¢ per sq. ft. which would make a total cost of \$131,525.00 in all.

Alderman DeWolf said that these prices were more or less of a tentative nature and that when the time came for the City to negotiate with the owners a better price might be available. This figure was only for the Council to have an idea of the cost.

The City Assessor stated that he made no recommendation with respect to the price per sq. ft. for the land.

Alderman Fox: "From a traffic standpoint, just where is this traffic going to go when it arrives at Bayers Road?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I suppose it will go up Bayers Road, in Connaught Avenue and up Young St. Also straight across to the Armdale circle. That will take the traffic until such time as the eastern phase is developed."

Alderman Fox: "It looks like there was some \$50,000.00 invested 15 or 18 years ago. I think where property is being acquired to the north of Bayers Road, before it is developed, that road should continue to Dutch Village Road and go up Chebucto Road

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as in the Master Plan. If we are going to direct traffic, the road should go right to Dutch Village Road and all the property should be acquired. When is the property south of Bayers Road going to be picked up?"

His Worship the Mayor: "This matter was cleared and went before the Defence Committee and then to the Provincial Government and Col. DeWolf carried it to Ottawa. The projected road that we are discussing and the ability of it to carry out an ordinary evacuation or in bringing in help in the case of need, seems to be developed thoroughly and was considered by the Defence Authorities to be in the best interests of the City of Halifax."

Alderman Fox: "The traffic problem is another matter altogether. It should be studied from a traffic standpoint. It has to be directed."

His Worship the Mayor: "This road and the other one over the underpass will be good enough to route the traffic in the best manner possible."

Alderman Fox wanted to know if there were any buildings on the property to be acquired to which the City Assessor replied in the negative and said that there has been a sub-division prepared in the area but the City has withheld the granting of any permits.

Alderman DeWolf suggested from a traffic standpoint that a traffic circle might be of advantage at the corner of Bayers Road where traffic could be funnelled off the narrow road into a wider one.

Alderman Hatfield: "Are we acquiring land which is not primarily for the highway? Just what we need?"

City Assessor: "Yes."

The Commissioner of Works stated that the right-of-way would be 100 feet wide and the paved road would be 24 feet.

Alderman Fox: "I am very strongly of the opinion that

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the Bottleneck should be done away with but I must say from a traffic stand point it does not look to me that this matter has had ample study by a traffic expert or even the traffic authority. Before any highways are laid out they should be studied. We should not forget Dutch Village Road, the Arm Bridge and Chebucto Road.\*

Alderman Hatfield: "I am trying to determine whether that price is reasonable or not. We sold some lots in the area recently on Bayers Road and I was wondering what the price per sq. ft. was. We are buying for \$.25¢ per sq. ft."

The City Assessor advised that the land in the area was sold to Mr. Ferguson at .10¢ per sq. ft.

Alderman Hatfield stated that at the .25¢ price a lot of land 40 x 100 feet would cost \$1,000.00 without sewer or water facilities.

Alderman Donahoe stated that he was shown the proposed plans and it included the use of the diversion highway. He wanted to go on record that in his opinion if the Council dealt with this project as a means of clearing the Bottleneck, it certainly was not going to clear it up. He said he had looked over the plans and he was satisfied in his own mind that if traffic is to be spread around and routed conveniently, it would be in the Kempt Road area. He said money was put in the Capital Budget for the widening of Kempt Road which would bring it across the Dumps. He also stated that Kempt Road would be the best diversion route with an overhead bridge at the Fairview Bottleneck to Kempt Road and traffic would divert into Windsor St. and Connaught Avenue, straight along Kempt Road and also down Lady Hammond Road to Barrington St. He further stated that the proposal in front of him was by-passing the City of Halifax and it seemed to him to be a link between the St. Margaret's Bay Road and the Bedford highway. It is to simplify the routing of traffic into those roads. He said it was like putting the cart before the horse. He felt that the City should have some

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assurance that the highway bridge is going to follow this project and that the Council is merely laying the groundwork provided it ties in with the elimination of the Bottleneck, it is an excellent plan. He further said that Council was being asked to tie up a very substantial sum of money. He felt that if the City bought this land and the Province did not go through with their part on the outside, Council should not have any great hope held out to it that it would come out anywhere even on the resale of the lots. He felt that what the City proposed to purchase was good for a highway and not for anything else. He thought it was absolutely necessary that the City should have the following two things: (1) The City should be assured without too much further delay there would be a real approach to the Bottleneck problem by the provision of a highway bridge to carry traffic into Kempt Road and (2) That the Province is going to be prepared to carry out its part of the bargain.

His Worship the Mayor said he agreed with Alderman Donahoe but he felt the City should proceed with the project as it was necessary to go to Ottawa, the Board of Transport Commissioners and the C. N. R.

Alderman Donahoe: "What is the attitude of the Provincial Government towards the overhead bridge?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Alright. They say they agree in principle on this highway and that is part of the scheme and we term it an east and west approach."

Alderman Donahoe: "We are providing facilities for traffic and it is Provincial traffic. We have to buy the land and put in the traffic circle to disperse the traffic. I think the Province is passing to us a very large portion of the cost by virtue of the fact that the circle is to be located on City land which we have to provide and maintain."

Alderman Macdonald: "What is being done about the traffic circle at the Arm Bridge?"

His Worship the Mayor: "It is all approved and ready to be

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proceeded with. It may be delayed due to financing at the present time."

Alderman Masdonald: "I understood that the Province was ready to proceed with that last Spring."

The motion was then put and resulted in a tie vote 5 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman DeWolf  
Abbott  
Fox  
Hatfield  
MacMillan

AGAINST IT

Alderman Lane  
Adams  
Macdonald  
Donahoe  
Vaughan

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His Worship the Mayor cast his vote against the motion and declared it lost.

Alderman Fox asked if this matter required a two-thirds vote and was advised by Mr. Doyle in the affirmative.

Moved by Alderman Donahoe, seconded by Alderman Lane that the report of the Committee on Works be approved. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

Alderman DeWolf nominated Alderman MacMillan.

Alderman MacMillan nominated Alderman DeWolf.

Alderman Macdonald nominated Alderman Donahoe.

Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that nominations cease. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor then declared those nominated to be the Committee to conference the matter with the Provincial Government and have a report ready for the regular November meeting of the City Council.

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

5:45 P. M.

Gordon S. Kinley,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

*W. P. Publicover*  
W. P. PUBLICOVER,  
CITY CLERK.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 15, 1951

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Report Fin. & Exec. Comm. re Accounts Special Items.

December Pay.

Borrowing \$2,000,000.00.

Write-Off Uncollectible Tax Accounts.

Assistance to Needy Pensioners.

Capital Appropriations.

Tenders for License Plates.

Appointment of Coal Weigher.

\* to Grace Hospital Board of Management.

Tag Day.

Legislation.

Salary Department Heads.

Improvement Boulevards Hydrostone District etc.

Report Public Health & Welfare Comm. re Accounts over \$200.00.

Tenders for Boilers City Home.

\* Alterations to Lavatory.

\* Vegetables.

\* Groceries and Fish.

Blue Cross Rate Schedule.

Report Safety Committee re Account over \$200.00.

Insurance Releases.

Fire Alarm Box Connection (Simpsons).

Tenders for Car Fire Department.

Leave of Absence Constable A. Lawless.

Report Committee on Works re Accounts over \$500.00.

\* Illuminated Signs.

Street Lighting.

Repairs to Incinerator Chimney.

Final Certificate.

Claim for Damages H. Lanigan.

Driveway St. David's Church.

Appointment of Foreman Fairview Cemetery.

Young Lot Fairview Cemetery.

Canteen Fleming Park.

Purchase of Land Lady Hammond Road.

Expropriation Dear Property Cunard St.

Walker Property Cunard St.

Lot Cartaret Street.

Pine Hill Drive.

Moving Dwelling Rosemead Avenue.

C. N. R. Property Kempt Road.

Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge.

Bridge Encroachment North Street.

Tenders for Office Furniture City Court.

\* Repairs to Light Standards.

\* Motor Equipment etc.

\* Sewer Renewals.

Report Housing Accommodation Comm. re Account over \$200.00.

Questions.

Approval Ordinance etc.

Report Chief Accountant re Appropriations and Tax Collections for October.

Deferred Items.

(1) Superannuation W. T. Donnelly

(2) Survey Report City Home.

(3) St. Lawrence Seaway.

E V E N I N G   S E S S I O N

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
November 15, 1951,  
8:00 P. M.

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

After the meeting was called to order by the Chairman and before considering the regular order of business, the members of Council attending, led by the City Clerk, joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

There were present His Worship the Deputy Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Breen, Lane, Abbott, Adams, Macdonald, Donahoe, Redmond, Fox, Duffy, Vaughan, Hatfield and MacMillan.

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

The following named papers were submitted.

MINUTES

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Breen that the minutes of the previous meetings be approved. Motion passed.

OFFICIAL STREET LINES INGLIS STREET

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 15, 1951.

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

Pursuant to instructions received by me from the City Council at the last regular meeting, I caused a notice of the intention of Council, to remove the official street lines of Inglis Street, from Bellevue Avenue westwardly to the shores of the North West Arm as shown on Section 19 of the Official City Plan to be inserted as an advertisement in the Halifax Mail-Star on the 24th and 31st days of October, 1951; the first of such notices being published at least three clear weeks prior to the 15th day of November 1951, the date fixed for the Public Hearing on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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R E S O L U T I O N

W H E R E A S the City Council has received a report from the Town Planning Board of the City of Halifax recommending the removal from the official City Plan the street lines of Inglis Street from Bellevue Avenue westwardly to the shores of the North West Arm;

AND WHEREAS the City Council has considered the removal of the official street lines of Inglis Street from Bellevue Avenue westwardly to the shores of the North West Arm;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of section 551A of the City Charter, public notice of the intention to remove such street lines has been given by advertisement inserted at least once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper published in the City, the first of such notices having been published at least three clear weeks before the 15th day of November, A. D. 1951, that being the day appointed by the Council to consider the matter;

AND WHEREAS the said notice stated the intention of the Council to remove the said official street lines, and the date of the meeting of the Council appointed for the consideration of the matter, and that the plan proposed to be altered and the proposed change thereof may be inspected at the office of the Commissioner of Works at any time during office hours up to the day so appointed for consideration of the matter;

AND WHEREAS the Council at its meeting held the 15th day of November, A.D. 1951, considered the said matter and determined to remove the said official street lines in the manner set out on the said plan filed in the office of the Commissioner of Works as Section 19 of the Official City Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to the authority in it vested by Section 551A of the City Charter as aforesaid, the Official Plan of the City be amended by removing the official street lines of Inglis Street from Bellevue Avenue westwardly to the shores of the North West Arm in the manner shown on the said

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plan known as Section No. 19 of the Official City Plan;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the official street lines of Inglis Street so removed be so indicated on the Official Plan of the City and on the copy thereof filed in the office of the Registrar of Deeds at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

No objections were received to the removal of the street lines as advertised.

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman DeWolf, that the resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

#### ACCOUNTS

A resolution covering the accounts of the various Committees was submitted as follows:

RESOLVED that this Council approve for payment the bills and accounts of expenditures submitted to this meeting by the Finance & Executive Committee amounting to \$29,474.17; the Committee on Safety amounting to \$2,741.28 chargeable to Fire Alarm; \$33,227.15 chargeable to Fire Dept.; \$35,356.39 chargeable to Police Dept.; the Committee on Public Health & Welfare amounting to \$51,272.44 chargeable to Health Dept.; \$19,177.13 chargeable to City Home and \$4,481.72 chargeable to City Prison; the Committee on Works amounting to \$49,376.57; the Directors of Point Pleasant Park amounting to \$2,079.18; the Housing Accommodation Committee amounting to \$8,672.24; the Recreation Committee amounting to \$1,751.58 and the Prefab Housing Committee amounting to \$37,456.42 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

#### ACCOUNT STEVENSON & KELLOGG

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 13, 1951.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on

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the above date approved and recommended for payment the attached account of Stevenson & Kellogg Limited, amounting to \$941.20, for services rendered during the month of October 1951 re City Manager.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the report be approved. Motion passed.

HOSPITALIZATION ACCOUNTS CAPT. D. PRESTON

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 13, 1951.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, a report was submitted from the Safety Committee recommending for payment accounts as under for services rendered to Captain Preston of the Fire Department, who was injured while on duty.

Dr. A. E. Murray)	\$ 14.00
Dr. G. W. Bethune).....	15.00
V. G. Hospital.....	3.55
E. T. Dunswoth.....	\$ 32.55

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the report be approved. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$200.00

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 12, 1951.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the following accounts were approved and recommended for payment:

Soulis Typewriter Company, Ltd.	\$ 489.50
The Allen Print	511.29
Might Directories Atlantic Limited	721.80
Bookshelf Bindery, Ltd.	205.60
The Book Room Limited	3,048.56

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, CITY CLERK.

November 19, 1951.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Macdonald  
that the report be approved. Motion passed.

DECEMBER PAY

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 13, 1951.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance respecting the paying of Officials and employees their full salary for the month of December, on or about the 15th of that month.

Your Committee recommends that the policy that has been in effect for a number of years be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Macdonald  
that the report be approved. Motion passed.

BORROWING ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 13, 1951.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance recommending that the sum of \$2,000,000.00 be borrowed from the Royal Bank of Canada under the authority of Section 318 B of the City Charter to provide funds necessary to meet expenditures as authorized by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Macdonald  
that the report be approved.

The motion was put and passed unanimously the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor: Aldermen DeWolf, Breen, Lane, Abbott, Adams, Macdonald, Donahoe, Redmond, Fox, Duffy, Vaughan, Hatfield and MacMillan.

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TAX WRITE-OFFS

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 13, 1951.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Commissioner of Finance submitting a list of uncollectible tax accounts, amounting to \$5,551.63 was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the accounts be written off under the authority of Section 283, Sub-Section 2 of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the report be approved. Motion passed.

ASSISTANCE TO PENSIONERS

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 13, 1951.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance respecting the augmenting of amounts received by needy pensioners.

Your Committee recommends that the report be approved and the pensions augmented by the amounts as listed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of the Finance and Executive Committee,  
City of Halifax,  
CITY HALL.

Gentlemen:

Following the policy adopted in 1948, of augmenting the amounts received by needy pensioners, I am enclosing herewith a list similar to last year.

This covers a group who are in receipt of amounts less than \$1,100.00 per annum, and with a few exceptions they receive an additional \$7.00 per month or \$84.00 for the year.

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This was provided for in our estimates of 1951.

