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# OLD CITY HALL.

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## Minutes of City Council,

No. 1.

MAY 1st, 1890.

George E. Boak, Esq., for Ward No. One; William Dennis, Esq., for Ward No. Two; William F. Pickering, Esq., for Ward No. Three; David F. Power, Esq., for Ward No. Four; William McFatridge, Esq., for Ward No. Five; and James Adams, Esq., for Ward No. Six, having been returned as duly elected Aldermen for their respective Wards in said City, and having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, the Oath of Office as Aldermen, as well as that of Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax, sign the roll, and take their seats as Aldermen of the City of Halifax, in the presence of His Worship the Mayor.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.—MAY 1ST, 1890.

3.10 P. M.

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At a meeting of the City Council held this day, Present: His Worship the Mayor, in the Chair, Aldermen Ruhland, Mackintosh, Boak, Keefe, Dennis, Hamilton, Pickering, Sweet, Power, Foster, Lyons, McFatridge, Mosher, Adams.

The City Council were summoned to receive the returns of Election of Mayor and Aldermen, as required by law; to swear into office the Aldermen elect, and the transaction of other business.

Read Minutes of last meeting which were confirmed.

Alderman Mosher, Chairman of Board of City Works submits report from the Board on the appointment of Janitor for New City Hall.

Also a report from the Board of City Works on the letter from Alex. McKay, Secretary of School of Art and Design.

Alderman Sweet, Chairman of Committee of Public Accounts submits a report from said Committee.

His Worship the Mayor submits the resignation of Alderman Out-hit as a member of School Board Commissioners.

Also a protest against the election of William Dennis as an Alderman for Ward No. Two.

On motion of Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Ruhland, the "Order of the Day" is suspended, to read the papers handed in this day. Motion passed.

Read return of City Clerk of the election of David McPherson, Esq. to the office of Mayor for ensuing year, as required by law.

His Worship the Mayor then publicly declares David McPherson elected Mayor of the City of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Rhuland, seconded by Alderman Mackintosh, that the City Clerk be directed to notify The Honorable the Provincial Secretary of said election, and to respectfully request His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor to name a time and place to swear Mr. McPherson into office. Motion passed.

Read report from the Board of City Works on the letter from Alex. McKay, Secretary of School of Art and Design.

OFFICE COMMISSIONERS BOARD OF CITY WORKS,

April 28th, 1890.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting held this day they had under consideration the minute of Council referring to them the letter from A. McKay, Esq., Secretary School of Art and Design, when it was decided to call the attention of the Council to the report of the Board re-improvement in the Grand Parade, now on the Council's Order Paper, and to state that the present intention is merely to render the Parade passable for parties having business with the offices in the City Hall, and to recommend that the said item on the Order Paper be set down for a special meeting of the Council when the proposed delegation from the "Committee of Accommodation for the Museum and Art School" shall be invited to attend and be heard.

Respectfully submitted,

S. MOSHER, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Mackintosh, that said report be received and adopted. Motion passed.

Read report from Board of City Works on the appointment of Janitor New City Hall.

Read Report from Committee of Public Accounts in reference to payment of Ross, Sedgewick & MacKay's account and other accounts.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 29th, 1890.

The Committee on Public Accounts met this day, Present: the Chairman, Aldermen Lyons and Pickering.

Your Committee would recommend for payment the account of Ross, Sedgewick & MacKay, amounting to \$836.57 for taxed costs, the same being substantially correct. The following are the suits and the costs in each:

The City of Halifax vs. Chipman, Fenerty, Kehoe and others	\$124.55
Almon vs. Austen, W. C. Hamilton and others.....	99.22
Almon vs. Forbes, W. C. Hamilton and others.....	101.72
Cogswell vs. Holland, W. C. Hamilton and others.....	120.97
Cogswell vs Holland, <i>et al.</i> .....	114.22
Cogswell vs. Holland, <i>et al.</i> .....	148.25
And the taxed costs and disbursements on Appeal to the } Supreme Court of Canada, in said suit..... }	154.64

Making a total of \$863.57. The same to be taken from the Unexpended Balance Account.

