

Case No. 3124 - Modification of the Lot Frontage Requirement,  
1856 Walnut Street

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for modification of the lot frontage requirement of the Zoning By-law to permit the construction of a four-unit apartment building at the property known as 1856 Walnut Street as shown on Plan Nos. P200/6724-27 of Case No. 3124, be approved by City Council. Motion passed.

Camp Hill Complex

The recommendation from the City Planning Committee reads as follows:

"That through the Office of the Mayor, the City record as quickly and in whatever manner is most appropriate, the City's willingness to co-operate fully with the Federal Authorities in the earliest possible commencement of construction of the Camp Hill Complex."

His Worship advised that this matter was recorded with the appropriate agency of the Government of Canada on Friday last. His Worship then proceeded to read from the proceedings of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs which indicated it is hoped that tenders for the proposed complex will be let one year from last September. The proceedings of the Standing Committee also indicated that the proposed hospital would not have any other use other than that of a Veteran's hospital as long as the Department of Veteran's Affairs is charged with operating same.

MOTIONS

Motion - Amendment to Ordinance #137 respecting "Deferred  
payment of Taxes" - Alderman Connolly

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the following amendment to Ordinance Number 137, Respecting Deferred Payment of Taxes, be read and passed a First Time:

"1 Clause (b) of subsection (1) of Section 3 of said Ordinance Number 137, is amended by striking out the words and figures "twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00)" in the fourth line thereof, and substituting therefore the words and figures "three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00)".

Motion passed.

Motion - Amendment to Ordinance #141, respecting "Tax Exemption  
for Widows and Senior Citizens" - Alderman Meagher

Amendments to Ordinance Number 141 were submitted resulting from Notice of Motion given at the last regular meeting of City Council.

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MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the amendments to Ordinance Number 141 respecting "Tax Exemptions for Widows", as submitted, be read and passed a First time. Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Amendments to Administrative Order Number 5 - SECOND READING

Amendments to the above noted Administrative Order were submitted for second reading.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Moore that the amendments to Administrative Order Number 5 respecting The Remuneration to be paid to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Alderman be read and passed a Second Time.

Motion passed.

Results of Job Evaluation Committee Deliberation - Local 143  
CUPE Employees

A staff report dated November 12, 1974 was submitted relating to the above noted matter.

Alderman Connolly said he does not find anything wrong with the results of the Committee's deliberations but said he must question the original job evaluation. Alderman Connolly referred to the number of employees involved and questioned why the City pays as money as it does for such studies if they are this badly classified.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walker that the Job Evaluation Committee recommendations as set out in the staff report of November 12, 1974, be adopted by City Council. Motion passed.

School Crossing Supervision

A staff report dated November 14, 1974 was submitted on the matter.

Alderman Connolly said he hesitates to speak against the matter because of the difficulty the City is having with school crossings but said he wished to determine whether this item was tendered or whether it is a result of a submission by some individual.

The City Manager advised that the company involved approached the Chief of Police who investigated the submission and is recommending adoption of same.

After further discussion, it was Moved by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the matter of School Crossing Guards be tendered immediately.

Alderman Connolly suggested that tenders could be prepared in the next week and replies could be received within two weeks of the call.

Motion passed.

Appointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions

His Worship submitted appointments to various Boards & Commissions etc., recommended for adoption by City Council.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Walker that the following appointments be approved:

"Abbie J. Lane Memorial Hospital Board - Alderman G. Downey  
Downtown Committee - Alderman Graham Downey  
Board of Health - Alderman Graham Downey  
Maintenance Management System Steering Committee - Alderman  
Graham Downey  
Committee to Study Weaknesses of Ordinance #157 - Alderman  
Graham Downey  
Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission - Mayor Edmund Morris  
Arbitration Committee - Mayor Edmund Morris"

Motion passed.

Possible Site - Proposed New North End Fire Station

A staff report dated November 12, 1974 was submitted on the matter.

Alderman Sullivan said he felt it was very important that the residents of the area be given a chance to respond to the recommendation of staff before a decision is made on the matter. MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that before a decision is made on the item, a public hearing or meeting be held on the matter.

The City Manager pointed out that the owner of the property in question was informed that Council may wish to hold a public hearing saying the owner will only hold the property until November 29th.

Alderman Connolly suggested the owner may accept an option on the property and said the Real Estate Department might negotiate on that basis.

Following discussion of the matter and after hearing from the Fire Chief, it was advised by the Acting City Clerk that the residents could be informed to appear at the next regular meeting of City Council to make their wishes known.

The Motion was then put and passed.

Approval by City Council - Expropriation, Eisenhower Lands  
by Public Service Commission

A staff report dated November 12, 1974 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walker that the City Clerk be authorized to execute a certificate of approval indicating the consent of the City Council to the expropriation of the lands of Mr. Eisenhower by the Public Service Commission. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Three New Foreman Positions  
City Field

Alderman Connolly referred to a recent information report which he received concerning three new foreman positions at City Field and asked that Council be supplied with the man break-down at City Field and the reasoning behind the three additional positions.

The City Manager advised that a report would be prepared.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Application for Driveway on  
Duffus Street by Mrs. Raymond

Alderman Sullivan said that he had asked staff to submit a report regarding the above noted application which he has not yet received and questioned when a reply could be received.

The Director of Works advised that staff has dealt with the applicant on the matter in question for some time and suggested the applicant should appeal the decision which has been taken on the matter.

Alderman Sullivan said it was his understanding that the applicant had written to staff on the subject.

The Director of Works said the problem is that there is access to the property in question but said it is not from the main roadway. He said the applicant expressed a desire that access be from the main road.

Alderman Sullivan said the present access is two feet above the roadway and he was then advised by the Director of Works that a report would be prepared on the matter.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Cleaning of Leaves

Alderman Meagher said there seems to be little activity in Ward #4 with respect to the cleaning of leaves and questioned when the residents can expect the sweepers to commence. The Director of Works said that staff will advise Council on the matter.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Foot Patrol by Police on  
Agricola Street & Quinpool Road, & Violation of Truck Route  
Ordinance on Beech Street

Alderman Meagher requested that the City Manager ask the Chief of Police to look into the matter of increased foot patrol on Agricola Street and Quinpool Road. He also asked that violations of the Truck Ordinance on Beech Street be investigated saying it is particularly apparent between 10 & 12 o'clock in the a.m., and 4 & 6 o'clock in the p.m.