Yours very truly,

M. L. Bellew,  
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Macdonald  
that the report be approved. Motion passed.

CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 15, 1951.

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

The attached report from the Commissioner of Finance  
respecting Capital Borrowings was submitted to the Finance and  
Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to forward same to Council for its infor-  
mation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. FREDERIC,  
CITY CLERK.

November 15, 1951.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of the Finance and Executive Committee,  
City of Halifax,  
CITY HALL.

Gentlemen:-

Relative to a resolution passed at the August meeting  
of the City Council, I attach herewith, for the information of  
your Committee and the Council, a statement of Capital Borrowing  
Resolutions amounting to \$6,568,209.30. Of this amount -  
\$2,124,850.68 has been spent as at October 31, 1951. This does  
not include such amounts as the Prefabricated Housing Programme  
which in itself is a self-reducing debt.

The amounts shown in this list have yet to be borrowed  
by way of debenture, and will be included in our next loan.

For your further information, these figures are made up  
as follows:-

	AMOUNT AUTHORIZED	AMOUNT EXPENDED	BALANCE
WORKS	\$ 1,353,309.30	\$ 667,723.16	\$ 685,586.14
SCHOOLS	3,870,500.00	936,088.40	2,934,411.60
OTHER EXPENDITURES	<u>1,344,400.00</u>	<u>521,039.12</u>	<u>823,360.88</u>
	\$ 6,568,209.30	\$ 2,124,850.68	\$ 4,443,358.62

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Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Bellew,  
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

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TENDERS LICENSE PLATES

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 13, 1951.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, a tender from the London Rubber Stamp Company Limited, offering to supply license plates, dog tags etc. for the Civic Year 1952 for the sum of \$775.01 was considered and recommended for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the report be approved. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF COAL WEIGHER

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 13, 1951.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date, agreed to recommend that a request from the Dominion Coal Company Limited, to have Mr. Richard W. Cook appointed a Coal Weigher be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the report be approved. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT GRACE HOSPITAL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 13, 1951.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, a letter from Major Hill of the Salvation Army requesting that a member of City Council be appointed to the Grace Hospital Board of Management was read.

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1952 Legislation

1.

Item 3.

Section 837 is repealed.

(Explanatory note: This section provides that the Safety Committee shall submit its estimates for fire protection to the Council. This is no longer the practice since all Committees send their estimates to the Finance and Executive Committee, which reports on the same to the Council. Section 837 is no longer required.)

2.

Item 4.

Section 36 of Chapter 70 of the Acts of 1931, as that Section is amended by Section 31 of Chapter 53 of the Acts of 1932, is repealed.

(Explanatory note: This section was enacted at the time when the City's fiscal year was from May 1st to April 30th and was for the purpose of enabling the Gardens' committee to expend in advance a portion of the appropriation so that seasonal work in the Public Gardens could be commenced, instead of waiting until May 1st. Since the civic year is now January 1st to December 31st, this provision is not necessary, as the entire appropriation is available when required. The section should therefore be repealed.)

3.

Item 5.

(1) The building, known as the Dalhousie Memorial Rink, erected upon the property of Dalhousie University on South Street and the land upon which the same stands and connected immediately therewith and used for the purposes thereof shall, during such time as the same are owned and controlled and operated by Dalhousie University, be entitled to the same exemption from taxation under the Halifax City Charter as is therein accorded to Dalhousie University.

(2) The assessments for real property tax and in respect of the occupation of the lands and premises known as the Dalhousie Memorial Rink, and any taxes in respect thereof,

made against Dalhousie University for the civic years 1951 and 1952 are hereby cancelled.

(Explanatory note: The above property, being a portion of the Dalhousie University campus, was assessed for City taxes for 1951 on the grounds that the operation of the Rink was not within the scope of the exemption granted by Section 370(c) of the Charter. The City is of the opinion that the exemption should extend to include such Rink and this legislation is submitted to clarify the matter and to cancel any taxes that may have been assessed.)

4. Item 7.

The City may write off and cancel the betterment charges assessed against St. John's Cemetery in respect of the laying of curb and gutter on Kempt Road in 1948 in front of the property of the said Cemetery, which said assessment amounts to nine hundred and seventy-two dollars, with the accrued interest thereon.

(Explanatory note: The City desires to cancel the charge for laying curb and gutter on the street in front of the Cemetery.)

5. Item 8.

The Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax may include in the annual estimates a sum sufficient to enable the said Board to pay to Edward B. Ward, foreman carpenter, for the remainder of his life, as and from the first day of April, A.D. 1952, a monthly allowance of sixty dollars, which shall be paid to him in monthly payments, in advance, on the first day of each month, and the sums required to pay the said allowance in the year 1952 may be provided by the City to the Board, under the authority of Section 316C, upon the request of the said Board and paid to the Board at such times as the City may determine.

(Explanatory note: The above authority is desired to secure funds to pay to Mr. Edward

B. Ward, a foreman carpenter with the School Board for over fifty years, a pension of \$60.00 as and from April 1st, 1952. Since the estimates for 1952 will have been completed at the date of the passing of this authority the City is authorized to provide the necessary funds under Section 316C of the Charter and it will show as an expense for the year 1952.)

6.

Item 9.

The City may write off and cancel the betterment charges assessed against the Jewish Cemetery in respect of the laying of a sewer in Windsor Street in the year 1950, in front of the property of the Jewish Cemetery, amounting to the sum of six hundred and eighty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents, with the accrued interest thereon.

(Explanatory note: The City desires to cancel this charge for laying a sewer in front of the Cemetery.)

7.

Item 10.

(1) Subject to the provision of subsection (5) of this Section, the City shall pay to Miss Louise Barnstead, retired Secretary in the Department of Works, as and from the first day of May, 1952, for the remainder of her life, and in addition to any sums to which she may be intitled to receive from the City's Superannuation Plan, an allowance at the rate of seven hundred and twenty-three dollars and ninety-seven cents per annum, which shall be paid to her in monthly instalments. in advance, on the first day of each month, and any sums required for this purpose during the civic year 1952 shall be shown as an expenditure by the City for the civic year 1952 and all sums necessary to pay such allowance for subsequent years shall be included in the estimates for the civic year in which such allowance is to be paid.

(2) Subject to the provision of subsection (5) of this Section, the City shall pay to William Halliday, retired painter, Department of Health, as and from the 16th day of August, 1951, for the remainder of his life, and in addition to any sums to which he may be entitled to receive from the City's Superannuation Plan, an allowance at the rate of five hundred and ninety-two dollars and eighty-five cents per annum, which shall be paid to him in monthly instalments, in advance, and any sums required for this purpose during the civic years 1951 and 1952 shall be shown as an expenditure by the City for the civic year 1952 and all sums necessary to pay such allowance for subsequent years shall be included in the estimates for the civic years in which such allowance is to be paid.

(3) Subject to the provision of subsection (5) of this Section, the City shall pay to Dennis Thibodeau, retired employee, Department of Works, as and from the first day of May, 1952, for the remainder of his life, a monthly allowance of sixty dollars, which shall be paid to him in monthly payments, in advance, on the first day of each month, and the sums required to pay the portion of the said allowance for the civic year 1952 shall be shown as an expenditure by the City in the civic year 1952 and all sums necessary to pay such allowance for subsequent years shall be included in the estimates for the civic year in which such allowance is to be paid.

(4) Subject to the provision of subsection (5) of this Section, the City shall pay to Miss Elsie Doyle, retired employee in the Department of Finance and Accounts, as and from the first day of May, 1952, for the remainder of her life, an allowance at the rate of eight hundred and fifty dollars per annum, which shall be paid to her in monthly instalments, in advance, on the first day of each month, and any sums required for this purpose during the civic year 1952 shall be shown as

an expenditure by the City in the civic year 1952, and all sums necessary to pay such allowance for subsequent years shall be included in the estimates for the civic year in which such allowance is to be paid.

(5) Upon any of the persons named in the foregoing subsections of this Section attaining the age of seventy years and thereupon becoming entitled to an old age pension, the amount of the allowance to be thereafter paid by the City to any such person, under the provisions of the said foregoing subsections, shall be thereupon reduced by the amount of such old age pension to which such person shall be then entitled to receive.

8.

SCHEDULE "A"

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| (Item 6)  | To pay as a grant to the<br>Salvation Army Red Shield<br>Appeal                    | \$2000.00 |
| (Item 14) | To pay as a grant to the Nova<br>Scotia Division of the<br>Canadian Cancer Society | 500.00    |

9.

Item 11.

Clause (b) of Section 30 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(b) if he has been assessed for City rates or poll tax for or in respect of the civic year preceding the year in which the election takes place.

(Explanatory note: It has been pointed out that the intention of the City in rearranging the qualifications of voters last year was to provide that assessment only would qualify persons to vote at civic elections. This Section as then enacted provided for assessment for city rates (that is other than poll tax) but provided for the payment of a poll tax rather than mere assessment for poll tax.

This proposed amendment provides for assessment both for city rates and for poll tax.)

10.

Item 12.

Subsection (1) of Section 366A, as that subsection is enacted by subsection (1) of Section 10 of Chapter 70 of the Acts of 1949, is amended by striking out the words "who, while so employed resided in the City of Halifax", in the second and third lines thereof.

(Explanatory note: This amendment has been submitted at the Assessor's request for the reason that in enforcing this section by prosecution, it is impossible for the City to prove than any particular individual employed by an employer did reside in the City and should therefore have been included in the employer's return for purposes of poll tax. The effect of the amendment is therefore to require the employer to give a return of all employees and the Assessor's Department will strike off all such employees who were not residents of the City on December 15th.)

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Item 17.

(1) Section 370 is amended by adding thereto the following:

(k) The real property situated on the west side of South Park Street and known as civic number 40 and owned by the Salvation Army, during such time as the same is owned by the said Salvation Army and is used by it solely for the purposes of housing the nursing staff of Grace Hospital.

(2) The City may write off and cancel the real property and other taxes assessed against the Salvation Army for the years 1951 and 1952 in respect of the ownership and occupancy of the real property known as civic number 40 South Park Street in the City of Halifax.

Item 20.

(1) Subject to the provision of subsection (4) of this Section, the City shall pay to Desire Sampson, known as Leo Sampson, employee in the Department of Works, upon his retirement from employment with the City, for the remainder of his life, a monthly allowance of sixty dollars, which shall be paid to him in monthly payments, in advance, on the first day of each month, and the sums required to pay the said allowance during the civic year 1952 shall be deemed to be an expenditure for the civic year 1952 and all sums required to pay such allowance for subsequent years shall be included in the estimates for the civic year in which the allowance is to be paid.

(2) Subject to the provision of subsection (4) of this Section, the City shall pay to James J. Kelly, employee of the Department of Public Health of the City, upon his retirement from employment with the City, for the remainder of his life,

an allowance at the rate of five hundred dollars per annum, payable in monthly instalments, in advance, on the first day of each month, and the sums required to pay such allowance during the civic year 1952 shall be deemed to be an expenditure for the civic year 1952 and all sums required to pay such allowance for subsequent years shall be included in the estimates for the civic year in which the allowance is to be paid.

(3) Subject to the provision of subsection (4) of this Section, the City shall pay to Miss Catherine Graham, employee of the Department of Public Health of the City, upon her retirement from employment with the City, for the remainder of her life, an allowance at the rate of five hundred dollars per annum, payable in monthly instalments, in advance, on the first day of each month, and the sums required to pay such allowance during the civic year 1952 shall be deemed to be an expenditure for the civic year 1952 and all sums required to pay such allowance for subsequent years shall be included in the estimates for the civic year in which the allowance is to be paid.

(4) Upon any of the persons named in the foregoing subsections of this Section attaining the age of seventy years and thereupon becoming entitled to an old age pension, the amount of the allowance to be thereafter paid by the City to any such person, under the provisions of the said foregoing subsections, shall be thereupon reduced by the amount of such old age pension to which such person shall be then entitled to receive.

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It was agreed to forward the matter to Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that Alderman Lane be appointed to the Board of Management of the Hospital as the representative of the City Council in the place of the late Alderman G. H. Hosterman. Motion passed.

TAG DAY

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 13, 1951.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend that an application from the Monarchs A. C. for permission to hold a Tag Day be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the report be approved. Motion passed.

LEGISLATION 1952

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 13, 1951.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date, agreed to forward the attached legislation to Council for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Copies of the legislation were supplied to members of  
Council.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the report be approved. Motion passed.

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SALARY DEPARTMENT HEADS

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 13, 1951.

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

The attached report from the City Solicitor respecting  
a motion made by Alderman Breen was read at a meeting of the  
Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date.

It was agreed to forward same to Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

October 29, 1951.

To His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the Finance & Executive Committee.

Dear Sirs:-

At the meeting of your Committee held October 9th, this  
department was requested to report on the motion made by Alderman  
Breen respecting salaries.

At the meeting of the Committee held February 13th, 1951,  
the following resolution was adopted:

"Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Adams that the  
salaries of all Department Heads be reconsidered."

This motion was not forwarded to the Council as in my  
opinion it should have been. This motion has no effect, therefore,  
insofar as the Council is concerned but there is nothing to prevent  
the Finance Committee from reviewing these salaries and making a  
report thereon to the Council, to be dealt with by the Council  
as it sees fit.

Such a motion does not prevent the Council taking any  
action it may see fit on the matter of salaries.

The next development appears to be a motion passed by  
the Council September 19th, 1951, pursuant to a Notice of Motion  
first given at the June 14th, 1951 meeting by Alderman Breen and  
subsequently adjourned each month until the above September meeting.

The motion is as follows:

"Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that  
a date be fixed by Council to review the salary scales as  
applicable to all Department Heads."

This motion did not provide a date nor has the Council  
done so. This is the only way in which this matter can proceed.  
As it stands, it does nothing.

In order to bring the matter before the Council, the  
Finance Committee could recommend that the Council fix a specific  
date, or any Alderman at the Council meeting could move that a  
particular date be set.

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Until some action is taken to act on the resolution of September 19th, nothing further can be done.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

His Worship the Deputy Mayor advised the Council that a date should be set to deal with the salaries of Department Heads.

Alderman Fox suggested they be considered when compiling the 1952 estimates.

Alderman Breen: "Does that mean it will be dealt with by the Finance and Executive Committee when they are compiling the estimates?"

City Solicitor: "Council decided a date should be set. If you wish to have the matter referred to the Finance and Executive Committee to report to the Council along with the estimates, a motion can be made to that effect. The Committee can make such recommendations as it may see fit."