Reports of His Honor the Recorder in regard to several of the above suits, together with a resolution of City Council, under which authority was given to Ross, Sedgewick and McKay, to act on behalf of the City were read.

Your Committee also recommend for payment an account of Theakston & Co., for printing 150 copies of the City Charter, amounting to \$188.70. The same to be taken from Printing and Stationery account.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. SWEET, *Chairman.*

When the following resolution No. 1 is introduced.

*Resolved*, That the report of the Committee of Public Accounts be adopted, and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the accounts mentioned therein. Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Lyons, and passed.

Read resignation of Alderman Outhit as a member of the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax.

Read protest of William B. Ross, attorney of John P. Chetwynd, against the return of the election of William Dennis as Alderman for Ward No. Two.

On motion of Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Foster, the said protest and the returns are referred to Committee of Laws and

Privileges to hear parties concerned and report to this Council. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that the Order of the Day be further suspended to allow Alderman Mosher to submit two resolutions. Motion passed.

The following resolution was then introduced. (No. 2).

*Resolved*, That the City Treasurer be authorized to advertise for a loan of \$25,000 under the Act of 1890, for sewerage purposes. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Sweet, and passed.

The following resolution (No. 3.) was objected to by Alderman Hamilton.

*Resolved*, That \$2,000 be transferred from unexpended Balance Account to Sewerage Account, and to be replaced out of the Sewerage account. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Foster

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that the "Order of the Day" be further suspended to allow Alderman Sweet to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

The following (No. 4), was read and objected to.

*Resolved*, That five hundred dollars be transferred from the deposit made by E. Milliken to the credit of the City Board of Works for cleaning up and improving the Grand Parade. Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Ruhland.

Alderman Foster has permission to hand in his resignation as a member of Board of School Commissioners.

The Council proceeded to consider the "Order of the day."

Read Alderman Lyons' resolution having reference to Hospital dispute with the Provincial Government.

*Whereas*, The City Council of Halifax, by resolutions passed on the 11th and 28th days of June, 1888, after due deliberations, decided to take over and hold as city property, and manage as a civic institution, the City and Provincial Hospital, under the Public Charities Act of 1886, and the said act thereby vested said Hospital with the grounds and appurtenances, in fee simple, in the City of Halifax, on and after the 1st day of July, 1886.

*And Whereas*, At a special meeting of the City Council called at the instance and on the request of the Honorable William S. Fielding, the Provincial Secretary of Nova Scotia, on the 30th day of June, 1886, the said Provincial Secretary, on behalf of the Government of Nova Scotia, attended in this Council Chamber, and prevailed on the City Council to enter into an agreement to hand said Hospital and

Grounds over to his Government on the understanding and agreement that the claim of the City of Halifax for compensation for said Hospital and Grounds should not be effected or prejudiced by said transfer and agreement. And whereas, at the arbitration afterwards held under said Public Charities Act of 1886, the arbitrator, (Mr. Longard, the City's representative dissenting,) agreeably to the contention of the Honorable Mr. Longley, the Attorney-General of the Province, and Counsel for the Government at said arbitration, refused to consider the City of Halifax claim for the value of said Hospital and Grounds as not within the jurisdiction of said arbitrators or scope of said arbitration, and made an award on the 5th day of March, 1887, against the City of \$59,000, in connection with the Poor Asylum and other matters, leaving the City's claim for compensation under the agreement and arrangement with the Honorable Mr. Fielding, on the 30th day of June, 1886, unsettled and undecided.

*And Whereas*, This Council under resolution passed at a meeting of the Council on the 11th day of March, 1887, prepared and submitted to the Government of Nova Scotia, through the said Honorable Provincial Secretary, a memorial setting out all the facts and claiming that the City of Halifax was entitled to at least \$83,000.00 for money actually expended by the City of Halifax on said Hospital and for the lands owned by the City, which passed with the same and asked said Government if it disputed the amount to agree to another arbitration or state a case for the Courts to settle the same.