His Worship advised that a report will issue on the matter and also advised of a meeting to take place with the Chief of Police on November 25th to discuss such matters.

Question Alderman Hanson Re: Sidewalk Improvement Program

Alderman Hanson said he has been contacted by many residents concerning the sidewalk which has been replaced on Quinn Street and questioned whether this job has as yet been evaluated. Alderman Hanson said the issue is the quality of the sidewalk which has been installed saying the residents are questioning whether they have received their money's worth. Alderman Hanson asked that a report be submitted on the subject.

Question Alderman Hanson Re: Traffic on Lynn Road

Alderman Hanson referred to the amount of traffic on Lynn Road in Spryfield suggesting that many people have had to change their life styles as the traffic has become uncontrollable and dangerous. Alderman Hanson requested a study and recommendations as to how to improve the situation in this area.

Question Alderman Walker Re: Traffic Lights at the Intersection of the Herring Cove Road and Cowie Hill

Alderman Walker said he has learned that traffic lights are to be installed at the above noted location saying he has received a number of calls from citizens expressing the fear that if they are required to stop at this point during the winter months, it will not be possible to get under way again.

The Director of Works said the intersection has been rebuilt and widened saying traffic lights are to be installed as conditions warrant them. He said lights are installed for reasons of safety and movement of traffic and said staff will have to ensure that the roadway in this area is such that traffic will be able to start up again after having stopped at the lights.

Alderman Walker questioned whether consideration has been given to installing light at Punch Bowl Drive saying that people would use this location if they knew they would get a fair deal by way of the traffic lights.

Mr. Sheflin said that staff will report on the matter.

Question Alderman Walker Re: Conditions of Tenders

Alderman Walker referred to tenders which are awarded by the City and questioned if they contain any stipulation that Statutory Holidays be acknowledged. He said that on Remembrance Day past, a construction company was working at a certain location in his Ward which he said, was very disappointing to the citizens.

The Director of Works said staff will bring this to the attention of the companies involved but suggested that enforcement of Statutory Holidays should come from another level of government other than the City as same are declared by Statute.

Question Alderman Downey Re: Crosswalks in School Areas Ward #3

Alderman Downey questioned whether it would be possible to have the crosswalks in school areas in Ward #3 painted and he was advised by the City Manager that this is a difficult time of year to paint.

The Director of Works also advised that as soon as they are painted, studded tires will immediately remove the paint.

It was noted that a staff report was recently circulated to Council on the subject and it was advised that Alderman Downey would be supplied with a copy of same.

Question Alderman Stanbury Re: Cleaning of Summit Street

Alderman Stanbury requested that when the Winter Parking Ban comes in force, if some attention could be given to the cleaning of Summit Street. She said that due to the use which is normally made of this street, it is not possible to properly clean it. Alderman Stanbury said that Dublin Street is in a similar situation but was not nearly as bad as Summit Street.

Question Alderman Stanbury Re: Meeting with Chief of Police

Alderman Stanbury referred to a meeting to be held with the Chief of Police as was earlier mentioned by His Worship, and questioned if this is to include the whole Council, and His Worship replied in the affirmative.

ADDED ITEMS

Neighbourhood Improvement Program

A staff report dated November 13, 1974 was submitted on the matter.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Walker that City Council indicate its desire to participate in the Neighbourhood Improvement Program and authorize the City Manager to make application to the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Nova Scotia Housing Commission for participation under the Neighbourhood Improvement Program as set out in the master agreement executed on November 5, 1974.

Motion passed.

Legislation

An Act to Amend Chapter 52 of the Acts of 1963, the Halifax City Charter, was submitted for 1974.

The City Solicitor advised that this is legislation proposed to be forwarded to the Fall sitting of the Legislature which basically consists of routine items which staff has encountered during the year, or instructions of Council to make amendments.

Following an explanation by the City Solicitor and discussion of the items, it was MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Moore that the City Solicitor be instructed to present the proposed Legislation with the exception of Item #1 which is to be deleted, and Item #8 which is to be given further consideration and submitted to a later sitting of the House. Motion passed.

Quinpool Road - Appeal to Supreme Court of Canada - City Solicitor's Action

As was previously agreed, Council adjourned for a short recess.

11:15 P. M. - Council Adjourned.

11:35 P. M. - Council reconvened with the same members being present.

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Moore that the City Solicitor arrange an appearance before the Supreme Court of Canada in connection with an application by Paul Brodie and S. L. Richard for leave to appeal the decision of the Appeal Division of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia relating to the Quinpool Road Project and, if asked by the Court to enunciate the City's position shall indicate:

- (a) that the City finds it difficult to appear and oppose the right of a citizen to have its appeal heard by any Court and that whether or not the appeal will be heard should be determined by considerations of the Court which it generally applies to leave to appeal, and
- (b) that City Council proceeded properly in this matter and intends to defend that position before the Supreme Court of Canada if an appeal is granted.

Motion passed.

Absence of Alderman Lawrence

Alderman Walker referred to the absence of Alderman Lawrence who was laid up, having had a new cast put on his broken leg today. On behalf of Council he wished the Alderman a speedy recovery.

His Worship the Mayor said that he had meant to refer to the Alderman's absence earlier in the meeting and he concurred with Alderman Walker's remarks.

Sports Event on Weekend

Alderman Moore noted that the football team of one of the City's well known educational institutions is having an important game on the week-end and he felt that the team deserved the support of City Council.

11:43 p.m. - Council adjourned.

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MAYOR EDMUND MORRIS  
CHAIRMAN

J. P. HACHEY  
ACTING CITY CLERK

CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING  
PUBLIC HEARINGS  
M I N U T E S

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.  
November 20, 1974  
8:10 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 Acting City Clerk, joined in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Present: Deputy Mayor Stanbury, Chairman; Aldermen Connolly, Shannon, Downey, Meagher, Sullivan, Walker, Hanson, Moore and Lawrence.

Also Present: City Manager, City Solicitor, Acting City Clerk and other staff members.