Alderman Vaughan stated that the employees in the lower income brackets are more seriously affected by the cost of living. He said if Council considered the salaries of officials it should also consider the other employees. He stated there was the differential in salary between the Heads and the subordinates to be closely checked.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Duffy that on the third Wednesday in January a special meeting of the City Council be held at 8:00 P. M. to study the matter of salaries for all civic employees and officials.,

Alderman DeWolf said that considerable time was consumed in making up the Job Classifications and salaries scales last year and he understood it was to be in effect for three years but if it were a matter of an additional amount for cost of living, that would be a different matter. He wanted to know if the Job Classifications was a three year contract or was it intended to throw it

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out and renew it.

Alderman Breen said he agreed with Alderman DeWolf that it was a three year contract. He wanted to know the position of the Agreement that was finalized in 1950.

Alderman Vaughan stated it only covered employees who were members of the City Hall Union but did not cover Police or Fire Department employees. He said there was nothing to stop the Council from presenting another proposal in the light of present day conditions. He stated he did not understand that the men in the Police and Fire Departments were to get their salary payments over a period of years and as a result the junior men are not as well off as they should be. The senior men were given their maximum salary almost immediately. He said these matters could be discussed at that time.

Alderman Breen suggested that the motion be amended to read "dealing with employees only outside the Union and the Department Heads and that the meeting be held in December."

City Solicitor: "The Job Specifications was intended to apply to everyone except the Department Heads and the Council accepted it with the intention that it stay for three years, but the Council can change it if it sees fit."

Alderman Hatfield: "I feel if we come here and spend a whole night, we would be just wasting our time. We should have a steering Committee to bring in a concrete report. I would not know any more after I finished than before I started."

Alderman Vaughan stated that other employees are affected more seriously than the Department Heads.

/ The motion was put and passed 12 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows: FOR THE MOTION Aldermen DeWolf, Lane, Abbott, Adams, Macdonald, Donahoe, Redmond, Fox, Duffy, Vaughan, Hatfield and MacMillan. AGAINST THE MOTION Alderman Breen.

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IMPROVEMENT BOULEVARDS HYDROSTONE DISTRICT ETC.

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

The matter of providing funds to effect improvements to boulevards in the Hydrostone area and also to vacant land at the corner of Oxford, Clairmont & Windsor Streets was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

Your Committee recommends that the sum of \$2,000.00 be provided for this purpose from the appropriation in the current years estimates for Fort Needham.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$200.00

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 12, 1951.

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

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date the following accounts were approved and recommended for payment:

CITY HOME

Howard's Limited	\$ 794.64
J. A. Leaman & Co. Ltd.	1,961.06
J. & M. Murphy, Limited	1,058.55
Nova Scotia Armature Works	329.04

INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL

Ingram & Bell, Limited	\$ 601.02
Howard's Limited	386.64

HALIFAX TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

Parke, Davis & Company, Ltd.	\$ 299.97
Cogswell's Photo Supplies Ltd.	434.09
J. A. Leaman & Co. Ltd.	2,233.63
Howard's Limited	1,556.49
Ingram & Bell, Ltd.	530.37

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Duffy  
that the report be approved. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR BOILERS CITY HOME

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 12, 1951.

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

At a meeting of the Public Health & Welfare Committee  
held on the above date, tenders were submitted for the supply and  
installation of two boilers at the City Home.

Your Committee recommends that the tender of J. A.  
Moulton at \$762.00 be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Duffy  
that the report be approved. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR ALTERATIONS TO LAVATORY

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 12, 1951.

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

At a meeting of the Public Health & Welfare Committee  
held on the above date, tenders were submitted for alterations to  
a Lavatory on the second floor of the New Wing at the Tuberculosis  
Hospital from the following:

W. G. Foley & Son Limited	\$ 376.00
Foundation Maritime Limited	\$ 284.00

Your Committee recommends that the tender of Foundation  
Maritime Limited be approved; funds required for this purpose to  
be obtained from the current estimates of the Tuberculosis Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Duffy  
that the report be approved. Motion passed.

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TENDERS FOR VEGETABLES

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 15, 1951.

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

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date a tender was submitted from Canada Packers Limited offering to supply vegetables to the City Home as follows:

Potatoes	500 bushel	Green Mountain	• \$2.72	per bushel
	300 "	Irish Cobblers	• 2.72	" "
Turnips	200 "	Laurentian	• .75	" "
Carrots	100 "	Canada No.1 Medium	• \$1.33	per bushel
Parsnips	50 "	" " "	• \$2.00	" "

Your Committee recommends that the tender be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Duffy that the report be approved. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR GROCERIES AND FISH

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 15, 1951.

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

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date, tenders for the supply of Groceries and Fish to civic institutions were considered as follows:

HOSPITALS

Groceries - R. B. Seeton & Co. Ltd.  
Howard's Ltd.  
Scotia Flour & Feed Co. Ltd.

Fish - Burn's Fisheries Ltd.  
Boutiliers Ltd.

CITY HOME & CITY PRISON

Groceries - R. B. Seeton & Co. Ltd.  
Howard's Ltd.  
Scotia Flour & Feed Co. Ltd.

Fish - Burn's Fisheries Ltd.  
Boutiliers Ltd.

Your Committee recommends that the lowest tender in

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in each case be approved for a period of six months.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Duffy  
that the report be approved. Motion passed.

BLUE CROSS RATE SCHEDULE

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 12, 1951.

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

The attached report from the Commissioner of Health  
respecting the 1952 Blue Cross Rate Schedule Infectious Diseases  
Hospital was considered by the Public Health and Welfare Committee  
at a meeting held on the above date.

Your Committee recommends that the report be approved  
and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute the contract  
on behalf of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Duffy  
that the report be approved. Motion passed.

ACCOUNT OVER \$200.00

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 9, 1951.

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

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above  
date the following account was approved and recommended for pay-  
ment:

Claytons Limited      \$ 2,393.79

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Adams that  
the report be approved. Motion passed.

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INSURANCE RELEASES

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 9, 1951.

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

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date cheques were submitted in the amounts of \$70.00 and \$5.00 covering damages to a Fire Alarm Box and a Parking Meter respectively.

Your Committee recommends that these amounts be accepted in full settlement and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute the Releases on behalf of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved. Motion passed.

FIRE ALARM BOX CONNECTION (SIMPSONS)

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 9, 1951.

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

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date a report from the City Electrician recommending that the Robert Simpson Eastern Limited be permitted to connect their Master Fire Alarm Box, which is connected to their Sprinkler System in the Forum warehouse, to the City Fire Alarm System without yearly charge, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the City Electrician; all costs to be borne by the Robert Simpson Eastern Limited and the equipment to be approved by the City Electrician with the City reserving the right to disconnect the service at any time it may be in its interests to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR CAR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 9, 1951.

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

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above

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date, tenders were submitted from the following for the supply of a car for the Fire Prevention Bureau:

Halifax Motors Ltd.

1951 Dodge Sedan	-	Heater and Heavy Duty Generator	...\$2,627.00
		Less Trade in Allowance.....	<u>1,085.00</u>
		Balance.....	\$1,542.00

Purdy Motors Ltd.

1951 Plymouth Sedan-	Equipment same as Dodge.....	\$2,570.00
	Less Trade in Allowance.....	<u>1,025.00</u>
	Balance.....	\$1,545.00

Auto Sales Co., Ltd.

1951 Studebaker	-	10GWI.....	\$2,583.35
		Less Trade in Allowance.....	<u>1,000.00</u>
		Balance.....	\$1,583.35

Auto Sales Co., Ltd.

1951 Studebaker	-	10GWJ.....	\$2,695.35
		Less Trade in Allowance.....	<u>1,000.00</u>
		Balance.....	\$1,695.35

Citadel Motors Ltd.

1951 Pontiac	-	#2269.....	\$2,561.25
		Less Trade in Allowance.....	<u>1,150.00</u>
		Balance.....	\$1,411.25

Citadel Motors Ltd.

1951 Pontiac	-	#2069.....	\$2,706.25
		Less Trade in Allowance.....	<u>1,150.00</u>
		Balance.....	\$1,556.25

Citadel Motors Ltd.

1951 Buick.....	\$3,207.75	
	Less Trade in Allowance.....	<u>1,200.00</u>
	Balance.....	\$2,007.75

Your Committee recommends that the tender of Halifax Motors Limited for a 1951 Dodge Sedan with Heater and Heavy Duty Generator at the net price of \$1,542.00 be accepted. Alderman Hatfield wishing to be recorded against.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved.

Alderman Hatfield: "In that case I don't believe that tenders were called for and I don't know whether all the companies were asked to tender on that car. They should be requested by letter or some other means to put in a tender. I would like to be recorded against the motion."

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Moved in amendment by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the matter be referred back to the Safety Committee to have the job done properly.

His Worship the Deputy Mayor stated that the Fire Chief communicated with all the automobile dealers except one.

Alderman Hatfield replied that apparently he had not written to the Ford Dealers because he had asked that question at the Safety Committee meeting.

Alderman Macdonald wanted to know if it were the policy of the Council to call for tenders in the usual manner and suggested that this should have been the policy with respect to the purchase of automobiles.

His Worship the Deputy Mayor said that the Fire Chief had reported to the Safety Committee that he had contacted different dealers and that the tenders received were at that meeting.

Alderman Macdonald stated that he felt in the purchase of an automobile that an advertisement should be inserted in the Press to give every dealer a chance to tender.

Alderman Breen suggested that perhaps the Fire Chief only contacted the dealers he would be interested in and that he may not be interested in the purchase of a Ford.

Alderman Vaughan stated that it would be unfair to the other tenderers if an advertisement were inserted in the Press as the lone tenderer in question would have the advantage as the prices have already been disclosed.

He suggested that Alderman Hatfield accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee and that the Fire Chief be notified in future to contact all dealers.

The amendment was put and lost 3 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Duffy  
Hatfield  
Macdonald

AGAINST IT

Alderman Abbott,  
Adams, Breen, DeWolf,  
Donahoe, Fox, Lane,  
MacMillan, Redmond  
and Vaughan.

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The motion was then put and passed with Aldermen Hatfield, Macdonald and Duffy wishing to be recorded against.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CONSTABLE A. LAWLESS

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 9, 1951.

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

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the Chief of Police with a request from Constable A. Lawless for Leave of Absence for 5 years to join the R. C. A. F. effective as of November 15, 1951.

Your Committee recommends that Constable Lawless be granted Leave of Absence for 5 years for the purpose of joining the R. C. A. F. effective as of November 15, 1951.

For the information of the City Council a five-man Committee has been appointed to bring in recommendations with respect to establishing a policy in regard to men joining the Armed Services.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

November 14th, 1951.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on November 12th, the following accounts were approved, subject to audit, and recommended for payment:-

Imperial Oil Ltd.	\$ 9106.34
Public Service Commission	5565.87
Wm. Stairs Son and Morrow Ltd.	1451.71
Standard Clay Products Ltd.	1412.16

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Redmond that the report be approved. Motion passed.

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ILLUMINATED SIGNS

November 12, 1951.

The City Council

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on November 12th, a report from the Building Inspector, recommending that the following illuminated signs be allowed to be installed was approved and recommended to City Council for adoption.

Leon Neima	467 Barrington Street	\$ 6.30
" "	Prince at Barrington St.	5.00
Mrs. E. Harper	4 Hollis Street	5.00
S. Glube	Barrington Street	21.50
C. W. Cochrane	13 Roberts Street	5.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Redmond that the report be approved. Motion passed.

STREET LIGHTING

October 26th, 1951.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on October 23rd, three reports from the City Electrician recommending the following street lighting improvements were approved and recommended to City Council for adoption:-

KENT STREET: - That the present street lights be replaced with new fixtures using the same candle power lights with one additional at an installation cost of approximately \$374.20.

HOWE AVENUE & ROWE AVENUE: - That three 250 C. P. lights be installed on Howe Avenue and two 250 C. P. lights be installed on Rowe Avenue at an installation cost of approximately \$406.20.

ROMANS AVENUE AND ISNER AVENUE: - That six 250 C. P. lights be installed on Romans Avenue and two 250 C. P. lights be installed on Isner Avenue at an approximate installation cost of \$649.92.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

November 15, 1951.

November 14th, 1951.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on November 12th, the attached reports from the City Electrician recommending improved street lighting on Russell Street, at an approximate cost of \$406.20; and on three walks from Chebucto Road to the subdivision, at an approximate cost of \$243.72, were approved and recommended to City Council, for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabeau,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Redmond that the reports be approved. Motion passed.

REPAIRS TO INCINERATOR CHIMNEY

October 19th, 1951.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on October 16th, considered the attached report from the Commissioner of Works recommending that about twenty feet of the top portion of the Incinerator Chimney should be relined with fire brick at an estimated cost of \$3,000.00 and that H. L. Lynch Ltd., who are now working on the chimney, be instructed to proceed with this work. The money to cover the cost of this work to be taken from the Explosion Fund of 1945.

The Committee approved the report and recommended same to City Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabeau,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Redmond that the report be approved. Motion passed.

FINAL CERTIFICATE

November 2nd, 1951.

FINAL CERTIFICATE - H. L. LYNCH LTD.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on October

November 15, 1951.

30th, the attached final certificate in the amount of \$200.00 payable to H. L. LYNCH LTD. for the first part of the repairs to the Incinerator Chimney was approved and recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Redmond that the report be approved. Motion passed.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES H. LANIGAN

October 26th, 1951.

Re: Mr. Harold Lanigan Claim - No. 8 Inglewood Drive

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on October 16th, the attached report from the Commissioner of Works recommending that payment be made to Mr. Harold Lanigan to the amount of \$1,750.00 in settlement of his claim for damage to the plaster of his dwelling resulting from blasting operations, was considered.

The City Solicitor stated that action had been started.

The Committee agreed that the City Solicitor be instructed to defend the action.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

October 16th, 1951.

His Worship the Mayor, Chairman  
and Members of the Committee on Works.

Gentlemen:-

During the construction season it was necessary to blast rock on Francklyn Street in order to extend this street through to the Inglewood Subdivision. Mr. Lanigan claims that damage to the plaster of his dwelling resulted from these blasting operations.

The facts on hand, as presented to our Legal Department, makes the possibility of refuting this claim very small. I would therefore recommend that settlement be made to Mr. Harold Lanigan to the amount of \$1,750.00.

