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SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE THIRTY-SECOND COUNCIL OF THE  
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November 20, 1957.

Council assembled at 10 a.m.

Warden F. G. H. Leverman presided.

The Session opened with the Lord's Prayer, repeated in unison by the Councillors.

The Roll was called by Municipal Clerk, R. G. Hattie.

Warden Leverman referred to the Notice of Meeting of this Special Session and further explained the circumstances which necessitated calling it.

The following resolution was read:-

"RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, that a resolution to issue debentures for a sum of money not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the purpose of erecting, acquiring, purchasing, altering, adding to, improving, furnishing or equipping buildings for schools, garages or other buildings for school purposes and acquiring or purchasing or improving land for such buildings; passed by the said Council on the 13th day of September, A.D., 1957 and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 30th day of October, A.D., 1957, be amended as follows:

THAT the figures "5 3/4" as appearing in line four of paragraph nine of said resolution be deleted, and that the following figures be substituted therefor: "5 1/2."

THAT in all other respects, the said resolution be and the same is hereby confirmed."

It was moved by Councillors Flawn and Davis:-

"THAT the resolution be adopted." Motion carried.

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In reply to a question by Councillor Davis, the Warden stated that he would think the more favourable rate of interest received was a favourable reflection on the credit of the Municipality.

Councillor Moser asked if there had been any other method of obtaining Council's consent to the resolution, other than calling a Special Meeting.

The Warden replied that at the present time, under the Municipal Act, this meeting was required. Every other method had been explored, and the Solicitor had been in contact with the Department of Municipal Affairs in an effort to arrange other means.

A resolution to expropriate land at Indian Harbour for school purposes was brought before the meeting and was read by the Solicitor as follows:-

"WHEREAS the Council is of the opinion that the hereinafter described land is required by the Municipality for the purpose of erecting a school at Indian Harbour, Halifax County;

AND WHEREAS the Council is of the opinion that no agreement can be made for the purchase thereof;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council expropriate the hereinafter described land and that the compensation for the said land be \$1,200.00.

DESCRIPTION

ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being on the Eastern side of the main highway leading from Glen Margaret to Peggy's Cove, in the County of Halifax, and being more particularly described as follows:

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BEGINNING at an iron pin on the eastern side of the main highway leading from Glen Margaret to Peggy's Cove, in the County of Halifax, at the junction of the north-west corner of property owned by Guy Renner with the south-west corner of the land now or formerly belonging to John Boutilier;

THENCE running on a bearing S 83° 52' E a distance of 511.2 feet along the boundary between the said Renner and Boutilier properties to an iron pin;

THENCE running on a bearing N 2° 45' E a distance of 511.2 feet to an iron pin;

THENCE running on a bearing N 83° 52' W a distance of 511.2 feet to an iron pin set on the eastern side of the main highway leading from Glen Margaret to Peggy's Cove;

THENCE running along the eastern side line of said highway on a bearing S 2° 45' W to the place of beginning, the whole containing 6 acres;

Being shown as the lot marked "Area: 6 acres" on a plan showing property to be expropriated for school purposes at Indian Harbour prepared by W. C. Coolen, P.L.S. dated October 30, 1957, as Job #5720."

Councillors Flawn and Snair moved:-

"THAT this resolution be adopted."

Councillor Flawn explained that the present owner could not give a clear title to the property and it was not possible to get all the heirs together to agree upon a price.

It had been decided that \$200.00 per acre was a fair and reasonable price for the six acres involved. \$500.00 per acre

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was being asked for the land but this price was considered to be too high. The property occupied by the present school was included in the description given in the resolution and the claim that a woodlot adjoining the described property would become inaccessible, was not justified.

In reply to a question by Councillor Donaldson, it was stated that the money paid in compensation for the land would be paid into Court.

There was no further discussion on the question and the motion to adopt the resolution carried.

Councillors Spears and Archibald moved:-

"THAT this Special Meeting of Council adjourn."  
Motion carried.

The meeting closed with singing God Save the Queen.

MEETING OF THE DECEMBER SESSION  
OF THE THIRTY-SECOND COUNCIL OF THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF HALIFAX COUNTY

FIRST DAY MORNING

December 11, 1957.

Council met at 10 a.m.

The session opened with the repeating in unison of the Lord's Prayer.

Roll called.

Warden F. G. H. Leverman presiding.

Councillors Flawn and Matthews moved:-

"THAT Mr. Wyn Rhydwen be appointed reporter for the session at the usual remuneration of \$15.00 per day." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from the Mayor of Halifax, thanking Warden Leverman for congratulations expressed on the election of the Mayor to office. He expressed confidence that the excellent relations between the City and the County would continue. Letter filed.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from the Mayor of Dartmouth. The Mayor thanked Warden Leverman for congratulations extended him on his acclamation to office for another term. He referred to the co-operation between the Town and the County, and felt sure it would continue.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from the Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Council Incorporated, acquainting Council with the work of the Council and the facilities it now has.

Warden Leverman said he was present at the opening of the hospital of the Council and that he thought the work of the Council was "something worthwhile." He said it was a great

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opportunity for the handicapped to rehabilitate themselves. He said the hospital was opened in November and that previous to that the Council's work had been all with out-patients. Now it could handle a considerable number of in-patients as well.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from the Marine District School Board, expressing appreciation of presentations made to the new school in the District.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, which contained a list of motions passed at its Annual Meeting, together with a summary of the resolutions discussed and not passed. The letter stated that in future a synopsis of all executive meetings would be forwarded regularly to keep members acquainted with what was transpiring. Letter filed.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from Mrs. Blair Isenor, expressing appreciation of the sympathy conveyed by Council in the recent passing of her husband, a member of Council for nine years. Letter filed.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children, requesting financial support for the Home. The letter was referred to the Finance Committee for a report at the February Session of Council.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from Lawrencetown United Church, expressing appreciation of the assistance given in the erection of the new manse. Letter filed.

Councillor King-Myers presented a request for the hearing of delegates from Beaver Bank School with regard to the lack

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of heating and water facilities at the school. Councillor Ferguson said he thought there might be some mention of this in the report of the Municipal School Board. Councillor King-Myers agreed to withhold her request until the report was read.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Welfare Committee.

Warden Leverman urged a better attendance of Councillors at the Annual Christmas Party at the County Hospital. He deplored the poor attendance in the past. He said he realized it was close to Christmas but thought that attendance at the party was worthwhile.

Referring to the matter of long-term prisoners being sentenced to the County Jail, Warden Leverman said he thought arrangements for these prisoners to be sentenced to the City Prison was working out.

He expected that it would not be too long before the Jail only housed short-term prisoners. Deputy Warden Cruikshank asked if it were the understanding that women prisoners would not be sentenced to County Jail.

Warden Leverman said he did not think this was so. Councillor Myers said he thought the matter had been taken up with the Attorney-General's Department, and that an understanding had been reached that the Department would intercede to have women prisoners sentenced to City Prison. Warden Leverman said the matter could be brought up at the next meeting of the Joint Expenditures.

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Moved by Councillors Ferguson and Archibald:-

"THAT the report of the Welfare Committee be adopted." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Farm Manager at the County Hospital.

Councillors Snair and Moser moved:-

"THAT the report of the Farm Manager be received and filed." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Municipal School Board.

Councillor Longard asked if there had been any correspondence regarding consolidation of School District No. 10. Councillor Balcome said it would be coming up at the February Session.

Councillor King-Myers referred to her request for a hearing for a delegation from Beaver Bank School. The Councillor said the situation there was an urgent matter. They had been waiting for a hearing before the Municipal School Board since September and as yet had no indication when they might expect one. The school at Beaver Bank did not have more than the bare necessities. Sometimes the temperature was only 28 degrees in the school when the children arrived.

Councillor Ferguson said that there was heating trouble all over the County in the old schools. Because of the recent flu epidemic it had not been possible to hold meeting of the Board since it had been impossible to get the member together. Since the Board had so many requests it was impossible to grant all the demands. The Board would meet just as soon as possible.

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Warden Leverman asked Councillor Ferguson if we would try and arrange during the lunch hour for a meeting of the delegation from the Beaver Bank School with the Board at the earliest possible time. Councillor Ferguson agreed.

Councillor Curren asked what number of pupils were to be transported from the Bedford-Sackville area to the new Rural High School at Fairview. Councillor Balcome said it was approximately 200.

Councillor Curren said that at present there were over 300 pupils in the grades to be transported attending school in the Bedford-Sackville area. With more pupils coming up, this number would be increased by another hundred. He said the ratepayers of his District are not satisfied with having their children transported to Fairview. He said the report of the School Board was very unsatisfactory. The area had been promised a school for the past two to three years, but still get nothing but promises that it will be built some time in the near future.

Councillor Matthews asked for clarification of the portion of the report dealing with Naval Education authorities. Warden Leverman said that at the present time the County was trying to clear the situation. Some of the terminology used in the correspondence did not fit in with the situation as it existed here.

Councillor Redmond asked that "in view of the high cost of transportation as reported by the School Board, and in areas where we have a large number of children" if it would not be more economical to build classrooms in the Districts concerned, providing teachers are available. He said ratepayers should not be deprived of the assets of a school in their District.

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Councillor Redmond also asked what was the policy of the School Board with regard to agents approaching school children to solicit sales of magazines, etc.

Warden Leverman said the School Board had recently sent out a letter advising all schools in Halifax County that this was to be prohibited, as well as contests sponsored by commercial organizations.

Councillor King-Myers expressed keen disappointment at the delay in the building of a High School for the Bedford-Sackville area. It was not just the matter of transporting pupils into the school at Fairview from Bedford but from all of District No. 27 right to the County line. The matter of the new school had been talked about for two years and a school had been promised to the District. The Rural High School at Fairview was not an answer for the needs of District No. 27.

Councillor Balcome said the School Board had advertised for teachers for the new school at Fairview. At present there was an indication that only seven teachers out of the forty required, might accept appointments there. He was gravely concerned with the staffing problem.

Councillor McGrath asked how many busses would be associated with the new school. Councillor Balcome said there would be more than 15.

Councillor McGrath said that 10 busses would be needed to transport pupils from the Bedford-Sackville area alone. He asked if it would not be as economical to build a High School in the District. He wanted to know what had happened to the land that

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was to be purchased for a High School in the District. He said an additional 10 busses travelling on the Bedford highway was going to add to the traffic difficulties on the most congested portion of highway in Nova Scotia.