The Acting City Clerk advised that the meeting has been called to consider the following:

1. Closure of Peter Lowe Avenue.
2. Street Lines - Northern Intersection - Barrington Street and Duke Street.

CLOSURE OF PETER LOWE AVENUE

The Acting City Clerk advised that this matter had been duly advertised and the following correspondence had been received and circulated to members of Council in relation thereto:

- (1) Petition to re-open Peter Lowe Avenue to through traffic with approximately 96 signatures attached thereto;
- (2) Petition to support the closing of William Hunt Avenue at Peter Lowe Avenue by building a cul-de-sac on William Hunt Avenue at Peter Lowe Avenue on the Mumford Road side of the intersection, with approximately 200 signatures attached thereto.

Mr. Fred Bradbrook, of the Engineering and Works Department, stated that the initial request for the closure of through bound traffic on Peter Lowe Avenue was made in 1965 at which time an investigation was done and it was considered by Council that there was insufficient volume of traffic on Peter Lowe Avenue to substantiate a closure. In 1973 it was determined that the traffic volume had exceeded 2500 vehicles

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per day and at that time Council decided to carry out a trial closure for a period of time in 1974 to assess the feasibility of the closure. He stated that the purpose of the closure was to eliminate through-bound traffic passing through a residential street.

Mr. Bradbrook advised that on July 10, 1974, Peter Lowe Avenue was closed between William Hunt Avenue and Doug Smith Drive. He stated that staff carried out a survey before and after the closure was in effect which indicated that on Peter Lowe Avenue there were 2360 vehicles per day before the closure which was reduced to 1287 vehicles per day after the closure. However, Edward Arab Avenue showed an increase in volume from 508 vehicles per day before the closure to 879 vehicles per day after the closure. Also, traffic volume on William Hunt Avenue decreased from 2222 vehicles per day to 757 vehicles per day and traffic volume on George Dauphinee Avenue was reduced from 2875 vehicles per day to 1725 vehicles per day.

Mr. Bradbrook stated that this particular scheme has been reviewed by the Police and Fire Departments and both departments have indicated there are no particular problems. He stated staff have received a total of twenty-three telephone calls, eighteen against the closure and five in favour. He stated that from staff's point of view some advantages are that there are definitely fewer through-bound vehicles using residential streets and, as a result, there is an increased safety factor. The disadvantages include the inconvenience of access to the subdivision for some residents, the noise from vehicles prevented from passing through, and the increased travel time.

In reply to a question, Mr. Bradbrook stated that the proposed cul-de-sac at Peter Lowe Avenue and William Hunt Avenue presented a problem as there would have to be property acquisition. He advised other locations had been considered by staff and all involved property acquisition to put in a cul-de-sac of adequate radius or they involved the use of private driveways.

Mr. J. J. Kerr, 2889 George Dauphinee Avenue, speaking in favour of the closure, stated he had in his possession a letter written to former Mayor Walter Fitzgerald, dated November 15, 1974, by Mr. Kennedy in which is an estimate of \$9,000. as being the cost of the cul-de-sac which includes the acquisition of property. Mr. Kerr then read a brief in support of the petition favouring the closure, copies of which were circulated to members of Council and which is also on file in the City Clerk's office. Mr. Kerr responded to questions from members of Council.

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Mr. John Gallant, 6840 Edward Arab Avenue, stated he is in favour of the closure but would prefer to have the closure at Mumford Road. He stated the disadvantages of having the closure at Mumford Road would be that residents of the subdivision would have less access to the shopping centre area and the Rotary, there would be a dead end or cul-de-sac for residents living at Mumford Road, and the four entrances would be reduced to three for emergency vehicles.

Mr. Gallant stated the advantages of a closure at Mumford Road would be that it would effectively close out through traffic, it would close out approximately 800 vehicles that pass by Westmount School, it would reduce traffic for children who will be going to St. Agnes School, emergency vehicles will have less difficulty entering Westmount subdivision, and a closure at Mumford will in essence give the policeman at Mumford Road and the Westmount Subdivision only one way to direct traffic. Mr. Gallant then responded to questions from members of Council.

His Worship Mayor Morris entered the Council Chamber at 8:40 p.m. and assumed the Chair at 8:45 p.m.

The Acting City Clerk advised that a letter dated November 20, 1974 from Eric Thomson, in support of the closure of Peter Lowe Avenue, was received and copies were circulated to members of Council.

Mr. Joseph Hickman, 2898 Doug Smith Drive, addressed Council in support of the closure and read excerpts from a letter he had written to the Alderman representing his ward. He stated that it is his conclusion that the streets within the Westmount Subdivision were never designed nor intended to carry more than just local and service type traffic. He suggested that the overall aims and desires of the petitions submitted are consistent. He argued that the present restriction is an essential evil but suggested that it might be more appropriate to block off William Hunt Avenue at its intersection with Mumford Road. He commended staff and Council for its effort to alleviate the problem by the street closure.

Mr. Leo Peddle, 2920 Doug Smith Drive, addressed Council and stated he was of the opinion that it would be to the advantage of the residents of the Westmount Subdivision to have the street closed, however, his main objection is with the present point of closure. He felt quite strongly that Mumford Road should be the point of closure as the present point of closure is really dividing the subdivision where it was never meant to be divided. He explained that he had signed the original petition because he was not in favour of having the subdivision closed at the present closure point and he had signed the second petition saying that another section would be suitable for him.



Mr. William Harris, 6775 Peter Lowe Avenue, addressed Council and stated that he agreed with the closure at some point to discontinue the use of Peter Lowe Avenue as a thoroughfare. He noted the locations of the recreational and educational facilities in the subdivision and felt it was only common sense that a highway should not be dividing the children from the recreational facilities. He stated he would favour a closure which would reduce traffic throughout the subdivision at Peter Lowe Avenue or Edward Arab Drive, either at William Hunt Avenue and Mumford Road or Peter Lowe Avenue and William Hunt Avenue, are worth a trial. He stated the present closure has cutdown on the traffic but unfortunately has inconvenienced many residents of the area.