*And Whereas*, The said Government of Nova Scotia has, since the making of said award of the 5th March, 1887, compelled the City of Halifax to pay the Province of Nova Scotia the said sum of \$150,000 for Hospital so unjustly awarded against the City, less the sum of \$38,000 for Hospital Debentures which form part of the funded debt of this City, and on which the City of Halifax is compelled to pay interest for all time.

*And Whereas*, The Legislature of Nova Scotia is now in Session, and the Government of Nova Scotia ought to be pressed to do justice to the City of Halifax in the matter of compensation for the Hospital and Grounds which it has taken from the City of Halifax without payment.

*Therefore Resolved*, That the City Clerk respectfully call the attention of the Honorable Provincial Secretary to the fact that the Council has been favored with no answer as yet, to the memorial presented to his Government over three years ago, and that he has, by means of coercive legislation compelled the City to pay the amount of the award against the City, and that it would only be just that his Government should now pay the City the amount of its claim for said Hospital and Grounds \$83,000.00 as agreed to on arbitration to settle the amount due, or to state a case between the City and the Govern-

ment covering the matter in dispute and giving power to the Court do what may be agreeable to equity and good conscience in the matter, or if his Government repudiates any liability under the representations and agreements made at the City Council meeting, on the said 30th day of June, 1886, he will be good enough to so notify this Council.

*Further Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution accompany such communication to the Provincial Secretary. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Foster.

When the following amendment is introduced.

*Resolved*, That the further consideration of the resolution in the Hospital matter be deferred for one month to give the present Council an opportunity to become acquainted with the matter. Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Sweet, which amendment on being put is lost,—5 voting for the same, 9 against it—and the names being called for appeared thus :

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Boak, Outhit,	Aldermen Mackintosh, Power,
"    Sweet, Keefe,	"    Ruhland, Dennis, Adams,
"    McFatridge.--5.	"    Mosher, Lyons, Foster,
	"    Hamilton—9.

The original resolution was then put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Sweet—That Item No. 5 on Order Paper be taken up. Motion passed.

Read letter from Shatford Brothers, covering an account from them for plans for an Oil Warehouse.

Moved by Alderman Mackintosh, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that the same be referred to Committee of Public Accounts to report on. Motion passed.

On motion of Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Ruhland, item No. 13, is struck off "Order of the Day."

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Foster, that item No. 34, viz:—The Report of the Furnishing Committee on Ordinance for guidance of Officers in New City Hall, be taken up clause by clause. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE ROOM, April 25th, 1890.

1. The Special Committee on City Hall matters submit herewith a draft Ordinance in reference to the duties and attendance of City officials in the new City Hall, and recommend the same to the City Council for adoption.

2. The Committee have provided therein for an Annual vacation of two weeks for each official, in accordance with the prayer of the petition from the officials referred to the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. LYONS, *Chairman.*

*To His Worship the Mayor and Council:*

CITY OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of Halifax, as follows:

1. All Offices in the City Hall shall be open for Public business from 9.30 A. M., to 4.30 P.M., on week days, other than Saturday, and the officials shall so arrange their dinner hours that it shall not be necessary to close any of the offices for an hour, or any time in the middle of the day. The office hours on Saturday shall be from 9.30 A. M. to 1 P. M.

2. The City Clerk shall keep a register of attendance in his office, and all officials having offices in the building shall sign said book and mark the time of their arrival after their name on entering the Hall each morning, and shall mark the hour of their departure thereon when leaving in the evening.

3. The City Clerk shall prepare an abstract of such register of attendance each week, showing the number of days any clerk or official has been absent, or the number of hours late during the week, and shall lay the same before the Mayor each Monday morning for his action thereon. Any official or clerk absent for one or more days shall have a proportionate part of his pay deducted for time lost, unless excused by the Mayor, on account of sickness or otherwise, or unless leave of absence has been granted him by the Council as hereinafter provided.