Councillor Snair said he thought that \$35,000 for the building of a two-classroom school at Lucasville was out of all reason. He also raised the matter of the appointment of Trustees for the new school at Fairview.

Warden Leverman said that the matter of trustees was clear under the old Education Act but he felt the matter should be taken up with the Department of Education to see what the situation was under the new Act.

Councillor Snair said he foresaw the possibility of all power being taken from the trustees and transferred to the Municipal School Board.

Councillor Redmond said he thought the trustees had been relegated to the position of a cushion between the Municipal School Board and the Ratepayers. They no longer had any power. Even when they act in an advisory capacity nothing had been done on their recommendations.

Councillor Settle said he could also express disagreement with the School Board report. The County areas around Dartmouth have an even greater problem than the Bedford-Sackville area. They had been promised a High School as far back as 10 years ago. He hoped the matter would not be shelved too much longer.

Councillor Spears pointed out that there were not even washing facilities at the Ketch Harbour School, although pupils were now attending their from Portuguese Cove and Pennant. He

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thought members of the School Board were receiving blame which should properly be on those responsible for maintenance. He said that even where recommendations had passed and money approved for work, the maintenance staff had not carried it out. Now it was difficult to get trustees to even hold a meeting because they no longer have any power. He thought perhaps they should abolish Trustee Boards.

Councillor Curren asked if the School Board were going to make any greater effort to find inducements to get teachers for the new Fairview High School. Councillor Balcome said that the School Board could not grant increases to teachers. It was up to the Municipal Council.

Councillor Snair asked about the policy concerning maintenance and repairs. He thought that maintenance expenditures were going wild because of the inefficient way maintenance is done.

Councillor Balcome said that there were men in the different areas to do the work.

Councillor Davis said he had criticism of wasted money and unnecessary travelling in connection with maintenance work in schools. He cited an instance where one man had made three trips to a school to examine the need for certain work which was being held up over a matter of \$25.00 in estimates of the cost. He thought there should be some examination of policy in order to get work done efficiently. He was not pleased with this apparent wastefulness of County funds.

Councillor Ferguson said that many of these problems were coming to light because people were becoming more education

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conscious, but many of the present day troubles were the fault of neglect in years past. The School Board received hundreds of calls for service and they did the best they could.

He said that the School Board realizes schools are urgently needed in the Bedford and Dartmouth areas, but he asked why should the County build schools if it cannot get teachers. He said when Rural High Schools are built there must be teachers for them or the money was being wasted.

Councillor Flawn questioned whether it might be possible to have an official of the permanent staff of the School Board present at future meetings when the School Board report is dealt with. The official could answer specific questions about schools and school maintenance.

Councillor McGrath asked whether the Province was paying its share of building costs. He asked what formula was used to determine the Province's share.

Warden Leverman said that although the policy has been set the actual examination of schools and finalization of grants is not being carried out. Councillor McGrath wondered if building should not be curtailed until there was a definite policy, otherwise the Building Program could cost the County a lot of money.

Warden Leverman said the matter was probably going to be part of an important discussion at a meeting next week of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, which would be meeting later with the Government.

Moved by Councillor Noser:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 2 p.m.  
this afternoon." Motion carried.

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FIRST DAY AFTERNOON

Council met at 2 p.m.

Roll called.

Warden F. G. H. Leverman presiding.

Council resumed discussion of the report of the Municipal School Board.

The Municipal Clerk reported on his attempt to find the status of the new Rural High School at Fairview with regard to the appointment of Trustees. He said he was unable to contact officials of the Department of Education for a definite clarification. He thought as this School had been started under the old Education Act, that it, like other Rural High Schools, were still referred to as such, although actually under the New Act the term "Rural High" does not appear. He felt it was an oversight in drafting the new legislation and that the matter would probably be corrected and clarified.

Moved by Councillors Ferguson and Balcome:-

"THAT the report of the Municipal School Board be adopted."

Councillors Snair and Flawn moved:-

"An amendment to the resolution that the proposed name of the new High School at Fairview be changed from the name recommended to "Halifax West Municipal High School."

The amendment was put to Council and the motion carried.

The original motion to adopt the report of the Municipal School Board, as amended, was put to Council and the motion carried.

Referring to a request from Councillor King-Myers, Councillor Ferguson said the request would be placed before a meeting of the School Board on December 18th. If the Board agreed, the delegation would be heard just as soon as possible. Heating in

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the Beaver Bank School would be looked after if it were not adequate.

He presented to Council a report from the Fire Marshal concerning Beaver Bank School. He said all recommendations in it had been complied with, with the exception of a fire warning gong which was on order.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Fire Marshal.

Councillor King-Myers said she felt the arrangements for a delegation to meet the School Board were not satisfactory. There was nothing definite that there would be a meeting before Christmas in order to try and get something done during the holiday season.

Warden Leverman said that the problem was a maintenance one and the School Board did not require authorization of Council to spend money for it.

Councillor King-Myers remarked that the children were then at the mercy of the School Board from which the delegation had tried to get some action but nothing had been done.

Councillor Myers said the people were taxpayers and the delegation was entitled to a hearing.

Warden Leverman said he did not know what Council could do in the matter as it was a problem of the School Board.

Councillor King-Myers said the ratepayers have repeatedly asked for the necessary work to be done at the school but they were still not getting more than the bare essentials. The parents had kept their children out for two weeks. The children were not getting any equal rights here.

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Moved by Councillors Flawn and Curren:-

"THAT in future, when the report of the Municipal School Board comes before Council, that a member of the staff of the School Board be asked to attend, who would be in a position to answer questions on details of maintenance, etc."

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillors Donaldson and Archibald:-

"THAT the Council request the Municipal School Board to hear a delegation from Beaver Bank School before the Christmas holidays commence." Motion carried.

Council agreed to hear Rev. Dr. MacDonald, Chairman of the Visiting Committee of the Halifax County Hospital.

Rev. Dr. MacDonald said the Committee had visited the Hospital and found things in a most satisfactory condition. However, the Committee feels that the medical services should be extended. This would mean the obtaining of well-trained nurses also. The Committee also reiterated its recommendation that the time was overdue for a separate building or wing for the Hospital staff.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the School Capital Program Committee.

Councillor Snair asked if fire extinguishing facilities were being provided in the new schools.

Councillor Flawn said the matter was being worked out with regard to both new and old schools.

Councillor Davis referred to the matter of a disposal field at Musquodoboit Harbour School and said it had been under exploration for nine or ten months but that there was nothing definite as yet.

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He asked when some action might be expected. The sanitary facilities at this school were antiquated. Water had to be carried in.

Councillor Flawn said that since the report had been prepared, it had been found that the eastern side of the school would be alright for disposal field purposes. However, there were difficulties in settling land boundaries and acquiring the needed property.

Councillor McGrath asked what was the status of the situation with regard to the Pearl Property for a school in the Bedford-Sackville area.

Councillor Flawn said that as a result of a report on test borings, the Committee had asked for prices on the portion of the land needed. However, difficulties were being encountered.

Councillor King-Myers questioned whether the Pearl Property was the proper site for a school in view of developments.

Councillor Flawn said that the Chairman of the Consolidated School Sections in the District had stated the site was very satisfactory, but speaking as a Councillor he agreed with Councillor King-Myers. He said the Committee would resist pressure to go out and buy land hastily. There were more urgent matters coming up and that the Committee was thinking only of buying land where it is best indicated at the proper time. In this case, the site would have to be carefully selected as the Committee would be buying land many years ahead of the building.

Councillor Curren said that at a meeting of all trustees of the area the Pearl site had been strongly recommended but he himself felt that there might be other suitable sites than the Pearl Property.

Councillors Flawn and Curren moved:-

"THAT the report of the School Capital Program Committee be adopted." Motion carried.

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Moved by Councillors King-Myers and Spears:-

"THAT this Council reinstate the Regional Library Committee." Motion carried.

Councillor Myers said he objected to the sale of a portion of property of Clarence Park School. The Municipal Solicitor said the agreement of sale was made by the Trustees before the school was taken over by the Municipality and the Municipality was honor bound to recognize the agreement.

Moved by Councillors Donaldson and Spears:-

"THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute a deed to H. R. Langille for a lot of land 60 feet by 101.7 feet at Eastern Passage and also a deed for an adjoining lot 5 feet by 101.7 feet to H. R. Langille, and that the Surveyor's bill in connection with the property of \$153.00 be paid out of proceeds of the sale." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Parks and Public Lands Committee.

Moved by Councillors Davis and McGrath:-

"THAT the report of the Parks and Public Lands Committee be adopted." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Revenue Committee.

Councillors brought up a number of questions with regard to a proposed new basis of Personal Property assessment and they were answered by the Director of Assessment, W. M. Purcell.

Moved by Councillors Snair and Donaldson:-

"THAT the report of the Revenue Committee be adopted." Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Snair:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow." Motion carried.

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SECOND DAY MORNING

Council met at 10 a.m.

Roll called.

Warden F. G. H. Leverman presiding.

Council agreed to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the First Day - Morning and Afternoon - until after the public hearing regarding amendments to the Zoning By-laws.

The Municipal Clerk reported on the matter of an amendment to the Zoning By-law dealing with building restrictions at Sandy Lake. He said the matter had been duly advertised, and read the advertisement.

The Municipal Clerk then read from the report of the County Planning Board, September Session, dealing with the matter of restricting building at Sandy Lake.

Mr. H. P. MacKeen said he was appearing for a number of the property owners at Sandy Lake. He pointed out that last February about sixty-seven (67) property owners there had petitioned Council, asking that they not be restricted. Mr. MacKeen then read from the petition, which outlined the objections to the restrictions. As a result, the matter had been referred back to the County Planning Board.

The County Planning Board had reported back as outlined by Mr. Hattie.

He said the proposed By-law is of extremely doubtful legality because Council had no power in his opinion to enact a prohibition on building but on regulation on building. Mr. MacKeen read a portion of the Town Planning Act which he said outlined the situation. He emphasized that the Act gave the Council the right to restrict, not prohibit building.

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He added that the proposed restriction is unfair to the property owners at Sandy Lake. What Council was doing, in effect, was reserving this land for its own purposes and not paying the property owners for the loss they would incur in property or property values.

He charged this was a vicious method and was much more unfair than by taking the land by expropriation. The Town Planning Act had not been designed to include the taking or restricting the use of lands for watershed purposes. The restrictions proposed by Council would have an immediate and adverse affect on values of properties concerned. The only right the property owners would have with regard to their properties was to pay taxes on them.

