

EVENING SESSION

8.00 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
November 14th, 1940.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Stech, MacKay, Kinley, Curran, Hosterman, Ahern, Freda, Adams, Lloyd, O'Toole, Power, Burgess, Walker, W.A. MacDonald and Landry.

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

The following named papers were submitted:-

MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION - ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY

Mr. H. W. Jubien, representing the Royal Humane Society, introduced Mr. Baden Powell to the City Council.

Mr. Baden Powell, Mr. Jubien stated, was responsible for **saving** the life of Mr. John Boutilier of this City during a recent severe fire.

Mr. Jubien told Council that Mr. Powell risked his own life to **save** that of Mr. Boutilier.

His Worship the Mayor, on behalf of the Royal Humane Society, then presented Mr. Baden Powell with a Royal Humane parchment certificate.

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ACCOUNTS

The following resolution covering accounts of various committees was submitted.

RESOLVED that the Council approve for payment the bills and accounts of expenditures submitted to this meeting by the Finance and Executive Committee amounting to \$7,809.08; the Committee on Safety amounting to \$881.16 chargeable to Fire Alarm, \$13,260.33 chargeable to Fire Department and \$10,546.89 chargeable to Police Department; the committee on Public Health and Welfare amounting to \$7,121.25 chargeable to Health Department; \$9,652.73 chargeable to City Home and \$2,223.86 chargeable to City Prison; the Committee on Works amounting to \$9,888.12; Civic Defence Committee amounting to \$112.50, under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the resolution be adopted.
Motion passed.

8.10 P.M.,

Alderman Keshen arrives.

TAXATION - #65 HOLLIS STREET

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee re taxation on the building at 65 Hollis St.

Halifax, N. S.,
November 13th, 1940.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached letter from the Canadian Legion War Services Inc. requesting exemption from taxation on the building at 65 Hollis Street which it proposes to use as a hostel for men of His Majesty's services was considered.

Your committee recommends that the request be granted as from May 1st, 1941.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by
Alderman MacKay that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

OPERATIONS OF HOUSING COMMISSION

Read report of the Finance and Executive
Committee as follows:--

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November 13th, 1940.

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

Gentlemen:--

At a meeting of the Finance and
Executive Committee held on the above date, a report
was submitted by the Chairman of the Housing
Commission on its operations since assuming office
in May this year.

The report is attached hereto and your
committee recommends that same be embodied in the
minutes of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by
Alderman MacKay that the report of the Finance and
Executive Committee be adopted and the report of the
Housing Commission embodied in these minutes.

Motion passed.

Office of the Housing Commission,
of the City of Halifax.

October 11th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of Finance and Executive Committee,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:--

In view of the motion relating to the
affairs of the Housing Commission, and referred at
the September meeting of Council to your Committee,
the present members of the Commission have deemed it
expedient to give a report to this Committee on its
operations since assuming office in May this year.

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The present Commission was organized at a meeting held in the office of His Worship the Mayor on May 22nd, 1940. Since that time the Commission has met regularly every Wednesday afternoon. The meetings last on an average two hours and have entailed considerable detail work.

At the outset a preliminary survey was made of the various accounts and a list of fifty-two (52) was prepared. These were considered as the ones which demanded immediate attention. Of these fifty-two accounts ten were found to be properties which were in theory repossessed but no repossession proceedings had been taken. Such steps were taken and these were added to the list of properties already repossessed.

The balance of the list has been disposed of in the following manner:

(a) 31 purchasers have been interviewed and their monthly payments have been increased so that these 31 purchasers are now paying to the Commission an increased total amount of \$288.00 monthly. These increased payments vary from \$5.00 to \$30.00 per month. One purchaser made a down payment of \$500.00 in addition to increasing monthly payments. The Commission has adopted the policy whereby purchasers who can, by making substantial monthly payments, in a few years place their accounts in a satisfactory position, they should be allowed to do so. To date all purchasers have met their increased monthly payments. Purchasers who have had their payments increased have been notified that these payments must be met regularly otherwise the Commission will proceed under the terms of the agreement. It should be noted also that no purchaser interviewed has questioned the amount outstanding as claimed by the Commission and further that the accounts of the Commission have been under regular yearly audit.

All monthly payments at present received from those purchasers in arrears of taxes are applied to such arrears. In this way it is hoped that those purchasers will be in a position in a few years to obtain a mortgage sufficient to pay off their indebtedness to the Commission.

(b) 3 purchasers had their accounts in such a position that it was hopeless to endeavor to bring them to a satisfactory position in anything like a reasonable period by the payments suggested. The properties had good possibilities of sale at prices which would be sufficient to pay off the total indebtedness and give the purchasers a substantial balance. Consequently these purchasers were given the opportunity to sell the properties themselves and by paying off the amount outstanding including taxes and interest a deed would be given. One property has been so sold and a substantial balance was left over to the purchaser.

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(c) 5 purchasers have been interviewed and their accounts are now under consideration.

(d) 3 purchasers remain to be interviewed.

As mentioned earlier 10 properties have been repossessed by the present Commission. On assuming office there were 30 repossessed properties on the books of the Commission. These have been given to several real estate brokers in an endeavor to dispose of them. To date three have been sold and the amount paid for these properties has been sufficient to pay off the total balance of loan with interest and practically the total amount of outstanding taxes. Several inquiries have been received for other properties and present indications are that many will be sold in the course of the year.

The Commission now proposes to deal with other purchasers whose accounts were not in the first class. These are ones who owe over two but less than four years taxes and whose present monthly payments are not sufficient to bring their accounts up to date within a reasonable time.

At present there are 108 properties under agreement and 37 are repossessed, the title being in the Commission.

This report is presented at this time in order to show the activities and progress of the present Commission during the first four months of its operation. At the close of the year a full report on the work of the Commission will be submitted to you.

Yours respectfully,

J. F. McManus,
CHAIRMAN.

BORROWING RESOLUTION - NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee submitting borrowing resolution for new high school.

Halifax, N. S.,
November 13th, 1940.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the City Solicitor submitted the attached resolution in connection with borrowing for the new high school.

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Your committee recommends that the resolution be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

WHEREAS the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax under the provisions of the Halifax City Charter applied to the Governor in Council for an Order directing the City of Halifax to issue its debentures or stock to produce the sum of money required by the Board for the erection of a new High School building.

AND WHEREAS the Governor in Council appointed a time and place for the hearing of such applications.

AND WHEREAS the City Council of the said City of Halifax at a meeting thereof held the 11th day of April, A. D. 1940, by resolution decided that the City would make no objection to such application at any hearing held by the Governor in Council.

AND WHEREAS by Order in Council made the 23rd day of April, A. D. 1940, His Honour the Administrator of the Government of Nova Scotia in Council was pleased to order and direct and thereby ordered and directed the City of Halifax to issue debentures or stock to raise the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$450,000.00) for the erection of a High school building.

AND WHEREAS Section 923 of the Halifax City Charter of 1931 declares that any debentures or stock issued by the City by direction of the Governor in Council shall be issued in like manner and upon the same terms and conditions as provided by the Halifax City Consolidated Fund Act.

AND WHEREAS by Section 33 of Chapter 57 of the Acts of 1940 it is provided that in the event of the City issuing its debentures or stock to provide the moneys necessary to defray the cost of the erection of a new High School, the City may issue such debentures or stock in the manner now prescribed by law but may defer the payment into any sinking fund set up in respect of such issue until the civic year 1951-1952, provided however, that payments into such sinking fund shall commence in the civic year 1951-1952 and shall be completed in respect of such issue within twenty years from the date of such commencement and shall be included in the civic estimates during such period of twenty years.

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AND WHEREAS it is further provided by Section 33 of Chapter 57 of the Acts of 1940 that if the City shall determine to borrow the moneys necessary to defray the cost of a new high school for a period less than thirty years, it shall not be necessary to make any payments into any sinking fund in respect thereof, if a sinking fund is provided therefor, until the civic year 1951-1952, and upon the maturity of the said loan the City may issue a new loan for the purpose of repaying the amount of the first loan then unpaid.

AND WHEREAS the City has decided in pursuance of the said direction of the Governor in Council to issue debentures and stock of the principal amount of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) or such principal sum as will produce Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) together with the amount of discount on the said debentures and stock, if any, and the expenses of issuing the same.

AND WHEREAS the City has been in receipt of a proposal from a syndicate of brokers doing business in the City of Halifax headed by F. J. Brennan (N.S.) Ltd. and Cornell MacGillivray Limited, in which it is proposed that the City authorize the said syndicate to offer for sale the said debentures and stock of the principal amount of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) or such further amount as aforesaid, dated November 1st, A.D. 1940 and maturing November 1st, A.D. 1950, the said debentures and stock to bear interest at the rate of 4%, and to be sold to the public at the price of 99½% of par and the City to pay to the said brokers a commission of 1½%, which will produce to the City 98% of par of the said debentures and stock.

AND WHEREAS by resolution of the said City Council of the City of Halifax passed at a meeting of the City Council held on October 17th, A. D. 1940, it was decided to accept the proposal hereinbefore referred to and to issue and sell the said debentures and stock in the manner aforesaid.

