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Scotia covering the granting of a bursary to secure a course in social work from the Maritime School of Social Work to Mr. Andrew Gerard Arsenault, an employee of the Halifax Mental Health Clinic for Children. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the meeting of the Committee on Works held on December 7, 1965 with respect to the following matters:

Tenders - Supplies

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, acceptance of the lowest tender from tabulations submitted from the Staff for the following items, be approved:

1. Application of Asphaltic Materials
2. Liquid Asphaltic Materials
3. Crushed Stone
4. Furnace Oil, Stove Oil, Bunker "A"
5. Gasoline and Diesel Fuels
6. Lubricants
7. Oxygen & Acetylene
8. Salt
9. Sand and Gravel
10. Special Castings
11. Coal

Motion passed. (A copy of the tabulation of tenders is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Tenders - Demolition - #2412 Brunswick Street

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Black that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of George A. Redmond, the only tender received, be accepted for the demolition of 2412 Brunswick Street, in the amount of \$975.00, subject to a Performance Bond in the amount of \$1,950.00 being deposited by him with the City. Motion passed.

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Tenders - Heating Plant - City Field

MOVED by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of S. Cunard and Company Limited for the installation of a heating plant at City Field in the amount of \$2,176.00, be accepted. Motion passed.

Tenders - Heating Plant - Police Court and Market Building

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Doyle that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of Marlite Company Limited for the installation of a Heating Plant (two oil burners) at the Police Court and Market Building, Brunswick Street, in the amount of \$4,920.00, be accepted. Motion passed.

Tenders - Chip Spreader

MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Black that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of Coastal Asphalt Products Limited for one Chip Spreader in the amount of \$2,095.00, be accepted. Motion passed.

Certificate #6 (Final) - Sidewalks - Walker and Hall Limited

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Doyle that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, final payment in the amount of \$3,875.90 be made to Walker and Hall Limited, covering sidewalk construction for 1965 as per Certificate #6 (Final).

Motion passed.

Certificate #1 (Final) - Brunswick Street Storm Sewer - Duke Street to Sackville Street - Standard Paving Maritime Limited

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Doyle that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, final payment in the amount of \$8,667.64 be made to Standard Paving Maritime Limited for construction of the Brunswick Street storm sewer - Duke Street to Sackville Street - as per Certificate #1 (Final) Motion passed.



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Certificate #1 (Final) - Renewing Roof, Halifax Health Centre -  
Paul Maillet

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Doyle that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, final payment in the amount of \$3,790.00 be made to Paul Maillet for repairs to the roof at the Halifax Health Centre as per Certificate #1 (Final).  
Motion passed.

Report - DeLeuw Cather and Company of Canada Limited - Harbour  
Drive

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, this matter be deferred for consideration when all other matters on the Order of Business have been disposed of. Motion passed.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the meeting of the Safety Committee held on December 7, 1965 with respect to the following matters:

Uniform Clothing for Policewomen

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Black that, as recommended by the Safety Committee:

- (1) Policewomen of the Halifax Police Department be issued with uniforms;
- (2) The design of the uniform, as suggested by the Chief of Police as follows, be approved:

"form fitting, single breasted with four or five buttons, two lower hip dummy pockets and two breast pockets, epaulets on the shoulders, full lined notched lapels, and two buttons on the sleeve with an inset self-belt.

Skirt would be four gore with a kick pleat back and front, zipper side closing, one-half inch waist band with watch pocket. Shirts and ties will be worn with this uniform.

Hat would be of a type and design similar to that used by the Winnipeg Police Department, a sample of which is presented at this meeting for approval.

Shoes of a type equal to the Savage Military Brogue."

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- (3) The uniforms be purchased, money for same having been provided in the 1965 Budget.

Motion passed.

Call for Tenders - Uniform Clothing for Policemen

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Matheson that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the Chief of Police be authorized to call for tenders early in the new year for the supply of uniform clothing for the Department, the issue to include uniforms, black socks and ties for members of the Department and a uniform-type of clothing for the female clerical personnel. The sum of \$53,750.00 has been provided in the 1966 Budget for this purpose. Motion passed.

Payment of Salary in Lieu of Vacation - Inspector G. O. Robinson - Police Department

The following recommendation was submitted from the Safety Committee:

It is recommended that the Chief of Police be authorized to pay Inspector G. O. Robinson three weeks' salary in lieu of the three weeks' annual leave to which he is entitled for the year 1965.