He also said there were the engineering aspects of the matter to consider. In this regard he had asked Professor Spencer Ball, a well qualified Consulting Engineer, for a report.

Mr. MacKeen then read the report. In it Professor Ball had attempted to make some forecast of possible future expansion in the Bedford and Sackville areas.

The report pointed out that it was short-sighted to extend the number of watershed areas. It was far better to have a supply which would serve several communities rather than just one. The Webber, McCabe and Tomahawk Lakes could serve both Sackville and Bedford areas. He suggested that the water for Bedford might be drawn from the Sackville River which drains these lakes. Substantial savings could be effected by using this supply as compared with Sandy Lake. This source could also provide a greater supply of water than Sandy Lake.

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Councillor Davis said that Mr. MacKeen had suggested getting together to work out a fair and agreeable solution for all parties. Council often gets criticism for things it does but it was not often that they got an offer to try and work out a solution. He suggested that Council should enquire further into the watershed problem.

Mr. Hattie brought up the matter of Industrial Zoning at Tufts Cove. He said the County Planning Board was not prepared to make recommendations on the matter at this time.

Councillors Settle and Davis moved:-

"THAT the matter of Industrial Zoning at Tufts Cove and Burnside be deferred until the next meeting of Council." Motion carried.

Mr. Hattie said that the Municipal Solicitors disagreed with some of the arguments put forth by Mr. MacKeen as to the legality of Council's intentions with regard to Zoning at Sandy Lake.

Councillor Curren said that when the zoning of Sandy Lake was considered he had asked for a further report from Canadian-British Engineering Consultants. He had felt that Sandy Lake was a poor proposition for supplying water for Bedford. He said Professor Ball's report confirmed his thinking. He thought that Webber, MacCabe and Tomahawk Lakes would be a better source. There was no building in the vicinity of these lakes and no apparent source of contamination.

To bring water from Sandy Lake it would have to be piped over a rocky hill. Ground conditions were better for piping water from the other lakes. Further, there was very little water in Sandy Lake.

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Mr. Hattie read from the report of Canadian-British Engineering Consultants regarding some of their proposals.

Councillor Curren said there were no other lakes feeding Sandy Lake, but that the source of its water came from swampy ground back of which there were sources of contamination. He said they were looking for an increased population in the area. If restrictions were imposed at Sandy Lake, Council was restricting available property for expansion. The water from Sandy Lake could not supply the Sackville area.

Mr. Hattie pointed out that the Sackville area had not been considered in the Canadian-British Engineering Consultants' report on water supply, since the area had been beyond the Metropolitan Area outlined for the report.

Councillor Davis asked if the Public Services Committee had made a study of the situation or a survey of the needs of the areas. Warden Leverman said it had not.

Councillor Snair asked if it would not be possible to have another firm make a report. Council could then compare the reports. Mr. Hattie pointed out that it would probably involve additional cost as Canadian-British Engineering Consultants already had the basic study.

Councillors Curren and Spears moved:-

"THAT the matter of a watershed at Sandy Lake be referred back to Canadian-British Engineering Consultants, and asked to give a further preliminary report on the use of Sandy Lake as the future water supply of the Bedford Area, having in mind the growing Sackville Area and the possibilities of using Tomahawk and MacCabe Lakes and the Sackville River, and in the meantime that no action be taken by Council at this time with respect to amending Section 26 of Chapter 23 of the By-laws - the Zoning and Building By-law."

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Councillor Davis suggested that any motion should contain a request for a report from the Public Services Committee on the economic feasibility of extending water service to the Sackville Area.

Councillor Moser said people who had bought property around Sandy Lake were looking to the future as well as Council. If we take this property for watershed purposes, it should be expropriated. The County was years behind in its planning.

Councillor Redmond said that he understood Mr. Mackeen to say that Council cannot prohibit building under the Town Planning Act. If this were correct Council would have to find some other means for a supply of water for Bedford or forget about it. He asked for an opinion from the Municipal Solicitors.

Councillor Moser said that the people who have land at Sandy Lake want to develop it. They could not if this restriction were passed.

Councillor Curren pointed out that at Tufts Cove, under a similar situation, people had built shacks on their land when it had been restricted.

Councillor Redmond thought the Act provided for something more vicious than going out and buying the land. The proposed restrictions would prevent any building other than shacks. If the land is required Council should expropriate it.

Councillor Myers said the opinions of the two Counsel conflicted. Council had been warned of possible legal action. Until the situation was cleared up Council was going around in circles arguing the situation.

The motion by Councillors Curren and Spears was carried when put to a vote.

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Second Day Morning Continued

The Municipal Clerk read the minutes of the First Day - Morning and Afternoon.

Councillors Archibald and Evans moved:-

"THAT the minutes of the First Day - Morning and Afternoon - be approved as read."  
Motion carried.

Warden Leverman said that Councillor Longard's father-in-law had passed away last night and that Councillor Longard had been excused for the duration of the session.

Councillors Snair and Settle moved the following resolution:-

"BE IT RESOLVED that under the provisions of Rule 4A (3) of Section 18 of the Assessment Act, being Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia 1954, as amended, household furnishings and personal effects in any house, apartment, or other place of residence within the Municipality of the County of Halifax shall be assessed to the owner thereof at an amount hereby fixed by this Council at ten percent (10%) of the assessable value of the real property wholly or partly occupied by such household furnishings and personal effects, which assessable value shall be determined in the manner provided in Subsection (4) to (7) of Rule 4 (a) of Section 18 of the said Assessment Act as amended." Motion carried.

Councillors Moser and McGrath moved:-

"THAT Council concur in the compensation offered by the Department of Highways for expropriation at Hammonds Plains 0.0. acres - \$1.00." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from the Spryfield Service Commission asking consideration of exemption of certain land used by it for playground purposes from taxation. The matter was referred to the Revenue Committee.

Councillors Spears and Balcome moved:-

"THAT Clarence E. Marriott be reimbursed the sum of \$24.00 for overpayment of Poll Tax."  
Motion carried.

Three applications for exemption of payment of current year's taxes were referred to the Revenue Committee.

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Councillors Flawn and Daye moved the following resolution:-

"WHEREAS it has become necessary for the Municipality of the County of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth in order to complete their joint project of installing a trunk sewer line from Halifax Harbour through the Town of Dartmouth in the County of Halifax, to obtain a license for the sewer pipe to cross the right-of-way of the Canadian National Railways;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Warden and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Halifax a Pipe Crossing Agreement between the Municipality of the County of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth as "applicant" and the Canadian National Railway Company as manager and on behalf of Canadian Government Railways dealing with the installation of a sewer line crossing at Mile 13.21 Dartmouth Subdivision." Motion carried.

Councillors Myers and Curren moved the following resolution:-

"WHEREAS it has become necessary for the Municipality of the County of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth, in order to complete their joint project of installing a trunk sewer line from Halifax Harbour through the Town of Dartmouth into the County of Halifax to obtain permission from the Department of Transport for the sewer pipe to encroach on its jurisdiction;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Warden and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Halifax any document necessary for the receiving of this permission." Motion carried.

Councillor Moser Moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 2 p.m. this afternoon." Motion carried.

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SECOND DAY AFTERNOON

Council met at 2 p.m.

Roll called.

Warden F. G. H. Leverman presiding.

Council agreed to hear George A. Boggs, Co-Ordinator of Civil Defence for Nova Scotia, and Raefe Douthwaite, Assistant Co-Ordinator.

Mr. Boggs said that the importance of Civil Defence today could be realized by the accelerated pace set for it by the Federal Government. He outlined the Provincial administrative set-up and pointed out that it was up to each Municipality to decide whether it wanted to put Civil Defence measures into effect.

Mr. Douthwaite circulated copies of an evacuation booklet prepared for Halifax and Dartmouth. He said he wanted to bring to Council's attention a point of immediate concern. This had to do with the evacuation of residents of Halifax. He said the City and the Town of Dartmouth had planned their evacuation in some detail.

He pointed out that there were some 20,000 people in the fringe areas who were affected by any evacuation measures. These people lived in the County. If there were no plans for their evacuation they would be swamped by people streaming out of the City and the Town.

He said that it would be possible to tie in plans for their evacuation with those of Halifax and Dartmouth and a similar booklet to that which he had distributed could be prepared for the County at a cost of \$1,100 approximately. There would be

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about another \$250 for posters required. There would be a refund of twenty-five percent (25%) of this amount from the Province and fifty percent (50%) from the Federal Government. This would make the net cost to the County about \$340.

Mr. Douthwaite also raised the possibility of a Committee from the County to work with Civil Defence authorities in Halifax and Dartmouth. This might be discussed further at the February Session.

Warden Leverman said that the evacuation booklet had been distributed in Halifax and Dartmouth but not in the County. He had not the authority to authorize the printing of booklets for this purpose.

Councillor Moser said he did not think there was any value in a booklet giving evacuation details. Nobody would be able to get out through the bottlenecks which existed. Councillor King-Myers said she would support the printing and distribution of an evacuation booklet for the County.

Councillor Flawn suggested that a Committee should be considered to discuss the preparation of such a booklet. He thought it should contain better instructions than in the booklets prepared for the City.

Councillor Curren thought that for the small expense involved that people in even the most remote parts of the County should have this booklet and the instructions on evacuation. It would be of benefit to them.

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Councillor Redmond thought there should be more consideration given to a booklet having more detailed instructions. Such a booklet should go into details as to how people in outlying areas should be ready to receive evacuees.

Councillor Archibald expressed the hope that the time would never come when it was necessary to use the instructions but said everyone should be prepared - not only in the County but throughout the Province.

Moved by Councillors Balcome and Spears:-

"THAT the Municipality of the County of Halifax proceed with the printing of pamphlets in co-operation with the Director of Civil Defence for the Province of Nova Scotia, advising householders in the assumed target area where to go in case of evacuation;

AND THAT the Warden and Councillor Flawn be appointed to act in the preparation of the booklet." Motion carried.

Councillors King-Myers and Flawn moved:-

"THAT H. Callard Brimicombe, F. Carl Campbell and Raymond Mason, all of Wellington Station, Halifax County, be appointed as County Constables." Motion carried.

Moved by Councillors Curren and McNeil:-

"THAT Walter J. Pettipas and Brenton R. Deal, both of Rockingham, be appointed as County Constables." Motion carried.