AND WHEREAS the City has sold to the said syndicate of brokers hereinbefore referred to 4% debentures and stock for the principal amount of Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$460,000.00), being the amount necessary to produce the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) together with the discount on the said debentures and stock and the expenses of issuing the same, and has been requested to deliver the same to the purchasers thereof.

AND WHEREAS the City has been requested by the purchasers of the said debentures to issue the debentures with interest coupons attached and debenture certificates for the amount as hereinafter set forth.

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AND WHEREAS the City has power and authority to create and issue the said debentures in the amount, manner and form as proposed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that for the purposes hereinbefore set forth and under the authority it thereunto enabling as aforesaid, the City do borrow on the credit of the City the sum of Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$460,000.00) and do create, issue and sell debentures of the City of Halifax therefor for the principal amount of Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$460,000.00) in the manner and form as follows, that is to say:

(a) 460 debentures of the principal sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) each, numbered from S1481 to #1890 consecutively, dated November 1st, A.D. 1940, and payable November 1st, A.D. 1950, bearing interest at 4% per annum.

(b) Debenture certificates to the principal amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) dated November 1st, A. D. 1940 and payable November 1st, A. D. 1950.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said debentures and debenture certificates shall bear date the 1st day of November, A. D. 1940, and shall form part of the City of Halifax Consolidated Fund of 1905 and shall bear interest at the rate of 4% payable half-yearly on the first days of May and November.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Treasurer shall issue interim certificates to purchasers of the said debentures or debenture certificates if the same be requested.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the debentures be delivered to the purchasers thereof or to the holders of the said interim certificates and that the debenture certificates be issued in such name as may be nominated by the broker concerned with the same.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that under the authority of Section 3 of Chapter 57 of the Acts of 1940 no sinking fund shall be provided in respect of either the debentures or debenture certificates but that the sums payable yearly in respect of the interest thereon shall be included in the estimates for the civic years in which the same are payable and rated and collected therewith, and the principal of the said debentures or debenture certificates be paid from the proceeds of a new loan to be made when the same become due or from any bank or fund available.

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said 410 debentures of the said amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) each be substantially in the form set out in form "B" of the City Charter with such modifications or additions as may be approved by the City Solicitor and that there be attached to all such debentures interest coupons covering interest payable in respect thereof, and that the said debenture certificates be substantially in the form set out in form "A" of the City Charter with such modifications or additions as may be approved by the City Solicitor and that the interest thereon be paid by the City to the registered holders thereof.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the principal and interest payable in respect of the said debentures and debenture certificates be payable in lawful money of Canada at the office of the City Treasurer of the City of Halifax at Halifax, Nova Scotia, or at the option of the holder at the principal office of the Royal Bank of Canada in any of the cities of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Saint John, New Brunswick; Montreal, Quebec; Toronto, Ontario; Winnipeg, Manitoba; or Vancouver, British Columbia.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all of the said debentures and debenture certificates shall be signed by the Mayor and Treasurer for the time being of the City of Halifax and sealed with the Corporate Seal of the said City and countersigned by the City Clerk and that the coupons attached to the said debentures shall be deemed to be duly executed by and on behalf of the City when bearing the written, stamped, lithographed or engraved signature of the Mayor and Treasurer.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said debentures and debenture certificates of the total principal amount of Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$460,000.00) be issued, sold and delivered, as to the debentures to the holders of the interim certificates therefor or to the purchasers of the same if no interim certificates were issued, and as to the debenture certificates in such names as the brokers concerned with the same shall nominate.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by a two-thirds vote of all members of the Council and with the approval of the Mayor in accordance with the provisions of Section 314A of the City Charter, that the expenditure of all moneys hereinbefore referred to for the respective purposes hereinbefore set forth be and the same is hereby authorized.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Halifax will not share in or be responsible for any expense that may be incurred by the purchasers in connection with the investigation by them of the validity of the issue of the debentures hereinbefore referred to.

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Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the report and resolution as submitted be adopted. Motion put and passed unanimously; the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:-

Aldermen Stech
MacKay
Kinley
Hosterman
Curran
Ahern
Freda
Adams
Lloyd
Keshen
O'Toole
Power
Burgess
Walker
W.A. MacDonald
Landry

PUMPER - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee and report of the Safety Committee re pumper, Fire Department.

Halifax, N. S.,
November 13th, 1940.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached report from the Safety Committee recommending that a 1,000 Imperial gallon pumper be purchased for the Fire Department at a cost not exceeding \$17,000.00 was considered.

The Finance and Executive Committee reaffirms its previous report to Council on this matter, i.e. that it deems it inadvisable to make this expenditure at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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Halifax, N. S.,
November 8th, 1940.

The Chairman,
And Members of the Finance and Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date, the matter of the purchase of a pumper for the Fire Department which was referred to this committee by the City Council was considered.

A resolution was adopted requesting your committee to recommend to the City Council that a 1,000 Imperial gallon pumper be purchased at a cost not exceeding \$17,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Kinley, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the report of the Finance and Executive Committee be tabled and the recommendation of the Safety Committee now dealt with and this Council proceed to purchase a 1,000 Imperial gallon pumper, either a Bickle Seagrave or a LaFrance pumper.

8.23 P.M.,

Alderman J. F. McDonald arrives and takes his seat in Council.

After some discussion on the motion, Alderman Lloyd with the permission of the mover, withdrew as seconder of the motion.

The motion, being then without a seconder, was withdrawn.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman MacKay that this Council accept the report of the Finance-Executive Committee.

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Moved in amendment by Alderman Lloyd,
seconded by Alderman Hosterman that this Council
proceed at this meeting to purchase either a Bickle
Seagrave or a LaFrance pumping engine.

The amendment was ruled out of order by
the City Solicitor.

The motion was then put and lost, 3
voting for the same and 14 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Adams
MacKay
Stech

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Ahern
Burgess
Curran
Freda
Hosterman
Keshen
Kinley
Landry
Lloyd
W.A.MacDonald
J.F.McDonald
O'Toole
Power
Walker
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Moved by Alderman J.F. McDonald, seconded
by Alderman Walker that the report of the Safety
Committee be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Lloyd,
seconded by Alderman Hosterman, resolved that this
Council proceed at this meeting with the purchase of
either a Bickle Seagrave or a LaFrance pumper at a
cost of \$17,000.00. Amendment put and passed, 14
voting for the same and 3 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Kinley
Hosterman
Curran
Ahern
Freda
Lloyd
J.F.McDonald
Keshen
O'Toole
Power
Burgess
Walker
W.A.MacDonald
Landry
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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Stech
MacKay
Adams

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Motion not put.

Moved by Alderman W.A. MacDonald, seconded by Alderman Curran that this Council immediately purchase a 1,000 Imperial gallon pumper from the Bickle Seagrave Ltd. at a cost of \$17,000.00, according to specifications; the said cost being allocated, \$16,500.00 to capital appropriation and \$500.00 from the current estimates of the Fire Department.

Moved in amendment by Alderman J.F. McDonald, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that this Council immediately purchase a 1,000 Imperial gallon pumper from the LaFrance Fire Engine & Foamite Ltd. at a cost of \$17,000.00, according to specifications; the said cost being allocated \$16,500.00 to capital appropriation and \$500.00 from the current estimates of the Fire Department.

Amendment put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 12 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Freda
Hosterman
Lloyd
J.F. McDonald
O'Toole

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Adams
Ahern
Burgess
Curran
Keshen
Kinley
Landry
W.A. MacDonald
MacKay
Power
Stech
Walker

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Motion put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows:-

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FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Kinley
Curran
Ahern
Keshen
Power
Burgess
Walker
W.A.McDonald
Landry

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Stech
MacKay
Hosterman
Freda
Adams
Lloyd
J.F.McDonald
O'Toole

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TENDERS FOR POTATOES AND TURNIPS

Read report of the Public Health and Welfare Committee re tenders for potatoes and turnips.

Halifax, N. S.,
November 13th, 1940.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held this day, tenders for supplying 1,000 bus. of potatoes and 200 bus. of turnips to the City Home were considered as follows:-

	<u>Potatoes</u>	<u>Turnips</u>
J. R. Pineo	69¢ per bus.	37¢ per bus..
Canada Packers Ltd.	73¢ for 75 lb. bag	37½¢ per bus.
B.A.Blakeney Ltd.	60¢ per bus.	32½¢ per bus.

Your committee recommends that the tender of B.A.Blakeney Ltd. at 60¢ per bus. for Green Mountain potatoes and 32½¢ per bus. for turnips be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Landry that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman J.F. McDonald, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the lowest tenders be accepted, namely - that of Canada Packers Ltd. Amendment put and lost, 8 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows:-

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FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Adams
Curran
Freda
Hosterman
Lloyd
W.A.MacDonald
J.F.McDonald
Stech

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Ahern
Burgess
Keshen
Kinley
Landry
MacKay
O'Toole
Power
Walker

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Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen MacKay
Kinley
Ahern
Freda
Keshen
O'Toole
Power
Burgess
Walker
Landry

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Stech
Hosterman
Curran
Adams
Lloyd
J.F.McDonald
W.A.MacDonald

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TAX PROPERTY SALE

Read report of the Tax Property Sale

Committee as follows:-

Halifax, N. S.,
November 8th, 1940.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Tax Property Sale Committee held on the above date, a tender from Mr. H. Hemming offering to pay the sum of Two Hundred twenty-five dollars for a lot on the south side of Cedar Street 44 x 175 feet was considered.