Mr. Ted LeMoine, 6891 Edward Arab Avenue, concurred with the remarks of the previous speakers, and stated the facts are what we are concerned with most, the lessening of traffic in the subdivision or some people's inconvenience. He stated that to him the lessening of traffic is more important. He stated that the traffic at the corner of William Hunt Avenue and Mumford Road averaged an accident per day, particularly in the winter months when streets are slippery. As a resident of Edward Arab Avenue, he felt no more inconvenience in the increase in traffic that the present barrier has presented and he would not oppose a closure at Mumford Road on William Hunt Avenue. However, he felt that the residents involved would object to an acquisition of property for a cul-de-sac, but there would be no objection if it was just a dead end at William Hunt Avenue and Mumford Road. He admitted there is considerable inconvenience to residents living in the centre of the Subdivision, however, he felt that the inconvenience does not begin to compare with the chaos and traffic that was on the streets prior to the closure.

Mr. James Axell, 2895 Doug Smith Drive, speaking in support of the closure, stated he supported the statements made by the previous speakers. He added that he had no objection to the experiment being tried at William Hunt Avenue and suggested that it be carried out on a trial basis so that it could be evaluated without a final decision being made to see and ensure that the closure is as effective for stopping the traffic on Peter Lowe Avenue as is the current situation. He admitted that there is an inconvenience but felt it has to be weighed against the safety of children.

There being no other persons wishing to speak in favour of the closure, His Worship then called for those persons wishing to oppose the closure.

Mr. Ted Marriott, 2883 Doug Smith Drive, addressed Council in opposition to the closure, stating that there is no substantive evidence to support the closure at all. He stated the question has obviously developed around the number of cars in the subdivision on one hand, and the inconvenience to the citizens on the other. He noted that the total number of cars, in apparently a twenty-four hour period, approximates 2360 by an official count and he

felt that the thought is that this number of cars, or some comparable number, makes for a safety factor in the subdivision. He argued that a case for a safety factor can be made, especially with respect to children, in any part of the City at any time and nobody can argue that an accident may not happen. He stated that his point is that the safety factor will remain and he is not sure that simply protecting one area of the City, one group or one set of streets, solves the problem, it simply moves it. He stated the traffic being talked about is really during the hours when people are going to work and coming home and the lack of convenience to the citizens such a closure would attain, in his view, would not be compensated by any safety factor. Mr. Marriott then replied to questions from members of Council.

Mrs. Shirley Vaughan, 2769 Robert Murphy Drive, addressed Council and pointed out on a sketch the route she must take to leave the subdivision. She explained her concern for the safety of children and added that more traffic is forced in front of Westmount School. She suggested there are other alternatives and further stated that the left-hand turn onto Almon Street could be eliminated. She added that the traffic that does come into the subdivision has to be detoured down Doug Smith Drive or Doug Smith Extension and around a dangerous corner of Robert Murphy Drive which corner has a high hedge. She expressed concern that emergency vehicles coming into the subdivision would have to detour. She asked that Council try to put in no left-hand turns, ticket people who speed, put in pedestrian walkways, and even consider reducing the speed limit but requested that the barricade not be left.

Mr. Bill Fulton, 2914 Doug Smith Drive, stated it seems to him the citizens of Westmount and the area itself are being badly used. He stated that when this unique and highly desirable residential subdivision was first built, it had access to Almon Street, Connaught Avenue, Bayers Road in both directions off George Dauphinee Avenue, Chebucto Road off William Hunt Avenue and Mumford Road off William Hunt Avenue. Now it has effectively been reduced to one entrance or exit from the subdivision, and that being a turn off George Dauphinee Avenue. He added that except for the residents of Edward Arab Avenue and the short streets that are cul-de-sacs off Edward Arab Avenue and for the residents of William Hunt Avenue, all of the residents of the subdivision can only enter or leave by way of George Dauphinee Avenue.

Mr. Fulton suggested that, in spite of the figures submitted, the traffic over the entire length of George Dauphinee Avenue has been substantially increased. He stated he is not convinced that there is any need for any obstruction to traffic in the Westmount Subdivision and he was never in favour of the closing of Peter Lowe Avenue in the present manner and believes he is among the majority of Westmount residents who want it open. He stated that his name is on both petitions submitted to Council and explained that if the blocking of William Hunt Avenue, as an

alternative to Peter Lowe Avenue, is the only alternative, then it is the lesser of two evils but it is still not the solution he wants. He argued that he did not feel any of the Westmount street should be blocked off and is not convinced that there is a legitimate need for a closure. He noted the hazards of going in and out of the subdivision during the winter months. He stated that citizens live with traffic on all our streets, that is what streets are for. Mr. Fulton responded to questions from members of Council.

Mrs. Ernie Morash, 3041 George Dauphinee Avenue, addressed Council in opposition to the closure of Peter Lowe Avenue. She expressed concern for the safety of children attending Westmount School and cited the hazards and problems created by the increased traffic on George Dauphinee Avenue and more particularly those in front of Westmount School.

Mr. Lloyd B. Rhindress, 2727 George Dauphinee Avenue, stated that the Westmount Subdivision was originally conceived to have houses facing each other separated by the two lawns and a central walkway with service roads in back to service the residents. There was to be no through-traffic whatsoever, only residential and service traffic. He assured Council that everything that has been said by previous speakers is true. He cited the hazards of driving in winter and stated that the residents of Westmount must have open access to get in and out at any point where weather will permit during winter months. He added that the residents of Westmount are not unlike any other part of the City, they must accept that there is going to be some traffic. Mr. Rhindress replied to questions from members of Council.

Mr. Gerald Boylan, 2875 Doug Smith Drive, addressed Council stating he is against the closure of the street because he has not heard any good arguments to close it and furthermore he felt the closure is contrary to good town planning. He stated that at his location on Doug Smith Drive he has only one exit from the subdivision. Mr. Boylan then responded to questions from members of Council.

Mrs. Clarence Nicolle, 2780 Robert Murphy Drive, spoke in opposition to the closure and stated she agreed with the comments of the previous speaker and asked if it made sense to reroute traffic by more houses, by a school, just to accommodate a few people on Peter Lowe Avenue.

Mr. A. O. MacLean, 2761 Robert Murphy Drive, speaking in opposition to the closure, stated he has been a resident of Westmount Subdivision for seventeen years and has used Peter Lowe Avenue and has found that this closure is a most inconvenient measure not only for himself but for many others. He stated he is still waiting to be assured that in an emergency that this closure would not impede police, fire and ambulance services as he feels it certainly would. He admitted that there is a traffic problem on Peter Lowe Avenue but it is a traffic problem that is in the mornings and afternoons from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. He



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stated that if closure is the only answer to this particular problem, then the whole City of Halifax would soon become a city of no exits.

