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REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on December 17, 1969 with respect to the following matters:

Granting of Easement to the City of Halifax by George Kapsales and Mando Kapsales

MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the granting of an easement to the City of Halifax by George Kapsales and Mando Kapsales for the maintenance of a sewer from Frances Court to Ursula Court, as shown on Plan No. 00-10-17827, be approved. Motion passed.

Refuse and Garbage Collection 1970

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Abbott that:

1. Due to the short notice to the present contractor that the City desires to undertake the garbage collection on its own that City Council undertake to accept the low tenders totalling \$9,153.33 per month for a three month period beginning January 1, 1970 as follows:

Chas. W. Marriott: AREA: No. 1
Rockingham, Birch Cove, Part of Fairview, also Dist. #1 and Part of #4 @ \$2,070.00 per month.

Fred H. Marriott: AREA: No. 2
Spryfield, Fairview, Parts of Jollimore and Armdale, also Dist. #4 and Parts of #5 and #6 @ \$7,083.33 per month.

2. If either or both of the tenderers decline to accept a contract on a three-month basis, the City forces do the best they can by renting whatever equipment is available during that three-month period.
3. That City crews take over garbage collection in the annexed areas, as well as the old City, effective April 1, 1970, and to accomplish this that a new truck at an approximate cost of \$23,000 be added to the fleet of garbage vehicles.

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Refuse and Garbage Collection 1970

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Abbott that:

1. Due to the short notice to the present contractor the City desires to undertake the garbage collection on its own that City Council undertake to accept the low tenders totaling \$2,121.31 per month for a three month period beginning January 1, 1970 as follows:

Chas. W. Marriott: AREA: No. 1
Rockingham, Birch Cove, part of Fairview, also Dist. #1 and part of #4 @ \$2,000.00 per month.

Fred H. Marriott: AREA: No. 2
Spryfield, Fairview, parts of Hollimore and Ardale, also Dist. #4 and parts of #5 and #6 @ \$7,083.33 per month.

2. If either or both of the tenders decline to accept a contract on a three-month basis, the City forces be the best they can by renting whatever equipment is available during that three-month period.

3. The City Council take over garbage collection in the annexed areas as the old City, effective April 1970, and accomplish this that a new truck at an estimated cost of \$23,000 be added to the fleet of garbage trucks.

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COMMITTEE ON WORKS

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on December 17, 1969 with respect
City of Halifax by George Kaprielian

recommended, seconded by Alderman
by the Committee on Works, the
the City of Halifax by George Kaprielian
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in 1970

MOVED by Alderman MacIntyre, seconded by Alderman

Abbott that:

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the City desires to undertake the garbage collection
on its own that City Council undertake to accept the
low tenders totaling \$8,153.33 per month for a three
month period beginning January 1, 1970 as follows:

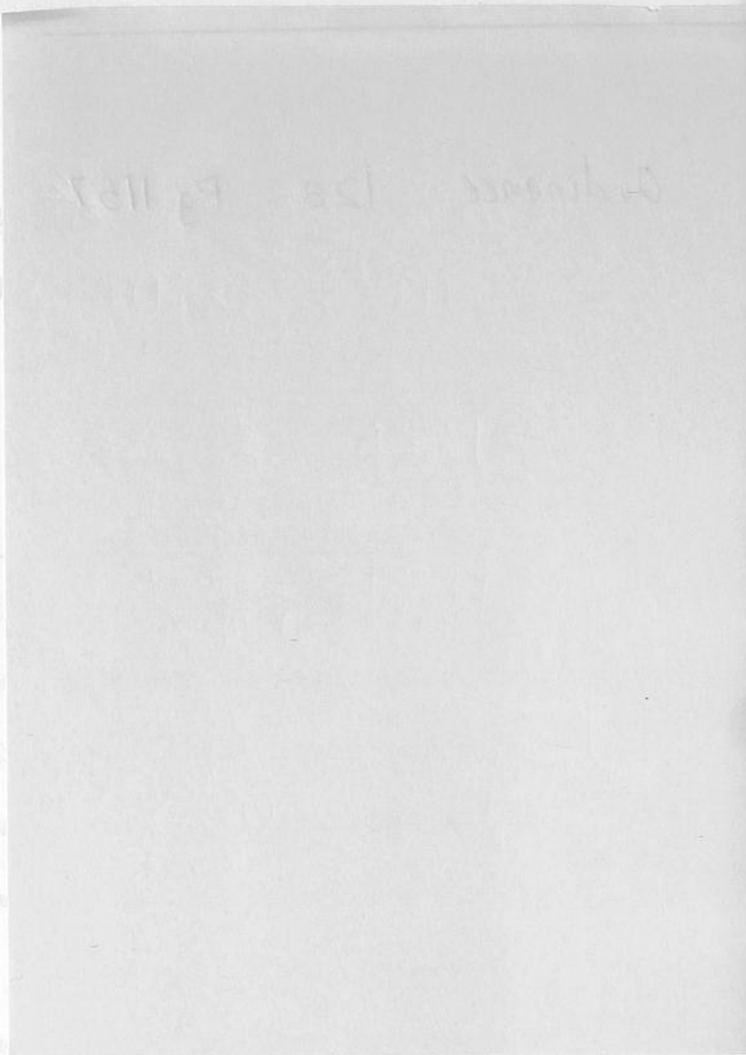
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3. The City Council take over garbage collection in the
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The City Manager advised that he has been informed that Fred H. Marriott does not want to take a three-month contract but Chas. W. Marriott has accepted.