Your committee recommends that the tender be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Kinley that this matter be referred back to the Tax Property Sale Committee with the recommendation that the said property be sold for not less than \$350.00. Amendment put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 12 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Kinley
W.A. MacDonald
MacKay
Stech
Walker

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Adams
Ahern
Burgess
Curran
Freda
Hosterman
Keshen
Landry
Lloyd
J.F. McDonald
O'Toole
Power
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Motion put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Hosterman
Curran
Ahern
Freda
Adams
Lloyd
J.F. McDonald
Keshen
O'Toole
Power
Burgess
Landry
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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Stech
MacKay
Kinley
Walker
W.A. MacDonald

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AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #23 RESPECTING THE
EARLY CLOSING OF SHOPS.

Read amendment to Ordinance #23 respecting the Early Closing of Shops which was read and passed a first time at a regular meeting of the City Council held on October 17th, 1940.

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BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Halifax as follows:—

1. Clause (b) of Section 3 of Ordinance No. 23. respecting "The Early Closing of Shops" is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(b) They shall close at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon on every Wednesday, except on a Wednesday in any week in which a public holiday occurs, in which case there shall be no half holiday on Wednesday.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the amendment as set out above be now read, passed a second time and forwarded to the Governor-in-Council for approval. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE #37 PROHIBITING THE SALE AND USE OF
FIRE CRACKERS AND AIR-RIFLES

Read Ordinance #37 prohibiting the sale and use of Fire Crackers and Air-Rifles on City Streets, which was read and passed a first time at a regular meeting of the City Council held on October 17th, 1940.

ORDINANCE NO. 37

RESPECTING THE SALE OR USE OF FIRE CRACKERS
AND AIR-RIFLES.

1. In this Ordinance the meaning of the word "fire-cracker" shall include "fire-works" and the word "air-rifle" shall be deemed to include any instrument for projecting balls or other missiles by means of a sudden pressure of air.
2. No person shall in the City of Halifax, keep or offer for sale by retail or sell by retail any fire-crackers.
3. No person shall upon any street in the City of Halifax set fire to, discharge, or cause to explode or discharge any fire-cracker.
4. No person shall, upon any street in the City of Halifax, discharge any air-rifle.

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5. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall for each offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months.

6. This Ordinance shall be known as Ordinance No. 37.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the Ordinance as set out above be now read, passed a second time and forwarded to the Governor-in-Council for approval. Motion passed.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN KINLEY RE OPENING OF THEATRES ON SUNDAYS.

Alderman Kinley submitted and read the following notice of motion.

That at the next regular meeting of Council I will move that arrangements be made to keep open the theatres of Halifax at stated hours on Sundays for the duration of the war.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN AHERN RE PORT DOCTORS

Read notice of motion by Alderman Ahern re Port Doctors.

WHEREAS the influx of a large population to this City due to the present existence of war, has materially increased the responsibility of the City in respect to the safe-guarding of the health of the population of this City by reason of the increased danger of epidemic diseases;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council recommend to the Government of Canada that the said Government assign to the Port of Halifax two Port Doctors to carry on their work in this City during the continuance of the war or until such time thereafter as is deemed necessary.

QUESTIONS BY ALDERMEN

Alderman Ahern asked if any action had been taken in connection with a motion passed at the October Council meeting regarding the erection of a comfort station.

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The Mayor replied that this matter is being considered by the Committee on Works.

Alderman W.A. MacDonald asked how much money is available for a comfort station.

The Mayor replied that there was about \$12,500.00, which included a balance remaining from the erection of a patrol house.

Alderman Burgess asked if there had been anything done in connection with the prevention of fires at the City dumps.

The Commissioner of Works said that prices were being obtained for enlarging the incinerator or building another one, and a report on the matter will be made shortly.

Alderman Ahern asked why a man from outside the City had recently been chosen by the Safety Committee for the position of Police Constable in preference to local men.

The Chief of Police, when called upon for an answer, stated that he had recommended the man in question as he was the only applicant who had a Grade Ten certificate.

The Safety Committee, he explained, had made the ruling that applicants for positions as Police Constables must have Grade Ten certificates.

SHOP - #2 QUEEN STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and Commissioner of Works re shop, 2 Queen Street.

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The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the 12th instant, the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated November 12th, 1940, on a further application from L. Conrad for permission to erect an addition to the building at #2 Queen Street, to be used for the purpose of the sale of goods by retail, was considered.

On motion of Alderman Curran, seconded by Alderman Freda, the committee recommended to Council that the permit applied for be granted, subject to the restriction mentioned in the said report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

November 12th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a further application from L. Conrad for permission to erect an addition to the building at No. 2 Queen Street to be used for the purpose of the sale of goods by retail, that I am informed by the City Solicitor that under the Residential District Act, a Permit for the extension to be used for this purpose may be granted under the authority of Section 815 of the City Charter.

Notices that application had been made were inserted in the papers, notifying any objectors to file their objections with the building Inspector on or before the 4th day of November last. There was only one letter received from a resident on Bland Street, speaking in general terms of the conditions obtaining at No. 2 Queen Street.

The addition of the extension would not make any difference in the external appearance of the building and provided its use will be in accordance with the requirements of the City Charter I can see no objection to the permit being granted.

It is a little difficult to see how this addition in the rear of the building could be used for the sale of goods by retail, however, if it is, it comes within the authority of the Act and the permit may be granted. If this permit is granted it would be on the definite understanding that this part of the building must be used for the purpose specified and for no other.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

November 14th, 1940.

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

Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR CAST IRON WATER PIPE

Read report of the Committee on Works
re tenders for cast iron water pipe.

November 14th, 1940.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works
held on the 12th instant, the attached report of the
Commissioner of Works dated November 9th, 1940,
entitled "Tenders - cast iron water pipe" was
considered.

On motion of Alderman MacKay, seconded by
Alderman Freda, the said report recommending that
the tender of the National Iron Corporation being
the lowest, be accepted, and four thousand feet
ordered, was approved and recommended to Council for
adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per: T. J. Moore.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by
Alderman Freda that the report be adopted. Motion
passed.

ARGYLE STREET LIGHTING

Read report of the Committee on Works
and Commissioner of Works re Argyle Street lighting.

November 14th, 1940.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works
held on the 12th instant, the attached report of the
Commissioner of Works dated November 8th, 1940,
recommending improvement to the lighting of Argyle
Street in the vicinity of St. Pauls Hall was on motion
of Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Walker,
approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per: T. J. Moore.

November 14th, 1940.

November 8th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I have a report from the authorities of St. Paul's Church, asking if some improvement could be made in the lighting on Argyle Street in front of St. Paul's Hall.

The City Electrician has made a survey of conditions and reports that a big improvement could be made if the present unit at the corner of Prince Street and Argyle Street was replaced with a modern unit of the same candle power and the 400 C.P. unit just north of Prince Street on Argyle Street with a modern unit of 600 C.P., conditions would be greatly improved.

The installation cost of these two fixtures is estimated at \$146.00 and the increased maintenance per year \$8.38.

St. Paul's Hall is used nightly by various organizations and the improved lighting would tend to increase the convenience and safety of people using this street at night. It is recommended that the change be ordered made.

Eventually the lighting throughout the whole of Argyle Street should be improved but the completion of the work at present recommended would become a part of any improvement that might be made.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Walker that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed.

ROCKCLIFFE STREET LIGHTING

Read report of the Committee on Works and Commissioner of Works re Rockcliffe Street lighting.

November 14th, 1940.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the 12th instant, the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated November 6th, 1940, recommending the installation of two lights on Rockcliffe Street when funds are available was on motion of Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Curran, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. Publicover,

November 14th, 1940.

Nov. 6th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Rockcliffe Street has been largely built upon during the past year and lighting conditions on the street should be improved.

Two lights should be installed, one on the second pole and one on the fourth pole from Oakland Road, cost of installation being \$62.00 and the cost of maintenance per year \$40.00.

It is recommended that the lights be ordered to be installed when funds are available.

Yours faithfully,

H. W. Johnston,
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Curran that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed.

SACKVILLE STREET LIGHTING

Read report of the Committee on Works re Sackville Street Lighting.

November 14th, 1940.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on October 29th, 1940, the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated October 28th, 1940, was considered.

On motion of Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Walker, the said report recommending that improvement be made to the street lighting at the intersection of Sackville and Barrington Streets by the installation of one - 1,000 C.P. lighting fixture on Sackville Street west of Barrington Street, also one similar fixture on Sackville Street east of Barrington Street was approved and recommended to Council for adoption. The improvement to be made when funds are available.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.
Per: T. J. Moore.