His Worship recognized the presence in the gallery of the distinguished former Mayor of the City of Halifax, the Honourable Walter Fitzgerald, Minister of Labour.

Alderman Lawrence asked that the Traffic Department have a look at the property with a high hedge in the Westmount Subdivision about which some speakers have expressed concern. The City Manager stated that this matter has been noted.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Moore that the question of closure be forwarded to Council at its next ensuing meeting without recommendation.

Alderman Lawrence further asked what problem would occur with snow removal or snow plowing with William Hunt Avenue blocked off. The City Manager advised that a report would be made at the next Council meeting in this regard.

The motion was then put and passed.

10:15 P.M. - His Worship declared a five-minute recess.

10:20 P.M. - The meeting reconvened with the same members in attendance.

STREET LINES - NORTHERN INTERSECTION BARRINGTON STREET AND  
DUKE STREET

Mr. C. L. Dodge, Assistant Director of Development, stated that on September 18, 1974, a public hearing was held pertaining to street lines in this area and on September 26, 1974, City Council passed a resolution which left the street lines in and about the corner of Duke and Barrington Streets in such a manner that they are not straightforward and that is the reason the matter is presently before Council. Mr. Dodge, with the aid of sketches, indicated to members of Council the proposal put forth by staff and responded to related questions.

His Worship asked if there is any way at all that Duke Street could be widened from Granville to Barrington Streets. Mr. Dodge stated that the Council decision with regard to transit is one that staff does agree with but for transit to operate it must have a corridor to operate in and staff maintain that due to the narrow width of streets that is not possible.



Alderman Connolly interjected that he believed the feeling of Council was that the bus bay should be eliminated from Duke Street between Barrington and Granville Streets and moved up in front of Scotia Square and, further, consideration be given to rerouting the buses all the way down George Street to Lower Water Street, giving them a straight run up Duke Street from Lower Water Street as opposed to going along Granville St. and trying to make that cut.

Mr. McKim, General Manager, Halifax Transit Corp., addressed Council and stated it is certainly possible that buses could be rerouted and indicated an area of concern which relates to an anticipated growth in employment and activity related to the waterfront development. He stated predictions indicate that there will be 10,000 to 12,000 employees in the waterfront development alone and one can picture the terrific pressure from a transportation point of view in CBD Halifax. He stated that it is not clear, from studies made to date, that too much widening can really take place unless certain changes are made in street lines, etc. He added that it would appear, from his vantage point, that Water Street is not going to be a useful transit street. He stated that a better means of moving transit vehicles in and out of CBD Halifax will have to be found. He stated it is a major problem and is probably one of the most difficult and serious problems that remain unresolved. He advised that consultants are presently doing a traffic management study and a preliminary report will be presented to Council on December 4, 1974. He stated that as far as Duke Street is concerned, it is his opinion that this is the only street that has any chance yet of being widened to accommodate the obvious heavy growth in traffic and he suggested that is a very vital thing that street lines on Duke Street be given serious thought.

Alderman Walker stated he was confused as to the issue before Council as he did not have any background information on the matter and asked that the matter be deferred until the new aldermen have the background information to study.

In response to Alderman Walker's request, His Worship suggested that the matter be referred to City Council without recommendation.

Alderman Shannon requested that the background information be supplied to the new Aldermen, the City Manager advised that this would be done.

His Worship called for those present who wished to speak in favour of the proposed alignment. No person spoke in favour of the proposal.

His Worship then called for those present who wished to speak in opposition to the proposed alignment. No person spoke in opposition to the proposed alignment.

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MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that this matter be referred to the next meeting of City Council without recommendation. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned - 10:50 P.M.

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MAYOR & CHAIRMAN

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ACTING CITY CLERK

CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Council Chamber  
City Hall  
Halifax, N. S.  
November 28, 1974  
8:00 P. M.

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

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

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen Lawrence, Hanson, Walker, Meagher, Connolly, Moore, Downey, Shannon, and Sullivan, and Deputy Mayor Stanbury.

Also Present: Acting City Manager, City Solicitor, Acting City Clerk, and other staff members.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, Council agreed to add:

- 20(a) - Quinpool Road Plaza Limited - Offer
- 20(b) - Housing Task Force
- 20(c) - Proposed Schedule of Work - Armdale Rotary
- 20(d) - Waterfront Redevelopment

MINUTES

Minutes of City Council meeting held on November 14, 1974 were submitted for approval.

Alderman Connolly said he would like to see the staff report of November 12, 1974 relating to the expropriation of the Eisenhower lands by the Public Service Commission, amended. Alderman Connolly said the report was in error in that the recital showed that the plan was signed by Walter Servant and said it was actually signed by Granville Leopold of the Walter Servant firm. Council then agreed that the staff report be corrected.

City Council minutes of November 14, 1974 were then approved on Motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

At the request of Alderman Sullivan, Council agreed to add:

- 20(e) - Proposed Driveway Cut - 5518 Duffus Street

At the request of Alderman Walker, Council agreed to add:

- 20(f) - Garbage Collection
- 20(g) - Study regarding the Widening of the Herring Cove Road from Dentith Road to the Armdale Rotary
- 20(h) - Hearing on the Study of the Widening of Albion Road in Jollymore.

At the request of Alderman Connolly, Council agreed to add:

- 20(i) - Forum Lands
- 20(j) - Street Cleaning.

At the request of Alderman Lawrence, Council agreed to add:

- 20(k) - Fire Department
- 20(l) - Health Services

At the request of Alderman Hanson, Council added:  
20(m) - Lands to be sold for arrears in taxes.

The Order of Business as amended, was approved.

DEFERRED ITEMS

Closure - Peter Lowe Avenue

A public hearing on the above noted matter was held on November 20, 1974.

It was MOVED by Deputy Mayor Stanbury, seconded by Alderman Shannon that a decision in the matter of the closing of Peter Lowe Avenue, or alternative, be deferred to City staff to be reviewed in conjunction with the closing of Young and Cork Streets at Connaught Avenue, and that staff submit definite recommendations on the three closures.

Alderman Stanbury said that in the area in question, there are serious difficulties with traffic saying that before Council makes a definite decision, she would like to be sure that staff has had complete input to ensure the best decision is made.