It was pointed out that City Council passed a resolution December 17, 1964, as follows:

"that City Council make it mandatory for all civic employees to take an annual vacation each year and that deviation from this rule require the consent of the City Manager."

Aldermen Doyle and Connolly voted against the recommendation.

After considerable discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler, that the matter be referred to the Safety Committee for further study.

The motion was put and passed as follows:



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For the Motion: Aldermen A. M. Butler, Meagher, Trainor,  
Connolly, Doyle, and Richard  
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Against it: Aldermen Abbott, Matheson, O'Brien,  
H. W. Butler and Black - 5 -  
8:50 p.m. Council adjourned to meet as a Committee of

the Whole to consider the following matters:

(a) Amendment to Ordinance #105, "Committee Ordinance"  
- Second Reading

- (b) 1. Site for Nova Scotia Museum of Science.  
2. Relocation of City Field.  
3. Site for Halifax Centennial Aquarium.  
4. Legislation Re: Use of Common.  
5. Agreement with Architects - Centennial Aquarium.

9:10 p.m. Council reconvened, the following members  
being present: Aldermen Black, Abbott, Matheson, A. M. Butler,  
Meagher, Trainor, Connolly, Doyle, Richard, O'Brien and H. W. Butler.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Amendment to Ordinance #105, "Committee Ordinance" - Second Reading

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott that,  
as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council, the following  
amendments to Ordinance #105 - the "Committee Ordinance" - be read  
and passed a second time:

1. Subsection (2) of Section 9 is repealed and the following  
substituted therefor:

"(2) The Committee shall, by resolution, determine the  
time and place of the regular meetings of such Committee;  
provided, however, that the Chairman may call special  
meetings of such Committee at such time and place as he  
deems advisable."

2. Subsection (2) of Section 10 is repealed and the following  
substituted therefor:

"(2) The Committee shall, by resolution, determine the  
time and place of the regular meetings of such Committee;  
provided, however, that the Chairman may call special  
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3. Subsection (2) of Section 11 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"(2) The Committee shall, by resolution, determine the time and place of the regular meetings of such Committee; provided, however, that the Chairman may call special meetings of such Committee at such time and place as he deems advisable."

4. Subsection (2) of Section 12 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"(2) The Committee shall, by resolution, determine the time and place of the regular meetings of such Committee; provided, however, that the Chairman may call special meetings of such Committee at such time and place as he deems advisable."

Motion passed.

- (1) Site for Nova Scotia Museum of Science
- (2) Relocation of City Field
- (3) Site for Halifax Centennial Aquarium
- (4) Legislation Re: Use of Common
- (5) Agreement with Architects - Centennial Aquarium

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler, that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council, items 1, 2, 3 and 4 above be referred to the appropriate Committees for consideration and report to the next meeting of City Council and in the meantime, the City Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary draft legislation in connection with the possible location of the Aquarium on City Field land or on land owned by the Province of Nova Scotia at the corner of Bell Road and Ahern Avenue. Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Matheson that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council:

- (a) Subject to determination of the site for the Halifax Centennial Aquarium by City Council, an agreement be entered into between the City of Halifax and Aza Avramovitch for architectural services in connection with the construction of the said Aquarium for a fee of \$35,000.00, in accordance with the terms as outlined in the report of the City Manager dated December 6, 1965; also, that the City enter into a separate agreement with a special consultant for the Aquarium Project and pay the fee of such consultant;



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- (b) His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the said agreement on behalf of the City.

Motion passed.

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the meeting of the Town Planning Board held on December 7, 1965 with respect to the following matters:

Request to Amend Zoning By-law - #6117 Jubilee Road

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the request to revise the R-2 Residential zone Part V, Section 1 of the Zoning By-law by adding the following Sub-section (j) "Boarding or Lodging Houses" and to amend the R-1 Residential zone Part VI, Section 7 of the Zoning By-law by eliminating the words "not more than three", be rejected. Motion passed.

Extension of a Non-conforming Building and Modification of Lot Area and Lot Frontage - #2029 North Park Street

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the modification of lot area and lot frontage to permit the extension of a non-conforming building at 2029 North Park Street, by the construction of a one-storey addition at the rear of an existing two-storey building, as shown on Drawing No. P200/1950, be approved. Motion passed.