November 14th, 1940.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Curran that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

OXFORD STREET - WATER EXTENSION

Read report of the Committee on Works and Commissioner of Works re Oxford Street, water extension.

November 14th, 1940.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the 12th instant, the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated November 6th, 1940, on an application for the extension of the water service on Oxford Street, from Young Street north, was considered.

On motion of Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman O'Toole, the said report recommending that the extension be made when at least one house is under construction was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.
Per: T. J. Moore.

November 6th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on an application for the extension of the water service on Oxford Street from Young Street north, that it is signed by the owners of two vacant lots on the east side of the street. In one case the owner states that it is proposed to erect a building immediately and in the other the building will be erected in the spring.

The estimated length of pipe is 200 feet; estimated cost \$800.00; estimated assessment \$320.00. Size of pipe six inches.

The house at the southwest corner of Bayers Road and Oxford Street is supplied from the main on Bayers Road, but in conversation with the owner he said he would be glad to have this extension made.

November 14th, 1940.

There is a sewer on the street built a few years ago, under the Relief project.

It is recommended that the extension be made when at least one house is under construction.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Curran that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed.

REDUCTIONS IN WATER BILLS

Read report of the Committee on Works re reductions in water bills.

November 14th, 1940.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on October 29th, 1940, the following reductions in water bills were recommended to Council for adoption.

- Acct. 30123 - 557-563 Barrington St. Consumption for February 1940 to be reduced to 4,000 gallons.
- " 50562 - 87-89 Cornwallis St. Consumption for February 1940 to be reduced to 12,000 gallons.
- " 50554 - 122 Creighton St. Consumption for February to June 1940 inclusive, to be reduced to 15,000 gallons for each month.
- " 50793 - 71 Cunard St. Consumption for May 1940 to be reduced to 12,000 gallons.
- " 50311 - 8 Lockman Ave. Consumption for January, February and March 1940 to be reduced to 73,000 gallons for each month.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per: T. J. Moore.

November 14th, 1940.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Curran that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

HIGHLAND PARK - SUB-DIVISION

Read report of the Town Planning Board Highland Park sub-division.

November 14th, 1940.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the 12th instant, the Commissioner of Works and City Engineer submitted Plan No. J5-8847, showing a new sub-division of property in Highland Park and informed the Board that the said Plan had been requested by the Tax Property Sale Committee and had been approved of by the said Committee.

The Town Planning Board approved of the said Plan No. J5-8847, and recommended to Council that it be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.
Per: T. J. Moore.

Moved by Alderman Kinley, seconded by Alderman Curran that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

PERMIT FOR TRENCHING - DUNDONALD STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and Commissioner of Works re permit for trenching, Dundonald Street.

November 14th, 1940.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on this date, the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated November 14th, 1940, on an application from the Halifax Infirmary for permission to run a steam line from the south end of the Infirmary southwardly along Dundonald Street to the property at the corner of Morris Street for the purpose of carrying steam for heating purposes from the Infirmary building to the house on the corner, was approved.

November 14th, 1940.

The Committee recommended to Council that the permission applied for be granted in accordance with the said report. The lease referred to therein is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per: T. J. Moore.

November 14th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on application from the Halifax Infirmary for permission to run a steam line from the south end of the Infirmary southwardly along Dundonald Street to the property at the corner of Morris Street for the purpose of carrying steam for heating purposes from the Infirmary building to the house on the corner, that it is proposed to lay the pipe extending twelve feet into Dundonald Street and parallel to the west street line to opposite the north line of the property at the corner of Morris Street, and thence westwardly to this last named property.

I can see no objection to granting the permit, provided it is granted under the terms of the attached lease, which, among other conditions, provides that this permit may be cancelled on one month's notice, when the pipes shall be taken up and the street restored to its previous condition.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Curran that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES

Read letters from the Clerk of the Executive Council re approval of Ordinances.

Halifax, 16th October, 1940.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith copy of Ordinance Number 34 of the City of Halifax, respecting children

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under fourteen years of age being on the streets of the City at night, which was approved by the Governor in Council on the 10th instant.

Yours truly,

A. Evelyn Horne,
for

Clerk of the Executive Council.

The City Clerk,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Halifax, 19th September, 1940.

Dear Sir:-

On March the 15th last you forwarded to this office for submission to the Governor in Council for approval, two certified copies of an amendment to Ordinance No. 13A. of the City of Halifax re Taximeters; and two certified copies of an Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 16 re Omnibuses.

These Ordinances were in the usual course forwarded to the Department of the Attorney General for examination and were held in that office beyond the thirty day limit as set out in Section 940 (2) of the City Charter and have, therefore, been neither approved nor disapproved by the Governor in Council. Consequently they have been filed in this office under the provisions of the said Section and I am returning one copy of each herewith.

Yours truly,

A. Evelyn Horne,
For

Deputy Provincial Secretary.

The City Clerk,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

FILED

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1940.

Read report of the Chief Accountant re tax collections for the month of October, 1940.

TAX COLLECTIONS, OCTOBER, 1940.

Arrears Taxes

Civic Year	Reserves	Outstanding Balances September	New Accounts and adjustments	October Collections	Outstanding Balances October.
1936-37	\$51,435.37	\$45,011.50		\$835.14	\$44,176.36
1937-38	64,901.78	123,988.72		15,870.88	108,117.84
1938-39	47,469.70	232,214.14		13,550.08	218,664.06
1939-40	38,519.92	391,652.59	\$67.04	35,845.92	355,873.71
		792,866.95	67.04	66,102.02	726,831.97

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Current Taxes
 1940-41 \$41,602.36 \$665,491.43 \$23.23 \$41,008.27 \$624,506.39

Water Dept.
 Rates, etc. 32,740.10 7,408.93 25,331.17
1,491,098.48 90.27 114,519.22 1,376,669.53

Poll Taxes
 1933-34 297.40 4.50 292.90
 1934-35 1,297.94 13.00 1,284.94
 1935-36 1,060.42 26.00 1,034.42
 1936-37 1,073.60 28.00 1,045.60
 1937-38 492.51 44.00 448.51
 1938-39 1,377.62 160.75 1,216.87
 1939-40 4,567.92 484.15 4,083.77
 1940-41 18,145.80 2,337.65 15,808.15

Additional Collections
 Tax years 1908-9 to 1924 16.81
 Corresponding period last year 23.89
 Tax years 1925-26 to 1935-36 2,650.69
 Corresponding period last year 2,805.54
 Collections per above statement 114,519.22
 Corresponding period last year 85,940.66
117,186.72 88,770.09

Collections of Poll Taxes
 May 1st, 1940 to Oct. 31st, 1940 17,492.96
 Corresponding period last year 16,334.12

M. L. Bellew,
 CHIEF ACCOUNTANT.

FILED

REPAIRS - TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

Read report of the Public Health and
 Welfare Committee re repairs to Tuberculosis
 Hospital.

Halifax, N. S.
 November 13th, 1940.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Public Health and
 Welfare Committee held on the above date, reports
 from the Superintendent of Health and Assistant
 Building Inspector on the brick work repairs to
 the Tuberculosis Hospital were considered.

November 14th, 1940.

This work has been completed in accordance with specifications and your committee recommends that the sum of \$276.00, being 80% of the contract price be paid to W. G. Foley, the contractor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Kinley, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

CONTRACT - OFFAL, CITY HOME

Read report of the Public Health and Welfare Committee re contract for removal of offal from the City Home.

Halifax, N. S.,
November 13th, 1940.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date, the attached report of the Superintendent of the City Home regarding a request from Mr. C. J. Craig that his contract for the removal of offal from the City Home be reduced was considered.

The Superintendent pointed out that there is a pronounced decrease in the offal at the City Home due to the removal of some 150 county patients.

Mr. Craig's contract, as accepted by the City Council some months ago, was \$28.00 per month.

Your committee now recommends that this contract be reduced to \$18.00 per month.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Kinley, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

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SALARIES - CITY HOME STAFF

Read letter from the City Clerk and report of the Personnel Committee re salaries, City Home staff.

Halifax, N. S.,
November 14th, 1940.

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

Gentlemen:-

Having received from the majority of the members of the Finance and Executive Committee, written approval of the report submitted by the Personnel Committee and subscribed to by the Special Committee re Personnel, the said report is herewith submitted to the Council for its consideration and action.

Yours truly,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.,
November 14th, 1940.

Chairman,
Finance and Executive Committee,
CITY HALL.

Dear Sir:-

At a joint meeting of the Personnel Committee and the Special Committee re Personnel, the matter of compensation to be paid Registered and Graduate Nurses at the City Home was discussed.

The amounts recommended by the Committee are based on the amounts paid in the Provincial Government service at the Nova Scotia Hospital.

The following amounts for male nurses are recommended:-

Head Male Nurse, Registered	-	\$85.00	per month & found
Head Male Nurse, Graduate	-	80.00	" "
Male Nurse, Registered	-	80.00	" "
Male Nurse, Graduate	-	75.00	" "

November 14th, 1940.