4. No official shall absent himself from his office without having first obtained permission from the Mayor, and in case of absence from duty through illness he will be expected to send notice at once to the Mayor, and His Worship may require such illness to be verified by a doctor's certificate if continued. No official shall leave the City for a longer period than one day, except an annual vacation, without the written permission of the Mayor or Council first obtained for the purpose and specifying his time of absence.

5. All the officials employed in the City Hall shall be entitled to an annual vacation between the first of May and first of December of

two weeks to be arranged by the official in the several departments subject to the approval of the Mayor so that no two clerks shall be absent from one department at the same time. In the event of a failure in the officials to arrange the dates of their vacation to their mutual satisfaction the time and order in which the same shall take place shall be settled by the Mayor whose decision shall be final.

6. The Mayor shall have power to suspend any official or clerk at any time for disobedience of orders or neglect of duty, or for violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance, and in all cases of suspension or of absence from duty without leave for one week or more, the Mayor shall report the official offending or absent to the Council at its next meeting, and no further payment of salary shall be made to the party reported upon until the Council, by resolution, order the same.

7. The City Marshal, City Clerk, and Chief Assessor, or such other three officials as the City Council may by resolution from time to time appoint, shall be a "House Committee," who shall prescribe rules and regulations for the Janitor, as to the cleaning, lighting, and heating of the building and offices, and for the care of the furniture and fittings, and shall see that the Janitor faithfully complies with the same. In the event of the Janitor failing to carry out any order as to cleaning, or work given him by the House Committee, or neglecting his duties, the committee may have it done by any person without notice to the Janitor, and have the price paid for the same deducted from the salary of the Janitor. The committee shall report all violations of their orders by the Janitor, or breach of their regulations as to the care of the building or furniture by the officials or others, to the Mayor, who may suspend the offender.

8. It shall be the duty of the Janitor to keep the snow cleared from the Parade and Argyle fronts of the Hall, and of the Police to keep the snow cleared from the Duke and Barrington Street fronts.

9. The minutes of the meeting of all committees shall be kept in separate minute books, and the names of the movers of all resolutions passed thereat shall be entered therein, and the minutes of one meeting shall be read at the next, and signed by the Chairman. A special minute book shall be kept for the meetings of special committees. When the standing committee has no regular clerk or secretary, one of the Assistant City Clerks shall act as clerk or secretary, and enter the report. One of the said Assistant City Clerks shall act as clerk to any special committee, unless resolution authorizing the appointment of such special committee shall designate such other clerk or official to act as secretary.

10. All the officials and clerks shall perform any duties required by the Council or any committee, and the sum fixed for salary shall

be in full for all services that they may be capable of rendering the City in any one year, and all fees paid into any office or to any civic official for any purpose whatever connected with his office shall be accounted for and paid into the City Treasury.

11. No salary shall be raised or altered in any way at any time without a special resolution of the Council authorizing the same, and no resolution to increase any salary shall be considered by the Council except at a meeting or meetings called to consider the estimates for the Civic year, and any alteration so made shall only take effect from the beginning of the Civic year next following the adoption of such resolution.

12. A general Cash Book be kept in every office where money is received or paid out, and any sum of money paid in or out shall be promptly entered in the book at the time it is so received or paid out, and the entry shall show the name of the person from whom it is received, to whom it is paid, as well as the particular account or purpose for which it is received or paid.

All existing regulations and ordinances of the City of Halifax or parts thereof inconsistent with the foregoing ordinance are hereby repealed and rescinded.

Read first clause, which passed.

Read second clause, which was moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the same be passed.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that said clause be struck off, which amendment on being put was passed, 7 voting for the same, 7 against it. His Worship the Mayor giving his casting vote in favor of the amendment. The names being called for appeared thus:

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Ruhland, Power,	Aldermen Mackintosh, Keefe,
" Sweet, Mosher,	" Adams, Dennis,
" Keefe, McFatrige,	" Outhit, Lyons,
" Mosher.—7.	" Hamilton.—7.