The following is an itemized list for comparison of the

November 15, 1951.

amount of damages as appraised by G. K. Foley for the City, and by H. W. Corkum for the owner:-

	<u>Mr. Foley</u>	<u>Mr. Corkum</u>
Plaster Damages	\$ 457.00	
Decorating	916.00	
Replacing Tile	60.00	
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	\$1,433.00	\$1,113.85
Concealed Damage - Chimney, Foundation, etc.	500.00	500.00
Inconvenience	200.00	200.00
Legal Fees, approx. to date	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
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	\$2,233.00	\$1,913.85

In examining these above figures, I feel that the City to be well advised in settling with Mr. Lanigan for \$1,750.00.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Harris,  
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Redmond that the report be approved. Motion passed.

DRIVEWAY ST. DAVID'S CHURCH

October 26th, 1951.

Re: Use of Driveway- Presbyterian Church of St. David

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on October 23rd, the Commissioner of Works submitted a copy of a letter he proposes to send to the Presbyterian Church of St. David in regard to the use of the Driveway on the northern side of the Halifax Memorial Library property as a means of entrance or exit to the church.

The Committee approved and recommended same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

October 23rd, 1951.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the Committee on Works.

Dear Sirs:

The following is the letter I propose to send to the

November 15, 1951.

Presbyterian Church of St. David, if approved by the Board and City Council:-

"Replying to yours of September 15th, in regard to use of the driveway on the northern side of the Halifax Memorial Library property as a means of entrance or exit to your church.

On September 18th, the Committee on Works agreed with my recommendation that rather than have a formal easement or right-of-way document prepared, that permission be given to use this driveway, provided that at the Brunswick Street entrance a suitable chain is placed across the entrance with proper locks.

This was approved by the Committee Subject to a yearly rental of \$1.00 per year, and for the sole use of St. David's Church, with the understanding that this permission must not be transferred should the property be sold at some future date, and subject to the City's right to cancel this permission at any time on 30 days notice."

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Harris,  
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Redmond that the report be approved. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF FOREMAN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY

October 19th, 1951.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on October 16th, the attached report from the Commissioner of Works recommending that Mr. Harvey Smith be appointed assistant to the Superintendent of Fairview Cemetery at a maximum salary of \$2,400.00 per year, was considered.

The Committee approved and recommended same to City Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Redmond that the report be approved.

Alderman Vaughan stated that the new position is not covered in the Job Specifications.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Donahoe that this matter be referred back to the Com-

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mittee on Works for clarification.

Mr. Harris stated that an assistant was required for Mr. Stairs, but that person was not available from the staff. He said a notice was posted but no applications were received. He advised that Mr. Smith at the City Field applied for the position, was tried out and found satisfactory.

Alderman Duffy asked if the Superintendent at Fairview Cemetery had recommended him, to which the Commissioner of Works advised in the affirmative.

Alderman Vaughan contended that the academic qualifications listed were too high for the members of the staff at Fairview Cemetery and suggested that the matter be referred back to the Committee on Works and that the position be advertised so that everyone would have opportunity to apply.

The Commissioner of Works advised that all the men at the Cemetery were asked if they were interested and from the information he had received, none were.

The amendment was then put and passed.

YOUNG LOT FAIRVIEW CEMETERY

October 19, 1951.

Re: Angeline Young Lot - Fairview Cemetery

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on October 16th, considered the attached report from the Superintendent of Fairview Cemetery in regard to a request from Mrs. Jane Turner and Mr. Walter Young that the Cemetery take back the unused portion of Lot #60A.

He recommended this as a benefit to the Cemetery, showing a net gain of \$125.00.

The Committee approved the report and recommended same to City Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

November 15, 1951.

October 11, 1951.

To Commissioner of Works.

Mrs. Jane Turner, Walton Mass. and Mr. Walter Young, Charlottetown, P. E. I. have requested me to take the following matter up with the Committee on Works, under our Rules & Regulations.

For the Cemetery to take back the unused portion of Lot #60A, Sheet E, Section #3 registered owner, Angeline Young, bought May 11th, 1921 for \$29.00 with Perpetual Care, Mr. E. A. Smeltzer, Cemetery Secretary, has the original receipt.

Instead of paying for the unused portion would like the Cemetery to place a regulation flat marker on the only interment, Dave G. Young 1912, (took a long time to pay for this lot), the Cemetery will receive five choice "single" graves to sell at \$35.00 each, total of \$175.00, at the cost of \$50.00 for the marker, a gain of \$125.00.

The registered owner and husband are buried in the U. S. A. and per above the balance of the family are living away.

I recommend this as a benefit to the Cemetery.

R. D. Stairs,  
Supt.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Redmond that the report be approved. Motion passed.

CANTEEN FLEMING PARK

October 19th, 1951.

Re - Dingle Canteen

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on October 16th, the attached report from the Commissioner of Works recommending that Mr. Grant be charged \$300.00 for the season terminating in November 1951, in view of the fact that he has spent \$240.65 in repairing and maintaining the Canteen building, was considered.

The Committee approved the report and recommended same to City Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

November 15, 1951.

September 19th, 1951.

Re: Dingle Canteen.

His Worship the Mayor, Chairman  
and Members of the Committee on Works.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held some time ago I was requested to check with Mr. Grant, the present operator of the Canteen located at the Dingle Park, which is owned by him, the amount of expense involved in repairing and maintaining the canteen building.

Mr. Grant showed me receipts for electrical work; materials supplied from Brookfield Bros. Limited and carpentry work which amounted to \$240.65. The amount of the concession for the season 1950-1951 was \$500.00, and due to the amount spent on this building by Mr. Grant, it is recommended that he be charged \$300.00 for the season terminating in November 1951.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Harris,  
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Redmond that the report be approved. Motion passed.

PURCHASE OF LAND LADY HAMMOND ROAD

October 26th, 1951.

Re: Land Lady Hammond Road - G. Donald Hogan.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on October 23rd, the attached report from the City Assessor, recommending that Mr. Hogan be paid 0.17¢ per sq. ft. or a total price of \$1,283.50, for the land which the City has taken from him for the widening of Lady Hammond Road, was considered.

The Committee approved the report and recommended same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

October 22, 1951.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of Board of Works,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:

Re: Land Lady Hammond Road,  
G. Donald Hogan

November 15, 1951.

As instructed by you at your meeting held on the 9th instant, I have had discussions with Mr. Hogan regarding the purchase of this land.

The City has taken from Mr. Hogan approximately 7,550 square feet and this action was taken in 1948 and this apparently was the first definite step taken to purchase the property.

After discussing the matter with Mr. Hogan he is prepared to accept seventeen cents (0.17) per square foot or a total price of \$1,283.50, for the land in question. Sometime ago he sold land to the Public Service Commission for the sum of twenty cents (0.20) per square foot.

I would, therefore, recommend that Mr. Hogan be paid at the rate of seventeen cents (0.17) per square foot for the land which the City has taken from him.

Yours very truly,

J. F. McManus,  
CITY ASSESSOR.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Redmond that the report be approved.

Alderman Vaughan: "Is the owner of this property relieved of abutters charges by reason of the City acquiring same or did he pay for them?"

City Assessor: "At the present time he owns the land and I presume he paid for them. The land was taken from him in 1948."

The motion was then put and passed.

EXPROPRIATION DEAR PROPERTY CUNARD STREET

November 2nd, 1951.

Re: Expropriation "Dear" Property - #139 Cunard Street.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of City Council.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on October 30th considered the attached report from the Commissioner of Works recommending that proceedings be commenced to expropriate a ten-foot strip of land in front of the George H. Dear property, on the Northern Side of Cunard Street, in order to obtain a clear title.

The Committee approved the report and recommended same to City Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, CITY CLERK.  
Per J. B. Sabean, Clerk of Works.

November 15, 1951.

October 29th, 1951.

His Worship the Mayor, Chairman  
and Members of the Committee on Works.

Gentlemen:-

In order to obtain a clear title to a ten (10') foot strip of land in front of the George H. Dear property, on the northern side of Cunard Street, it will be necessary to expropriate the same.

We have received a letter from the City Solicitor's Department stating that expropriation proceedings would be necessary to obtain the title.

At a meeting of City Council held on August 17th, 1950, it was agreed at that time to purchase the strip of land for \$347.50, this being the amount recommended for this land to be expropriated.

Plan #QQ-4-11963 has been prepared showing the property to be expropriated, and a copy of which is attached, as well as a description of the necessary land.

It is therefore recommended that expropriation proceedings be commenced for the above mentioned reasons.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Harris,  
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

R E S O L U T I O N

W H E R E A S the Commissioner of Works has submitted a report dated the 29th day of October, A.D. 1951, and also a plan and description covering the expropriation of certain land on the North side of Cunard Street in the City of Halifax, for the purpose of widening Cunard Street;

AND WHEREAS the Committee deems it necessary that the said land and interests therein be expropriated.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED and it is recommended to the City Council that the said land and interests therein, herein-after more fully described, be expropriated;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the price or compensation to be paid to George H. Dear, the apparent owner of the said land, or to the person or persons who may be found to be the owner or owners of the said land herein expropriated, be the sum of Three Hundred and Forty Seven Dollars and fifty Cents (\$347.50);

November 15, 1951.

The following is the description of the land and interests therein hereinbefore referred to, to be expropriated by the City:-

"ALL that certain lot, piece and parcel of land situate, lying and being on the north side of Cunard Street between Clifton Street and Hunter Street in the City of Halifax, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the former northern official Street line of Cunard Street distant ninety-nine feet and five tenths of a foot (99.5') westwardly from the intersection of the said former official street line of Cunard Street and the prolongation southwardly of the western official street line of Clifton Street; thence northwardly along the prolongation southwardly of the eastern boundary of lands now or formerly owned by Carlyle B. Croft for a distance of ten feet and one tenth of a foot (10.1') more or less or to the official street line of Cunard Street as confirmed by the City Council on January 15th, 1948; thence eastwardly along the said official street line of Cunard Street thirty-three feet and five tenths of a foot (33.5') or to the western boundary of lands now or formerly owned by Charles J. Walker; thence southwardly along the prolongation southwardly of the said western boundary of lands now or formerly owned by the said Charles J. Walker, ten (10') feet more or less or to the said former northern official street line of Cunard Street; thence westwardly along the said former northern official street line of Cunard Street, thirty-three (33') feet more or less or to the place of beginning.

The above described property being shown bordered in red on a plan entitled "Expropriation of certain Lands required by the City of Halifax for the purpose of widening the North side of Cunard Street, between Clifton and Hunter Streets", said Plan being dated October 29th, 1951, and filed in the Commissioner of Works Office, at Halifax, Nova Scotia, as Plan Number QQ-4-11963;

RESOLVED that this Council do hereby adopt the recommendation of the Committee on Works for the Expropriation of certain land and interests in land on the North side of Cunard Street, in the City of Halifax, and that the land and interests in land set out in the Resolution adopted by the Committee on Works at a Meeting held on the 29th day of October, A. D. 1951, be and the same are hereby expropriated;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the price or compensation named in the said Resolution for the said land and interests therein to be paid to the said owner or owners of the said land be forthwith paid to the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

November 15, 1951.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Redmond that the report and resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

WALKER PROPERTY CUNARD STREET

November 14th, 1951.

Re: "Walker" Property - 135-135½ Cunard Street

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on November 12th, the attached report from the Commissioner of Works, recommending that Mr. C. J. Walker be paid a total amount of \$1,500.00; relieve the City of the responsibility of erecting a retaining wall in front of this property, and give a deed for the land necessary for Cunard Street Widening, was considered.

The Committee approved the report and recommended same to City Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publissover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

November 12th, 1951.

His Worship the Mayor, Chairman  
and Members of the Committee on Works.

Gentlemen:-

During 1950 when negotiations were finalized by the City Council with Mr. C. J. Walker, owner of Nos. 135-135½ Cunard Street, it was decided to pay Mr. Walker \$493.50 for the land required for the widening of Cunard Street, and to build a retaining wall in front of this property, the estimated cost of which was \$1500.00.

A letter has been received from Mr. Walker stating that since he proposes to commercialize this property the erection of this wall would require some changes and would not suit his plans.

He has suggested that he be paid a total amount of \$1,500.00, relieve the City of the responsibility of erecting the wall and to give a Deed for the land necessary for Cunard Street widening.

It is therefore recommended that this new offer be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Harris,  
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Redmond that the report be approved. Motion passed.

November 15, 1951.

LOT CARTARET STREET

November 14th, 1951.

Re: Lot - Cartaret Street

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on November 12th, the attached report from the Town Planning Engineer in regard to the lot on Cartaret Street on which Mr. Raymond Kaizer proposes to build a two story pitched roof building to contain five apartments, was considered.

The Committee recommended that this be forwarded to City Council to set a date for a public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the report be approved and Council fix Thursday, December 13, 1951 at 8:00 P. M. in the Council Chamber City Hall, as the time and place for the hearing respecting this matter. Motion passed.

PINE HILL DRIVE

November 14th, 1951.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on November 12th, the attached report from the Commissioner of Works in regard to a deed prepared for Pinehill Divinity Hall to the City of Halifax conveying to the City all the land known as Crescent Road, shown on Plan No. QQ-4-11975, was considered.

The Committee approved the report and recommended that the deed be accepted subject to the removal of the building on the portion to be conveyed to the City.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

November 15, 1951.

November 12th, 1951.

His Worship the Mayor, Chairman  
and Members of the Committee on Works.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on October 3rd, 1950, Plan #00-3-11470, which is a plan of subdivision of nine (9) lots on the southern side of Pine Hill Drive, was approved.

Following this approval a deed was prepared on February 15th, 1951 for Pine Hill to the City of Halifax, conveying to the City all that land known as Crescent Road, which is shown bordered in red on Plan #QQ-4-11975. City Council records do not show authority to accept this conveyance and this is the reason I am bringing the matter to the Board today.

Since the subdivision has been officially approved, lots have been sold, it will now be necessary to accept the conveyance to this land provided Pine Hill Divinity Hall remove the existing building as shown on this portion to be conveyed to the City.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Harris,  
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Redmond that the report be approved. Motion passed.

MOVING DWELLING ROSEMEAD AVENUE

November 2nd, 1951.

Re: Removing Dwelling - #29 Rosemead Avenue

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of City Council.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on October 30th, considered the attached report from the Commissioner of Works recommending that the Halifax Demolition Building and Moving Company be employed to move the dwelling #29 Rosemead Ave. to the Eastern end of Woodbine Ave. at a cost of \$1,400.00, the amount to be charged to Street Widening.

The Committee approved the report and recommended same to City Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabeau,  
Clerk of Works.

November 15, 1951.

October 24th, 1951.

His Worship the Mayor, Chairman  
and Members of the Committee on Works.