In addition to the foregoing, the matter of adjusting the compensation of male attendants at the City Home at the request of the Public Health and Welfare Committee was gone into. Because of its urgency and the time for going into it thoroughly being limited, it was decided to recommend that the monthly compensation of male attendants be increased temporarily at the rate of \$10.00 each per month.

Included in this recommendation is 1 male attendant now receiving \$30.00 monthly, 3 male attendants now receiving \$55.00 each monthly and 2 male attendants now receiving \$45.00 each monthly.

All increases recommended in this report are to be effective from November 1st, 1940.

The funds required for the aforesaid adjustments are available in the City Home appropriation.

W. P. Publicover,
SECRETARY, PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report of the Personnel Committee be approved. Motion passed.

10 P.M.,

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Burgess that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

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W. E. Donovan,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

AFTERNOON SESSION

SPECIAL MEETING.

5 O'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
November 21, 1940 ✓

A meeting of the City Council was held this day. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Stech, MacKay, Breen, Kinley, Curran, Hosterman, Ahern, Freda, Adams, Lloyd, J.F. McDonald, Keshen, O'Toole, Power, Burgess, Walker and W.A. MacDonald.

The meeting was called specially to consider sale of Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition property.

Before proceeding with the business for which the meeting was called Alderman Kinley requested permission to introduce a resolution regarding the establishing of a Naval College in this City.

With the unanimous consent of Council, Alderman Kinley submitted and moved the adoption of the following resolution.

~~RESOLVED that~~ His Worship the Mayor consult with the Government of Canada through the Minister of Naval Affairs and urge that the Government proceed to provide a Naval College at Halifax.

Alderman Ahern seconded the motion which was put and passed unanimously.

NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION PROPERTY

Read letter from His Worship the Mayor as follows:-

November 21st, 1940.

To the Members of the
City Council.

Gentlemen:-

As you doubtless know, the matter of the sale of the Provincial Exhibition property to the Dominion Government has been before the Exhibition Commission for some months. Originally the Commission expressed a willingness to sell the property for a sum of approximately \$880,000.00, this being the cost of the land and buildings. The Government was unwilling to pay this price however, and subsequently offered to purchase the property for \$150,000.00. This was refused and subsequently, namely on November 18th, the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, the President of the Exhibition Commission received a telegram on behalf of the Minister of National Defence stating that the Government was willing to pay the sum of \$225,000.00 for the property as it stands, including all buildings, land and other facilities, including the Forum. This was the most the Government could offer as it had to spend a considerable sum on development and could not exceed a total cost on the whole project.

The total amount of outstanding obligations of the Commission represented by outstanding bonds and debentures which run to 1960, is about \$205,000.00. There are also deferred charges amounting to about \$10,000. Legislation will be required in order to enable the Commission to give a proper conveyance of the property and this cannot be secured until March or April.

As the City is liable equally with the Province for one-half of the annual deficits of the Commission, it is felt that the opinion of the Council should be secured.

I understand that the Provincial Government favors the sale at this price as does also the Exhibition Commission.

I placed the matter before the Council of the Board of Trade and am advised that it is the opinion of the Council that the sale be effected on this basis.

As to the difference between the amount of \$225,000.00 and the original price of \$880,000.00, it is the opinion of the Provincial Government as expressed by the Minister of Agriculture, that this can be considered as a donation to assist with Canada's war effort.

The matter is now submitted to Council so that it may express its opinion as to this proposal.

Yours very truly,

W. E. Donovan,
MAYOR.

November 21st, 1940.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Keshen that the offer as submitted by the Federal Government be approved and accepted.

5.20 P.M.,

Alderman Landry arrives.

Considerable discussion took place and amendments to the motion were proposed but later withdrawn.

The motion was put and lost, 8 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Freda
Hosterman
Keshen
Kinley
Landry
MacKay
O'Toole
Stech

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Adams
Ahern
Breen
Burgess
Curran
Lloyd
W.A. MacDonald
J.F. McDonald
Power
Walker
-10-

..8..

5.50 P.M.,

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Ahern that this meeting do now adjourn.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

W. E. Donovan,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

W. P. Publicover
CITY CLERK.

AFTERNOON SESSION
SPECIAL MEETING.

5.02 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
November 27th, 1940.

A meeting of the City Council was held this day. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Stech, MacKay, Breen, Kinley, Curran, Hosterman, Ahern, Freda, Adams, Lloyd, J.F. McDonald, O'Toole, Power, Burgess, Walker, W.A. MacDonald and Landry.

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

1. To reconsider sale of Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition property.
2. To consider new proposal re sale of Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition property.

RECONSIDERATION - SALE OF N. S. PROVINCIAL
EXHIBITION PROPERTY.

His Worship the Mayor calls upon the Deputy Mayor to assume the Chair while he addresses Council from the floor of the Council Chamber.

The Mayor spoke as follows:-

"I would like to say a word to the Council before the business, for which this meeting has been called, is considered. As you know I called this meeting in order, if possible, to enable the Council to reconsider its decision at last Wednesday's meeting respecting the sale of the Exhibition property to the Government of Canada for \$225,000.00.

In calling this meeting, I also had in mind the possibility of some new offer or a variation on the previous offer being received, particularly in view of the fact that both Hon. John A. MacDonald, the President of the Exhibition, and myself had been very active in trying to obtain some alternative offer. I have not received any offer other than that before Council last week. Therefore, this is the only matter to come before Council if Council agrees to reconsider its decision of last Wednesday and thus permit the question of accepting or rejecting the Government's \$225,000.00 offer to again be voted on.

November 27th, 1940.

I wish to clearly point out that voting in favor of reconsidering this matter does not prevent any alderman opposing the acceptance of the offer from voting against the acceptance on the vote on that question when taken.

The effect of the passing of the motion to reconsider is to enable the members to again exercise their right to express their views and, in my opinion, if any members of Council desire after consideration to express a different opinion on this matter, their fellow members should give them that opportunity.

I rather hesitate again to emphasize the fact that due to the presence of war emergencies, times are not normal and, as you know, in any event, in two months' time this matter can again come before Council. If at the present time a majority of Council are now of the opinion that the City should co-operate with the Government of Canada they will probably be of the same opinion in two months' time at which time the offer would doubtless be accepted. The only result of the failure to agree to reconsider the matter, therefore, would be to hold up the Government of Canada in its war effort for two months at a time when prompt progress is essential.

It is also very possible - in fact probable - that the Government cannot wait for two months and may have to proceed to use the two other sites, namely:-

- (a) The Common, which is their first preference, or
 - (b) Point Pleasant Park,
- the use of either of which would in my opinion be a tragic loss to Halifax.

As to the purchase price of \$225,000.00, it has been carefully explained that there is an appropriation of so much money and no more for this project and the Government cannot take out of this for the purchase of the site alone more than \$225,000.00 without rendering the entire project inefficient.

I trust therefore that you will not permit technical rules to stand in your way to prevent a reconsideration of this matter in order that the opinion of the majority of the Council may be expressed and this decision acted upon as it should be in a democratic country like ours."

The Mayor then assumed the Chair.

5.07 P.M.,

Alderman Keshen arrives and takes his seat in Council.

November 27th, 1940.

Moved by Alderman W.A. MacDonald, seconded by Alderman Keshen that Council reconsider this matter. Motion put and lost, 9 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Stech
MacKay
Kinley
Hosterman
Freda
Keshen
O'Toole
W.A. MacDonald
Landry

-9-

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Breen
Curran
Ahern
Adams
Lloyd
J.F. McDonald
Power
Burgess
Walker

-9-

A two-thirds vote being required.

5.12 P.M.,

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Burgess that this meeting do now adjourn.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

W. E. Donovan,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

EVENING SESSION

8. 00 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
December 12th, 1940.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Stech, MacKay, Kinley, Curran, Hosterman, Ahern, Freda, Adams, O'Toole, Power, Walker, W.A. MacDonald and Landry.

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

The following named papers were submitted.

MINUTES

Moved by Alderman W.A. MacDonald, seconded by Alderman Landry that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Motion passed.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN AHERN RE PORT DOCTORS

Read motion by Alderman Ahern re Port Doctors.

WHEREAS the influx of a large population to this City due to the present existence of war, has materially increased the responsibility of the City in respect to the safe-guarding of the health of the population of this City by reason of the increased danger of epidemic diseases;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council recommend to the Government of Canada that the said Government assign to the Port of Halifax two additional Port Doctors to carry on their work in this City during the continuance of the war or until such time thereafter as is deemed necessary.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Walker that the motion as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

December 12th, 1940.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN KINLEY RE OPENING OF THEATRES
ON SUNDAYS.

Read motion by Alderman Kinley re opening of theatres in Halifax on Sundays.

WHEREAS from time to time, there is a considerable number of men of His Majesty's Forces and of the Merchant Marine in the City of Halifax.

AND WHEREAS the entertainment facilities in the City on Sunday nights are insufficient for the entertainment of these men, and they consequently must spend their leisure time upon the streets of the City, which is very unfortunate during the winter months.