Nominations were received for an appointment as member of the Board of Appeal.

Councillors Daye and Turner moved:-

"THAT Otto Weeks of the Head of Ship Harbour, be appointed as a member of the Board of Appeal." Motion carried.

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Warden Leverman asked Council to extend a welcome to Mr. Charles F. Reardon who had been appointed County Planning Engineer.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the County Planning Board.

Referring to a request in the report concerning approval of an undersized lot, Councillors Moser and Snair said they were not in favour of approving such action. The laws should not be changed once they were enacted.

Councillor Myers said he felt the owner should be refused approval of the lot when he already has a canteen on it. He referred to a case in his District where approval was being sought for two lots slightly under the sixty (60) foot minimum width. He thought there was discrimination against these persons. He said the owner in this case was going to lose his home because he could not sell a lot fifty-nine (59) feet in width, although it contained more than 6,000 feet in area.

Councillor Davis said he has always been in sympathy with isolated cases. When the County Planning Board was set up, it was never given the authority to approve undersized lots. This authority was with Council. He could not understand why the Board had not been given discretionary powers necessary that it could make recommendations to Council. It was not a matter of discrimination by the Board but a case of administering the regulations as set up by Council.

Councillor Moser asked why the County Planning Board should recommend to Council that it break the regulations it has set up.

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Councillor Curren asked if Council had the power to overrule decisions of the County Planning Board. The Municipal Solicitor explained the Act in this respect.

Mr. Hattie said that it was his opinion that the County was unable to do anything in the case of the lot at Peggy's Cove. The only thing that could be done here was to make an appeal to the Minister.

Councillor Davis asked that if it passed a motion not to take action, if it would not amount to condemning the land. He thought it unfair that a man should have to pay taxes on land which he cannot get approved. These cases should be dealt with on their individual merits. He was sure there were many houses on under-sized lots at Peggy's Cove.

Councillors Settle and McGrath moved:-

"THAT the report of the County Planning Board be adopted." Motion carried.

Councillors Snair and McGrath moved:-

"THAT Council take no action with respect to a small lot 4,500 square feet in area, being part of the Crooks Subdivision at Peggy's Cove." Motion carried.

Councillors Myers and Turner moved:-

"THAT Council approve the Subdivision of land of Victor Purchase into two lots, each of which is to be 6,962 square feet in size."

Councillor Davis said this was another case where they were being asked to break down County Planning Regulations. There was no recommendation on the matter from the Planning Board.

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Councillor Myers asked if Council were going to sell out this man just because of one (1) foot in the width of a lot. The man was going to lose his home if he could not sell one of the properties. He has only a few more days. The original deed to the property showed it to be one hundred and twenty (120) feet in width. He wanted to divide it into two lots, and both would have more than the minimum 6,000 feet of area required.

Councillor Redmond said he thought the County Planning Board had the authority to approve undersized lots if there were no more land available. Warden Leverman said this was not so.

Members of the County Planning Board withdrew to consider the situation. The motion was laid over until the Committee reported.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Industrial Committee.

Councillors Flawn and Curren moved:-

"THAT the report of the Industrial Committee be adopted." Motion carried.

Councillors Curren and Balcome moved:-

"THAT the report of the Garbage Disposal Committee be adopted." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Garbage Disposal Committee.

Councillors Spears and Balcome moved:-

"THAT Charles Reardon be appointed a Commissioner to establish a right-of-way in the matter of the application of G. C. Baugild et al." Motion carried.

The County Planning Board returned and report.

Councillor Settle said the Committee had been awaiting more information before bringing in a report earlier. They recommended

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a division into one full-width lot and one undersized lot. Councillor Snair said, as a member of the Committee, he had been of the opinion that the Committee had agreed to recommend two undersized lots.

Some disagreement appeared among Committee members as they attempted to explain what the Committee was prepared to recommend.

Councillors Myers and Turner withdrew their previous motion.

Councillors Myers and Turner moved:-

"**THAT Council approve the Subdivision of the** land of Victor Purchase into two lots, each with a frontage of 59.4 feet and each with an area over 6,000 square feet." Motion carried.

Councillor Myers then asked about a recommendation on the Naugle property.

Councillor Settle said that the Board would have to have more information on this matter before it was able to make a recommendation.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from W. S. Hart, requesting re-zoning to extend the Commercial Zone to include his property.

Councillors Balcome and Archibald moved:-

"**THAT this Council refer the matter of re-zoning the Hart property at Armdale to the County Planning Board for their consideration and report at the February Session of Council;**

**AND FURTHER THAT this Council give notice of its intention to have this property re-zoned at the February Session of Council."** Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Public Services Committee.

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Councillors Myers and Balcome moved:-

"THAT the report of the Public Services Committee be adopted." Motion carried.

Councillors Spears and Burris moved:-

"THAT the Warden and Municipal Clerk execute an agreement with the City of Halifax, permitting a temporary connection to the City sewer system of the new High School at Fairview at the rate of \$360.00 per year until the end of 1958 or such time as the County trunk sewer has been constructed." Motion carried.

Councillors Balcome and Curren moved:-

"THAT the Warden and Municipal Clerk execute an agreement with the City of Halifax whereby sewer connections from Springvale, Melrose and School Avenues be permitted on a temporary basis to the City sewer system, provided the Municipality would be responsible for one-half of the cost of any damage or flooding that might result." Motion carried.

Councillors Ferguson and Daye moved:-

"THAT the Warden and Municipal Clerk execute a lease of the Bell Farm for the additional period of one year from April 1, 1959, as recommended by the Welfare Committee in its report adopted December 11, 1957." Motion carried.

Councillors Settle and Flawn moved:-

"THAT WHEREAS it has become necessary for the Municipality of the County of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth, in order to complete their joint project of installing a trunk sewer line from Halifax Harbour through the Town of Dartmouth into the County of Halifax to obtain permission from the National Harbours Board for the sewer pipe to encroach on its jurisdiction;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Warden and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Halifax any document necessary for the receiving of this permission." Motion carried.

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Councillors Curren and Balcome moved:-

"THAT the Warden and Municipal Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a deed to the Public Service Commission of Halifax, of lot No. 33 on the plan of Springvale Sub-division for the purpose of erecting a pumping station for a consideration of \$1,400, plus interest at the rate of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  percent since the date of purchase." Motion carried.

Councillors Matthews and Settle moved a resolution:-

"WHEREAS the Council is of the opinion that the hereinafter described lands are required by the Municipality for the purpose of widening and extending streets at Tufts Cove;  
AND WHEREAS the Council is of the opinion that no agreement can be made for the purchase thereof;  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council appropriate the hereinafter described lands and that the compensation for the said lands be \$1.00.

ALL those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being at Tufts Cove, in the County of Halifax and Province of Nova Scotia, being a part of Church Road, and Prince Street respectively, as shown on a plan of a portion of the Jost Estate prepared by John A. McElmon, P.L.S., dated October 8, 1957, and more particularly described as follows:

1. Portion of Church Road

BEGINNING at a point on the southern side line of the lands now or formerly of the Nova Scotia Light and Power 153.7 feet in a westerly direction along the Nova Scotia Light and Power southern boundary from the western margin of the Bedford highway;

THENCE south  $62^{\circ} 20'$  west 667.2 feet to the western boundary of India Street;

THENCE at right angles in a southerly direction 20 feet;

THENCE north  $62^{\circ} 20'$  east 667.2 feet to a point;

THENCE at right angles in a northerly direction 20 feet to the place of beginning.

2. Prince Street

BEGINNING at a point where the eastern side line of Prince Street intersects the southern side

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line of Church Road, said point being 120.2 feet from the rear line of a lot bounded on the east by the Bedford highway and on the north by Church Road;

THENCE south  $27^{\circ} 40'$  east 618 feet to the northern boundary of Indian Road;

THENCE south  $62^{\circ} 20'$  west along the northern boundary of Indian Road 60 feet;

THENCE north  $27^{\circ} 40'$  west 618 feet to the southern margin of Church Road;

THENCE north  $62^{\circ} 20'$  east 60 feet to the place of beginning." Motion carried.

Councillors McGrath and Archibald moved:-

"THAT the Council declare Boxing Day, December 26th, a Municipal holiday." Motion carried.

Councillors Balcome and Evans moved:-

"WHEREAS by Section 6 of Chapter 186 of the Revised Statutes, the Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that subject to the provisions of Section 8 of the said Act and notwithstanding any of the provisions of any special or general Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia; every Municipality of a County or District shall have full power and authority to borrow or raise by way of loan from time to time on the credit of the Municipality such sum or sums as the Council thereof deems necessary for the purpose of erecting, acquiring, purchasing, altering, adding to, improving, furnishing or equipping buildings for schools, garages, and other buildings for school purposes and acquiring or purchasing or improving land for such buildings;

AND WHEREAS by Section 8 of said The Municipal Affairs Act it is enacted among other things, in effect, that no money shall be borrowed under the provisions of the said Act until such proposed borrowing has been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax to borrow a sum not exceeding Three Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000.00) for the purpose of erecting, acquiring, purchasing, altering, adding to, improving, furnishing or equipping buildings for schools, garages, and other buildings for school purposes and acquiring or purchasing or improving land for such buildings;

AND WHEREAS by the Municipal Affairs Act such sum shall in the discretion of the Municipal Council be borrowed or raised in one sum at one time or in instalments at different times and the sum required shall be borrowed

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or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as the Council thereof deems necessary to raise such sum;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of such debentures and to borrow such sum, not exceeding Three Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000.00) as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid from the Royal Bank of Canada at Halifax (Spring Garden Road Branch) Nova Scotia, the sum so borrowed to be repaid said Bank from the proceeds of said debentures when sold;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Halifax do under and by virtue of the Municipal Affairs Act, and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the said Municipality, a sum not exceeding Three Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000.00) for the purpose aforesaid;

THAT under and in accordance with said The Municipal Affairs Act such sum be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as the Council thereof deems necessary to raise such sum;

THAT the issue of said debentures be postponed and that the said Municipality do, under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 148 (1) of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1955, the Municipal Act and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow a sum or sums of money not exceeding Three Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000.00) from the Royal Bank of Canada at Halifax (Spring Garden Road Branch) Nova Scotia;

THAT such sum or sums be borrowed from said Bank for a period not exceeding twelve months with interest thereon to be paid said Bank at the rate of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  per centum per annum and that the amount so borrowed be repaid the said Bank from the proceeds of the said debentures when sold." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the minutes of the Second Day morning. The official reporter read the minutes of the Second Day afternoon.