The motion was then put and passed.

Wedgewood Park - Marlborough Park Water System

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Allen that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the City apply to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for approval of an interim schedule of charges to users of water supplied by the City through the Wedgewood Park - Marlborough Park well-water system and that such interim charges be as set forth in a letter dated December 3 from the Public Service Commission of Halifax to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, which are as follows:

"... an interim rate of \$9.00 minimum charge per quarter and a commodity charge of \$0.40 a thousand gallons of consumption to be applied to service since July 1, 1969."

Motion passed.

A supplementary Staff Report was submitted at this time relating to the billing programme and it was MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Allen that City Council formally request the Public Service Commission to undertake the billings on the City's behalf as from July 1, 1969 onward.
Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Repeal of Ordinance No. 128 Respecting Exemption from Real Property Tax on Property Used for Certain Purposes -
SECOND READING

Alderman McGuire asked if he could move Second Reading of Ordinance No. 128 as it was set out at the last regular Council meeting when it was given First Reading.

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Applications for Tag Days, etc.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Allen
that the following applications for Tag Days, Door-to-door
Canvasses, etc. be approved:

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| 1. Y.M.C.A. - Maintenance Campaign | January 12 to 26 |
| 2. March of Dimes | January 26 |
| N. S. Heart Foundation: | |
| 3. Commercial Canvass | February 2 to 28 |
| 4. Residential Canvass | February 16 to 19 |
| 5. Can. Cancer Society Canvass | April 1 to 3 |
| 6. Can. Cancer Society Tag Day | April 10 and 11 |
| 7. Hi-Y Fellowship Life Saver Drive | April 25 |
| 8. Girl Guides of Canada | May 1 and 2 |
| 9. Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal | May 1,4,5,6 & 7 |
| 10. Y.M.C.A. World Service Campaign
(Luncheon) | May 7 |
| 11. Callow Veterans' & Invalids'
Welfare League | May 15 and 16 |
| 12. Highland Park Petite Softball | May 29 and 30 |
| 13. Can. Association for Mental
Retarded Children | June 1 |
| 14. Halifax Minor Baseball Association | July 17 and 18 |
| 15. Halifax Little League Baseball Assoc. | July 31 |
| 16. Spryfield Little League | August 13, 14 & 15 |
| 17. Halifax-Armdale Kiwanis Club Tag Day | September 5 |
| 18. " " " " Canvass | September 7 to 12 |
| 19. Cystic Fibrosis Society of Nova Scotia | September 18 and 19 |
| 20. Kiwanis Club of Halifax | September 25 |
| 21. Halifax-Dartmouth United Appeal | October 1 to November
15 |
| 22. Boy Scouts of Canada | October 16 and 17 |
| 23. Royal Can. Legion - Poppy Week | November 2 to 7 |
| 24. " " " - Poppy Tag Day | November 6 and 7 |
| 25. Seventh-day Adventist Church | November 21 to 28 |
| 26. Salvation Army - Carol Singing Canvass | December (date pending) |
| 27. The Halifax Civic Youth Band Tag Day | May 8 and 9 |

Alderman LeBlanc suggested that an advertisement be placed in the local press asking that any organizations who were wanting to hold tag days apply within the next fourteen days. He felt that this would avoid embarrassment at a later date if the regulations were not known.