Gentlemen:-

When Normandy Drive was extended it was found necessary that #29 Rosemeade Avenue be moved to another location. Consequently the lot on the eastern end of Woodbine Avenue was reserved for this purpose, and it is proposed to move #29 Rosemeade Avenue to this new location.

A price has been obtained from the Halifax Demolition Building & Moving Company and amounts to \$1,400.00 for moving the house, and looking after the over-head wires and cables and any other similar construction.

It is therefore recommended that this Company be employed to do this work. The money for this moving to be charged to Street Widening.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Harris,  
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Redmond that the report be approved. Motion passed.

C. N. R. PROPERTY KEMPT ROAD

November 2nd, 1951.

Letter - Mr. B. J. Vaughan Re: C.N.R. Property - Kempt Road

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on October 30th, the attached letter from Mr. B. J. Vaughan asking the City's co-operation in regard to his application to the Canadian National Railways to purchase from them a small piece of land on the east side of Kempt Road, adjoining his property, was considered.

The Committee agreed to co-operate with Mr. Vaughan provided he agrees to re-convey the land to the City at cost, and provided the deed is given to him in trust for the City of Halifax, until such time as the City requires the land. The City Solicitor to draft this agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Redmond that the report be approved.

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City Solicitor: "I would suggest that it might be advisable to clear the matter once and for all. I don't know what kind of an Agreement we could prepare. The purchaser needs the land to get to his own property. If that is so, why not finalize the matter when the deed comes through. The City can take title now and get it done with. I am not clear on what you want."

Alderman Vaughan: "Perhaps the purchaser would give the City an opportunity to purchase the land for \$1.00."

Alderman Hatfield suggested that a time limit be set and mentioned a period of 10 years.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that Mr. B. J. Vaughan give an undertaking in writing that he will convey the land to the City for the sum of \$1.00 and that the City request him to enter into an agreement to this effect. Amendment passed.

HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH BRIDGE

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November 2nd, 1951.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on October 30th, a report and plan (Drawing #41) submitted by the Town Planning Engineer showing an encroachment over the Northern Official Street Line of North Street, to accommodate the bridge approach and abutment, was approved and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabeau,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Redmond that the report be approved. Motion passed.

BRIDGE ENCROACHMENT NORTH STREET

November 14th, 1951.

Re Bridge Encroachment - North Street

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the Committee on Works.

*H.P.*

November 15, 1951.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on November 12th, the attached letter from the City Solicitor advising that it will be necessary to secure legislation to enable the City to permit an encroachment on the northern side of North Street, to provide an approach to the bridge, was considered.

The Committee approved the report and recommended same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

1952 LEGISLATION

ITEM 23

The Charter is amended by inserting therein, immediately following Section 538 thereof, the following Section:

538A. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 535, the Council may, in any case in which it shall determine, permit an encroachment to be placed on any street, provided that such encroachment constitutes an abutment for, approach to or any part of a bridge over the Harbour of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Redmond that the report and legislation be approved. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR OFFICE FURNITURE CITY COURT

November 14th, 1951.

Re: Tenders for Office Furniture Etc.  
New City Court Room

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on November 12th, considered the attached report from the Commissioner of Works, recommending that the tender of S. P. Zive and Son Ltd., \$2,653.00, be accepted, as it is the lowest submitted.

The Committee approved the report and recommended same to City Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. P. Publicover, City Clerk.  
Per J. B. Sabean, Clerk of Works.

November 15, 1951.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Redmond that the report be approved. Motion passed.

TENDERS REPAIRS TO LIGHT STANDARDS

October 19th, 1951.

Re: Lighting Standards - Young Avenue and Tower Road Bridges

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on October 16th, the City Electrician submitted the following tenders for repairs to lighting standards on Young Avenue and Tower Road bridges:-

Hillis & Sons Ltd.	.....\$ 750.00
Flemming Bros.	..... 1,325.00

He recommended the lower tender.

The Committee approved and recommended same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabeau,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Redmond that the report be approved. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR MOTOR EQUIPMENT ETC.

November 15th, 1951.

Re: Tenders on Motor Equipment:

His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held today, the attached report from the Commissioner of Works, recommending that the following tenders be accepted, was considered:-

Pace Equipment and Supply Ltd. - 1 Compressor	\$ 4,397.68
Eastern Equipment Ltd. - 1 Breaker -	438.00
1 Hammer -	454.00
Trainor Auto Service Ltd. - 1-5 Ton Truck, Chassis only -	4,729.90
Cook Motors Ltd. - 3-Three ton trucks with bodies - each -	3,936.37
Trainor Auto Service Ltd. - 1-1/2 Ton Truck	1,658.30

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Industrial Machinery Co. Ltd. -	
1-12 Ton Diesel Roller -	\$12,240.00
Riley Equipment Sales Co. -	
1-Plough	1,760.00

On motion of Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Macdonald, the Committee approved the report and recommended same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Redmond that the report be approved. Motion passed.

SEWER RENEWALS

November 14th, 1951.

Re: Sewer Renewals - Welsford Street - From Robie to Parker Street, Willow Tree - Sewer System.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on November 12th, considered the attached report from the Commissioner of Works recommending that the section of Sewer on Welsford Street, from Robie to Parker Street, approximately 300 feet, be renewed at an estimated cost of \$5,000.00; and that a new sewer of 555 feet, at an estimated cost of \$6,500.00 be constructed near the Willow Tree on Quinpool Road, to the main 36" trunk Sewer running across the Commons from Williams Street.

The Committee approved the report and recommended same to City Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

November 12th, 1951.

His Worship the Mayor, Chairman and Members of the Committee on Works.

Gentlemen:-

For a number of years considerable trouble has been experienced with the sewer conditions on Welsford Street, particularly near Robie Street.

The sewer on Welsford Street is very old and is made of

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varying sizes, a portion being constructed of stone, and other portions with circular pipe. In addition to this, a combined catchbasin and manhole exists on the south-west corner of Welsford and Robie Streets, and has given no end of trouble, both as to clogging and odour. This condition has been found in connection with our Sewer Rehabilitation Survey and Plan #QQ-4-11946, which is attached hereto.

It is recommended that this section of sewer on Welsford Street, from Robie to Parker Streets, be renewed, including the sewer angle on Parker Street be renewed and all connections be reconnected. The length of this sewer being approximately three hundred (300') feet at an estimated cost of \$5,000.00.

WILLOW TREE - SEWER SYSTEM

A complete survey has been made of the sewer system on Quinpool Road and Robie Street, and it has been found that sections of the sewer are too small and are laid at a very low grade, thus greatly cutting down the capacity of the sewer in this area.

It is therefore recommended that a new sewer of five hundred and fifty-five feet (555'), at an estimated cost of \$6,500.00, be constructed near the Willow Tree on Quinpool Road to the main thirty-six inch (36") trunk sewer running across the Commons from Williams Street. This would give a more direct flow for the sewer in this area and would eliminate the routing of the sewer northwardly from Quinpool Road, which is mentioned above as being too small and laid at a very flat grade.

Plan #QQ-3-11845 shows the existing and proposed conditions of the sewer system in this area.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Harris,  
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Redmond  
that the report be approved. Motion passed.

ACCOUNT OVER \$200.00

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

At a meeting of the Housing Accommodation Committee held  
on the above date the following account was approved and recom-  
mended for payment:

C. S. Barkhouse      \$799.50

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Vaughan  
that the report be approved. Motion passed.

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NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN VAUGHAN

TAKE NOTICE that at the next meeting of the City Council to be held whereat the matter may be properly and legally considered I will move the following motion:

RESOLVED that the Resolution passed at the meeting of the Council held October 11th, 1951, approving the report of the Finance and Executive Committee, dated October 9th, 1951, respecting the sale of the assets of the Water Department of the City to the Public Service Commission, and which said Resolution appears on page 737 of the Minutes of the City Council for the year 1951, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that at the same time and place I will make the following motion:

RESOLVED that the City do sell the assets of the Water Department to Public Service Commission of Halifax for the following consideration:

That the said Public Service Commission deliver to the City \$1,600,000.00 par value of 4%, 31-year bonds of the said Commission, and that in addition to the delivery of such bonds the said Commission pay to the City the sum of \$2,270,000.00 in cash.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said sum of \$2,270,000.00 be paid to the Trustees of the Sinking Funds and applied by the said Trustees to the payment off at maturity of the existing funded debt of the City respecting the Water Department of the City and that of the said sum of \$2,270,000.00 a sufficient sum be set aside to service the interest charges arising in respect of the Perpetual Stock outstanding to the principal sum of \$138,000.00 and respecting the said Water Department.

It was agreed to hear Mr. Ira P. Macnab, General Manager of the Public Service Commission, who spoke as follows: "It is

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impossible to sell the bonds which we had proposed to sell because there was a contingent liability in the resolution passed by the Council the first time. We had completed negotiations for the sale of the bonds until this was discovered last night. Due to the very unsatisfactory market conditions and the fact that bond rates of interest may increase at any time and that buyers are already available for the bonds, it is of the utmost urgency that this matter be dealt with as promptly as possible. There is no change in effect except that whereas the first resolution did say that if the \$2,270,000.00 was not enough to pay off all the existing bonds at maturity, the Public Service Commission would agree to make up any deficiency. That creates a contingent liability and this resolution as moved by Alderman Vaughan makes it a fixed sum of \$2,270,000.00 without the contingent liability. We have checked with 3 brokers in addition to calculations of our own and there is no question in the minds of the brokers that the \$2,270,000.00 will care for all of the existing bonds at maturity and leave some surplus to the City. That in brief is the situation. I should like to ask that this matter be considered at a special meeting of the Council just as early as it can be called."

Alderman Donahoe: "I understand the situation that has arisen and the suggestion that we pass at a special meeting this new motion. I would like to say that since having voted for the original motion and as I recall it, it was unanimous, I have had a good deal of serious after thought. When the motion came before Council I asked for a reason to be given as to why it was desirable for these assets to be transferred to the Public Service Commission at all and I received certain information concerning the financial affect of the then proposed arrangement. As far as I can see the substituted arrangement is much the same from the City's point of view. In my own mind I do not think it is a wise decision. I would like to know why it is desirable for the Council to transfer these assets to the Commission. In what way will it improve the operation of the Com-

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mission and in what way will it improve the position of the City? After all we do have our financing problems. We are required to float bond issues. We need assets behind us to give us a standing when we go into the bond market for our legitimate needs. We are transferring quite a substantial amount of our assets to the Public Service Commission. I am by no means convinced that we were wise in coming to the decision previously. I would like to have some further reasons as to why this should be advanced at all."

Mr. Macnab: "I came here with the understanding that the matter had already been approved. In the first place we have been paying the City \$100,000.00 a year from the surplus of the Commission. We propose to continue to do that. We propose to provide monies that will amortize all existing monies outstanding. In addition we propose to pay the City \$1,600,000.00 in bonds which will yield them \$64,000.00 a year. Therefore the City will receive annually \$164,000.00 towards its operating expenses whereas today it has been getting only \$100,000.00. We have to raise \$1,000,000.00 whether we transfer the assets or not. I could not go into all details out of my head but I think those are the principal points. If we buy \$1,000,000.00 we will have to pay 4.6% in addition to what we are now carrying. We will not be able to pay the \$64,000.00 in addition to the \$100,000.00 which we are now paying to the City."

It was then agreed that a special meeting of the City Council be held Monday, November 19, 1951 at 5:00 P. M. to consider Alderman Vaughan's motion.

INFORMATION REQUESTED BY ALDERMAN FOX

Alderman Fox requested the following information:

Halifax, N. S.,  
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1. Information on the following properties purchased some 18 months ago by the City of Halifax.
2. Namely Houses #167-169-171-173-175 Brunswick Street in the City of Halifax.

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3. Date of purchase and delivery of Deeds to the City of Halifax.
4. Date when each property removed from the Tax Rolls of the City.
5. Date when the City started collecting Rents.
6. Total amount of Rents Collected and number of Tenants in each of the above mentioned houses Nov. 15th, 1951.
7. Who is the Administrator.

George C. Fox.  
Alderman.

#### GRANT FOR SCHOOLS

Alderman Hatfield asked if the City were going to attempt to secure some of the Provincial grant for schools this year. He suggested that the Supervisor of Schools and City Solicitor look into the matter to see what should be recommended for the December meeting of the City Council. He mentioned the fact that last year the Province had told the City that the grant had already been expended. He said that something should be done about it now if the money were available.

#### NOISE NUISANCE IN TRANSOM

Alderman Lane said she had received a complaint from a Ward #2 resident concerning a noise nuisance in a transom on the street and asked who it should be referred to and was advised by His Worship the Deputy Mayor that the Chief of Police was the proper Official to take the complaint to.

#### DEEDS LOTS UNION AND BARRINGTON STS.

Alderman Donahoe referred to the fact that Mr. Wm. O'Toole had purchased two lots of land from the City in 1949 at the above locations and when the transaction went through the City Council restrictions were attached to the sale in that the Minister of Municipal Affairs was requested to approve of the same and also that 10% of the building had to be constructed before deeds would be issued from the City.

He said that in his opinion it was not necessary that the Minister of Municipal Affairs approve of the sale as the land

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in question was Tax Sale Land and did not require such approval. Mr. O'Toole paid \$400.00 for the Union Street lot and was given a deed later on, but when he asked for a deed to the Barrington Street lot he was advised that 10% of the building had to be constructed before the deed would be issued.

He stated that Mr. O'Toole proposed to sell the Barrington St. lot to a certain Company who would erect a suitable building on it, but he was unable to complete the sale as he had no deed.

Moved by Alderman Donahoe, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the City Council authorize the proper civic authorities to issue the deed to Mr. O'Toole for the lot at the corner of Barrington and Richmond Sts.

The motion was put and passed unanimously the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor: Aldermen DeWolf, Breen, Lane, Abbott, Adams, Macdonald, Donahoe, Redmond, Fox, Duffy, Vaughan, Hatfield and MacMillan.

#### BAYERS ROAD HOUSING PROJECT

Alderman Hatfield advised that a representative from the Trades and Labor Council was present and suggested that he be heard in connection with the above matter.

Mr. Pat Shea addressed the Council and urged that the Bayers Road Housing Project be reconsidered as the Trades and Labor Council were vitally concerned as the members of organized labor were paying high rentals and were living in premises that are not decent. He said that if housing were built people would have a better environment to live in and the increase in the taxes would add to the City's revenue. He also said that if a slum clearance program were adopted there would be no place to put people when they had to be put out in order to tear down their homes at present.