Discussion ensued on the matter and it was MOVED in Amendment by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the existing closure of Peter Lowe Avenue be removed and that staff, on an experimental basis, try a closure on William Hunt Avenue at Edward Arab Avenue and/or Mumford Road to see what affect this may have.

Alderman Lawrence referred to an experimental closure at Mumford Road and suggested that during the winter months would not be the time to try such a closure due to the grade of the street at this location.



A questioning of staff ensued following which the Amendment was put and passed with Aldermen Walker, Shannon, and Deputy Mayor Stanbury voting against.

Alderman Connolly said he would like to propose a further amendment, and MOVED in Amendment that the removal of the closure of Peter Lowe Avenue not be contingent on a study tied into Connaught Avenue, Young and Cork Streets.

His Worship suggested that Alderman Connolly could achieve his desired purpose by voting against the original motion as amended. There was no seconder to the Motion to amend made by Alderman Connolly.

Alderman Connolly said there is a problem at Connaught Avenue and Young Street, and Connaught Avenue and Cork Street and said there is also a problem some 2,000 yards away. Alderman Connolly suggested that Council is dealing with two different problems suggesting that one should not be tied in with the other.

Further discussion ensued, and Deputy Mayor Stanbury said she would withdraw her original Motion and would deal with the matter of Cork and Young Streets at a future time.

Due to the withdrawal of the original Motion by Deputy Mayor Stanbury, it was generally felt that the amendment to the Motion should become null and void.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hanson that the closure of Peter Lowe Avenue be immediately removed and that City staff consider the closure of William Hunt Avenue at Edward Arab Avenue and/or Mumford Road and report back to City Council.

The Acting City Manager questioned whether it was the intention of Council that staff report before a closure takes place in either location and that recommendations be submitted as to the most appropriate location, and City Council replied in the affirmative.

The Motion was then put and passed with Aldermen Stanbury and Shannon voting against.

Street Lines - Northern Intersection Barrington St. & Duke St.

A public hearing was held on the above noted matter on November 20, 1974.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that street line alterations be made at the northeast corner of Barrington and Duke Streets as shown on Official Plan 18-J. Motion passed.

A Formal Resolution was submitted giving effect to the foregoing Motion of City Council.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that the Formal Resolution, be approved. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & HEARINGS

Public Hearing Re: Proposed Fire Station Site  
3391-95 Gottingen Street

At the last regular meeting of City Council held on November 14, 1974, tonight's meeting was set as the time when residents could appear before Council on the matter of the proposed North End Fire Station.

Mr. Churchill of the Real Estate Department, addressed Council and identified the site in question saying that staff have been dealing with a fire station site for over a year without a satisfactory decision being reached. Mr. Churchill said staff have investigated the site which appears to be satisfactory for the proposed Fire Station.

Reference was made to right-of-ways which once existed on the property and Alderman Sullivan said that at one time there were two such right-of-ways but that one had been closed at the request of the residents. Alderman Sullivan questioned whether the one that was closed is owned by the City or whether it is privately owned.

With the agreement of City Council, Mr. Wendall Brown addressed the meeting and advised that he is the owner of the right-of-way which he purchased from the Relief Commission some five years ago. He advised that it is presently fenced off.

The Acting City Manager, in referring to the existing right-of-way, said that if Council wished to maintain same, the building could be designed in such a manner as to permit this or, he said, it can be removed.

Mr. Brundige, the Fire Chief, then addressed Council and answered a number of questions pertaining to the subject. Mr. Brundige said a new location is required as the present building is old and too small and is not properly located to adequately serve the North End as a result of the development which has taken place in recent years. The Fire Chief said that staff has exhausted every other area in the North End and in referring to the proposed location, said the department would not really add to the traffic situation as there would be little more than one call from this station per day. Mr. Brundige said the present facility is located on the perimeter of the area being served and said the department requires a location more central in order to adequately serve the North End.

His Worship then called for those persons wishing to speak in favour of the proposed location.

Mr. Wendall Brown, a property owner to the immediate south of the proposed site, addressed Council advising that he had no objections to the fire station being located to the north of his property.

Mrs. Manthorne, the owner of the property north of the proposed location, addressed Council and said that in view of the conditions existing at the property in question for the past three years, she would be in favour of the fire station locating on the proposed site if only to have the property improved. In referring to the right-of-way to Richmond School, Mrs. Manthorne said the land which was once Kenny Street is still open saying the children could use this as a walkway to school.

Mr. Gerald A. Hollett, the owner of property at 5538 Stanley Place, addressed Council saying it was his feeling that the proposed site would be a much better location for the fire station in terms of being able to get to any given fire in the area which is to be served by the station. Mr. Hollett said he felt it is a very proper and suitable location for a fire station.

There being no further persons wishing to speak in favour of the proposed site, His Worship called for those wishing to speak against.

Dorothy Butler of 3325 Gottingen Street, addressed Council saying she is against the location due to the present traffic conditions existing in the area.

Mr. Garnet Wooden, a resident at the corner of Duffus and Gottingen Streets for the past 20 years, addressed Council opposed to the location and questioned why there was such a rush in approving the matter. He said that he had only heard of this matter three or four weeks ago and felt it should be deferred for further study with the residents of the area.

Mrs. Seymour Crawley of 3309 Gottingen Street, addressed Council opposed to the proposed location saying that she concurred with the remarks of the previous two speakers.

There being no further persons wishing to speak on the matter, His Worship declared the matter to be before Council.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that the matter be referred to the next Regular meeting of City Council without recommendation.

Alderman Connolly noted that Council is dealing with a matter of public safety and said one point that has to be considered is whether or not the property in question will be available to the City after tomorrow as the offer to sell expires. Alderman Connolly said that he had requested that staff negotiate an option for a further period of time and questioned whether this was done.

The Acting City Manager said the property is not necessarily available to the City after tomorrow but said staff is not certain the price quoted is satisfactory saying staff is awaiting appraisal reports.

Alderman Connolly said the City can still sit down with the company and discuss prices after tomorrow.

The Acting City Manager said that staff have not proceeded to discuss prices with the vendor as yet, and it was suggested by Alderman Connolly that such discussions should take place so that Council will have the necessary information when the time comes to make a decision, to which Council agreed.

The Motion was then put and passed.

REPORT - FINANCE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on November 20, 1974 as follows:

Possible Sale of City-Owned Land - Corner of Leppert & Philip Sts.