It was suggested that an item relating to Tag Days, etc. could be included in the City's weekly column.

The motion was then put and passed.

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Agreement with County of Halifax Re: Annexation

A draft Agreement was submitted between the Municipality of the County of Halifax and the City of Halifax relating to Annexation.

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the Agreement, as submitted, be approved and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the same on behalf of the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

Advance Grant - Atlantic Child Guidance

The following report was submitted from Staff:

A request has been received from the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Child Guidance Centre requesting a grant for the year 1970 of \$34,094.70 in support of the operation. It also includes a request that to guarantee the uninterrupted service of the Centre from the period January 1, 1970 to the date when City budgets are finalized that an advance payment of \$5,000 be authorized effective January 1, 1970. This grant will allow the operation of the Centre to continue.

It is staff's recommendation that the grant of \$5,000 be made on the explicit understanding that it is to be included in the sum total grant which will be authorized after review by the Tax Concessions and Grants Committee.

After a short discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the recommendation as contained in the Staff Report be approved. Motion passed.

Halifax Transit - Purchase of Land, Buildings and Coaches from Nova Scotia Light and Power Co. Ltd.

The following report was submitted from Staff:

The Transit Corporation have now concluded an agreement with Nova Scotia Light and Power for the purchase of land, buildings and coaches and miscellaneous equipment necessary for the operation of the transit system in the sum total of \$600,000. It was first thought that this transaction could be financed through a mortgage in favour of the Light and Power Company for the total purchase price. However, the City Charter does not give the authority to the City to make such a mortgage.

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As a consequence it is proposed that the City enter into a long term agreement of sale respecting the land and buildings and with respect to the twelve coaches and miscellaneous equipment. In brief the terms of the financing are as follows:

1. Purchase Price \$600,000
2. Total to be financed through Light and Power \$600,000
3. Interest rate - prime rate at the date of execution of the documents plus $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%
4. Term of financing - ten years
5. Repayment - equal annual instalments of principal and interest payable on the 31st of December in each year commencing December 31, 1970
6. Prepayment privileges - can be paid off at any time without interest.

A further provision will be made that upon the incorporation of the Transit Corporation that the absolute title to land, buildings, etc. will be transferred to the Corporation from the City and that the Transit Corporation will assume the full responsibility for the terms of the contract.

It is recommended by staff that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be given authority to sign a contract with Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited under the terms as described above.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Connolly that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign a contract with Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited for the purchase of land, buildings and coaches and miscellaneous equipment necessary for the operation of the transit system in the sum total of \$600,000, under the terms as set out in the Staff Report. Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that His Worship the Mayor be requested to contact the Directors of Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited to ask whether the poles and wires not now needed, to improve

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the aesthetics of the City, can be removed and report back to the next regular Council meeting. Motion passed.

In reply to a question, His Worship the Mayor advised that Mr. K. McGrail of the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company was appointed a member of the Halifax Transit Corporation and has been a regular attender at the meetings, other than those where matters respecting negotiations were discussed, and has assisted in a considerable way.

Pound Agreement with S.P.C.A.

The following report was submitted from Staff:

The Society's agreement with the City to establish and maintain a dog pound expires on December 31, 1969.

Since this agreement was written in February 1967 the work of this Society has greatly increased and is up by a further 44.6% for the first nine months of 1969 due to the annexing of suburban areas by the City of Halifax. Also, over the three year period of the life of this agreement, there has been a marked increase in salaries, taxes, supplies and the cost of allied services.

This Society is under a considerable expense in providing this service to the City but is perfectly willing to continue if a new agreement is written giving the Society an additional \$1,000 together with an upgrading of boarding rates to \$1.50 per day from \$1 and disposal rates increased to \$1.50 from \$1.

The Tax Concessions and Grants Committee at a meeting on November 25, 1969, agreed that the above noted request be approved, as a valuable service is being provided to the City at less cost than it could be provided by the City itself. The Society has also requested that the agreement be written for a one year period only and that the grants be paid quarterly, rather than yearly.