Councillors Turner and Snair moved:

"THAT the minutes of the Second Day - Morning and Afternoon - be adopted." Motion carried.

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Councillors Snair and Turner moved:-

"THAT Council resolve itself into  
Committee of the Whole." Motion carried.

Council went into Committee of the Whole.

Councillors Davis and Settle moved:-

"THAT Council reconvene from Committee of  
the Whole." Motion carried.

There being no further business Council concluded with  
the singing of "God Save the Queen."

Councillor Snair moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn." Motion carried.

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REPORT OF THE WELFARE COMMITTEE

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council.

Councillors:-

Your Welfare Committee wishes to report to you on the activities of this Committee since the September Meeting of the Council. Regular monthly meetings have been held in accordance with the By-laws, and your Committee has held additional meetings each month when the Institution has been inspected and all patients interviewed. On each of these occasions the Hospital has been found to be clean and operating efficiently and the patients have seemed reasonably happy and have had no complaints.

The plant and grounds have been well maintained. Since the September Session, the water supply system has been gone over and the pumps have been repaired so that the whole system is again working efficiently. Painting of the out-buildings has been completed and the hen house authorized by Council in September is practically completed. It is anticipated that it will be in full use before the end of the year.

The number of patients in the Hospital has remained pretty well constant at approximately 575 - 580, and your Committee is endeavouring to keep the patient population at about this figure.

The paving of the road has proved to be of untold value - both as the great improvement it has made to the general appearance to the Hospital property and also in reduced maintenance costs to vehicles. One other problem in this connection has yet to be faced, however, and that is snow removal. In the

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past we have used the bulldozer to great advantage in the removal of snow but with the pavement, tracked vehicles cannot be used without seriously cutting the paved surface. Your Committee has gone into this problem thoroughly and after a careful study of the whole situation, the Committee is satisfied that the best solution to the problem is for the Municipality to buy a tractor of the type that would be heavy enough to adequately solve the problem of snow removal and at the same time be of such a nature that the same tractor would be used on the farm for heavy duty and at the same time could be used to maximum advantage in clearing land.

Your Committee recommends that an International Farmall Tractor, Model 350, completely equipped with front end loader, snow blade, bucket and fork, be purchased for use at the Hospital at a cost of \$4,380.00. This particular type of tractor is recommended after a thorough study of the situation and competitive bids from eleven different dealers.

Your Committee was gratified to receive Mr. Jack Dowell and his sister, Mrs. May Fraser, at the Welfare Meeting of October 8, 1957, and wish to record here our appreciation to them for the fine portrait of the late Warden W. J. Dowell, which they presented to the Hospital and which now hangs in the Board Room.

Tenders for the supply of General Groceries were publicly called recently and the tender of Howard's Limited was accepted on the 6th of December, 1957, for the supply of General Groceries to the Hospital for the next six months.

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Welfare Committee Report Continued

Farm crops have been excellent this year and the new storage facilities have greatly improved the handling and storage of the produce.

For some years past extra lands known as the "Bell Farm" have been leased to provide extra land for crops and pasture. The present lease will expire on June 15, 1958, and it is recommended that the lease be renewed for one more year at the same rental. New land on the County Hospital farm is gradually being cleared and made ready for use to replace the Bell Farm when it is no longer available for rental.

Your Committee recommends that an increase in salary of \$240.00 per year be granted to the Farm Manager, Mr. Walter Schaad, effective January 1, 1958. In the opinion of the Committee this increase is merited as a result of Mr. Schaad's three years' satisfactory service.

Arrangements are now being made for the Annual Christmas Party at the Hospital which takes place on December 23rd. It is hoped that as many Councillors as possible will attend this year and help to make the event the outstanding success which it has been in former years.

JAIL

Your Committee has held regular meetings at the Halifax County Jail and on each occasion has inspected the entire jail premises.

Minor repairs and replacements have been made from time to time as required, and attention has been given to improving facilities wherever possible.

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Welfare Committee Report Continued

Your Committee has tried to arrange separation of the different classes of prisoners, but this is only possible to a limited extent, due to the facilities available.

It has been arranged that long term prisoners will not be sentenced to the County Jail in future. Sentences over three months are now understood to be served in the City Prison.

It is hoped that the latter provision will considerably improve conditions at the County Jail.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee).

Adopted by Council December 11, 1957.

December Council Session - 1957REPORT OF THE FARM MANAGER  
HALIFAX COUNTY HOSPITAL

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council.

Councillors:-

A good crop of potatoes, cabbage and turnips have been harvested and stored in the new storage cellar. This new building is a great improvement over the old and inadequate storage facilities. The machinery has also been stored for the winter months and we now have a workshop to repair and look after the machinery through the winter.

The Bell farm will be available again next year for pasture and garden crops and I recommend that it be leased again for one or possibly two years until we have cleared the rocks off the land that has been broken up and plowed this fall. A total of 17.7 acres of new land has been cleared and plowed during September and October of this year on the Hospital farm. Considerable work is still to be done next spring in clearing the rocks from this land.

The building of an addition to the new hen house has been completed with the exception of concrete on the ground floor. This will be completed in the spring of 1958 when rocks can be obtained from our fields before pouring the concrete. Wiring and plumbing must also be done yet. This new addition is a big improvement in our poultry enterprise on the farm and will enable us to keep a more even supply of eggs and poultry meat to the Hospital. The rest of the old hen house will be torn down as soon in the New Year as time and weather will permit.

The average milk production per cow will be increased again over last year and a complete picture will be given in the Annual Report.

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Farm Manager Report Continued

Since the approach to the Hospital, the front yard and the road in front of the Hospital have been paved, it has become necessary to acquire some new means to remove the snow during the winter months. Since we have no front end loader on the farm at the present time and need one to handle manure, gravel, rocks and fill around the farm, hospital and the new buildings, it was decided that a front end loader is the best answer to the snow removal problem and at the same time give us versatile use around the farm and hospital the year round. To do all of these jobs, a heavy tractor is needed and after all the different kinds of tractors and loaders were taken into consideration and studied by your Welfare Committee, Superintendent and myself, a 350 Farmall International with a H.D. Wagner front end loader with snow blade, manure and gravel combination bucket, was found to be the most practical and economical buy.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) G. W. SCHAAD,

Farm Manager.

Received and Filed December 11, 1957.

December Council Session - 1957REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARD

To His Honour the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council.

Councillors:-

The Municipal School Board wishes to present to the Municipal Council at its December Meeting the following information and certain recommendations for Capital work in the year 1958.

ENROLMENTS -

At the opening of school in September 1957, it was found that the total enrolment for the Municipality was 20,623 school children attending the County Schools. This compares with 19,131 school children attending the schools in September 1956. The enrolment is broken down as follows:-

	<u>1957</u>	<u>Comparison of</u>	<u>1956</u>
Auxiliary Class	47		28
Primary	2549		2530
Grade I	2408		2293
Grade II	2360		2277
Grade III	2346		2298
Grade IV	2283		2179
Grade V	2106		1790
Grade VI	1787		1536
Grade VII	1616		1499
Grade VIII	1168		1124
Grade IX	899		859
Grade X	660		429
Grade XI	298		249
Grade XII	52		40
Total	<u>20,623</u>		<u>19,131</u>

Municipal School Board ContinuedTEACHERS -

In September 1957, there was a total of 698 teachers. This compares with a total of 641 teachers in September 1956.

Classification of the teachers is as follows with a comparison of classifications for the year 1956:-

	<u>1957</u>	<u>1956</u>
Professional Certificate Class I (Academic)	24	24
Professional Certificate Class II (High School)	93	69
Professional Certificate Class III	31	11
Teachers License Class I	26	19
Teachers License Class II	248	218
Teachers License Class III	157	159
Teachers License Class IV	66	69
Teaching Permit Class I	15	18
Teaching Permit Class II	38	54
	<u>698</u>	<u>641</u>

There were also five Supervisors of Correspondence in September 1957 compared with four Supervisors of Correspondence in September 1956.

RECOMMENDED CAPITAL PROGRAMPORT WALLIS-WESTPHAL - COST \$150,000 -

Port Wallis-Westphal had 170 primary children in September 1957. The Trustees of the area along with Councillors Ira Settle and John Matthews met with a Committee of the Municipal School Board and it was their feeling that this growth will continue for

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several years. Five new rooms were occupied in this area in September 1957. The Municipal School Board feels that a ten-room school will be needed to look after the requirements in the area for the next two years. It would be educationally sound if this new school were placed in close proximity to the present Admiral Westphal School. The grades to be taught in this new school would be, Primary, Grades I, II and III with approximately 175 students in September, 1958. There would be two primary classes in this school. Besides the ten academic classrooms there should be a Principal's room and also a Teachers' room. In the Principal's room there should be additional shelving. In line with the policy that has been adopted by the School Buildings Committee, it is recommended that a suitable crush area be included in this school. The estimated cost of this school would be \$150,000.

WOODLAWN - COST \$115,000 -

It is found that there is much the same problem in Woodlawn as in the Port Wallis Westphal area. In Woodlawn proper we anticipate an enrolment of 553 pupils in September 1958; and from Cole Harbour, Lawrencetown and Mineville there will be an additional 70 students making a total of 623 pupils in September 1958. We have been advised that we can anticipate a similar increase for the next few years. It is recommended that eight academic classrooms be constructed in this area to teach primary to grades IV inclusive. There would be two primary classrooms. This school should have a Principal's office, Teachers' room and a suitable crush room. We recommend that it be built on the same campus as the present Woodlawn School in order that the program may be carried out efficiently and with less cost. The estimated cost of this school would be \$115,000.

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Municipal School Board ContinuedLUCASVILLE - COST \$35,000 -

It is recommended that a new two-room school to teach primary to grade VI be constructed in Lucasville. There will be a projected enrolment of 69, broken down as follows:

Primary	16	Grade IV	8
Grade I	16	Grade V	7
Grade II	12	Grade VI	2
Grade III	8		

Besides the two academic classrooms there should be a small teacher's room. If possible it is more desirable that this school be erected in the centre of the village. At the present time there is a one-room school serving this area. The school population has increased to such an extent that although we are conveying all grades above grade IV there are still enough children for a two-room school. Due to the age and condition of this school we feel that it would not be economically sound to add to this structure. The estimated cost of this school would be \$35,000.