The Following is the recommendation from the Finance & Executive Committee:

- "1. That the City-owned land at the corner of Leppert and Philip Streets consisting of some 7,116 square feet not be sold;
2. That a new lease be negotiated with Foord Construction Limited to include:
  - (a) three month notice to quit;
  - (b) a reasonable rental to be charged; and
  - (c) restoration of the land upon termination of the lease; and
3. That a staff report be prepared with respect to the action which must be taken to eliminate truck traffic from Leppert and Philip Streets."

A subsequent staff report under date of November 28, 1974 was submitted on the matter.

Alderman Connolly noted the latest report was only circulated at tonight's meeting and MOVED, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the matter be referred to the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

The Acting City Manager said that one of the problems is that the company involved would like to know whether they can pave the land in question.

Alderman Connolly referred to the submitted report and said he was not satisfied with the monthly rental fee and said that if the City were to receive the amount the company was prepared to pay for the land, it would far exceed the monthly rental proposed. Alderman Connolly suggested the company should be prepared to pay even more than the offered purchase price in order to lease the land.

Mr. Churchill noted the lease proposed is relatively short term saying the City could take over the land in a little over 1 year, and suggested the longer the lease, the more likely it would be to get a more favourable rental.



His Worship questioned whether it is the feeling of staff that if this lot is paved if it will provide and be used as a method for direct access to the parking lot immediately to the north on Chebucto Road, and also questioned whether curbs should be installed to prevent access to Philip Street.

Mr. Churchill said the land was shown on the original plan as forming a part of the overall parking area. Mr. Churchill said that from memory, he could not recall whether it would provide direct access, although he suggested it probably could, but said he could not see it as being high-speed access. He said the land would probably be part of the integrated parking lot but how that might be marked off in terms of parking spaces rather than as a through lane, he would have to further review.

Alderman Connolly suggested the City does not have any expectations of disposing of the lands in question in the very near future and therefore felt the Company does have a long term lease although it is on a year to year basis.

Alderman Connolly said he can understand the wish of the company to pave the lot and suggested they could do this if they so desire. He said he was not prepared to accept the proposal at the price that is being offered.

Alderman Meagher said it was his understanding that one pays more for short term leases than for those of longer duration, and also felt there should be curbs installed to prevent traffic from gaining access to Philip Street.

Alderman Hanson said he was concerned that if the land becomes the property of the company in question and the Company uses Leppert and Philip Streets for access to Simpson's parking area, that there would be serious traffic congestion, and said he supports the Motion to refer.

The Motion was then put and passed.

Kline Heights Servicing Project

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee:

1. Free water delivery be discontinued as of December 31, 1974; to be continued if necessary on a fee basis thereafter;
2. The owners of properties at 21 and 36 Margaret Road, whose houses were originally intended to be moved back on the lots, be allowed to undertake the water and sewer connections to the houses where they are and that moving the houses back on the lots not be required during the lifetime of the present owners; and

3. The owners of all other properties who have not yet taken action to effect service connections, be ordered by the Director of Engineering and Works under the authority of Section 13 of Chapter 87 of the Acts of 1962, to undertake the sewer connections and that those owners who in the opinion of the head of the Social Planning Department would thereby suffer severe financial hardship, be assisted under the social assistance program on an individual basis.

Motion passed.

Charges for Incineration - County of Halifax

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, the 1975 Solid Waste Disposal rate for the City of Halifax be set at \$7.50 per ton.

Motion passed.

Horseshoe Island Bathhouse

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Shannon that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Horseshoe Island Bathhouse buildings be removed using L. I. P. funds in favor of erecting a more permanent structure at some future date.

Motion passed.

Pollution Control Charge Rates

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Pollution Control Charge rate be set at 25¢ per 1,000 gallons of water used for the year 1975.

Motion passed.

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REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on November 20, 1974 with respect to the following matter:

Encroaching Canopy - Civic No. 1660 Hollis Street

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the application to construct a 19.58' x 8.0' encroaching canopy on the face of the building located at Civic No. 1660 Hollis Street be approved. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Amendment to Ordinance Number 137, Respecting "Deferred Payment of Taxes" - Second Reading

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that the Amendments to Ordinance Number 137, Respecting "Deferred Payment of Taxes" be read and passed a Second Time. Motion passed.

Amendments to Ordinance Number 141, Respecting "Tax Exemption for Widows & Senior Citizens" - Second Reading

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that the Amendments to Ordinance Number 141, Respecting "Tax Exemption for Widows & Senior Citizens" be read and passed a Second Time. Motion passed.

REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on November 20, 1974 with respect to the following matter:

Moratorium for Spryfield Area - Public Meeting - December 3, 1974

His Worship the Mayor advised that the City Planning Committee recommended that a Public Meeting be held to consider the Staff Report entitled "Moratorium for Spryfield Area". He said that the Public Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 1974 at 8:00 p.m. in St. Michael's Church Auditorium.

Alderman Walker expressed the hope that City Staff would be in attendance with plans of the area and equipped to answer questions from the general public on such items as recreation, playgrounds, sewer and water, population, etc.

His Worship the Mayor said that it is his understanding that Staff will be present and will be prepared to answer such questions.

QUESTIONS

Question - Alderman Shannon Re: Reports Submitted to Council just prior to a Meeting

Alderman Shannon expressed some concern about the

number of reports and amount of material which is placed on the Aldermen's desks immediately prior to any meeting of Council or Committee of the Whole. She asked if it is possible for such reports to be distributed some days prior to a scheduled meeting to give members of Council an opportunity to review same.

It was pointed out that all material relating to Committee of the Whole Council meetings is distributed the Friday previously and an attempt is being made to distribute all reports going directly to City Council at least three days prior to the meeting. It was also pointed out that most of the reports on the desks of the Aldermen are for Information Only and are in reply to various questions which have been asked.

Question - Alderman Shannon Re: Expiry Date of Development or Building Permits

Alderman Shannon referred to a question asked by a member of the previous Council relating to the expiry date of a Development Permit if construction has not started within a specified time. She said that her question had to deal with a proposed motel on Howe Avenue.