Staff recommend renewal of the contract, terms and conditions as above.

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the Pound Agreement with the S.P.C.A. be renewed for a period of one year in accordance with the Staff Report and that

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His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question: Alderman Meagher Re: Increase in Fees

Alderman Meagher referred to the fact that last year, during the budget discussions, Staff were asked to look at the possibility of increasing the amount of fees for certain permits, etc., and he asked if such consideration has been given to the matter and whether or not a report will be available for the coming budget sessions.

The City Manager advised that information will be available from Staff in time for the budget discussions.

Statement: Alderman Allen Re: Snow Plowing and and Clearance

Alderman Allen asked His Worship the Mayor to convey to the City Manager congratulations on the fine work done by the Works Department crews in snow plowing and salting in the annexed areas during the last snow storm on Christmas Eve. He said that he had received several phone calls from residents who had expressed their appreciation of the manner in which the men worked.

Question: Alderman Connolly Re: Payment for Pilkington Glass

Alderman Connolly referred to the amount of money which the Council had agreed to pay Pilkington Glass for their property and which was considered reasonable and he said that he has now heard that the firm are contemplating moving out of the City. He said that he has also heard that between 50 and 60 men will be laid off and he asked the City Manager to look into the matter and ascertain whether or not the sum paid for

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the property is indeed reasonable in the light of the new information.

Question Alderman LeBlanc Re: Condition of City Streets

Alderman LeBlanc asked whether or not the City Manager has had any recent discussions with the Acting Director of Works with respect to the condition of certain City streets which are littered with debris from the recent heavy rains and contain numerous pot holes. He felt that a crash programme of repairs is needed urgently.

The City Manager advised that he has not had discussions with the Acting Director of Works in this regard but that he will now do so.

Question Alderman Hogan Re: Preparation of Master Plan

Alderman Hogan said that he had hoped a Master Plan would be available before the end of 1969 and he asked when the Plan will be ready.

The City Manager said that Staff will be meeting shortly to discuss the first booklets that have been prepared and then they will be considered by the Town Planning Board in detail.

NOTICES OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion were given at this time.

ADDED ITEMS

Financial Problems due to Shortage of Money

The following report was submitted from Staff:

City Council has approved a temporary borrowing resolution of \$8,000,000 for capital expenditures in the year 1970 and is now in the process of approving an \$11,000,000 borrowing authorization on current account to carry the City through

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until taxes are received in the May-June period. As a result of these borrowing requirements, discussions were held recently at the request of the City's bankers, because the City might well be unable to borrow as much as it requires to meet its commitments, due to the serious national shortage of funds. As a result of these discussions it was made known to the staff that the maximum amount of money that the bank will be able to loan to the City up to May 31st may well be restricted to the present ceiling of \$11,000,000.

The general shortage of money is, of course, well known, because of statements made frequently by individuals, corporations, all levels of government, and in fact anybody who has any need to use the money market for funds for any purpose.

Interest rates continue to climb and it is highly unlikely that there will be any decrease in the immediate future. Unless there is a dramatic change, this situation is likely to continue for a considerable period of time.

Unfortunately, the City is now in the position of having to borrow more funds than at any time in its history, due to two factors: (a) one of the heaviest construction years in its history, with a likelihood of approximately \$10,500,000 being required on capital alone in the year 1970 and (b) a growing current budget which requires the borrowing of increasing amounts of money for the first five months of the year. It may well be that in the coming year the City will have to drastically reduce its expenditures, and it may well be that no new capital projects should be started until the end of 1970, to allow the backlog of expenditures now in process to be funded in a satisfactory manner.

There are steps which can be taken to alleviate the present financial situation, some of which will necessarily rely upon the tax-paying public, because it is in part responsible for the City's present financial problems. Outstanding taxes are relatively high and may, in fact, be at this level because it is cheaper to finance money requirements through not paying City taxes, rather than to pay the current interest rate on the money market. Some of the corrective steps are outlined below:

1. Go to the money market immediately for a debenture issue. It is possible to do this, but it must be accepted that the cost of money is likely to be well over ten per cent.
2. Attempt a private placement of bonds, temporarily suspending the tender system.
3. The political and administrative levels of the City to press the senior levels of government for payment of grants, etc., in advance, possibly on a quarterly basis, payable at the beginning of the quarter.