JOLLIMORE - COST \$50,000 -

Jollimore has an enrolment at present of 377 pupils. They have at present ten regular classrooms and are using a small library as a classroom, although Tower View subdivision is in the Spryfield School Section, on account of the proximity of this Subdivision to Jollimore and the safety factor, we feel it is desirable to send these children to Jollimore. There will be approximately 50 children in this subdivision. Allowing for drop-outs, transfers and beginners, this school will have approximately 450 pupils starting September 1958. We would recommend that four academic classrooms be added to the present J. W. MacLeod school. We feel that one of these rooms should be provided with a Science Table for teaching Science in grades VII and VIII. These four

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new rooms would serve grades V, VI, VII and VIII. The estimated cost of this addition would be \$150,000.

ALDERNEY - COST \$3,000 -

In Port Wallis-Westphal area, in the Alderney School, a class is presently being held in an open basement room that is inadequately lighted. In this school there is a small auditorium now seldom used on the west side. It is recommended that this space be properly prepared for a classroom. The estimated cost of this would be \$3,000.

COST \$750 -

Besides the above capital recommendations it is recommended that 50 stacking chairs be purchased for the three-room addition to the Bedford Waverley school and that 100 stacking chairs be purchased for the Lower Sackville Acadia School. Total cost of \$750.

The Municipal School Board wishes to bring to the attention of the Municipal Council that all the above mentioned schools are urgently needed for the opening of school in September 1958.

TOTAL CAPITAL COSTS \$353,000.

GENERAL REMARKS

The Municipal School Board has been approached by A. A. Smith, Director of Education, Deputy Minister's Office, Department of National Defence, Ottawa, and by Captain J. D. Armstrong, Director of Naval Education, Naval Headquarters, Ottawa, with reference to educational services at Shannon and Shearwater schools. As their suggestions involved grants to the Municipality and as we have no definite clarifications of these grants, we are of the opinion that our program on the Eastern side of the Harbour necessitates prompt action in order that sufficient accommodation will be available in September 1958.

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The Rural High School at Fairview will be in operation in September 1958 and the Board is pleased to announce the appointment of C. Geoffrey Moore as Principal of this school. This school will accommodate the children from Halifax West area, from Grades IX to XII inclusive. It is anticipated that as a temporary expedient we will be able to provide accommodation for the students of Grades X, XI and XII, from Bedford to Hants County line. Although surveys have been made, it is most difficult to estimate the enrolment for this school, due to drop-outs and the large number attending Vocational School. When this school is in operation it will leave the fringe area of Dartmouth the only section in the Municipality without grade XII facilities. It is the intention of the Board to provide this area with grade XII facilities either at the Rural High School in Fairview or through some other arrangement.

The teacher situation is still a grave concern to the Board. The staffing of the Rural High School at Fairview with highly qualified teachers, we feel, will be quite a task. This prevents our Board from having any further definite Rural High School program.

It is the intention of the Board to recommend to Council that the next two High Schools to be built will be in the Bedford area and Eastern side of the Harbour, when it will be humanely possible to staff these schools.

Further to our concern in regard to teachers, we wish to emphasize the gravity of the situation and would like to point out;

1. Our school population growth at all levels is phenomenal.
2. The number of teachers in training, although slightly increased falls short of our needs.
3. There appeared over the past few years to be a shortage of teachers in the primary and secondary school areas. This has a

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direct influence on the recommendations made by the Municipal School Board.

As trustees of the new Rural High School being erected at Fairview, the Board wishes to recommend to the Municipal Council that this school be named "Halifax West Rural High School."

We would like to bring to your attention at this time that there will be further Capital recommendations in our February Report to Council.

Respectfully submitted,  
MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARD,  
(Sgd.) J. E. MAHER,

J. E. Maher,  
Chairman of the Board.

Adopted by Council December 11, 1957.

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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL CAPITAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council.

Councillors:-

Herewith is the interim progress report of the School Capital Program Committee to the 3rd of December, 1957:-

1. The one remaining item of the 1955 carry over, that is the addition of four-rooms to Timberlea School, is practically completed.
2. The balance of the 1956 program now stands as follows:-
  - (a) Black Point - Special grading. Contract awarded November 20, 1957.
  - (b) Fall River East - Final grading to be completed.
  - (c) Head Chezzetcook - Building presently in use. Contractor completing final details.
  - (d) Lakeview Consolidated High School, Porter's Lake - Completed.
  - (e) Robert Jamieson Memorial Consolidated High School, Oyster Pond - Completed except for some details for Science Room.
  - (f) Sheet Harbour Consolidated High School - Completed.
  - (g) Carroll's Corner - Completed.
  - (h) Upper Hammonds Plains - Grading now being completed.
3. The 1957 Building Program presently is as follows:-
  - (a) Harbourview Senior School, Tufts Cove - Work proceeding under contract awarded August 27, 1957, to Annapolis Valley Construction Company. Expected completion date April 25, 1958.
  - (b) Admiral-Westphal, Westphal - Four-room addition completed.
  - (c) Waverley Memorial - Under construction. Expected completion date December 15, 1957.

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- (d) Eastern Passage - Under construction. Anticipated completion date May 15, 1958.
- (e) Bedford - Waverley Road - Completed.
- (f) Spryfield North - Four rooms under construction. Expected completion December 15, 1957.
- (g) Spryfield (9 rooms) - Site acquired. Final plans approved. Tenders called December 6, 1957; to close December 18, 1957.
- (h) Musquodoboit Harbour - Preliminary Survey indicated that a disposal field on the west side on Church property is not feasible. The possibilities of disposal on the east side are being investigated. If required area is available further definite action will be taken with the least possible delay.
- (i) Indian Harbour - Site expropriated. Preliminary plans under review.
4. The projects authorized by the Report of the Municipal School Board at the June 1957 Session of Council are now as follows:-
- (a) Partridge River, East Preston - Completed.
- (b) Hillside School, Lower Sackville - Completed.
- (c) North Woodside - Completed.
5. North Preston - Water Facilities (New Road) - A new well was drilled to a depth of 494 feet of which 362 feet were at County expense but only produced 4.9 gallons per minute. Your Committee felt that drilling beyond that depth would be unjustified. Therefore, a storage tank will have to be constructed as was done at Sheet Harbour.
6. Stacking Chairs and Filing Cabinets - All have been delivered that have been authorized by Council.
7. Furniture - Delivered as authorized by Council.

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School Capital Program Committee Continued8. Acquisition of Land -

- (a) Sackville - Your Committee investigated the Pearl Property and on the advice of the Provincial Department of Public Works, arranged, with the consent of the owners, to have test borings carried out to eliminate the possibility of quick sands. On receipt of the results of the test borings, if satisfactory, further negotiations with the owners will be continued to arrive at a price mutually satisfactory.
- (b) Woodlawn - No further action pending definite recommendation from Municipal School Board.

9. Plaques -

Your Committee has ordered a number of plaques to be put in new schools; the first of which has been placed in the Robert Jamieson Memorial Consolidated High School at Oyster Pond, Jeddore.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee)

Adopted by Council December 11, 1957.

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REPORT OF THE PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council.  
Councillors:-

Your Committee had one meeting since the last session of Council and wish to report that as a result of Council allocating additional funds for work to be carried out at Penhorn Lake Park and on lands owned by the County that were donated by Raymond Sellars and Mr. Lake, most of this work has been done during the fall months. There are still some additional improvements to be made on these sites in the spring.

No further work has been carried out on the W. D. Piercey Municipal Park at Fairview since last spring but there is still some brush that will have to be burned and this should be done during the winter months and there is some additional blasting that has to be done also and in all probability some more fill will be required to level out a portion of the low lying area of this Park. There is approximately \$200.00 of funds that have been allocated by Council for this Park that has not been spent as yet and in addition to this your Committee estimates that an additional \$500.00 will be required to complete this work and requests that this amount be allocated by Council at this session so that the burning and blasting could be carried out during the winter months.

Your Committee is most concerned over the fact that people are cutting timber in many cases right up to the edge of the highway, leaving an area of unsightly stumps that remains unattractive in appearance for many years before new growth hides the unsightliness. One particular instance that has come to

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your Committee's attention is a little grove of trees that surrounded a Department of Highway's picnic table at East Ship Harbour. What was an extremely attractive picnic table has literally been ruined by somebody clearing out all trees in the vicinity. We are under the impression that in other Provinces and in many States, cutting can only take place up to a reasonable set back from main highway limits and your Committee recommends that this Council ask the Minister of Lands and Forests and the Minister of Highways of this Province to give some consideration to establishing such a law in the Province of Nova Scotia to safeguard the beauty of our highways as much as possible.

Preliminary approaches have been made to the Municipality with respect to another piece of land being donated for use as a Public Park. This land is located at the foot of Mabou Avenue (off the Herring Cove Road) and would front on a fresh water lake. No formal plans have been submitted to your Committee as yet by the present owners of this land but we trust that this will be forthcoming at the February Session and we submit that continued gestures of this sort are evidence of the public acceptance of Council's policy in establishing small Parks from time to time in the Municipality.

We attach hereto a copy of a letter from the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, asking for opinion with respect to the possible restoration, preservation and operation of the Round House at Prince's Lodge. Your Committee feels that although there is a suggestion in the letter that there might be some participation on the part of the Municipality, that where

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the National Sites and Monuments Board of Canada maintains other historic sites across Canada, many of them in this Province, that if the Board sees fit to make this building an historic site and maintain it as such, that the same Board should bear the costs in connection therewith.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee).

**Adopted by Council** December 11, 1957.

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HISTORIC SITES AND MONUMENTS BOARD OF CANADA

Public Archives of Nova Scotia,  
Halifax, N. S.  
November 14, 1957.

Mr. F. G. H. Leverman,  
Warden of the Municipality of the County of Halifax,  
P. O. Box 561,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Leverman,

As the Nova Scotia representative on the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada and for the convenience of the Board as a whole, I should greatly appreciate it if I might obtain information about the following:

(a) As to whether the Municipality of the County of Halifax considers that the Round House at Prince's Lodge should be preserved:

(b) If so, what are the views of the Municipality as to the possible uses to which it might be put?

(c) If the Municipality considers that this building should be preserved, to what extent would it be prepared to share in a co-operative programme for acquiring, restoring and operating it?

(d) In the event that the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources at Ottawa should acquire a title to this structure, to what extent would the Municipality be prepared to co-operate in the operation of it?