Extension of a Non-conforming Building and Modification of Sideyard Requirements - #3250 Robie Street

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Doyle that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the modification of side yard requirements to permit the extension of a non-conforming building at 3250 Robie Street, by the construction of a one-storey addition at the rear of the existing two-storey single family

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dwelling, as shown on Drawing No. P200/1951, be approved. Motion passed.

Repairs to Dartmouth Ferry Docks - Halifax Side

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MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Matheson that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the proposed renovations of the Dartmouth Ferry Docks on the Halifax side be approved in accordance with the plans submitted by the Dartmouth Ferry Commission. Motion passed.

Development Plan Series - Report #2, "Housing".

COMMUN  
MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Black that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the report No. 2 in the Development Plan Series dealing with "Housing" be accepted for information. Motion passed.

MOTIONS

Motion - Alderman Black Re: Existing Tax Rates

MOVING  
MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that this matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration and report to the meeting of Council scheduled for January 13, 1966. Motion passed.

AVENUE  
Alderman O'Brien asked that Alderman Black be invited to attend the meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee when the matter is to be discussed.

Motion - Alderman Black Re: Proposed Tax Rate on Rental Housing Accommodation

COMMISSION  
MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration and report to the meeting of Council scheduled for January 13, 1966. Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accounts Over \$1,000.00

The following accounts over \$1,000.00 were submitted and



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recommended for payment by the City Manager:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Police	Morris Goldberg	Civilian Clothing	\$2,592.24
Works	Owen M. Davis	Top Soil for North Common and Chebucto Road	3,616.00
	Fred Marriott	Top Soil for North Common and Chebucto Road	6,956.00
	Edward Fancy	Top Soil for North Common	4,960.00
	Ernest Nicholson	Top Soil for North Common	6,994.00
	R. Link & Associates Limited	Trees, shrubs, sods, freight, supervision - North Common	27,289.64
	Eastern Fence Erectors Limited	Wanderers Grounds Fence	4,643.30
	Quentin A. Proctor Customs Broker	Customs Duty and Brokerage on Incinerator Bucket	1,494.57
Health	Province of Nova Scotia	Hospital per Capita tax	<u>46,005.50</u> <u>\$104,551.25</u>

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Doyle,  
that the accounts be approved for payment. Motion passed.

Proposed Agreement Between Canadian National Railways, City of  
Halifax and Public Service Commission Re: Water Lines Across Young  
Avenue Bridge

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman O'Brien,  
that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to  
execute agreements on behalf of the City of Halifax between the  
Canadian National Railways, City of Halifax and the Public Service  
Commission relating to Water Lines across the Young Avenue Bridge.  
Motion passed.

Report - Chief of Police Re: Gangs in North End of City

A report dated December 9, 1965, was submitted from the  
Chief of Police with respect to the activity of gangs of hoodlums  
in the north end of the City. The report listed a number of assaults

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which occurred in the period from August 8 up to the date of the report and the action taken by his Department to curb this activity.

The report was accepted for information purposes.

Letter - MacInnis, Wilson & Hallett Re: Claim \$3,494.84 -  
Mr. S. F. Barnard

A letter was submitted from the law firm of MacInnes, Wilson and Hallett requesting that Council reimburse Mr. S. F. Barnard for expenses incurred in the course of proceeding with plans for the erection of a tavern at Kempt Road and Hood Street, approval for which had been granted by Council on September 30, 1965, but was subsequently rescinded by Council on October 28, 1965.

MOVED by Alderman Richard, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that the letter be referred to the City Solicitor for a report as to the City's liability, if any. Motion passed.

Letter - Mr. L. W. Collins Re: Use of McNab's and Lawlor's Islands

A letter was submitted from Mr. Louis W. Collins, President of the Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Association of Nova Scotia, commending members of City Council for the sympathetic support they have given to the future use of McNab's and Lawlor's Islands as park and recreational areas.

At the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor, it was agreed that copies of the letter be circulated to the members of City Council, together with copies of the report of the Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority, respecting Lawlor's and McNab's Islands when it has been received.