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4. City Council urge taxpayers of the City to purchase tax certificates, bearing in mind that the City is offering a reasonable rate of interest, amounting to 7½% if purchased before January 30, 1970 and 7% if purchased before March 31, 1970.
5. Obtain short term money on the open market to carry us through to May or June, accepting the fact that this may well cost more than the present rate charged by our bankers.
6. Request an advance from the Province of Nova Scotia through the Municipal Loan Fund.
7. Request an advance from the Province from the Municipal Hospital Loan Fund to cover the rapidly growing costs of construction of the Abbie J. Lane Memorial Hospital.
8. Give consideration to increasing the interest rate on unpaid taxes to 4% over the prime bank rate, this being a long term measure, as it is impossible to have this effective prior to unpaid taxes at June 1st, 1970. This would have the effect of making it as expensive to borrow by non-payment of taxes as to borrow funds in the open market.
9. Staff is now working on those changes that are necessary to give City Council the authority to require interim payment of taxes (prior to actual setting of rates and billing of taxes) not only to reduce borrowing requirements in the first five months of the year, but also to effect a considerable decrease in bank interest charges.

A close watch is being kept on the situation by the Finance Department in order to avoid a situation where the City may actually run out of available funds. The tax-paying citizens of Halifax are strongly urged to assist their City in this particular period of time by making every effort to pay over any monies that are due or that may become due, because any problems that the City may encounter will obviously reflect back upon the tax-paying public.

This report is to be taken in no way as a reflection on the credit of the City because it is solely due to the shortage of available money on the money market. Our bankers have assured us that the City's credit rating is still excellent and has no relevance at this time to the fact that they are unable to increase the amount of the loan which they are willing to make. All organizations in Canada are in the same situation as the City to a greater or lesser extent.

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His Worship the Mayor felt that if the repeal of the Ordinance, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council, was moved and seconded, Alderman McGuire could then move an amendment to the motion.

It was MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council, the following be read and passed a Second Time:

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Halifax, that Ordinance Number 128, Respecting Exemption from Real Property Tax on Property Used for Certain Purposes, as approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 14th day of February, A.D., 1969, is hereby repealed.

MOVED in Amendment by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Abbott that Ordinance No. 128 be amended as follows:

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Halifax, that subsection (2) of Section 3 of Ordinance Number 128, Respecting Exemption from Real Property Tax on Property Used for Certain Purposes, as approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 14th day of February, A.D. 1969, is amended by deleting therefrom the following properties:

(1) On page 5 of Ordinance Number 128 delete:

Maritime School of Social Work	6420 Oxford Street
Saint Mary's University	Tower Road, Inglis & Robie Streets
University of King's College	6360 Coburg Road

(2) On pages 6 and 7 of Ordinance Number 128 delete:

all properties listed under the heading of Dalhousie College and University.

Alderman McGuire spoke to his Amendment and felt that the City must proceed more slowly and he suggested that the whole matter of taxing churches and other tax exempt properties must be further considered. He thought that the taxing of churches could be discussed with the Council of Churches to obtain its views.

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Alderman Hogan felt very strongly that churches should be paying some amount of taxes, even if it only be on the land.

Alderman MacKeen spoke to his original motion and said that he considered the whole tax base should be broadened, and the City granted the right to tax all properties, even if grants were given up to 90% of the total taxes.

Alderman Sullivan pointed out that churches are required to pay the fire protection rate, so do contribute something towards the City's finances.

Alderman Abbott said that they also pay water rates. He went on to say that some churches with small congregations might be forced to close their doors if they are expected to pay taxes.

Considerable discussion followed and in reply to a question, Alderman McGuire advised that the total assessment for church property amounts to approximately \$18,000,000.00.

Alderman Allen said that it appears that all members of Council have carefully considered the matter, but he felt that it was precipitous at this time to repeal the entire Ordinance.

After further discussion, the Amendment was put and passed with Aldermen Hogan and MacKeen voting against.

The Motion, as amended, was then put and passed seven voting for the same and two against it as follows:

For: Aldermen Abbott, Connolly, LeBlanc, McGuire,
Meagher, Allen and Sullivan 7

Against: Aldermen Hogan and MacKeen 2

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His Worship the Mayor advised that he has agreed to meet with the Council of Churches, but if Council wishes to let the matter drop at this time, he would cancel the arrangements.