Alderman Lyons gave notice of reconsideration.

Read clause No. 3. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Hamiton, that this clause pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that said clause be struck out. Amendment was put and lost. Clause put and passed.

Read clauses 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, which were severally put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Mackintosh, that the same be read a third time. The same is read a third time and passed, subject to the notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman Foster to introduce the following resolution. Motion passed.

*Resolved*, That the money deposited with the Liquor License Inspector by a number of unsuccessful applicants for Liquor License be returned to them, less expenses. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hamilton and passed.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that item No. 28 on Order of the Day be taken up. Motion passed.

Read letter George E. VanBuskirk, Secretary Halifax and Dartmouth Ferry Co.

Read letter from B. A. Weston, Esq., Chairman of Citizens' Committee Dartmouth Ferry Co.

On motion of Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Lyons, the same are to be placed first on Order of the Day for next meeting. Passed.

5.40. On motion of Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Sweet, Council adjourn.

# NEW CITY HALL.

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## Minutes of City Council,

No. 2.                      MAY 14th, 1890.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.—3.15 P. M.

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At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day, Present: His Worship the Mayor in the Chair; Aldermen Rubland, Mackintosh, Boak, Keefe, Dennis, Hamilton, Pickering, Ruggles, Sweet, Power, Foster, Lyons, McFatrige, Mosher, and Adams.

The City Council were summoned to appoint the various City Officers for ensuing year, to receive the report from the Mayor on nomination of Standing Committees, matters standing over, and the transaction of other business.

Read Minutes of meeting held on the 1st instant, which were confirmed.

His Worship the Mayor submits letter from Edward Phelan, Secretary Board of Fire Wards, covering Annual Reports from the Chairman of the Board, the Electrician of Fire Alarm, and the Keeper of Engine Houses for past year.

Also a letter from Edward Phelan, Secretary of the Board of Fire Wards, covering a recommendation of the Board that the salary of the Electrician be increased.

Also a communication from Alderman Ruggles, resigning his office as one of Board of School Commissioners.

Also a Petition from John P. Chetwynd, in reference to recent election of Alderman Dennis in Ward No. Two.

Also a letter from James C. Mackintosh, Esq., offering a sum of money from the funds of the Ladies' Committee on the Reception of the Halifax Provisional Battalion, for the fund to improve the Grand Parade.

Also a letter from Samuel Holmes, New York, in reference to sale of iron Steam Fire Tug, for fire purposes at wharves.

Also a letter from Wm. H. Wiswell, covering the estimate for County Assessment purposes for current year.

Also return from City Collector, receipts for May, 1890.

Alderman Mosher, Chairman of the Board of City Works submits the following papers:

- 1st. Letter from the American Water Works Association, Chicago.
- 2nd. Report from Board of City Works on complaint of Michael O'Brien of defective sewer, West Street, with Engineer's report thereon.
- 3rd. Report from Board of City Works on Letter of J. S. Hughes asking water supply Belle Air Terrace, with report of Engineer thereon.
- 4th. Report from Board of City Works on letter from James Jarrett, asking increase of pay.
- 5th. Report from Board of City Works in reference to giving notice to Chandler Electric Co., of termination of Contract for Electric Lighting the City.
- 6th. Report from Board of City Works in reference to insurance of Furniture City Hall.
- 7th. Report from Board of City Works in reference to completion City Hall.
- 8th. Report from Board of City Works on petition for Water extension, South street.
- 9th. Report from E. Elliot, Architect City Hall, in reference to completion of contract.
- 10th. Petition of John Campbell and others, resident Richmond, lying above Campbell Road, in reference to new line of street.
- 11th. The Annual Report from the Governor of City Prison.

Alderman Foster submits petition from Silas Hubley and others, in reference to drainage on Agricola street in Ward No. Five.

Alderman Pickering submits a petition from Alexander Adams in reference to his assessment.

Alderman Mackintosh, Chairman, submits report from Committee on Hacks and Trucks.