Alderman Vaughan advised that the Committee had met with Mr. Smith of C. M. & H. C. and he had told the Committee that this matter

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was still open as far as the Federal Government was concerned and they are prepared to receive a proposal from the City with respect to multiple housing construction. He further advised that he could see no good reason in re-opening the matter that Council turned down a few weeks ago. He said the costs are still too high. He finalized by saying that the Committee was going to go ahead with its planning for low rental housing units and that a report would be made to Council in the near future.

EXPRESS HIGHWAY

Read report of the Committee on Works dated October 26, 1951;

October 26th, 1951.

Re: Proposed Entrance to City - Fairview

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on October 23rd, the attached report from the Commissioner of Works in regard to the land necessary to be purchased for a proposed road from Bayers Road northwardly to the Dutch Village Road was considered.

The Committee recommended that the Provincial Government be advised that the City is prepared to expropriate or purchase this land, but can only do so on the understanding that they will complete their end of it beyond the end of the City Limits

Alderman Abbott against.

It was agreed that Council appoint the Committee to confer with the Provincial Authorities.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

PER: J. B. Babean,  
CLERK OF WORKS.

Read letter from the Minister of Highways and Public Works dated October 22, 1951.

October 22nd, 1951.

Dear Mayor Kinley:-

With reference to the proposed improvements to the entrance to the City of Halifax, at Fairview, and further to our conversation which took place in my office on October 19th, it would appear that we are now in agreement in principle on the proposal of

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the construction of a new main traffic artery from the Bedford Road to Bayers Road, which would relieve the situation now existing at the Fairview Underpass.

While the Department of Highways & Public Works is not prepared at this time to proceed with the actual construction, it is more desirable that the land involved in the proposed Bedford Road-Bayers Road western approach be secured before any further development takes place.

I would therefore suggest that the City of Halifax acquire title to the lands involved within the City boundaries, the cost to be borne by the City.

My Department will take the necessary steps to secure the right of way required, outside the limits of the City, the cost to be borne by the Province.

At the present time, there is no legislation permitting me as Minister of Highways & Public Works to enter into an agreement with the City for actual construction, and I am not able to give the City the assurance that my Department will undertake and pay the cost of construction outside the City.

Yours very truly,

Sgd. M. D. Rawding,  
Minister of Highways & Public Works  
Province of Nova Scotia.

Read letter from the Premier of the Province of Nova Scotia dated November 1, 1951.

November 1st, 1951.

Dear Alderman,

I talked to Mr. Rawding by telephone last night and I read to him the last paragraph of his letter of October 22nd. I think that what he really intended to say was that the Government of Nova Scotia was prepared to acquire the necessary land outside of the City limits and pay for the same, and also to undertake the construction of the highway outside the City, all at its own expense. As I intimated to you yesterday, I do not think that the Government is in a position at the moment to say that the construction of the highway will be undertaken at any definite time, but we do feel that we should acquire the right of way at once.

Our understanding is that the City would acquire and pay for the right of way within the City limits, and in due course undertake the construction of that part of the road or street which is within the City limits. Mr. Belliveau, the Deputy Minister of Highways, wished me to say that, in his opinion, the acquisition of land necessary for the construction of the clover leaves, and the actual construction of the clover leaves, were essential parts of the general scheme, as the straight-a-way road required clover leaves in order that it might be made a suitable approach to the City.

If there is any further information that I can give you, I should be only too happy to do so.

Let me say, in conclusion, that it was a great pleasure to see you and Alderman DeWolf yesterday, and to have your very

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full explanation of the point involved.

With cordial personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

A. L. Macdonald.

Alderman A. H. MacMillan,  
230 Almon Street,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Alderman MacMillan stated that he along with Aldermen DeWolf and Donahoe were appointed a sub-committee to interview the Provincial Government on this matter, he said that he and Alderman DeWolf met the Premier but Alderman Donahoe was absent preparing his toast to the Princess. "I would like to interject something that is not on the record. At the luncheon I sat next to the reporter from the New York Times and she told me that the rendering by Alderman Donahoe was the finest she had listened to in the whole Royal Tour. I would like to congratulate Alderman Donahoe on it. I would not omit the other two Aldermen who rendered their contribution so magnificently. I am speaking under difficulties tonight and I believe that is the aftermath of the soaking I got on Wednesday evening. I came expecting we would have a little better accommodation.

I wish to speak with regard to the interview with the Government. Premier Macdonald, Messrs, Bellevue, Thompson and Fielding were present. They gave us every assurance that any doubt that was stirred up in the last paragraph of Mr. Rawding's letter should be allayed and they gave us every assurance of the fullest co-operation by the Government.

They did not promise that the matter would be gone ahead with next year. A great many of our citizens in that section have been clamouring for the services which the City should render and that includes sewerage and water. Some of them are tired of waiting and have asked for cesspools and wells to be dug which is not a good combination especially in that section where the Sanitary Engineer does not recommend it. He says the ground is not of a

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quality that would accommodate such a service. I am 100% in favor of this project. When we think of the progress being made in respect to the Halifax-Dartmouth bridge and also the consideration of a new airfield, this would work very harmoniously in conjunction with those other projects."

Moved by Alderman MacMillan, seconded by Alderman Donahoe that the City proceed to acquire all the property required for this Express Highway.

Alderman Donahoe: "I contacted Alderman DeWolf and I had a full discussion with him. I would like to say I feel that doubts that we had are pretty well laid to rest by the Premier's letter. We can rest definitely assured that we will not find ourselves in the position that we will acquire our portion of the land and the Province acquire its and there would be a delay and then we would find the land would be scrapped. I have come to the conclusion that it is wise to do what Alderman MacMillan has moved. Now is the time to acquire it. We will acquire it at this time cheaper than in the future if we allow a development to take place."

Alderman Hatfield: "Suppose Fairview came into the City of Halifax. We would have to pay the full cost. It might be kind of heavy I would suggest that the Province pay the costs outside the City limits at the present time."

Alderman Vaughan: "In view of the agitation on the west slope of the City of Halifax on the matter of the amalgamation with the City, Alderman Hatfield's point is well taken. Within 5 years that section of the County bounded by Bay Road; D. V. Road and the Canadian Oil Company property might be in the City limits at that time and we would be stuck with the total cost of the project. Does the Premier mean that the project will be proceeded with and the Province pay for its share north of the D.V. Road?"

Alderman MacMillan: "The Premier advised us that they were ready to proceed immediately with the purchase of the land outside

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the City of Halifax at the present time and he also said it would probably cost them twice as much as the City would have to pay for the land it needed because on the land outside the City are erected 7 or 8 houses which they would have to buy. If this is delayed dwellings will be erected within the City, probably 12 or 15 on that particular land, and we know the result of that."

Alderman Hatfield: "We have to acquire the land but we still have the opportunity to say if the price is right. We will have the right to accept at the price."

City Assessor: "I had a conference with Mr. Butler and a representative of the C. P. M. Corporation. There are two pieces of land involved which I had no negotiations on at all. My instructions were to inquire as to what the price would be. I made no recommendation."

The City Solicitor suggested that the City Assessor be instructed to negotiate with the owners of the land to ascertain the price for which the land could be acquired and that he report back to City Council.

Alderman Lane: "It would cost \$131,000.00 at 25 cents per sq. ft.. Was it not pointed out that we sold land in the area for 10 cents?"

City Assessor: "Yes."

Alderman Vaughan: "Is the City prepared to acquire land for an express highway in conjunction with the Province? We never had a resolution on that."

He then suggested that the City of Halifax concur in the proposals of the Provincial Government to undertake the purchase and construction of its portion of the express highway.

Alderman Breen said that the City should make sure of the mileage it would have to construct.

Alderman Fox said there should be some definite program as to where this road is going when it comes to Bayers Road. He suggested that it go along Dutch Village Road and up Chebucto Rd.

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His Worship the Deputy Mayor suggested that the Committee on Works go into the matter further and have the City Assessor find out the cost and report back to the next meeting.

Alderman Breen wanted to know if there were any plans for the two connecting links.

Mr. Snook advised that Frederick St. would be connected and would lead to Mumford Road and then to the east boundary of Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Alderman Breen: "Is that the continuation of the 100 ft. road?"

Mr. Snook: "No, it is 60 ft. on Frederick St."

Alderman Vaughan: "This is too big an item to deal with tonight. Halifax will have a section of a trunk highway system that we never had before in which event the Province undertakes to pay a certain cost towards the roadway. The actual cost of the highway in the City limits has not been mentioned as yet."

Alderman MacMillan: "We are all hinging on technicalities. It is very essential that we deal with it almost immediately. Permits are being held up in that locality. People want to build housing. The Commissioner of Works must know whether we are going to do this so he can make plans for laying the service pipes. At one meeting someone suggested that when Howe Ave. was built, the Government let us down. I took that up with Mr. Bellevue and he told me that the Government made no commitments whatever regarding Howe Ave. Mr. MacMillan was Premier then. It was a City project and the Province had nothing to do with it."

Alderman Vaughan: "I think the City should get very technical at this point when it comes to one-quarter of a million dollars. I think it would be very costly, if we expropriate certain lands there. It is over \$1,000,000.00 for the whole project within the City. I am being very technical when it comes to \$1,000,000.00."

Alderman DeWolf: "I question whether that will ever come

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about that we go through to Dutch Village Road. I can't see any necessity of going to Dutch Village Rd. The traffic could be taken care of by Bayers and Mumford Roads. Wherever you break off, you are coming into a 60 ft. roadway. You might just as well break off at Frederick St. and Bayers Road or Mumford Road. I can't see the necessity at the present time of considering it any further than that."

His Worship the Deputy Mayor: "I drove over the road. If you went up Connaught Ave. to Bayers Road, Connaught Ave. is a wide boulevard with lots of area for the amount of traffic coming in and going out of Halifax; when that link is connected with the road which the Provincial Government proposes, would not that road be sufficient to carry whatever traffic would be coming in and going out of Halifax?"

Mr. Harris: "Did you mean to connect Howe Ave. with the proposed highway in the County? The proposition is an entirely new road easterly. It will be parallel with the railway and about 300 feet west of it."

His Worship the Deputy Mayor: "Would not Howe Ave. connected with Bayers Road and Connaught Ave. be sufficient to look after traffic coming in and going out of the City?"

Mr. Harris: "It might cause considerable confusion around the railway crossing. It is proposed to have a bridge over the railway and do away with the crossing."

His Worship the Deputy Mayor: "What about a tunnel cut under the railway rather than a bridge?"

Mr. Harris: "I doubt if it would be possible to drain a tunnel with the sea water level there. It is too risky for drainage purposes."

Alderman MacMillan, with the permission of his seconder, agreed to amend his original resolution to read as follows:

Moved by Alderman MacMillan, seconded by Alderman Donahoe that the City Assessor be instructed to proceed to negotiate with

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the owners to acquire all the land required for the express highway.

It was also suggested that if the City acquired the land and decided to proceed, it would be at a price to be approved by the Council and also that the road be constructed in conjunction with the Provincial Government.

Alderman DeWolf: "Isn't one reason for this road for evacuation purposes? People at the Arm Bridge are not going to use this road. Whether it is 100 ft. or not the people at the Arm are going out the Bay Road. It is a feeder from streets coming from the east and not from the west."

Alderman Vaughan: "When this matter came up first in the Committee on Works, one and a half years ago, the proposal was that there was to be a wide sweep to carry the traffic into Bayers Road. The idea to make it straight came from the Planning Department. We are now committed to two other links. I think it is a matter for the Committee on Works to re-examine closely. We are committing ourselves to a large expenditure if we go ahead with this plan."

It was then agreed to refer the matter back to the Committee on Works for further consideration.

LETTER DEPUTY MINISTER MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS Re:  
ARBITRATION COMMISSION

Halifax, November 1, 1951. Tc

Mr. W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge your letter of October 26th advising that the City Council has unanimously recommended that legislation be sought for the organization of a commission similar to that organized in Pictou County two years ago.

We have not yet received corresponding resolutions from the Town of Dartmouth or the Municipality of the County of Halifax. I understand that the arbitration committee was unanimous and the matter will be given consideration upon receipt of advice from the other municipalities.

Yours very truly,

W. E. Moseley,  
Deputy Minister.

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APPROVAL AMENDMENTS ORDINANCE #27

Halifax, N. S., October 17, 1951.

Mr. W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Publicover:      Re: Dog By-Law

I return herewith one copy of the above by-law which was passed by the City Council on October 11th and approved by the Minister on October 17th as appears by his signature attached.

Yours very truly,

W. E. Moseley,  
Deputy Minister.

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LETTER GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA

22nd October, 1951.

Office of the Secretary  
to the Governor-General.

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I am desired by the Governor-General to send you the enclosed letter which has been received from the Private Secretary to The King.

Yours sincerely,

J. F. Delaute,  
Assistant Secretary to the  
Governor-General.

His Worship Gordon S. Kinley,  
Mayor of Halifax,  
Halifax,  
Nova Scotia.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

11th October, 1951.

Dear Sir,

I am commanded to thank you and those associated with you for your kind and loyal message of good wishes to The King in his illness.

Yours truly,

Edward Ford.

The Worshipful  
The Mayor of Halifax,  
Nova Scotia.

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APPROPRIATIONS AS OF OCTOBER 31/51

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The following is the state of Civic Appropriations  
on the above date after deducting unpaid orders.

APPROPRIATIONS	LEDGER BALANCE	UNPAID ORDERS	BALANCE LESS UNPAID ORDERS.
City Home	\$ 34,357.67	\$ 1,178.22	\$ 33,179.45
Point Pleasant Park	3,027.74		3,027.74
Library	14,998.84	506.60	14,492.24
T. B. Hospital	33,557.36	3,242.78	30,314.58
Inf. Disease Hospital	11,463.66	520.44	10,943.22
Public Health	43,144.90		43,144.90
Welfare Department	2,059.80		2,059.80
Police Department	73,494.72	4,708.46	68,786.26
City Prison	11,612.33		11,612.33
Works, Salaries & Bonus	61,657.21		61,657.21
Streets	65,071.24	548.90	64,522.34
Office Supplies	4,111.62	240.46	3,871.16
Town Planning	813.82		813.82
Internal Health	31,723.47	Dr.	29,810.01
Sewer Maintenance	2,888.07		2,888.07
Snow Removal	27,497.65	215.00	27,282.65
St. Lighting	32,935.43	472.94	32,462.49
Traffic Lights	2,838.31	189.86	2,648.45
Wiring Inspection	24.23	Dr.	24.23
Building Inspection	4,423.33		4,423.33
Parks & Grounds	9,358.78	297.82	9,060.96
City Property	33,255.40	1,854.93	31,400.47
Fuel	5,748.94	266.72	5,482.22
Insurance	3,142.08	Dr.	3,142.08
City Hall Light	1,001.16		1,001.16
Telephones	963.88		963.88
Fairview Cemetery	448.77	Dr.	748.41
Recreation Committee	7,545.26		7,545.26
Fire Department	73,485.90		73,485.90
Fire Alarm	9,209.66		9,209.66
Printing & Stationery	1,352.18	6,051.84	4,699.66
			Dr.