It was MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Allen that City Council request the Council of Churches to study the matter of taxing of church property and request them to submit a brief to Council on their considerations by July 1, 1970. Motion passed with Alderman Hogan voting against.

Ordinance No. 123 - Respecting the Establishment of a Halifax Landmarks Commission - SECOND READING

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council, Ordinance Number 123 Respecting The Establishment of a Halifax Landmarks Commission be read and passed a Second Time. Motion passed.

Repeal of Ordinance No. 108 Respecting "The City Prison" - Second Reading

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Allen that the following repeal of Ordinance Number 108 Respecting the City Prison, be read and passed a Second Time:

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Halifax, that Ordinance Number 108 Respecting the City Prison, as that Ordinance was approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 5th day of May, A.D. 1965, and amended and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 9th day of September, A.D. 1965, is hereby repealed.

Motion passed.

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the Town Planning Board from its meeting held on December 17, 1969, with respect

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to the following matters:

Rezoning R-2 to R-3 Civic No. 6287-6311 Liverpool Street

The report of the Town Planning Board reads as follows:

It is recommended that City Council approve of the rezoning from R-2 Residential to R-3 Residential of the property 6287-6311 Liverpool Street to permit the construction of an apartment building.

Alderman LeBlanc informed Council that something appears to have entered into this situation which was not known previously and he reported that one of the properties which was to be demolished to permit the construction of the apartment building, now has "For Sale" signs posted on it and he questioned whether or not the situation has changed.

Senior Planner Coe said that he could not answer the question.

After a short discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the matter be referred back to the Town Planning Board for further consideration and that Staff be requested to obtain an answer to Alderman LeBlanc's question. The motion was put and passed, six voting for the same and three against it as follows:

For: Aldermen Connolly, LeBlanc, McGuire, Meagher,
Sullivan and Allen 6

Against: Aldermen Abbott, MacKeen and Hogan 3

Rezoning from R-2 Residential to R-4 Residential - Civic No. 12 Aldergrove Drive

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for rezoning from R-2 Residential to R-4 Residential of

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the property at 12 Aldergrove Drive, to permit the construction of an eight-unit apartment building, as shown on Plans No.

P200/3360 to P200/3366, be refused. Motion passed.

Extension to a Non-Conforming Use - Civic No. 2828 Connolly Street

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for an extension to a non-conforming use at 2828 Connolly Street, to permit the construction of a 6 ft. by 11 ft., one-storey addition in the front of an existing boarding home for the aged, as shown on Plan No. P200/3412, be refused. Motion passed with Alderman Connolly voting against.

Extension to a Non-conforming Building and Modification of Front Yard Requirement - 12 Woodberry Drive

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for an extension to a non-conforming building and modification of the front yard requirement to permit the construction of a 28.6 foot by 28.6 foot, second storey addition at Civic No. 12 Woodberry Drive, as shown in Case No. 2003, Plans No. P200/3444 to P200/3445, be approved. Motion passed.

Construction of a New Apartment Complex - Lot H-2, Dunbrack Street - Building Permit

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, City Council approve the construction of a 93-unit apartment building on Lot H-2 Dunbrack Street. Motion passed.

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MOTIONS

Motion Alderman Abbott Re: Amendments to Administrative Order
No. 5 - First Reading

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman
LeBlanc that the following amendments to Administrative Order
No. 5 be read and passed a First Time:

BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Halifax, that Sections 2, 3 and 4 of Administrative
Order Number 5, Respecting the Remuneration to be paid to the
Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Aldermen, are hereby repealed and the
following substituted therefor:

2. The remuneration to be paid to the Mayor of the City
of Halifax commencing the 1st day of January, 1969,
shall be at the rate of Eighteen Thousand Dollars
(\$18,000.00) per annum.
3. The remuneration to be paid to the Deputy Mayor of
the City of Halifax commencing the 1st day of
January, 1969, shall in addition to the remuneration
which he receives as an alderman of the City of
Halifax, be at the rate of One Thousand Dollars
(\$1,000.00) per annum.
4. The remuneration to be paid to each alderman of
the City of Halifax commencing the 1st day of
January, 1969, shall be at the rate of Five Thousand
Dollars (\$5,000.00) per annum.