Please note that two possible alternatives for preserving, restoring and operating this building are referred to in the above questions. One is the possibility of co-operative action on the part of two or more governmental bodies in every phase of the effort; the other is the possibility of the building being taken over by the Federal Government and other governmental bodies having a share in the operation of it.

Of course as yet at least no commitments have been made with respect to this building, and the information now being sought is desired for the purpose of aiding in making a decision as to whether or not this building should be preserved.

If any further comment from me would be helpful to you in providing answers to the questions which I have asked, I shall be pleased to try to provide it.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) C. BRUCE FERGUSON.

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REPORT OF THE REVENUE COMMITTEE

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council.  
Councillors:-

The Revenue Committee has continued to work along with the Director of Assessment in connection with the re-assessment of the Municipality and some interesting discussions have taken place with respect to many different aspects of taxation. As previously reported, studies on matters such as the level of Widows' Exemption and Poll Tax will have to be presented to Council because existing legislation for this County may not be acceptable to the Council when the level of assessment has changed. It has been decided to wait until the 1958 Assessment Rolls are completed before finalizing studies of this nature.

At the last meeting of the Committee some considerable discussion took place with respect to the Personal Property assessment and how it should be administered in this Municipality. The Director of Assessment, Mr. Walter Purcell, has made a definite recommendation to your Committee in this regard as fixing the Personal Property assessment as a direct percentage of the assessment on Real Property, which is now permitted by legislation and can be fixed by a resolution of the Council. The Assessment Act was amended in 1955 and again in 1956 to permit this to be done, as it had become a matter of practice in some Municipalities. I attach hereto a copy of the Report of the Director of Assessment for the information of the Council, as your Committee at its last meeting passed a resolution that the Revenue Committee should recommend to Council that the Council consider a resolution which would provide for setting the Personal Property assessment on residential property at 10% of the Real Property assessment.

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County Court Appeals - At the September Session of the Council your Committee reported that there had been no decision handed down by the County Court Judge in connection with the appeal of the Mersey Paper Company. We now wish to report that the Judge's decision has been filed and regret to say that the Judge has upheld the appeal of the Mersey Paper Company and has reduced the assessment on Mersey timberlands to \$149,900.09 from the original figure of \$342,525.00.

As a result of this appeal and the general matter of assessment of timberlands, your Committee has spent some time in reviewing this matter with the Director of Assessment and studying the whole situation generally, and although we are not prepared as yet to bring in a definite recommendation in this regard, in all probability there will be a request at the Annual Session of Council for sample cruising in certain areas of the Municipality in order to insure equitable assessment and in order that we, ourselves, may have expert opinion on these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee).

Adopted by Council December 11, 1957.

December 5, 1957.

The Chairman and Members,  
of the Revenue Committee,  
Municipality of the County of Halifax.

Sirs:-

The fact has been discussed at a previous Committee meeting that due to an amendment to the Assessment Act, passed on the 7th April 1955, Personal Property may now be assessed at a percentage of the residential Real Property, if a resolution to that effect is passed by the Municipal Council. I hereby respectfully request that the Committee recommend to the Municipal Council at its December Session that such a resolution be passed, permitting Personal Property in Halifax County to be assessed at 10% of the assessed value of the residential Real Property.

While the amendment permits assessing Personal Property up to 20% of the Real Property, I feel that this would be excessive in many cases, and that 10% would be a fair rate to use.

In Halifax County, as a "rule of thumb" we have been assessing Personal Property at 20% of the assessed value of the house. However, this could not be adhered to strictly, and many adjustments were necessary. While on the whole, it may be said that this system worked fairly well in the past, it will hardly be adequate in 1959, when assessments will be much nearer to market value, and inequities will be more noticeable. A flood of time consuming arguments and appeals could result.

The only other alternative would be to attempt an actual appraisal, which, due to the complexity of Personal Property and the time required, would be a hopeless task.

If a By-law is passed it will not be possible to appeal Personal Property assessments. It will have the same effect as the Occupancy Tax of 10% of value of occupied property, which is levied by the City of Halifax. This system apparently works well in the City. In the Town of Dartmouth, Household Personal Property is not assessed at all. This all appears to be working satisfactorily.

Adoption of the percentage method would have the effect of streamlining a part of the Assessors' work. This is important when we consider that we are adding approximately 2,000 assessments annually, with the resultant increase in the burden of work each year.

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Due to the variable nature of Personal Property, I do not believe that a completely satisfactory means of assessing it could ever be devised.

I feel that the percentage method is the best approach available to us and that it should be adopted.

If this system is to be adopted, it is important that it be done as soon as possible. We have a tremendously busy year ahead of us in 1958 in connection with our re-assessment and any delay could put us off schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) W. M. PURCELL

Director of Assessment.

December Council Session - 1957REPORT OF THE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council.  
Councillors:-

The Halifax County Planning Board, under the Chairmanship of Councillor Ira S. Settle, has held eight (8) meetings since the last session of Council, an average of 35 items being handled at each meeting.

House Locations - The Board recommends that approval be given to the location of the houses on the following lots,-

Lot A-11	-	Wedgewood Subdivision
Lot 20	-	Block F. Fleming Heights Subdivision
Lot 582	-	Brookdale and Sunnybrae Subdivisions
Lot 563	-	Brookdale and Sunnybrae Subdivisions
Lot 34	-	Settle Subdivision

The houses on lots 582 and 563, Brookdale and Sunnybrae Subdivisions are 29.6 ft. and 29.4 ft. from Melrose Avenue respectively; the house on lot 20, Fleming Heights, is 29.5 ft. from Colindale Street; the house on lot 34, Settle Subdivision, is 27.6 ft. from the street line and the house on lot A-11, Wedgewood Subdivision, is 28 ft. from the eastern boundary of Wedgewood Avenue.

Industrial Zoning - The Board recommends that further consideration of the Industrial Zoning for Tufts Cove - Burnside area - be deferred until the next meeting of Council.

Zoning - It is recommended that Council consider the letter from Webb S. Hart re the re-zoning of land at Armdale adjacent to the Armdale Rotary.

Ownership of Small Lakes and Ponds - The Board is attempting, through the good offices of the County Solicitor and the

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Attorney General's Department, to obtain a ruling on the ownership of small lakes and ponds not vital to the uses of the Nova Scotia Power Commission.

Planning Engineer - The Planning Engineer, D. J. Bird, resigned effective the 15th of November and he has been succeeded by Mr. Charles F. Reardon, P.E., who began work on the above date.

Expropriation - The Board recommends that a portion of Hillcrest Road, Lower Sackville, be expropriated and transferred to the Department of Highways, subject to the Department agreeing to accept this road, which is approximately 640 feet long.

Crooks Subdivision - Peggy's Cove - The Planning Board has had a request to approve a small lot that has a canteen built thereon, which is only approximately 4,500 square feet in area. As this Council has passed Subdivision Regulations requiring a minimum size of 6,000 square feet, and as these Regulations have been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, it is beyond the powers of the Board to approve a lot of these dimensions and refer the matter to the Council for whatever action Council deems proper.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee).

Adopted by Council December 12, 1957.

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REPORT OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council,  
Councillors:-

Your Committee wishes to report that there was unfortunately some delay in the building of the signs that Council proposes to erect at the entrance to this Municipality and although we had hoped to see one or two erected this fall, it appears that this now will have to wait until spring, by which time all signs will be completed.

Your Committee welcomed the setting up of Industrial Estates Limited in this Province and took the opportunity of writing the President and all Directors of this new enterprise, as well as the Province, pointing out our interest in Industrial Development. We advised them that we have technical data at hand and technical personnel that could be used for getting additional information for any industry that might show an interest in establishing in this County or Province. At the same time we expressed the hope that there would be mutual co-operation between the two bodies and mutual sharing of information so that the strongest efforts can be put forth toward attracting Industry to this area.

In this connection, this Committee is becoming more and more conscious of the fact that providing space for Industry is of paramount importance and trusts that the long talked of Industrial Zoning at Burnside and Tufts Cove will become a reality before long.

Our lines of communication have been kept up with certain prospective industries and a few new contacts have been made.

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While no public pronouncement can be made at this time, we hope that by spring there may be some bright spots.

The Committee was pleased to have Warden Leverman represent the Municipality at the Annual Meeting of A.P.E.C. in Charlottetown, as approved at the September Session. This helps maintain our co-operation with this very worthwhile organization that is striving for the betterment of the economic life of these Maritime Provinces. Council will recall that this Municipality was the first Municipal Organization to support A.P.E.C. when it was first formed and we trust that this happy relationship will be long continued.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee).

Adopted by Council December 12, 1957.

December Council Session - 1957REPORT OF COUNTY GARBAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council.

Councillors:-

As at the September Session of Council, the situation regarding Garbage Disposal remains very much the same, as at the last session of Council. At that time we spoke of one unexplored area in the County and it was hoped that it would work out to be a suitable location and one that might be used by District No. 8, as well as District No. 14 and 28, if a small incinerator were built there. The possibility of using this site is still being explored and followed up, and although the Committee had hoped to have some definite report on the matter at this session of the Council, regret to say that the matter will have to be deferred until the Annual Session.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee).

Adopted by Council December 12, 1957.

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REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council.  
Councillors:-

We beg to submit herewith the interim report of the Public Services Committee to bring Council up-to-date with the work of this Committee since the last session of the Council.

Joint Dartmouth-County Trunk Sewer - In September we reported that the contract for phase one (1) of the construction of this sewer had been awarded to Harbour Construction Company and we are pleased to report at this time that phase one (1) from a point near Hawthorne Street in the Town of Dartmouth, northward along the east side of Lake Banook, to a point near the intersection of Glonwood Avenue and Main Avenue in the Municipality, is just about complete. There remains some tidying up to do and some connections to be made to highway culverts near Carter's Pond and when this is done, this phase of the Joint Sewer will be substantially completed.

It had been hoped to call for tenders for phase two (2) before now and as a matter of fact we had originally hoped to see work well underway in phase two before Christmas. The Consulting Engineers have just about finished their work and the matter of permits from the Canadian National Railways, the National Harbours Board and the Department of Public Works is now holding up finalization of the plans and calling for tenders. As soon as these are completed, tenders will be called for the construction of phase two (2) but as the season is late, it is not likely that much work will be carried on during the winter months.