#### Appointments

(1.) Representatives of Human Rights Advisory Committee to Africville Sub-Committee

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Doyle that, as recommended by the Sub-Committee on Africville, the appointment of the following representatives of the Human Rights Advisory



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Committee, be confirmed:

Mr. H.A.J. Wedderburn  
Rev. Chas. L. Coleman  
George W. Davis

Motion passed.

(2) Council Representatives on Centennial Committee

His Worship the Mayor nominated the following members of Council for appointment as the aldermanic representatives on the Centennial Committee:

Alderman LeBlanc  
Alderman Moir  
Alderman Meagher  
Alderman Connolly  
Alderman Doyle

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the appointment of Aldermen LeBlanc, Moir, Meagher, Connolly, and Doyle as the aldermanic representatives on the Centennial Committee, be approved. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question - Alderman Black Re: Sale of New City Charter

Alderman Black asked if the City Solicitor could advise the Council whether or not printed copies of the 1963 City Charter are available for purchase by citizens.

The City Solicitor stated that printed copies are not available as yet because he deemed it pointless to sell the charters without the amendments which have been made to date. They are in the process of printing and when they are received, the charters will be available for purchase.

Alderman Matheson asked how much of the charter has been proclaimed to date and the City Solicitor replied that all but 123 sections have been proclaimed.

Alderman O'Brien asked how many ordinances will have to be prepared and the City Solicitor replied that 10 basic ordinances

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have yet to be processed and their production will depend on the work load in his department and the work of preparation of the ordinances can only be done after normal working hours.

Question Alderman Black Re: Land - Fleming Park

Alderman Black asked if the City Manager, Director of Planning or any member of Staff is aware that a Building Permit has been granted by the County of Halifax which affects property at Fleming Park which Council agreed to acquire for civic purposes.

The Director of Planning stated that negotiations towards acquisition of the land in question are being proceeded with by Staff.

Alderman Black pointed out that any construction progress made by the party to whom the Building Permit has been granted will have the affect of increasing the acquisition costs to the City, and he asked what progress is being made with respect to appraisals.

The City Manager stated that appraisers have been appointed but all reports have not been received.

His Worship the Mayor asked if the County officials had been advised of the Council's actions and the City Clerk replied in the affirmative.

Question - Alderman Richard Re: Armdale Rotary Improvements

Alderman Richard referred to the fact that early this year, the Fenco Report respecting improvements to the Armdale Rotary, had been submitted and had been referred to a Joint Staff Committee for modification, and he asked if there is a possibility of the report being submitted by the Joint Staff Committee in the near future.

The Commissioner of Works said that further details are yet to be submitted by the consultants to the Minister of Highways and the City but as yet, nothing has been submitted to the City.



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He said that he would check the following day to see if the Department of Highways had received the report.

Alderman Matheson stated that Council should have an interim report from the Joint Staff Committee to determine what improvements the Committee is trying to achieve.

Question - Alderman Connolly Re: Launching Site - Fleming Park

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His Worship the Mayor said that the Planning Department would be directed to prepare a plan of the development of Fleming Park and they will be asked to include in their consideration the possibility of providing an area as suggested by Alderman Connolly.

Question - Alderman Matheson Re: Fence Around North Common

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The City Manager said that he had been advised by Staff that it was necessary to erect the fence close to the curb for the production of the new work that has been carried out on the Commons.

Alderman Matheson observed that it is more important to protect the people who may come out onto the thoroughfare quickly than it is to protect the new work on the Commons and contended that the Commissioner of Works should move the fence back five or six feet.

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The City Solicitor replied in the negative.

Alderman O'Brien asked that informal contact be made with the Board so that Staff would be in a position to prepare a report in sufficient time to obviate an election for a three-year term on a basis of out-dated population of the wards.

His Worship the Mayor said he would undertake to make such contact.

NOTICES OF MOTIONRepeal - Ordinance #9, "City Home"

Alderman O'Brien gave notice that at the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Thursday, December 30, 1965, he proposes to introduce an ordinance to repeal Ordinance #9, the "City Home" Ordinance, which will no longer be required when the Municipal Mental Hospitals' Act comes into effect on January 1, 1966.

Introduction - Ordinance #114, "Halifax Civic Hospital"

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Introduction - Ordinance #115, "Basinview Home"

Alderman Richard gave notice that at the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Thursday, December 30, 1965, he proposes to introduce Ordinance #115 entitled the "Basinview Home" Ordinance, which would establish the Board of Management of such Home and delegates certain powers and duties of such Board.