Motion passed with Alderman Sullivan voting against.

Motion Alderman Allen Re: Aldermanic Representation on the
Recreation & Playgrounds Commission

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman
Connolly that the City seek legislation to have the Aldermanic
representation on the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission
increased by one. Motion passed.

Motion Alderman MacKeen Re: Purchase of Sound Meters

MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman
Abbott that the City of Halifax provide for in its 1970 budget
such sums of money for the purchase of sound meters or other

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scientific devices for the measurement of volume and intensity of sound as will enable the City to enforce the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act as they relate to such matters as the screeching of tires, the racing of motors or engines, and noisy mufflers, should the Motor Vehicle Act be amended to provide that offences of this type can be ascertained and enforced through the use of such meters or other scientific devices.

After a short discussion, the motion was put and passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accounts Over \$5,000.00

No Accounts Over \$5,000.00 were submitted for approval at this time.

Amendments to Administrative Order No. 8 Respecting Real Property of a Character or Nature Other than Residential or Business - SECOND READING

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the following amendments to Administrative Order No. 8 Respecting Real Property of a Character or Nature Other than Residential or Business be read and passed a Second Time:

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Halifax, as follows:

1 Administrative Order Number 8, Respecting Real Property of a Character or Nature Other Than Residential or Business, as approved by City Council on the 30th day of December, 1968, is hereby amended by deleting from Schedule "A" to that Administrative Order, the following properties:

5410-14 Cogswell Street

2710 Fuller Terrace

1551 South Park Street

Halifax Labour Temple Assoc'n
Trustees for Robert D. Bobbitt
et al

Nova Scotia Teachers' Union

Motion passed.

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It was suggested that an announcement or advertisement could be placed in the local press recommending to taxpayers the purchase of Tax Certificates.

The City Manager pointed out that it would help considerably if taxpayers would pay their arrears of taxes which presently amount to approximately \$3,000,000.00.

Alderman McGuire said that he had discussed with Alderman LeBlanc the possibility of a short Public Announcement on television with respect to Tax Certificates and the need for taxpayers to pay up their arrears of taxes.

After further discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that City Council approve the recommendations as contained in the Staff Report. Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that a copy of the Staff Report be forwarded to the Provincial Fact Finding Committee for information. Motion passed.

Tenders for Refuse Packer Body

A tabulation of tenders was submitted for the supply of One (1) Refuse Packer Body for the Works Department.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the tender of Trainor G.M.C. in the amount of \$7,962.00, being the lowest tender meeting specifications, be accepted for the supply of one refuse packer body for the Works Department. Motion passed.

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Collective Bargaining - Police Department

The following report was submitted from Staff:

Agreement has now been reached with the Halifax Police Association regarding the renewal of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement which terminates on December 31, 1969.

The new Agreement will provide for the following basic terms:

- a) A recognition Clause covering Constables and Corporals.
- b) A two-year contract.
- c)

First Class Constable	Corporal (maximum)
1970 - \$7,176	\$8,040
1971 - \$7,824	\$8,760
- d) Some minor adjustments in fringe benefits relating to no-cost and low-cost items.

Formal approval is now requested with authorization for His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Allen that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Halifax Police Association on behalf of the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

Alderman Abbott said that it speaks well for the City's negotiating committee that a satisfactory agreement has been reached.

His Worship the Mayor said that it should be noted that the increases granted to the Firemen and Policemen represent a substantial amount of money in the City's budget and an 8¢ increase in the tax rate.

Appointment - Director of Planning

Council agreed to place this matter at the bottom of the Order of Business.

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Letter Mr. A. Garnet Brown - Ship Harbour, National Park

His Worship the Mayor referred to a recent letter received from Mr. A. Garnet Brown suggesting Ship Harbour as a location for a National Park and he suggested that the letter be referred to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Council agreed to His Worship the Mayor's suggestion.

Letter from the Nova Scotia Board of Insurance Underwriters

Alderman Sullivan referred to a recent letter from the Nova Scotia Board of Insurance Underwriters relating to the reduction of the three year fire insurance rate by 16% and he congratulated the Board on this action. He questioned the fact that in all parts of the City commercial property rates, with the exception of an area bounded by Young and Robie Streets in the North End, have been reduced and the commercial property in that area required to pay 12¢ more.