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. MCDONALD,  
CHIEF ACCOUNTANT.

FILED

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TAX COLLECTIONS MONTH OF OCTOBER 1951

Year	Reserves	o/s Balances September 30/51	New Accounts & Adjustments	October 1951 Collections	o/s Balance October 31/51
1949	\$70,401.27	\$ 84,704.33	\$ Dr. 244.70	\$ 5,783.21	\$ 79,165.82
1950	68,677.78	195,202.88	Dr. 3,594.31	11,431.16	187,366.03
1951	70,056.13	825,617.12	Cr. 2,276.29	101,664.32	721,676.51
		<u>\$1,105.524.33</u>	<u>\$ Dr. 1,562.72</u>	<u>\$ 118,878.69</u>	<u>\$ 988.208.36</u>

Poll Taxes:-

1943-44	\$ 22,420.45	\$ 18.80	\$ 22,401.65
1944-45	2,910.27	16.64	2,893.63
1951	<u>13,465.95</u>	<u>Dr. 15.35</u>	<u>9,700.78</u>

Additional Collections:-

	<u>1951</u>	<u>1950</u>
Arrears 1925-26 to 1948	\$ 1,439.74	
Corresponding Period Last Year		\$ 13,915.64
Collection as per Statement above	118,878.69	
Corresponding Period Last Year.		84,332.17
	<u>\$ 120,318.43</u>	<u>\$ 98,247.81</u>
Collection Poll Taxes January 1st to October 31/51	\$ 100,256.57	
Corresponding Period Last Year		\$ 99,065.86

Respectfully submitted

H. R. McDonald,  
CHIEF ACCOUNTANT.

FILED

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SUPERANNUATION W. T. DONNELLY

Read report from the City Solicitor as follows:

November 13, 1951.

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

Your Worship and Aldermen:-

At the meeting of the City Council, held October 11th the matter of the superannuation of the late W. T. Donnelly was referred to me to consider and to report.

The matter properly before the Council was that of securing legislation to provide a supplementary grant by legislation in addition to the amount which the late Mr. Donnelly was entitled to receive under the superannuation plan.

In the first place, I do not think that the matter of the retiring allowance itself is a matter for Council, nor is the actual retirement of any employee of the City one with which the Council or any other committee can take any action. The matter of retirement is dealt with in the superannuation plan. This plan provides an automatic retirement under the conditions set out in the plan and also provides for an early retirement date or a postponed retirement date. Both of these dates are to be determined by the Retirement Committee.

For these reasons it would seem to me that the Retirement Committee had determined that Mr. Donnelly should be retired. No date of retirement is set out in the report of the Retirement Committee, but the meeting of that Committee was held on August 10th, 1951, and in the absence of anything to the contrary, it would seem to me that that date would be the date on which Mr. Donnelly would have retired. There is no question of the Committee fixing a postponed date and as Mr. Donnelly was over 65 years of age at that time, there is no question of an early retirement date. The matter, however, is not clear, but it would seem to be reasonable to regard the date on which Mr. Donnelly retired as the date on which the Committee came to the conclusion that he should be retired - namely August 10th, 1951.

This being so, and Mr. Donnelly having been retired on August 10th, 1951, he would thereupon become entitled to the benefits provided in the superannuation plan. Since Mr. Donnelly died before receiving 60 monthly payments, his estate would be entitled to receive the difference between the number of monthly payments which he received and 60 such payments.

It is quite possible that the City continued to pay Mr. Donnelly his salary after this retirement date. In my opinion, since Mr. Donnelly's retirement was effected by the Retirement Committee on August 10th, 1951, immediate steps should have been taken to discontinue the payment of a salary and to substitute the payment of the retirement allowance, which under section 14 of the superannuation plan is to commence on his retirement date. This would require some co-ordination between the Head of the Department concerned and the Finance Department of the City. The one Department authorized the payroll and the other Department made the payments.

Strictly speaking, it would seem to me that the City would

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be entitled to receive back any salary paid after August 10th, 1951.

The next matter to be considered is whether the City intends to provide a supplementary grant to be paid to Mr. Donnelly's estate for 5 years from August 10th, 1951. This, of course, is a matter of policy for the Council.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

Alderman Donahoe: "When this matter was before Council before I did not think it was a matter for the Council. I suggested we might consider giving a supplementary grant for a period from the date of his retirement to his death. That amount might not have exceeded very greatly the amount he received by way of salary."

The City Solicitor advised that the estate is entitled to receive the pension for the 60 month period unless the Council wished to get legislation to pay a further sum. He said in his opinion, the estate was entitled to receive his pension for 5 years.

Alderman Donahoe: "All I had in mind was to give him a supplementary allowance, which would date from the date of his retirement to his death. What the grant would have been, I don't know. It would not most likely be much more than what he received in salary."

Alderman Breen: "Would it be possible to grant an amount above his wages, \$1,000.00 or \$2,000.00?"

City Solicitor: "Yes with the permission of the legislature."

Alderman Abbott: "How long was he employed?"

City Solicitor: "Over 25 years according to Mr. Flynn's report."

It was then agreed that the Commissioner of Finance be requested to make up a report for the next meeting of Council, as to the salary received by the late Mr. Donnelly after August 10, 1951.

#### REPORT CITY HOME SURVEY

Alderman Macdonald requested that a date be set for a meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council to study the report.

It was agreed that the Committee of the Whole Council would

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meet Wednesday, November 28, 1951 at 8 P. M.

ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

Alderman Hatfield requested that this matter be deferred for one month and that it be placed on the agenda first, to which Council agreed.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

10:20 P. M.

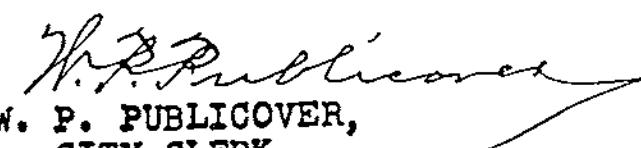
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W. B. Moriarty,  
DEPUTY MAYOR & CHAIRMAN.

  
W. P. PUBLICOVER,  
CITY CLERK.

  
Approved.  
Gordon S. Kirby  
Mayor.

A F T E R N O O N   S E S S I O N  
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
November 19, 1951,  
5 P. M.

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

After the meeting was called to order by the Chairman and before considering the regular order of business, the members of Council attending, led by the City Clerk, joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

There were present His Worship the Deputy Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Breen, Lane, Abbott, Macdonald, Donahoe, Fox, Duffy, Vaughan, Hatfield and MacMillan.

The meeting was called specially to consider a motion by Alderman Vaughan re Sale of Assets Water Department.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the Resolution passed at the meeting of the Council held October 11th, 1951, approving the report of the Finance and Executive Committee, dated October 9th, 1951, respecting the sale of the assets of the Water Department of the City to the Public Service Commission, and which said Resolution appears on page 737 of the Minutes of the City Council for the year 1951, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Alderman Donahoe stated that the matter under consideration was a serious one and that it involved a considerable value of assets belonging to the City, which we are being asked to transfer to the Public Service Commission and on two previous occasions he had asked for some good reason to be given why the transfer should take place. On both occasions he had received a reply that it would have the immediate effect of bringing larger revenues into the City Treasury than under the present arrangement with the Public Service Commission. He said he was satisfied that the reason given was correct and that those who support the proposal could substantiate it on that ground. He remarked that he had spent considerable time with

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Mr. Macnab who had explained the financial implications involved in the transfer and that he had come to the conclusion that the City would be the immediate gainer by the acceptance of this proposal.

He continued that the Aldermen were the elected representatives of the citizens of Halifax and they as Aldermen were entrusted with the conduct of the City business and were responsible to the people of Halifax, for the proper conduct of that business. He stated that in recent years there has been a trend towards elected bodies divesting themselves of their responsibilities. He wished to go on record that he believed the water service of the City has been efficiently administered by the Public Service Commission. He felt that the freedom they have had, the money that has been available for their use and the opportunity they have had to secure highly qualified help had contributed to a very considerable improvement in the water service.

On the other hand he said he had not convinced himself that it was necessary for the continued efficient functioning of the Public Service Commission that the assets belonging to the City need necessarily be transferred to the Commission. He further said that he was well aware at the moment it would be said that the particular problem of financing is such that it can be better handled if the assets were transferred to the Commission. He also stated the thing that concerned him was the underlying principle of whether the Council was placing itself in the hands of the Commission. The Commission, he stated, was set up under an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature and it was the City of Halifax that provided the personnel of the Commission. He believed that gradually the Council had been giving away the authority which is vested in it by reason of its election and that the time was approaching when the Council would merely be a tax raising body to raise money to be parcelled out. He mentioned the possibility that before too many years the Council would be charged with the money for services, but yet the carrying

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out of the services would be conducted by somebody else over which Council would have a measure of indirect control. He said that the transfer of assets to the Commission had been labored long and hard before he came into Council. He also said approval was given to it on a recent occasion, when he had voted for it and at that time he had expressed himself as asking if it were wise to transfer the assets.

Now, he said, Council was asked to pass a new resolution which was not in keeping with the responsibilities of the Council that it should divest those assets.

The Alderman stated that Mr. Macnab had pointed out that there is a great distinction in having Public Utilities operated by a Commission rather than operating other Commissions and that it was suggested that the most efficient operation of the Public Utility could not be obtained where the control rested in the hands of City Council. He continued that it does not naturally follow that Council should divest the assets. He finalized his remarks at this time by stating that he proposed to vote against the proposal on the principle that he was against the whittling away of the responsibilities of the Council and the passing of the assets over to the Public Service Commission.

Alderman Hatfield: "How much do we have to pay for money for the City of Halifax and how much does the Commission pay for the same money?"

The Commissioner of Finance said the City's issue went out at 4 $\frac{1}{4}\%$  and that the City's rate of interest would be higher than now in view of the condition of the market. He said the Public Service Commission was going to New York and it would leave the City exposed to the exchange of a foreign country.

Mr. Macnab advised that the Commission would pay 4 $\frac{1}{4}\%$  in Canadian funds and the only reason the Commission had to go to New York was that nobody would buy the bonds in Canada.

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Alderman DeWolf stated he could not agree with Mr. Bellew on the rate as the actual rate the City paid was 4.40 as the bonds were sold at a discount. He felt that in his opinion the Council was not divesting itself of the assets as the City still owned the Water Commission. He asked the Solicitor to advise Council in what form the City owned the Commission. He said it was his understanding that the City still owned the assets. He advised that the City would get \$64,000.00 a year and the net debt would be reduced by \$2,300,000.00.

The Solicitor advised that the legal title would be transferred to the Commission and would pass from the City but the assets might enter the City's Balance Sheet as a wholly owned subsidiary. I suppose if it should ever happen that the Commission wound up the money would find its way back to the City. The title would be gone from the City to another body and is no longer security for a City debenture.

Alderman DeWolf: "It has always been my understanding that we are the owners of the utility. Suppose an independent body came to the Public Service Commission and said your assets are worth \$5,000,000.00 and we will pay \$6,000,000.00, would it not mean that the difference would revert to the City?"

City Solicitor: "Not automatically."

Alderman DeWolf: "That was my understanding."

City Solicitor: "From a practical point of view I think the answer would be that the assets would be City property. They would not belong to the Commission members."

Alderman Donahoe said that the Commission members could create a utility over which the City would have no control. He also said the only good reason he could see in transferring the assets is that the Public Service Commission would be able to do its financing on a utility basis of 30 years and that is not possible with the City of Halifax because the Department of Municipal Affairs says so. He also contended that any other utility is sub-

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ject to the control of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities which is a creature of the Provincial Government and if it can authorize the Public Service Commission to borrow over 30 years, it seems ridiculous that the City could not do it for the same utility. He said it did not make sense to him. He suggested that the City should bring pressure to bear on the Provincial Government to have them change the City ruling on this matter. The same terms the Public Service Commission can get would be available to the City with respect to the bond issue.

The City Solicitor then read a section from the Public Service Commission Act for the information of the Council.

Alderman DeWolf stated that the Act should recite as to whom the surplus, if any, should go.

The motion was then put and passed unanimously the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor: Aldermen DeWolf, Breen, Lane, Abbott, Macdonald, Donahoe, Fox, Duffy, Vaughan, Hatfield and MacMillan.

It was then moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the City do sell the assets of the Water Department to Public Service Commission of Halifax for the following consideration:

That the said Public Service Commission deliver to the City \$1,600,000.00 par value of 4%, 30-year bonds of the said Commission, and that in addition to the delivery of such bonds the said Commission pay to the City the sum of \$2,270,000.00 in cash.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said sum of \$2,270,000.00 be paid to the Trustees of the Sinking Funds and applied by the said Trustees to the payment off at maturity of the existing funded debt of the City respecting the Water Department of the City and that of the said sum of \$2,270,000.00 a sufficient sum be set aside to service the interest charges arising in respect of the Perpetual Stock outstanding to the principal sum of \$138,000.00 and respecting the said Water Department.

. Alderman DeWolf carrying out his thought suggested an

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additional clause to the motion as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing resolution be subject to the agreement by the Public Service Commission that the ownership of the Capital Surplus in the Public Service Commission shall always be in the City of Halifax and that the assets may not be sold without the consent of the Corporation of the City of Halifax and that any necessary legislation be submitted to the Legislature to accomplish this purpose.

Alderman Donahoe contended that there would be no equity left to come to the City according to the Act. He said the Commission should not be put in the position where they could sell the assets at any time.

Alderman Hatfield suggested that the Act be amended so the Commission could not sell the assets to anyone but the City.

Mr. Macnab advised that it was always considered by the Commission that the City was the owner of the utility and that it would always belong to the City. He said the Commission would not sell the assets of the utility to anyone except the City of Halifax with the exception of the items contained in a certain clause in the Act.

Alderman Donahoe said that the necessary protection to the City could be given by a change in the legislation which would provide that the undertaking of the Commission shall not be sold except with the consent of Council. He felt that if the transfer were made the Council should have the safeguard that no future Commission could deprive the City of its water utility by sale without the consent of Council.