ADDED ITEMS

Imposition of Taxes on Occupiers of Hotel, Motel Rooms, etc.

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that legislation be sought which would give the City the authority to levy a transient occupancy tax, not exceeding 5 per cent, in respect of the occupancy by transients in any hotel, motel or similar accommodation, and that the matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration of the draft legislation to be prepared by the City Solicitor.

Motion passed with Alderman Connolly voting against.

Additional Harbour Crossings and North West Arm Bridge

Alderman Connolly referred to the meeting of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission which is scheduled for December 17, 1965, to consider the request of the Premier of Nova Scotia to the Commission to make a decision with respect to a Second Harbour Crossing.

He asked: "How are the City's representatives going to react when the vote is taken in the Commission on the matter of a Second Harbour Crossing."

The Mayor said that the Council representatives on the Bridge Commission have not been supplied with copies of any correspondence between the Premier and the Commission, and he said he presumed that the Premier's letter (which he learned of from the

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Press) will be discussed at the meeting.

He stated further that on December 15, 1965, he had discussed with the Mayor of Dartmouth and the Warden of the County, the position of their Councils, and he asked them if there was any possibility of their Councils changing their minds, and if there is any purpose in pursuing further the talks started in August of this year. Both had answered that it would be useless to attempt to get their Councils to agree with the City of Halifax's view with respect to a Second Harbour Crossing.

Alderman Black contended that the City's representatives on the Commission, while they have to take into consideration the position taken by the Council on the question, should be free to exercise their independent opinions, as well.

His Worship the Mayor said that he is bound to place before the Commission the views expressed in the DeLeuw-Cather Report (which suggested that consideration should be given to the possibility of the twinning of the Angus L. Macdonald Bridge) as well as the views expressed in the Council in all of the discussions on Harbour Crossings.

Alderman Matheson said that if the Bridge Commission decides on the Narrows location for the second bridge, the City of Halifax is committed by law to guarantee twenty-two percent of the bonds.

He urged the Mayor, in view of Council's united position against the Narrows Crossing (which is backed up by expert opinion) to attempt to achieve some form of compromise and the one he suggested is the twinning of the present bridge, as proposed in the DeLeuw-Cather report.

Alderman O'Brien contended that the City's representatives on the Commission must keep in mind, also, the implied involvement



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of the City in other construction related to whatever crossings there may be; and, a North West Arm Bridge. If there is any willingness on the part of the Commission to compromise by favouring a twinning, then the commitment for the North West Arm Bridge should be reviewed, and the additional cost factors on both sides of the Harbour Crossing should be assessed for proper approach roads and arterial roads leading from the bridge heads for some distance so that bottlenecks on both sides will be removed.

Alderman Matheson contended that the bridge should be built at a considerably lower cost than some of the other projects which had been considered, and he suggested that the savings could be used to effect the necessary street improvements on both sides of the harbour.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Black, that the following recommendation of the Committee on Works be approved:

It is recommended that copies of the DeLeuw, Cather and Company of Canada Limited report be made available to the Premier of Nova Scotia, the County of Halifax, the City of Dartmouth and the Bridge Commission and that they be requested to consider the observations and comments made by the Consultants regarding the twinning of the Angus L. Macdonald Bridge and that Staff prepare a report on the Bridge aspect.

It is further recommended that a special meeting of City Council be held, at which time, representatives of DeLeuw, Cather and Company of Canada Limited be invited to be present to discuss this report and that Mr. Leisch give a brief on the report to Council.

Motion passed with Alderman A. M. Butler voting against.

10:15 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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Council,  
December 20, 1965.  
Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
December 20, 1965, at  
2:30 p.m.

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

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

There were present Mayor C. A. Vaughan, Chairman; Aldermen Abbott, Moir, Matheson, A. M. Butler, LeBlanc, Trainor, Connolly, Doyle, Richard, O'Brien and H. W. Butler.

Also present were Messrs. P. F. C. Byars, L. Mitchell, Q.C., R. H. Stoddard, W. J. Clancey, R. B. Grant, J. L. Leitch, G. F. West and K. Munnich.

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. Narrows Bridge.
2. North West Arm Bridge.