His Worship the Mayor said that he did not know the reason but considered that an enquiry could be made of the Board.

Alderman McGuire noted that the letter highly commended the Fire Department of the City.

His Worship the Mayor agreed that it is because the City has such an effective Fire Department and Urban Renewal Programme that the rates could be reduced.

North West Arm Bridge

Alderman Allen referred to the following letter and asked His Worship the Mayor to bring Council up to date on the present status of the North West Arm Bridge.

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HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH BRIDGE COMMISSION
December 20, 1969

Mr. R. H. Stoddard,
City Clerk,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Stoddard:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 15, in which you outline a resolution passed by the City Council of the City of Halifax at a meeting held on December 10, 1969, in which resolution the said City Council requests:

1. the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission to undertake immediately the design work of a proposed North West Arm Bridge;
2. the Department of Highways of the Province of Nova Scotia to undertake the design work on the highway link to the west;
3. the application of Federal funds to the design work on a link between the Bridge and the container pier.

This letter received careful and mature consideration at a meeting of the Bridge Commission held on December 19. However, in view of the different factors involved and the uncertainty associated with each, (viz., the undertakings to be assumed by the Commission, the Province and a Federal Department, the failure of any one of which could seriously affect the entire project), as well as the problem of an entire lack of funds on the part of the Bridge Commission, as well as other uncertainties which, it was felt, could only be cleared up when the report of the Regional Transport Committee was received, the Bridge Commission by regular motion duly moved, seconded and passed, adopted the following resolution:

THAT consideration of the undertaking of design work of a North West Arm Bridge, as suggested in a resolution of the City Council of the City of Halifax on December 10, 1969, be deferred until the Regional Transportation Study now under way be completed and a copy filed with the Bridge Commission.

Yours truly,

(Signed) A. Murray MacKay
Chairman

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His Worship the Mayor briefly reviewed the status of the North West Arm Bridge to date and outlined some of the discussion which took place at the last meeting of the Bridge Commission.

Alderman Allen considered that the latest decision of the Bridge Commission, to await the Regional Transportation Study was a "red herring" drawn across the City's path. He considered further that the City Council must now take a stronger stand. He reviewed newspaper articles, decisions of the Bridge Commission and the County Council from July, 1963 to the present day and showed how certain original decisions had altered significantly.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the Council of the City of Halifax formally request the Steering Committee to meet and discuss the matter of the design and construction of a bridge across the North West Arm. Motion passed.

New Year's Day Levees

His Worship the Mayor requested the Aldermen to meet at City Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 1, 1970 to proceed to Stadacona and thence back to the Council Chamber for the City's own levee. He asked all Aldermen to wear their medallions for the occasion.

10:15 p.m. Council adjourned to meet privately in the Mayor's Office.

10:40 p.m. Council reconvened, the same members being present.

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Appointment - Director of Planning

The following report was submitted from Staff:

Subject to the approval of the City Council, the position of Director of Planning has been tentatively offered to Mr. Clement E. Babb of Owen Sound, Ontario.

The recommended applicant holds a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and a Master's Degree in Regional Planning.

Mr. Babb's experience includes more than twelve years of planning experience at progressively senior levels and is supplemented by courses in Systems and Work Study, in addition to a period spent in County Planning in the United Kingdom.

Aged 39, married, with one son, Mr. Babb, if appointed, would commence duties on January 16, relocating his family by the end of the month.

The recommended salary range is \$15,000 to \$18,000.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that Mr. Clement E. Babb be appointed Director of Planning for the City of Halifax, effective as of January 16, 1970, within the recommended salary range. Motion passed unanimously.

10:42 p.m. Council adjourned.

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ALLAN O'BRIEN
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD
CITY CLERK

Adjourned Council,
November 27, 1969

His Worship the Mayor suggested a small committee be appointed of the Aldermen from Wards 7 and 8 and himself to form a joint co-ordinating committee for discussions at the political level with the Nova Scotia Housing Commission. He recognized that there will be many discussions held also at the Staff level.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman McGuire that City Council send a letter to the Minister responsible for Housing in the Province of Nova Scotia expressing its appreciation for "this gigantic step for mankind".

Several Aldermen expressed their thoughts on the proposal and after some discussion, the motion was put and passed.

7:20 p.m. Council adjourned.

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