AND WHEREAS in the opinion of this Council additional facilities should be provided for the comfort, entertainment and accommodation of these men whereby they will be afforded further proper places to spend their leisure hours on Sunday nights.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Council express its approval of the opening of a theatre or theatres in the City on Sunday nights, not earlier than 8.30 P.M, for the duration of the present war, in order that men in His Majesty's Forces and the Merchant Marine accompanied by not more than one adult companion each, may be provided entertainment to be furnished on a non-commercial basis under the supervision of and subject to regulations to be approved by a committee appointed by His Worship the Mayor, and that all receipts in excess of necessary expenses be donated to some charity or war service to be selected.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council is impelled to express its approval because of prevailing conditions, because of its belief that such a non-commercial and non-profit project is not contrary to the laws of the land and because it believes that such an undertaking is essential to the welfare of the men of His Majesty's Forces and the Merchant Marine who may be in the City from time to time.

5.07 P.M.,

Aldermen Breen, Burgess and Keshen arrive and take their seats in Council.

Moved by Alderman Kinley, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the motion as submitted be approved.

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Moved in amendment by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Power that two members from the Finance and Executive Committee be delegated to find out what it costs for lights, etc. to run a show and that the soldiers and sailors provide attendants to escort the patrons to their seats, and also that there be no charge whatever.

Alderman Hosterman stated that he would be against the motion unless it specified that the companion would be female.
The Mayor ruled the amendment out of order.

Motion put and passed, 14 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Stech
MacKay
Breen
Kinley
Curran
Ahern
Adams
Keshen
O'Toole
Power
Burgess
Walker
W.A. MacDonald
Landry
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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Hosterman
Adams

ACCOUNTS

The following resolution covering accounts of various committees was submitted.

RESOLVED that the Council approve for payment the bills and accounts of expenditures submitted to this meeting by the Finance and Executive Committee amounting to \$10,523.17; the Committee on Safety amounting to \$691.39 chargeable to Fire Alarm, \$16,517.84 chargeable to Fire Department and \$10,527.86 chargeable to Police Department; the Committee on Public Health and Welfare amounting to \$9,970.46 chargeable to Health Department; \$7,681.63 chargeable to City Home and \$2,477.03 chargeable to City Prison; the Committee on Works amounting to \$19,009.40; Civic Defence Committee amounting to \$112.50, Directors of Point Pleasant Park amounting to \$1,531.17 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

December 12th, 1940.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by
Alderman MacKay that the resolution be adopted.
Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF COAL WEIGHER

Read report of the Finance and
Executive Committee re appointment of coal weigher.

Halifax, N. S.,
December 11th, 1940.

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

Gentlemen:-

The attached letter from S. Cunard &
Co., Ltd. requesting that Mr. Harvey Venner be
appointed and sworn in as a permanent coal weigher
was considered at a meeting of the Finance and
Executive Committee held on the above date.

Your committee recommends that the
application be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by
Alderman MacKay that the report be adopted.
Motion passed.

JUNK DEALER'S LICENSE

Read report of the Finance and
Executive Committee re Junk Dealer's license.

Halifax, N. S.,
December 11th, 1940.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive
Committee held on the above date, the attached
correspondence in connection with the application
of Clyde Nicholson for a junk dealer's license to
do business at 10 Stairs Street was considered.

December 12th, 1940.

Your committee recommends that the application be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY AND MUNICIPALITY OF
HALIFAX RE POOR AND INSANE PATIENTS.

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee and petition re agreement between the City and Municipality of Halifax.

Halifax, N. S.,
December 11th, 1940.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached report from the Public Health and Welfare Committee submitting a petition regarding the agreement between the City of Halifax and the Municipality of Halifax relating to poor and insane patients was considered.

Your committee recommends that the Mayor be authorized to sign same on behalf of the City of Halifax.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX.
THE LAW COURTS.

Halifax, N. S.,
November 2nd, 1940.

Hon. A. S. MacMillan,
Provincial Secretary,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir:-

We, the undersigned, Warden of the Municipality of the County of Halifax and Mayor of the City of Halifax, respectively, do request that an order-in-council do issue pursuant to Section 31 of Chapter 57 of the Acts of the legislature of

December 12th, 1940.

Nova Scotia 1940, declaring that the agreement therein referred to shall cease and determine from an early date to be fixed in such order-in-council.

The poor and insane patients of the Municipality have been removed from the City Home to the new Halifax County Home and Mental Hospital at Cole Harbour and the need for such an agreement no longer exists. The date on which the agreement should terminate is not material since the rates payable are for maintenance but we would suggest that the terminal date be fixed at the day of the passage of the order-in-Council.

We have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

Warden.

Mayor.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the report be adopted and the Mayor authorized to sign the petition on behalf of the City. Motion passed.

SUPERANNUATION - CAPT. SIDNEY TOWNLEY

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee and resolution re superannuation of Capt. Sidney Townley.

Halifax, N. S.,
December 11th, 1940.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached correspondence in connection with the superannuation of Capt. Sidney Townley of the Fire Department was considered.

In view of the fact that Capt. Townley is apparently unfit for further service in the Department due to the result of injuries received while in the discharge of his duties,

December 12th, 1940.

your committee recommends that he be superannuated as from January 1st next and that legislation be secured which will enable the City to pay him a supplementary amount to that which he is entitled to receive under Section 868 of the City Charter so that his total allowance will be \$1,140.00 annually, being 30/50ths of his salary.

A resolution as prepared by the City Solicitor is herewith attached.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

WHEREAS Captain Sidney Townley has been employed as a member of the Halifax Fire Department for the past eighteen years;

AND WHEREAS on January 27th, 1933, he was severely injured due to a collision between the ladder truck on which he was riding and another vehicle, suffering a broken leg and a fractured skull, from which latter injury he has not made a successful recovery, although endeavouring to carry out his duties up to the present and in spite of several other accidents since that time.

AND WHEREAS the Committee on Safety has recommended that the said Captain Townley be retired from his office under the provisions of Section 868 of the City Charter.

AND WHEREAS both Dr. Allan R. Morton, City Medical Officer, and Dr. W. Alan Curry, Physician, have reported on the condition of the said Captain Sidney Townley, as required by said section 868 of the City Charter.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the said Captain Sidney Townley be and he is declared to be incapacitated and unfit for the discharge of his duties and that he be retired from his office or employment under the provisions of Section 868 of the City Charter, the same to be effective as and from January 1st, 1941, and that as and from that date he receive from the Firemen's Superannuation Fund such allowance as he may be entitled to receive as provided by said Section 868, namely eighteen-fiftieths of \$1900.00 or \$684.00.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature to enable the City to pay to the said Captain Sidney Townley an annual allowance of \$456.00 to supplement the amount which he is entitled to receive from the said Superannuation Fund

December 12th, 1940.

in order that the total amount he will receive both from the said Fund and from the said annual allowance will equal the amount he would have received had he contributed to the said Fund for thirty years, namely \$1140.00, the said annual allowance to be paid as and from January 1st, 1941.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the report and resolution be adopted. Motion put and passed unanimously; the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:

Aldermen Adams
Ahern
Breen
Burgess
Curran
Freda
Hosterman
Keshen
Kinley
Landry
W.A. MacDonald
MacKay
O'Toole
Power
Stech
Walker

PURCHASE OF CASH REGISTER

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee re purchase of cash register.

Halifax, N. S.,
December 11th, 1940.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached letter from the Commissioner of Finance and Accounts requesting permission to purchase one new National cash register, similar to the machine which is now in use in the Collector's Office and for the same office at a cost of \$2,770.00 was considered.

The reasons for acquiring this equipment are set out in the attached letter.

December 12th, 1940.

Funds are available for this purpose in the appropriation provided for the purchase of accounting machinery and your committee recommends that the cash register be purchased.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the report be adopted.

Motion put and passed unanimously; the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:-

Aldermen Stech
MacKay
Breen
Kinley
Hosterman
Curran
Ahern
Freda
Adams
Keshen
O'Toole
Power
Burgess
Walker
W.A. MacDonald
Landry

SALARIES

Read reports of the Finance and Executive Committee and Personnel Committee re salaries.

Halifax, N. S.,
December 11th, 1940.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached report from the Personnel Committee and the Special Committee of Council re Personnel regarding the salaries to be paid to the Chief Accountant, Internal Auditor and two Divisional Engineers was considered.

December 12th, 1940.

Your committee recommends that the report be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.,
December 11th, 1940.

The Chairman,
and Members of the Finance and Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Personnel Committee and the Special Committee of Council re Personnel held on December 9th, the matter of salaries to be paid to the Chief Accountant and Internal Auditor from the time of their appointments was considered.

The amounts recommended for the position of Chief Accountant and Internal Auditor were a minimum of \$2,800.00 and maximum of \$3,200.00 in the first case and a minimum of \$2,600.00 and maximum of \$3,000.00 in the second case with automatic increases, when effective, at a rate of \$100.00.