The City Solicitor pointed out that the Alderman is speaking about a Building Permit, not a Development Permit in this case and that the only reason why Council had the matter before it was because the access to the proposed building was across the railway tracks. He said that with respect to the matter of whether or not the Building Permit expires after a certain period of time, he would have to check and report back.

Question - Alderman Shannon Re: Limited Dividend Housing

Alderman Shannon referred to an announcement made at the recent Nova Scotia Conservative Convention about proposals for limited dividend housing projects and she asked if the City is going to proceed.

The Acting City Manager advised that it is his understanding that the position is that the Minister of State for Urban Affairs has announced that a call for proposals will be issued and developers will be asked to submit proposals for limited dividend housing projects on land that they own.

His Worship the Mayor reminded Council members that the Minister of State for Urban Affairs will be visiting Halifax on Monday next and he suggested that this matter could be pursued and questions asked of the Minister.

Question - Alderman Downey Re: Open Buildings in Ward 3

Alderman Downey referred to a question he had asked at a previous meeting of City Council with respect to a number of buildings in Ward 3 which are open to children and vandals and he asked if anything is being done and when he may expect a report.

The Acting City Manager advised that action is



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being taken and that a report will be available shortly.

Question Alderman Walker Re: Registered Letter sent to Owner  
of 13 Joyce Avenue - Unsightly Premises

Alderman Walker referred to the fact that the owner of 13 Joyce Avenue has received a letter from the City advising that immediate steps must be taken to remove an old Rambler Station Wagon from his property and generally clear up the unsightly premises. Alderman Walker went on to say that the person had called him and asked him to visit the site. He said he had looked up and down the street trying to see a Rambler Station Wagon, but none was in sight. He said that the person has never owned such a vehicle and his property is in immaculate condition. He asked that Staff send out a letter of apology to the owner of 13 Joyce Avenue, Mr. Stowe.

The Acting City Manager said that this matter would be looked into as soon as possible.

Question Alderman Stanbury Re: Sale of Senior Citizens Bus  
Tickets

Alderman Stanbury asked if it is possible for Senior Citizens bus tickets to be sold in other locations. She said that they presently can be purchased from the Senior Citizens Club or Northwood Manor, but all people are not able to get to these locations. She suggested that they might be available on the buses or at a location in Scotia Square.

The Acting City Manager said that he will have a report prepared on this by Staff.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Untidy Premises and Boarded-up  
House

Alderman Sullivan referred to a letter he has received from a resident complaining about an unsightly and boarded-up property and he said he would pass the letter to City Staff and await a report.

Question Alderman Hanson Re: Street Names

Alderman Hanson raised the matter of Street Names and numbering and referred to three streets in his Ward which appear to come to an end, then continue some distance away. He said that delivery trucks are not aware that the streets continue and return with their goods undelivered and report that there is no such address. He referred to the following streets

Churchill Drive  
Murdoch Avenue  
McLennan Avenue

He asked Staff if they would report with recommendations as to how these difficulties can be overcome.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Park at Corner of Inglis and  
Barrington Streets

Alderman Connolly said that he had asked previously

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for a report on the small park at the corner of Inglis and Barrington Streets. He again asked if a report could be prepared outlining what can be done to improve the park, in the light of restoration which is taking place on Smith Street.

The Acting City Manager said that it is his understanding that funds for the improvements of the park are included in the Capital Budget, but he said that a report will be prepared.

Question Alderman Moore Re: Bus Shelter - Howe Avenue and Bayers Road

Alderman Moore asked if consideration could be given by Staff to the erection of a bus shelter at the corner of Howe Avenue and Bayers Road (southwest).

NOTICES OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion were given at this time.

ADDED ITEMS

Quinpool Plaza Limited - Offer

His Worship the Mayor submitted and the Acting City Clerk distributed a copy of a letter received from Mr. R. M. Medjuck, President, Quinpool Plaza Limited, offering the Quinpool Road lands to the City of Halifax. A covering memorandum from His Worship the Mayor was also distributed.

It was MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that City Council authorize and instruct the City Manager and appropriate staff reporting to her to negotiate with Quinpool Plaza Limited the best price, terms and conditions under which the City might acquire the holding, and to report to Council as quickly as possible.

Alderman Meagher in speaking to his motion felt that before negotiations take place, the slate should be wiped clean and the land again considered as Park and Institutional.

Alderman Shannon asked if it is possible for the Development Permit to be temporarily rescinded or held in abeyance during the time of the negotiations.

The City Solicitor did not see how the Development Permit could be rescinded or held in abeyance since Council has approved the Permit. He said that these things could be done if the sale is consummated.

Alderman Meagher asked that the City Solicitor look further at the suggestions made in an attempt to start from scratch.

Alderman Connolly was not in agreement with the motion because he felt that approval of it would give an indication that the City is prepared to purchase the site if the price is right. He did not think that the City should

get into the land banking business or the development business.

After further discussion, the motion was put and passed with Alderman Connolly voting against.

#### Housing Task Force

His Worship the Mayor submitted a report relating to the possible establishment of a joint Council-Citizen Housing Task Force. The report went on to outline the principal terms of reference and contained suggestions as to the composition of the Task Force.

Alderman Connolly felt that since the report had just been distributed and requires some discussion, it should be referred to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Moore that this matter be referred to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council for consideration. Motion passed.

#### Armdale Rotary Improvements

His Worship the Mayor submitted the following timing schedule for Armdale Rotary Improvements for the information of City Council:-

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>TASK</u>	<u>TIME REQ'D</u>	<u>TO BE COMPLETED BY</u>
1.	Carry out origin destination survey in conjunction with Dept. of Highways	1 week	13 Dec.1974
2.	Compile data and evaluate	1 week	20 Dec.1974
3.	Draw up design plans, cost estimates, work schedules, etc.	2 weeks	3 Jan.1975
4.	Obtain Council approval and City Traffic Authority	1 week	10 Jan.1975
5.	Liaison with Police Dept. MAPC, H.T.C., & Dept. of Highways	1 week	17 Jan.1975
6.	Obtain Dept. of Highways approval and Provincial Traffic Authority	3 weeks	7 Feb.1975
7.	Dissemination of public information items, advertising, screening of advisory signs, etc.	3 weeks	28 Feb.1975
8.	Construction, re-signing, pavement markings, etc.	1 week	7 Mar.1975
9.	Implementation of revised scheme, traffic change-over	Weekend	10 Mar.1975