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Tufts Cove-Albro Lake Area Project - This work is proceeding on schedule and up to the present time Terminal Road, Parkstone Road and Elwood Drive have been completed and accepted by the Department of Highways, also Farrell Street, Alfred Street, a portion of Burn Street, Albro Lake Road to Victoria Road, and part of Victoria Road, have been completed. The Contractor, in view of the street conditions, does not contemplate further excavation during the winter months but our Engineering Consultants advise that if they maintain the same progress when work can be started in the spring, the contract should be finished within the time limit given.

Fairview - Tenders were called and awarded for that section of the Fairview area to be served by gravity feed from the water mains of the Public Service Commission, and this contract was awarded to R. S. Allen Limited in an amount of \$60,575.00. Work here is progressing satisfactorily.

Although we had hoped to call for tenders before the end of September for the Upper Part of Fairview, which requires high pressure, tenders have only closed recently and the tender for the installation of sewer services in this area has tentatively been awarded to Fundy Construction Company for an amount of \$212,687.50. As this is a joint call for tenders, the Public Service Commission has to formally award the tender for the installation of water services in this area and although they have indicated informally that this tender will be awarded to Fundy Construction Company, this can only be formally done when the Public Service Commission meets on Monday of next week. Once this has been done we then can confirm our acceptance of the

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tender of Fundy Construction Limited for this work.

Springvale Subdivision - Progress on the water and sewer installations in this Subdivision is slow and behind schedule and we regret to advise that it will possibly take two months to complete.

Armdale-Fairview Trunk Sewer - The City has indicated that they are agreeable to the Municipality discharging its sewage in the sewer outfall at a point approximately three feet from the City outfall into Bedford Basin and at the same time are insisting that a proper agreement be drawn up between the City of Halifax and the Municipality of the County of Halifax to this effect. This agreement has not been received from the City as yet but we trust that we will have it ready for presentation to Council at the February Session.

The City has approved the temporary connection to the City sewer system of the new High School at Fairview at the rate of \$360.00 per year until the end of 1958 or such time as our own trunk sewer has been constructed. Again, this agreement is being prepared by the Legal Department of the City of Halifax and is not in our possession at this moment but your Committee will introduce a separate resolution, asking for permission for the Warden and Clerk to execute an agreement with the City of Halifax to this effect.

Negotiations are still proceeding with the City of Halifax with respect to the easement from the City that will be necessary to carry the Armdale-Fairview Trunk Sewer through a portion of the City. There were unfortunate difficulties in locating existing

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sewers at certain points within the City limits which have held up the actual design and as a matter of fact the design has just been completed. A suggestion has been forwarded to the City and it is hoped it can be dealt with at a meeting of the Board of Works to be held next week.

Springvale Avenue sewer, as you all recall, was originally installed as a dry sewer. However, certain septic conditions in this Subdivision make it highly desirable that this sewer should be put into operation as quickly as possible. The same situation will arise in sewer installations on Melrose Avenue and School Avenue and this matter has been discussed with officials at City Hall. Their suggestion is that they would allow these three streets to hook into the City sewer system, providing an agreement was entered into between the City and the Municipality, whereby the Municipality would be responsible for one-half of any damage that may be caused as a result of sewers flooding in this area.

Your Committee recommends that such an agreement be entered into with the City of Halifax, and that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement with the City of Halifax to this effect.

Water Supply HMCS Shearwater - Although this Committee asked Council and Council approved a temporary borrowing to an amount of \$300,000.00, to proceed with the water connection of the Dartmouth water mains to supply HMCS Shearwater, at the September Session, we regret to advise that nothing further has been heard from Ottawa with respect to assistance in augmenting the Town's water supply until December 11th when a wire was received, advising that there may be a decision expected in two to three weeks with

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the return of the Minister from the forthcoming Nato Conference in Paris.

Other Water Extensions - Short water extensions are now being carried out in Oakwood Subdivision on Oakwood Avenue. Good progress is being made and it is anticipated that this will be completed before bad weather sets in. A very small extension of two hundred (200) feet in Sellars Subdivision on Raymoor Drive is running concurrently with the Oakwood Avenue installations; both contracts being carried out by Walter and Leo Casavechia Limited.

One other proposed water installation that was approved by Council at the Annual Session in 1956 was an extension on Maple Street to Braemar Drive and along Braemar Drive to Island View and Sutherland Streets. This installation could not be proceeded with in the past because it was not economically feasible to do so. However, a situation has built up now where there are a sufficient number of consumers to make this extension economically feasible and work is commencing on the Maple Street part of this extension at the present time. The remainder of this work will be left until the spring when working conditions along the main highway will be better than during the winter months.

Application for Water Service Pinewood Drive, Tufts Cove - Requests have been received for approximately 200 feet of six inch main and one hydrant on Pinewood Drive. This small extension is not covered by the present contract of Cameron Contracting Limited. The estimated Capital Cost would be \$1,791.54 to serve three houses - one of which is a two flat house, so that there would be four meters and four customers. The cost of the main

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will be covered by three services at the minimum water rates and it is recommended that Council approve an expenditure of \$1,791.54 to cover the Capital Cost of this extension.

Rockingham Survey - A preliminary survey, authorized by Council, has not as yet been completed but should be available at the Annual Session of the Council in February.

Armdale-Spryfield - The present plan of work in this area is that as soon as the Engineering is completed on the main trunk sewer from Springvale Avenue out to Bedford Basin, through the new overpass, that Engineering will be commenced immediately on serving at least the gravity area of Armdale, which will, of course, be the stepping stone toward the extension of water services to the high pressure areas in Armdale and from thence to Spryfield. By the Annual Session of Council, there should be some definite recommendations in this regard, as well.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee).

Adopted by Council December 12, 1957.

December Council Session - 1957REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council.  
Councillors:-

As previously reported, investigation for suitable sites for a Municipal Administrative Building is still being pursued actively. In September we reported that there was one building that was a decided possibility but this building proved to be too large for our purposes and rather more expensive than had been originally anticipated. Many sites have been examined in recent weeks and your Committee is now investigating a particular area where it is hoped that a suitable site can be found.

Your Committee proposes to pursue this matter further, immediately at the close of this session, and as was stated before, your Committee feels that this is a matter of sufficient urgency that a Special Meeting of Council might well be called early in the New Year in order to deal with the situation, if circumstances warrant it, rather than wait for the Annual Session of Council.

We attach hereto a list of Hospital Accounts, which, after careful examination, your Committee recommends should be written off.

Tenders for Abandoned Schools - At the September Session of Council we were instructed to again advertise for tenders for certain schools in the Municipality. This was done, but we are only able to report and recommend action in the case of one school at the present time,-

1. Old School at Bayers Settlement

Your Committee recommends that the school building be conveyed to the Trustees of Bayers Settlement Church of the Musquodoboit Harbour charge of the United Church of Canada, who have made an offer of \$25.00 for the building. For many years past, this congregation has, through the kindness of the local

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school board, been able to hold services in the old school building at Bayers Settlement and now with the discontinuance of the small school in that place, the congregation is desirous of taking over the little building for church and community purposes. In order to put the building in good repair it will require a new roof and other expenditures.

At the last session of Council we accepted a tender from Mr. Harry D. Beaver for the East Ship Harbour School and gave Mr. Beaver only sixty days after depositing the purchase price and his guarantee deposit for leaving the site in a clean and tidy condition and the demolition of the building. As winter is upon us and Mr. Beaver is carrying out this work himself he has asked for an extension to the middle of April for the removal and demolition of this building and your Committee recommends that this extension of time be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee).

Adopted by Council December 12, 1957.

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SHOULD BE WRITTEN OFFDistrict No. 7

Graves, Hugh M.	\$ 240.00	
Dauphinee, Stanford	234.90	
Manuel, Mrs. Muriel	321.45	
Smith, Borden	<u>79.00</u>	\$ 875.35

District No. 8

Jewers, Lawrence	85.00	
McNeil, Mrs. Ellen	<u>433.45</u>	518.45

District No. 9

Boutilier, Ernest	<u>72.00</u>	72.00
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District No. 10

Bell, Mrs. Nesta	4.00	
Corney, John A.	403.00	
Morash, Thomas	362.05	
Pettipas, James H.	369.00	
Umlah, William Alfred	669.00	
Williamson, George J.	<u>62.00</u>	1,869.05

District No. 12

Coombs, Cyril	477.55	
Dacey, William	9.00	
Dobbin, Frank E.	81.00	
Herring, Gertrude	381.30	
Herring Ernest	65.50	
Herring, Mrs. Gertrude	127.00	
Shay, Gerald	297.00	
Toner, Ruth Mabel	<u>18.00</u>	1,456.35

District No. 14

Holand, Violet Eva M. (Thomas)	<u>84.10</u>	84.10
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District No. 17

Eonang, Augustus	155.00	
Pettipas, Charles E.	<u>102.00</u>	257.00

District No. 19

Baker, Mrs. Marion	250.35	
Baker, Robert Nelson	<u>117.00</u>	367.35

District No. 20

Gerrard, Jeanette	110.00	
Hilchie, Avon B.	432.50	
O'Brien, James Allen	<u>275.00</u>	817.50

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Fraser, Fenwick	320.50	
Gedney, Mrs. Jessie	50.25	
MacLeod, Carl E.	671.75	
MacLeod, Margaret M.	1,293.00	
Pye, Jerry Wayne	<u>3,363.00</u>	5,698.50

District No. 23

Drysdale, Sanford Lewis	<u>180.00</u>	180.00
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District No. 24

Higgins, Mrs. Ralpa (William)	<u>132.50</u>	132.50
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District No. 25

Stone, Robert	<u>315.00</u>	315.00
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District No. 26

Jodrey, Stewart	<u>70.00</u>	70.00
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District No. 27

Brown, Joseph	69.00	
Holm, Peter	110.20	
Scott, James F.	<u>4.00</u>	183.20

\$ 12,896.35

LIST OF ACCOUNTS CONSIDERED UNCOLLECTABLE  
ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE

District No. 18

McGregor, John	9.00	Advised by Councillor Davis.
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District No. 21

Anderson, George	174.00	Advised by Councillor Donaldson.
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District No. 22

McGrath, Earl Ephriam	90.00	Deaf has not worked for years.
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District No. 27

Reynolds, Mrs. Annie	135.00	Advised by Councillor King-Myers.
Saccary, Donald & Clarence	261.00	Advised by Councillor King-Myers.

District No. 28

Power, William John	1,332.00	Been in County Hospital Advised has no means to pay No property.
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\$ 2,001.00