His Worship the Mayor submits a report on the New City Hall and its history.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman McFtridge, that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers handed in this day. Passed.

Read, letter from William H. Wiswell, County Clerk and Treasurer, covering estimates of amount to be assessed for county purposes for ensuing year.

MUNICIPALITY OF HALIFAX COUNTY, N. S.,  
OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK AND TREASURER,  
HALIFAX, April 30th, 1890.

*To His Worship the Mayor of the City of Halifax:*

Sir,—I am directed to forward to you a statement of the amount of assessment for County purposes for the current year 1890, and to notify you of the proportion thereof to be assessed upon the City of Halifax in accordance with the basis last agreed upon, viz: 9/11ths. of the estimate; the balance to be borne by the County and Dartmouth.

The amount of the estimates passed by the County Council, a copy of which is herewith enclosed is \$15,325; nine-elevenths discarding the fraction is \$12,539. (Twelve thousand five hundred and thirty-nine dollars), which sum is payable to the County Treasurer by 1st October as per By-law of this Municipality.

I have the honor to be  
Your Worship's Obedient Servant,  
WM. H. WISWELL,  
*County Clerk and Treasurer.*

Estimates to be assessed on the County, City, and Dartmouth, jointly, for 1890:

For the Jail .....	\$2700 00
" Court House .....	2300 00
" Clerk and Treasurer .....	1600 00
" Criers and Constables (S. and C. Courts) ..	800 00
" Chief County Constable .....	300 00
" Grand Jury and Secretary .....	350 00
" Petit and Special Juries .....	900 00
" Crown Witnesses .....	600 00
" Sheriffs' Accounts .....	800 00
" Coroner, Juries, and Expenses .....	700 00
" Printing and Stationery .....	550 00
" Postage and Expressage .....	60 00

MAY 14th, 1890.

For the Auditors of County Accounts .....	40 00
" Warden and Councillors.....	1000 00
" Interest on Court House .....	1125 00
" Contingent Fund.....	300 00
" Stipendiary Magistrate .....	800 00
" Revising Jury Lists .....	200 00
" Election Expenses.....	200 00

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 \$15,325 00

Assessment for Municipality alone, viz :

For Schools, \$8,350; Income and Paupers, \$5,000; Revisors and Assessors, \$1,000; Poors Farm, in- cluding Debentures, Instal. and Interest, \$1,015; Inspector of Licenses, \$400; Draw Bridges, \$70; Bounties, \$80.....	\$15915 00
Costs of Collection to be added.....	800 00

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 Total Amount .....\$32040 00

Joint Assessment .....\$15,325 00

Municipality only ..... 16,715 00

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 \$32040 00

 W. H. WISWELL,  
*County Clerk and Treas., &c.*

 Passed January Session of  
 County Council, 1890.

When the following resolution No. one, is introduced.

*Resolved*, That the Estimate for the County be referred to His Honor the Recorder to advise the Committee as to an arbitration with the County, this year, if possible, and that the Committee on Laws and privileges be a Special Committee on Arbitration with the County. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Ruhland and passed.

Read report from Board of City Works on a letter from M. O'Brien, complaining of defective Sewer on West street, with report of City Engineer thereon.

 OFFICE COMMISSIONERS BOARD OF CITY WORKS,  
 May 12th, 1890.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting, held this day, they had before them a letter from Mr. M. O'Brien, complaining of Sewer on West street, together with a report from the City Engineer upon the subject, when it was decided to refer the matter to the City Council, with the recommendation that the work be placed upon the order book to be done in its turn.

Respectfully submitted,

SAUL MOSHER, *Chairman.*

*In re* complaint of Michael O'Brien. Defective drainage West Street.

There have been complaints from this neighbourhood for several years back. The matter was fully investigated and reported upon on the 26th August '86, and on the 14th September, '86. Full particulars will be found in my report, August 26, to which I would respectfully refer.

The complaint is a just one, and it ought, in my opinion, receive attention.