This meeting also considered a proposal by the Commissioner of Works whereunder the amount of salary to be provided for two divisional engineers in his department be a minimum of \$3,000.00 and a maximum of \$3,300.00 with automatic increases, when effective, at a rate of \$100.00 and that the holders of these offices be paid at such rates of salary, if and when approved by Council.

The salaries for the four offices named, after investigation and discussion, by the two committees were approved and were recommended to the Finance and Executive Committee to be forwarded to Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed. The following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:-

December 12th, 1940.

Aldermen Adams
Ahern
Breen
Burgess
Curran
Freda
Hosterman
Keshen
Kinley
Landry
W.A. MacDonald
MacKay
O'Toole
Power
Stech
Walker

TRAFFIC SIGNAL LIGHTS

Read report of the Finance and
Executive Committee re traffic signal lights.

Halifax, N. S.,
December 11th, 1940.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and
Executive Committee held on the above day, the
attached reports regarding the supply and
installation of traffic signals at the intersection
of Sackville and South Park Streets, also at the
Willow Tree and the erection of safety zones on
Quinpool Road were considered.

Your committee recommends the supply
and installation of traffic signal lights at
Sackville and South Park Streets and at the Willow
Tree, and also that one safety zone be erected on
Quinpool Road between the Willow Tree and Windsor
Street and that a sum not exceeding \$2,280.00 be
borrowed for this purpose under the provisions of
Section 332A. of the City Charter and repaid over a
period of three years.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

WHEREAS the City requires money for
the purpose of meeting the cost of the purchase and
installation of traffic signal lights and the
erection of one safety zone, and no funds have been
provided in the estimates for the aforesaid purpose;

December 12th, 1940.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an amount not exceeding \$2,280.00 be borrowed from any bank or fund available under the provisions of the said enactment. The money so borrowed, with interest thereon, to be repaid in three annual instalments; the first of said instalments to be included in the estimates for the civic year 1941-42.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the report and resolution be adopted. Motion put and passed unanimously; the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:-

Aldermen Stech
MacKay
Breen
Kinley
Hosterman
Curran
Ahern
Freda
Adams
Keshen
O'Toole
Power
Burgess
Walker
W.A. MacDonald
Landry

TENDERS FOR TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Read report of the Committee on Works re tenders for traffic lights.

December 12th, 1940.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 10th instant, considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated December 9th, 1940, entitled "Traffic signals", and concerning tenders received for the signals controllers and cables which would be used for purposes of the traffic signals proposed for installation at the corner of South Park and Sackville Streets, and also at the Willow Tree intersection.

December 12th, 1940.

On motion of Alderman Curran, seconded by Alderman Walker, the committee recommends to the City Council that the contract be awarded to the Northern Electric Company, the lower tenderer, in accordance with the provisions of the said report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per: E. J. Moore.

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded by Alderman Walker that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR GROCERIES

Read report of the Public Health and Welfare Committee re tenders for groceries.

Halifax, N. S.,
December 9th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor, December 12th, 1940.
and Members of the City Council.

On motion of Alderman Curran, seconded by Alderman Walker, the committee recommends to the City Council at a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date, the following propositions for supplying groceries to the civic institutions for a six months period were considered.

Respectfully submitted,

Howards Ltd. will supply groceries for the period mentioned at prices 10% in advance of the tenders in force for the past six months.

Per: E. J. Moore.

John Tobin & Co., Ltd. will supply groceries for the above period at replacement cost, plus 7½%.

by Alderman Walker that the report be adopted.

Your committee recommends that the proposition of Howards Ltd. be accepted until January 16th, 1940, and in the meantime all wholesale grocers in the City be requested to submit tenders on the City's requirements for the remainder of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

December 9th, 1940.

December 12th, 1940.

Moved by Alderman Kinley, seconded
by Alderman Burgess that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR BUTTER

Read report of the Public Health and
Welfare Committee re tenders for butter.

Halifax, N. S.,
December 9th, 1940.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Public Health and
Welfare Committee held on the above date, tenders
for supplying the civic institutions with creamery
butter for a six months period were considered
as follows:-

R. J. Pineo	38¢ per lb.
R. B. Colwell Ltd.	39½¢ per lb.

Your committee recommends that the
tender of J. R. Pineo, being the lower, be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Kinley, seconded
by Alderman Burgess that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

SALE OF PROPERTY

Read report of the Tax Property Sale
Committee re sale of property.

Halifax, N. S.,
December 9th, 1940.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Tax Property Sale
Committee held on the above date, tenders for the
sale of various properties were considered.

December 12th, 1940.

Your committee recommends the sale of the following properties:-

82 Creighton St. to Henry Getley for the sum of \$75.00
Lot 77 Chebucto Rd. to W.A. Andrews for the sum of \$125.00
Lot 73 Chebucto Rd. " " for the sum of \$125.00
Lot Macara St. 26x100 ft. to Wm. O'Toole for the sum of \$100.00 .

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be adopted.
Motion passed.

QUESTIONS BY ALDERMEN

Alderman Ahern suggested that an expert be appointed to straighten out the traffic situation in this City.

This matter, he felt, should be considered by the Safety Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN AHERN RE NUMBER OF ALDERMEN IN COUNCIL.

Alderman Ahern submitted and read the following notice of motion.

I wish to give notice that at the next regular meeting of the Council I will move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that at the next session of the Legislature, legislation be sought to amend the legislation obtained at the last session of the Legislature, which provided that commencing the 1st day of May, 1941, the Council be reduced from 18 Aldermen to 12, in order that the Council continue to consist of 18 Aldermen and a Mayor.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN WALKER RE SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR WATER SUPPLY IN THE CITY.

Alderman Walker submitted and read the following notice of motion.

December 12th, 1940.

I wish to give notice that at the next regular meeting of Council I will move the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City apply to the Public Utilities Board for an order altering the schedule of rates for the supply of water in the City by eliminating the service charge based on the size of meter which was recently provided by the said Board and by restoring the former minimum rate.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if such order cannot be obtained, the City then apply to the said Board for a reduction in the present water meter consumption rates.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN CURRAN RE FOOTWEAR FOR NEEDY CHILDREN

Alderman Curran submitted and read the following notice of motion.

At the next meeting of the City Council I will move that legislation be sought at the next meeting of the Nova Scotia Legislature to enable the City to include in the estimates of the School Board an amount not to exceed \$500.00 for the purchase of boots, shoes and rubbers for school children whose parents are unable to provide same.

WATER BILL REDUCTION

Read report of the Committee on Works re water bill reduction.

December 12th, 1940.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 10th instant, on motion of Alderman Freda, seconded by Alderman Walker, recommended unanimously to the City Council that the bill for water consumption at the premises #136 Creighton Street for the half year ending April 1940 be reduced to 27,000 gallons or \$5.40.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per: T.J. Moore.

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December 12th, 1940.

Moved by Alderman Freda, seconded by
Alderman Walker that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

TELEPHONE CALL BOXES

Read report of the Committee on Works
re telephone call boxes.

December 12th, 1940.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works
held on the 10th instant, the attached report of
the Commissioner of Works dated December 7th, 1940,
entitled "Telephone call boxes" was considered.

The said report recommending that the
City Solicitor be authorized to prepare whatever
legislation is necessary to permit the City to make
ordinances regarding the use and maintenance of
telephone call boxes was approved and recommended to
Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by
Alderman Curran that the report be adopted.

Motion passed. Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by
Alderman Curran that the report be adopted.

Motion passed. Report of the Committee on Works

re telephone COMFORT STATION

Read report of the Committee on Works
and Commissioner of Works re comfort station.

Gentlemen:- December 12th, 1940.

The City Council. At a meeting of the Committee on Works
held on the 10th instant, the attached report of
the Commissioner of Works dated December 7th, 1940,
entitled "Public Comfort Station" was considered.

Gentlemen:- At a meeting of the Committee on Works
held on the 10th instant, the attached report of the
Commissioner of Works dated December 10th, 1940,
entitled "Public Comfort Station" was considered.
Ordinances regarding the use and maintenance of
telephone call boxes were approved and recommended to
Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,
CITY CLERK.

December 12th, 1940.

On motion of Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Freda, the committee directed that the said report be forwarded to City Council with the recommendation that legislation as outlined therein be sought at the next session of the House.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per: E. J. Moore.

December 10th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

In accordance with instructions from the City Council, plans and specifications for a suggested public comfort station have been prepared suitable for a location under the Parade, immediately south of the Patrol House and fronting off Barrington Street. The matter of location was discussed by the Committee on Works, who agreed that the land on Barrington Street, except in the location suggested, was too valuable to be used for the purpose proposed.

The money available is about \$12,600., which is earmarked for a comfort station on the Parade site, and the way the Legislation is worded could not be used for any other site. The main objection to the parade site would, in my opinion, be the disfigurement caused during construction and the loss of two trees on the east side of the Parade.

The proposed plans provide for practically two stations, one for women and one for men. The former will contain:

Women 3 Free Closets
 2 Pay Closets
 3 Wash Basins
 1 Sink
 1 Pay Closet & Wash Basin
 1 Attendant's Room.