At this time, Council agreed to the introduction of a resolution respecting the passing of Alderman Abbie Lane.

Alderman Abbott addressed Council and stated that the news of the passing of Alderman Abbie Lane came as a great shock and that over all the years he had served with her, he had found her to be a wonderful Alderman and had done, at all times, what she felt to be in the best interest of the City. He then recited the other Boards and Commissions on which she had been a member and served with him. He said he had found her to be very helpful in Council and that she was a very wonderful lady and it would be extremely difficult to replace her.



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MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that this Council go on record expressing its deepest sympathy in the passing of the late Alderman Lane and that the City Clerk be directed to forward a letter to the bereaved members of her family.

Alderman LeBlanc stated that he agreed with the sentiments expressed by Alderman Abbott and recalled that when he was first elected to Council, she had given him guidance, advice and information which had proved to be useful.

Alderman O'Brien stated that he had served a number of years with the late Alderman Lane and that she was always considerate of the new Aldermen being elected to Council. When such Aldermen acquired a few years of seniority, it was always a great pleasure and a matter of some importance to discuss with her how the City's affairs were going. She had great spirit and brought life and vitality to the Council, School Board, Library Board or wherever one happened to meet her. She was able to express her views with great vigor under all circumstances. He too stated she would be hard to replace and all members of Council would miss her greatly over the next years.

Alderman Moir stated that, although he was the junior Alderman for the Ward, the late Alderman Lane never gave that impression. He enjoyed working with her in the Ward and in Council. He recited an incident which occurred in Council when she indicated she was going to vote opposite to him but she still possessed a friendly spirit.

The motion was then put and passed unanimously.

#### NARROWS BRIDGE

At this time, a report prepared by His Worship the Mayor and dated August 9, 1965, was submitted.

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He then read an Order-in-Council approved by the Governor-in-Council on December 15, 1965, which instructed the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission to maintain and operate an additional bridge and necessary approaches thereto across Halifax Harbour.

2:40 p.m. Alderman Black arrives.

His Worship continued. On the strength of such an order, the Bridge Commission adopted a resolution to construct a bridge at the so-called Narrows site. He said he had voted against the resolution on the grounds that in his opinion, the City Council felt that if the Narrows Bridge had to be accepted, it was to be a package which also included a bridge across the Arm but the Arm Bridge was not included in the resolution nor in the instructions from the Governor-in-Council. He made a point to say that the Arm Bridge was more important to the City's development than the second Harbour Crossing. The Bridge Commission did subsequently pass a resolution asking the Government to approve the construction of a bridge across the North West Arm but that bridge is contingent upon the City Council and the County Council requesting such a bridge and only after the Governor-in-Council approves of it, will it be proceeded with by the Bridge Commission.

**Moved** by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that Council convene as a Committee of the Whole Council. Motion passed.

2:45 p.m. Council convened as a Committee of the Whole.

Alderman O'Brien addressed Council on the matter and stated that he had consistently opposed the Narrows Bridge but suggested that the time had arrived when those members who had been in opposition could legitimately take a new stand on the matter.



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The Province has placed the responsibility on the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission for the site and that decision has been made and it is not up to the Council to approve nor reject the site. The bridge will be built at the site of the Narrows according to law and the Province is supreme on matters as between the Municipalities and Council and Council has to recognize such a fact. He felt that Council should accept by recognizing and respecting the decision of the Bridge Commission without saying that the site would have been the choice of Council without denying its views. He referred to the Pratley Report and considered that the construction costs of the bridge would be self-liquidating and therefore, there is no good reason for the City to holdback from underwriting its share of such costs but Council should insist that the Arm Bridge be constructed simultaneously and that whatever assistance the City can receive through the Bridge Commission or the Department of Highways of the Province of Nova Scotia on the traffic arteries relating to the bridge within the City, should be approved and considered as part of the package. There was a time when the Premier implied a package of the approach roads, Arm Bridge and the Narrows Bridge but the Council, in the light of advice from City Staff and the Consultants of the Bridge Commission, has favoured a South End Crossing and did not accept the package.