The following recitals were then added to the original motion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislation be submitted at the next session of the Legislature to amend the Act of Incorporation of the Public Service Commission to provide that there shall be no sale of the undertaking of the Commission or any part thereof

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without the approval of the City Council of the City of Halifax and the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities provided however that this shall not prevent the Commission from time to time selling or disposing of any of its assets which the Commission may deem to be unnecessary for the purpose of its operation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said legislation provide that the ownership of the Capital Surplus and any other surplus of the Commission shall always be in the City of Halifax.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is contingent on the assent of the Public Service Commission thereto before the transfer of the assets is made.

Alderman Macdonald stated he would have to vote against the motion as it did not seem to be in the best interests of the City.

Alderman Vaughan stated that some matters had come forward today that were disquieting and also said there must be some reason for doubt if safeguards were necessary.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that this meeting adjourn until Thursday, at 5 P. M.

The motion was put and lost 5 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Abbott  
Donahoe  
Duffy  
Macdonald  
Vaughan

AGAINST IT

Alderman Breen  
DeWolf  
Fox  
Hatfield  
Lane  
MacMillan

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Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman MacMillan that the question be now put.

Alderman Hatfield: "The new legislation as drafted, it seems to me we are fully protected. The only doubt I have is whether they can borrow money cheaper than we can. If they can, why not transfer it?"

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Mr. Bellew stated that it is from the point of view of the bond buyers that the City used 20 years and that utility bonds as a rule were more attractive.

Alderman Donahoe stated he could see no reason why the City could not borrow against the security of its water assets as that is just what the Public Service Commission intended to do. He felt that if the Commission borrowed and its bonds were acceptable on the basis of the assets then the same bonds should be for the City of Halifax. He said on the Financial Statement for the City there is nothing showing for equity for the water system and the value of the assets never appear on the statement at all. He further stated that there was no reason why the City should not have a bond issue for the City of Halifax based on its assets.

Alderman Fox rose to a point of order and stated that a motion had been made that the question be now put.

The City Solicitor then read Section 29 of Ordinance #2 of the Rules of Order of Council, which stated that the motion to put the question shall not be put until every member who has not spoken and who has the right to speak has been heard.

The motion, that the question be now put was put and lost 3 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman DeWolf  
Hatfield  
MacMillan

AGAINST IT

Alderman Breen  
Lane  
Abbott  
Macdonald  
Donahoe  
Fox  
Duffy  
Vaughan

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The original motion was then put and lost 3 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows:

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FOR THE MOTION

Alderman DeWolf  
Hatfield  
MacMillan

AGAINST IT

Alderman Abbott  
Breen  
Donahoe  
Duffy  
Fox  
Lane  
Macdonald  
Vaughan

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Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Breen  
that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned. 6:10 P. M.

W. B. Moriarty,  
DEPUTY MAYOR & CHAIRMAN.

*W. P. Publicover*  
W. P. PUBLICOVER,  
CITY CLERK.

*Approved.*  
*Portland Mayor*

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E V E N I N G   S E S S I O N  
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
November 26, 1951,  
8:00 P. M.

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

After the meeting was called to order by the Chairman and before considering the regular order of business, the members of Council attending, led by the City Clerk, joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

There were present His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Moriarty, Lane, Abbott, Adams, Donahoe, Fox, Vaughan, Hatfield and MacMillan.

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. The sale of the assets of the former Water Department of the City to the Public Service Commission.
2. Hour of opening the Library.

It was agreed that item #2 be now considered.

OUR OPENING LIBRARY

The City Clerk advised that the Halifax Memorial Library Committee recommended that the Library be opened to the public at 10 A. M. in order to give the staff an opportunity to do necessary clerical work etc.

Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Moriarty that the recommendation of the Library Committee be approved.  
Motion passed.

SALE WATER DEPARTMENT ASSETS TO PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Moriarty that the matter of the sale of the assets of the Water Department to the Public Service Commission be now re-considered. Motion passed unanimously the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor: Aldermen DeWolf, Moriarty, Lane, Abbott, Adams, Donahoe,

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Fox, Vaughan, Hatfield and MacMillan.

8:05 P. M. Alderman Breen arrives.

Moved by Aldermen DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Moriarty that the City do sell the assets of the Water Department to Public Service Commission of Halifax for the following consideration:

That the said Public Service Commission deliver to the City \$1,600,000.00 par value of 4%, 31 year bonds of the said Commission, and that in addition to the delivery of such bonds the said Commission pay to the City the sum of \$2,270,000.00 in cash.

2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said sum of \$2,270,000.00 be paid to the Trustees of the Sinking Funds and applied by the said Trustees to the payment off at maturity of the existing funded debt of the City respecting the Water Department of the City and that of the said sum of \$2,270,000.00 a sufficient sum be set aside to service the interest charges arising in respect of the Perpetual Stock outstanding to the principal sum of \$138,000.00 and respecting the said Water Department.

3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing resolution be subject to the agreement by the Public Service Commission that the ownership of the Capital Surplus in the Public Service Commission shall always be in the City of Halifax and that the assets may not be sold without the consent of the Corporation of the City of Halifax and that any necessary legislation be submitted to the Legislature to accomplish this purpose.

4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislation be submitted at the next session of the Legislature to amend the Act of Incorporation of the Public Service Commission to provide that there shall be no sale of the undertaking of the Commission or any part thereof without the approval of the City Council of the City of Halifax and the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities provided however that this shall not prevent the Commission from

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time to time selling or disposing of any of its assets which the Commission may deem to be unnecessary for the purpose of its operation.

5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said legislation provide that the ownership of the Capital Surplus and any other surplus of the Commission that the ownership of the Capital Surplus and any other surplus of the Commission shall always be in the City of Halifax.

6. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is contingent on the assent of the Public Service Commission thereto before the transfer of the assets is made.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that Council resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole Council to permit open discussion of this matter. Motion passed.

8.10 P.M. Council adjourned to meet as a Committee of the Whole.

10.10 P.M. Council reconvened the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor Chairman, Aldermen DeWolf, Moriarty, Breen, Lane, Abbott, Adams, Donahoe, Fox, Vaughan, Hatfield and MacMillan.

Read report from the Committee of the Whole Council as follows:

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

The Committee of the Whole Council at a meeting held on the above date gave due consideration to the matter of the sale of the assets of the Water Department of the City to the Public Service Commission of Halifax, and agreed to recommend that the resolution as set forth in the minutes of a meeting of the City Council of this date be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Moriarty that the report be approved.

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Alderman Donahoe advised that the Solicitor for the Public Service Commission wished to insert a clause in paragraphs #3 and #4 of the resolution.

Mr. Coffin then suggested the following be inserted in lines 4 of paragraph 3 and 3 of paragraph 4 "subject always to the right of the trustee or the bond holders of the said Commission."

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Moriarty that the insertions be approved. Motion passed.

Alderman Donahoe: "There has been a very full discussion of the question of the transfer of the assets to the Public Service Commission. I would like to say that I feel in some sense responsible for that long discussion. It was I who moved in Committee of the Whole that this matter be brought to a special meeting for consideration. I moved it with the thought in mind that it was certainly desirable that we should not take this most important step without having the fullest and frankest discussion possible. There are two aspects to this proposition tonight.

(1) The one which has received most attention in our previous discussion and it is the question whether or not the deal proposed or the financing proposed by the Public Service Commission is the best possible financing that can be arranged at this time and with respect to that question, I want to say only this, that this arrangement follows a long discussion in Council. It follows decisions which were arrived at by previous Councils and follows decisions arrived at by this Council. There has been suggested that in some way this Council will adversely affect the credit of the City of Halifax by refusing to go through with an arrangement that was completed by a previous Council. On that point I want to say fundamentally the people who control this system are the water users and tax payers of the City of Halifax. Those are the people who elected the members of Council.

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Since that decision was arrived at there have been numerous changes in the personnel of Council. It maybe that these new faces have different views on what is wise and desirable than did their predecessors. It seems to me that all members of Council have an obligation upon them to consider the rights of the people whom they represent and protect to the best of their ability the interests of the people they represent. There is nothing out of the ordinary about our having had arrived at a different decision that was arrived at by previous Councils. If the affect of that is to disappoint some brokers in the U. S. A. who had believed they had completed a transaction with the Public Service Commission, then I regret it. We have never availed ourselves of that market in the past and I would not like to think that we were injuring our standing in that market. I still feel that our responsibility as a Council is not to those gentlemen, but is to the people who put us here; the voters the taxpayers and the water users of the City of Halifax. That brings me to the second question and it is the question of control. Apart altogether from the desirability or non-desirability of the financial aspects of this loan, which I point out does not have to be made at this time, we got along for 6 years without this transaction. They succeeded in operating our water services at a very high level of efficiency and they did not seem to be unduely handicapped in the fact that they did not own the assets. I believe fundamentally that is what is involved in the transaction. It is a question of whether or not in principle this Council is correct to divest itself of its control of the publicly owned water system and place that control in the hands of an appointed body even though it may be appointed by the Council. That is a very fundamental question and it has deep roots. This City was the home of Joseph Howe. Joseph Howe was known far and wide throughout Nova Scotia, Canada and the World as the Father of Responsible Government in Nova Scotia. It means Government

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by an Authority responsible to the people. I suggest to you on a Municipal level just as we have Responsible Government in the Province of Nova Scotia, we have had Responsible Government in this Council. Step by step and bit by bit we are whittling away our rights as a representative body. Our democracy works and rests on this question of representation. The voter elects representatives to carry on business for him, and if he does, we have a right to see that we do not take action which places out of our reach promptly, his affairs.

I said I talked to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, his Deputy and Staff Members. I interviewed the Premier and I am not at liberty to interpret to this Council or the Citizens of this City the views of the Premier on a question of this Council, but I can say here to all present that having discussed this matter quite fully with him and later with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, that I did not hear from those gentlemen anything which failed to confirm me in my considered opinion that it was not desirable for this or any other Municipal Council to take a step, which to a degree was leading to the extinction of its responsibilities. That is the principle and that is the issue so far as I am concerned. All the discussion about the question of whether or not this is a good deal, is beside the point, because I have been told that it is political suicide for me to stand here and take the stand that I am taking. I want to say that I have been on the side of the people and to stand for the rights of the taxpayers is political suicide, then I have my neck ready for the noose. I say we have an obligation to the people of this City, to discharge the functions of government as efficiently as possible. Perhaps not all of us are fully qualified to administer a Public Service Commission. The technical details involved may be beyond most of us. I don't think for one moment it would be desirable under existing conditions to go back to the situation where the Water Utility was

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was managed by a Committee of City Council. We have a good Commission and it has done a good job and can continue to do a good job. I do say that there is again no valid objection to this elected Council retaining its control, which it is said is small over the financial operations of the Public Service Commission. It was said to me today that the attitude this Council should take was an action which would lead to the Public Service Commission being put in the same relation to the Council of the City as the Nova Scotia Power Commission and Nova Scotia Liquor Commission enjoy in relation to the Government of Nova Scotia. I was told that by a gentleman, who in the same breath, told me we should agree to transfer the assets. I said you cannot possibly have the Council put the Public Service Commission in the same relation to the Council, as the other two bodies are in relation to the Province because the Nova Scotia Power Commission is headed by a Minister of the Government responsible to the people. The Liquor Commission is headed by a Minister responsible to the people, but we are being asked to transfer our assets and the result of that transfer will be that the control will rest in both of the two places. It will rest with the Commission or with the Public Utility Board and both of those bodies are appointed bodies. Neither is elected. Neither has any democratic foundation. They do not represent the will of the people. If this Council or any other Council in its wisdom sees fit to set its judgment up against the judgment of the Public Service Commission with respect to what should be done and if in so doing we arrive at a decision which is not consistent with the rights of the people, then the people will have their rights and they will know what to do with them. They can say 'We are going to replace you by others.'

That, Gentlemen, is the issue we are faced with. We, the elected representatives, should not abdicate our functions and we should not put ourselves in a position where we have deprived ourselves of the right of control. Certainly we can make representa-

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ations to the Public Utility Board. Why put ourselves in the position where we deprive ourselves of rights which we hold in trust for the Citizens of this City. That is the fundamental issue and on that I stand and I propose to vote against the transfer of the assets on this issue.\*

Alderman Lane stated that she had not discussed the matter with anyone but had done a lot of listening. She thought it was a good deal financially. She asked if the Commission members were actually appointed by the Council to which His Worship the Mayor replied that they are sent in on the Mayor's slate of Committees and it is the prerogative of Council to change it. Alderman Lane asked if they had ever been changed to which His Worship the Mayor replied in the negative.

Alderman Hatfield suggested that the resolution be further amended so as to provide the City with some vestige of control.

His Worship the Mayor replied that the City could apply for permissive legislation at any time.

Alderman Hatfield contended that if the resolution went through without his suggestion being included, the City may not have the opportunity again. He suggested that three members of Council might be put on the Commission.

His Worship the Mayor advised that that matter should be dealt with under legislation and suggested that it be considered at that time.

Alderman Donahoe felt it would hinder the matter as the Council does not control the administration and suggested that same would be a backward step by transferring the control to a Committee of this Council.

Alderman Hatfield asked if Council could change the Public Service Commission Act at any time to which Mr. Rooney of the Solicitor's Department advised that Council could submit legislation at any session of the Legislature.

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Alderman Abbott stated he had come to the meeting with an open mind and if the resolution did not go through, the City would have to put the Public Service Commission in funds to the extent of One Million Dollars and that being so the Commissioner of Finance had already stated that the City could not raise a bond issue to that amount. He asked if the credit position of the City were in such a position that the City could not obtain the Million Dollars today.

The Commissioner of Finance: "To match the rate the Public Service Commission are getting on their Five Million Dollars, I do not know where we could get it in Canada. The rate has gone up now."

Alderman DeWolf stated that there is a scarcity of funds for municipal financing in Canada and a lot of municipalities are going to the U.S.A.

Alderman Abbott stated that there was a remark made that the City of Halifax could not raise One Million Dollars. He said he would like to know if that information were available.

Alderman Hatfield replied that the person who made the remark meant that the Million Dollars could not be raised at the rate of the Public Service Commission.

Alderman Abbott further stated that perhaps the person concerned could be asked what he did mean to which there was no reply.

The motion was then put and passed seven voting for the same and four against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Adams  
DeWolf  
Hatfield  
Lane  
MacMillan  
Moriarty  
Vaughan

AGAINST THE MOTION

Alderman Abbott  
Breen  
Donahoe  
Fox

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

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