The Men's 3 Free Closets
 2 Pay Closets
 3 Wash Basins
 1 Sink
 5 Urinals.

The stations would be furnished with first class plumbing and appointments. be used for the purpose of

The money available is about \$12,600., which is earmarked for a comfort station on the Parade site, and the way the Legislation is worded could not be used for any other site. The main objection to the parade site would, in my opinion, be the disfigurement caused during construction and the loss of two trees on the east side of the Parade.

December 12th, 1940.

The estimated cost will exceed the money available and if it is the intention to construct such a station it will be necessary to obtain legislation at the next session of the House authorizing the borrowing of an amount not to exceed \$10,000. and this legislation should also provide for amending the Acts of 1916 and 1917 so that the money previously authorized could be made available for a station or stations in another site if the Council so desire.

Since the law requiring filling stations to provide toilet facilities, the demand for a public comfort station has not been so great, until a new state of conditions was created by the war, its construction could have been deferred but under existing conditions some additional accommodation would seem to be necessary.

The attached plan shows the location of filling stations and other places of convenience open to the services in the down-town section. An inspection of this would seem to show that if the station is erected it should be somewhere between Sackville Street and Buckingham Street.

The annual maintenance cost of this station is estimated at more than \$3,000.

Prices of both material and labor have increased very materially and at the present time there is a very large amount of work being done by the various trades concerned, and it is likely that prices will be still higher. I do not think that the accommodation proposed should be cut down any further for this type of comfort station.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the reports be adopted. Motion put and passed unanimously; the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor;-

December 12th, 1940.

Aldermen Adams
Ahern
Breen
Burgess
Curran
Freda
Hosterman
Keshen
Kinley
Landry
W.A. MacDonald
MacKay
O'Toole
Power
Stech
Walker

FINAL CERTIFICATE - BDANCO BROS.

Read report of the Committee on
Works re final certificate, Bianco Bros.

December 12th, 1940.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the 10th instant, the attached final certificate of the Commissioner of Works recommending that Bianco Bros. be paid the sum of Seven Thousand Fifteen Dollars and forty-four cents (\$7,015.44) being the balance in full on their contract for permanent sidewalk construction, was on motion of Alderman Curran, seconded by Alderman O'Toole, approved and recommended to Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per: T. J. Moore.

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded

by Alderman O'Toole that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

LETTER, CITY SOLICITOR RE ORDINANCE #37

Read letter from the City Solicitor

and Ordinance #37.

The City Council

December 12th, 1940.

Dec. 5th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of the City Council,

Gentlemen:-- Re: Ordinance No. 37 respecting
Air-Rifles and Fire-Crackers.

I am advised that the Governor-in-Council has approved of Ordinance No. 37 subject to certain amendments. These amendments consist of a qualification of the definition of "fire-cracker" and "air-rifle" respectively as set out in the original Ordinance passed in October and November of this year, and it is also suggested that Section (5) containing the penalty be taken out of the Ordinance as there is a general clause in the Charter providing a penalty for the violation of any ordinance in which no penalty is provided.

I would advise that the City Council again pass Ordinance No. 37 as amended by the Governor-in-Council by striking out sections (1) and (5) as originally passed and substituting for section (1) the following:

"1. In this Ordinance the expression

"fire-cracker" means fire-cracker, squib,
fire works or other pyrotechnic device;

"air-rifle" means air-rifle, air-gun and
any instrument or device for projecting
missiles by air pressure obtained by
mechanical means".

Immediately upon the passage of this Ordinance the same will become effective. I attach hereto a copy of the Ordinance in the form in which it should be passed.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

ORDINANCE NO. 37

Respecting the Sale or Use of Fire-
Crackers and Air-Rifles.

1. In this Ordinance the expression

"fire-cracker" means fire-cracker, squib,
fire works or other pyrotechnic device;

"air-rifle" means air-rifle, air-gun and
any instrument or device for projecting
missiles by air pressure obtained by
mechanical means.

2. No person shall in the City of Halifax,
keep or offer for sale by retail or sell
by retail any fire-crackers.

December 12th, 1940.

3. No person shall upon any street in the City of Halifax set fire to, discharge, or cause to explode or discharge any fire-cracker.
4. No person shall upon any street in the City of Halifax discharge any air-rifle.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the Ordinance as amended by the Governor-in-Council be read and passed. Motion passed.

ORDER-IN-COUNCIL RE ORDINANCES

Read Order-in-Council as follows:-

The Governor in Council is pleased to approve and hereby approves of the following by-laws:

Amendment to Ordinance No. 13 of the City of Halifax, respecting the Regulation of Vehicles Transporting Passengers for Hire, passed at a meeting of the Council of the said City held the 12th day of September, A. D. 1940, and recommended for approval by the Minister of Highways and Public Works under the provisions of The Motor Vehicle Act.

Amendment to Ordinance No. 13A. of the City of Halifax, respecting Taximeters, passed at meetings of the Council of the said City held the 12th day of September, 1940, and the 17th day of October, 1940, respectively.

Ordinance No. 16 of the City of Halifax, respecting Omnibuses, passed at a meeting of the Council of the said City held the 17th day of October, 1940, and recommended for approval by the Minister of Highways and Public Works under the provisions of The Motor Vehicle Act.

Amendment to Ordinance No. 23 of the City of Halifax, respecting The Early Closing of Shops, passed at meetings of the Council of the said City held the 17th day of October, 1940, and the 14th day of November, 1940, respectively.

Ordinance No. 37 of the City of Halifax, respecting the Sale or Use of Fire-Crackers and Air-rifles, passed at meetings of the Council of the said City held the 17th day of October, 1940, and the 14th day of November 1940 respectively, the said Ordinance being approved subject to its being amended by striking out Clause 1 and 5 thereof, and substituting for Clause 1 the following:-

December 12th, 1940.

"1. In this Ordinance the expression
"fire-cracker" means fire-cracker,
squib, fire works or other
pyrotechnic device;

"air-rifle" means air-rifle, air-gun
and any instrument or device for
projecting missiles by air pressure
obtained by mechanical means".

I hereby certify that the fore-
going is a true copy of an Order of His Honour the
Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia in Council made
the 30th day of November, A. D. 1940.

Arthur S. Barnstead,
CLERK OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

FILED

NAVAL COLLEGE

Read letter from the Minister of
National Defence as follows:-

25th November, 1940.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

I have your letter of the 23rd
November, enclosing copy of resolution passed at a
special meeting of the Halifax City Council,
petitioning the Government to establish the Naval
College at Halifax. I may say that I have also had
a letter from the Halifax Board of Trade, containing
the same request.

The matter of a site for the Naval
College is receiving very careful consideration,
and the advantage which Halifax possesses will
not be overlooked when a decision is made. However,
I am sure you will realize that many technical
features have to be taken into consideration in a
matter of this kind, and I can only assure you that
the whole question will be thoroughly investigated
before a site is finally chosen.

Yours very truly,

A. L. MacDonald.

FILED

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOV., 1940.

Read report of the Chief Accountant
re tax collections for the month of November, 1940.

December 12th, 1940.

TAX COLLECTIONS, NOVEMBER, 1940

Arrears Taxes

Civil Year	Reserves	Outstanding Balances October	New Accounts and adjustments	November Collections	Outstanding Balances November.
1935-37	\$51,483.37	\$44,176.36	\$249.15	\$708.09	\$43,219.12
1937-38	64,807.28	108,117.84	372.36	18,126.56	89,618.92
1938-39	47,469.70	218,664.06	325.64	15,624.09	202,714.33
1939-40	38,504.67	355,873.71	204.26	17,338.59	338,330.86

Current Taxes

1940-41	41,499.72	624,506.39	747.97	33,811.13	591,443.23
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Water Dept., Rates, etc.

	25,331.17	43,415.50	9,110.13	59,636.54
	<u>1,376,669.53</u>	<u>43,012.06</u>	<u>94,718.59</u>	<u>1,324,963.00</u>

Poll Taxes

1933-34	292.90		5.00	287.90
1934-35	1,284.94		3.00	1,281.94
1935-36	1,034.42		18.00	1,016.42
1936-37	1,045.60		35.00	1,010.60
1937-38	448.51		38.00	410.51
1938-39	1,216.87	12.00	133.25	1,095.62
1939-40	4,083.77	3.00	501.50	3,579.37
1940-41	<u>15,808.15</u>	36.00	5,132.50	<u>10,711.65</u>

Additional Collections

Tax years 1908-9 to 1924	December 12th, 1940	153.42	28.40
Corresponding period last year			

Tax years 1925-26 to 1935-36	1,992.13	2,459.74
Corresponding period last year		

Collections per above statement	94,718.59	90,896.84
Corresponding period last year		9,3384.98

Collections of Poll Taxes

May 1st, 1940 to Nov. 30th, 1940	23,367.21	18,094.79
Corresponding period last year		

M. L. Bellew,
CHIEF ACCOUNTANT.

FILED

9.25 P.M.,

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by

Alderman Burgess that this meeting do now adjourn.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

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W. E. Donovan,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.