He then MOVED the following resolution which was seconded by Alderman Abbott:

WHEREAS the Governor-in-Council of Nova Scotia instructed the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission to choose a site for the second crossing of Halifax Harbour;

AND WHEREAS the Bridge Commission has made the decision in favour of a bridge at the Narrows;

AND WHEREAS previous proposals of the Premier and the Bridge Commission have included a North West Arm Bridge and street

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improvements related to the Narrows Crossing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Halifax City Council recognize and respect the decision of the Bridge Commission on the siting of the second Harbour Crossing;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council formally approve the City share of the cost of the Narrows structure and approaches which it expects to be self-liquidating;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council seek the formal approval of the Province and the Bridge Commission for a crossing of the North West Arm at the south end of Robie Street to be constructed simultaneously with the Narrows Bridge;

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager report to Council on the financial and traffic responsibilities devolving on the City as a result of the Narrows Bridge so that appropriate action may be taken.

Alderman Abbott stated that since the Bridge Commission has made the decision as to the site, there is nothing much the Council can do but go along and pay its share of the costs involved and get the best deal for the City of Halifax. He felt that the bridge across the Arm would be more advantageous to the City of Halifax than any Harbour Crossing whether it be north or south. He did think that the South End Bridge will be built eventually and it is just a question of which one will come first. He urged that Council insist on the construction of the Arm Bridge being built at the same time or as soon thereafter as possible as the Narrows Bridge because the Arm Bridge would be very advantageous to the City if and when annexation takes place. He suggested that the Arm Bridge would bring traffic to Downtown Halifax which is what the Downtown Merchants need. He further stated that the City should get the best deal possible on the Arm Bridge and its approaches on the City side.

Alderman LeBlanc asked if the Bridge Commission was the final authority with respect to the construction of the bridge and was advised in the affirmative.



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In answer to a question from Alderman Trainor, the City Solicitor advised that the Municipalities are the creatures of the Legislature and whatever it deems what the Municipalities will or will not do is entirely in its hands. It could, if it wanted to, eliminate the three Municipalities in this area. It is the Government's decision to make and in this case, the City has no choice.

Alderman LeBlanc felt that this matter should be discussed by the Legislature as a duly constituted body as some members may think that Halifax should be considered in this matter. He thought the Halifax members must have an opinion. He then asked if Council could appeal to the full body of the Legislature to which the City Solicitor replied in the negative and stated that there is no procedure set up as the only matters that go to the Legislature are Government business and bills. He did state that the only way the City of Halifax could present anything to the Legislature would be in the form of a City Bill which must be introduced by a member.

Alderman LeBlanc again stated that the Narrows Bridge would be injurious to the North End of the City and wondered how the Aldermen could vote for the motion before Council one way or the other. He felt that Council should not subscribe to anything which will in any way contribute to the construction of a Narrows Bridge. The Council having gone on record as opposing the Narrows Bridge, Alderman LeBlanc felt that to pass the resolution to accept the City's share of the costs, would be contrary to its principles. He said that the members of Council were elected to serve the people of Halifax.

Alderman H. W. Butler thanked Aldermen Black, O'Brien

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and Matheson for the work they did on behalf of the Council with respect to the matter of a South End Crossing as well as a bridge across the Arm. He said he could not support any resolution for a Narrows Bridge as the North End of Halifax is heavily trafficked and all the Narrows Bridge will do will be to add more traffic to the narrow streets in the area plus the fact that about 10,000 school children are in the North End Wards.

At the request of Alderman Matheson, His Worship the Mayor then outlined the area where the Narrows Bridge would be built and the streets and roads involved both in Halifax and Dartmouth. He advised that City Staff recommendations have been accepted by the Bridge Commission and that the October 1964 plans have been rejected.

Alderman Trainor suggested that the people of the North End are dejected and have been rejected due to the dictatorial attitude of the Premier.

"Council voted eight 'for' and three 'against' the Narrows Bridge, yet the Junior Municipalities say they want a bridge set for Christmas and the Premier yields to the crying of the babies." He suggested the proper action would be to carry out a feasibility study undertaken to determine where the bridge should best be located. Several years ago he was one of the advocates for a North End Bridge but he publicly admitted in and out of Council that there are better crossings in the Harbour. Therefore, he had to withdraw his support for the North End Crossing.

It was proposed that a tunnel could be a possibility connecting the South End of Dartmouth to the South End of Halifax. He did not think there has been enough study carried out with respect to the proposed tunnel. He felt that a tunnel would do more