It will be seen by the report referred to that the old stone sewer in Maynard Street is too shallow and requires deepening. The estimated cost was \$800 for the new sewer work required and \$135 for new catch basins.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. KEATING.

The Chairman Board of Works.  
2nd May, 1890.

On motion of Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Lyons, the said report is adopted. Passed.

Read report from the Board of City Works in reference to Water extension South street, with report of City Engineer thereon.

OFFICE COMMISSIONERS CITY BOARD OF WORKS,  
May 12th, 1890.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting, held this day, they had before them petition for Water extension on South street, as also a report from the City Engineer thereupon, when it was decided to forward it to the City Council with the recommendation that the prayer of the petition be granted, provided that the petitioners give satisfactory bonds to pay a yearly sum sufficient to make up the interest at six per cent upon the cost of extension.

Respectfully submitted,

S. MOSHER, *Chairman*.

Report on application for water extension South street, between Queen and South Park street.

There are at present no buildings on the line of pipe required by the petitioners, but the cellars are being dug for two houses which McDonald and Kennedy propose constructing. These houses, I am informed will cost about \$1500 each. Applications of Wm. McDonald and Thos. Kennedy attached hereto.

The extension would be off the low service Park Street main. A 6 inch pipe would be required. Length, 340 feet; estimated cost \$450; and estimated return in water rates \$12.00 per annum after the houses are built and occupied.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. KEATING.

To Chairman Board of Works.  
7th May, 1890.

On motion of Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Pickering, the said report is adopted. Passed.

Read, report from the Board of City Works on letter from James Hughes and others, asking Water Extension Belle Air Terrace with report of City Engineer thereon.

Read, report from the Board of City Works on letter from James Jarrett asking an increase of salary.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that the same taken up with item No. 7 on Order of the Day. Motion passed.

Read report from the Board of City Works in reference to giving six months notice to Chandler Electric Light Co. Ltd., of termination of contract on 24th Nov. 1890.

Read Report from the Board of City Works in reference to effecting insurance on the Furniture City Hall.

OFFICE COMMISSIONERS BOARD CITY WORKS,  
May 12th, 1890.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting, held this day, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this board recommend to the City Council that Fire Insurance to the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be placed upon the Furniture and fittings of the City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

S. MOSHER, *Chairman*.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that said report be received and adopted. Motion passed.

Read report from Board of Works on the completion of the City Hall by Messrs Rhodes, Curry & Co., the Contractors.

Read letter from Edward Elliot, Architect, New City Hall, in reference to completion.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Pickering That the above report and letter just read be printed in the minutes. Motion passed.

OFFICE COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF CITY WORKS,  
*May 12th, 1890.*

The Board of City Works in accordance with the instructions of the City Council beg to report that in their opinion the City Hall has been finished by the contractor according to the plans and specification, with the exception of the substitution, by order of the architect, of hardwood instead of pitch pine in the floors of the principal storeys, and of birch and maple instead of cherry in the dado.

The large panes of glass bearing the names of the offices having been wrongly lettered had to be sent back to the makers to be altered, and have not yet come to hand. They are expected daily, and will be put in as soon as received.

The clearing up of the Parade has been undertaken by the Board because of information received from the architect that the first contractor for the building had left piles of stone, etc., on the ground, by order of the then Board of Works, who intended to utilize the material in street work.

The Board feel it their duty to call attention to the fact that the Contractors have been some six and one-half months longer than the contract time in completing the work, but would leave the matter of enforcing the penalty of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day for such delay in the hands of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

S. MOSHER, *Chairman.*

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY BOARD OF WORKS.

*Gentlemen,*—I am in receipt of a note of the 6th inst., from your Secretary, asking for my final report upon the City Hall, to be laid before you at the meeting to be held this afternoon, and in reply beg to say that the building has been completed according to plans and specifications, with the exception of a few minor details, of which your Board are aware. The only thing required now to furnish are the large panes of glass in some of the office doors which have been delayed in transit, but no doubt they will be received in a day or two (as they left Montreal ten or twelve days since) and as soon as they come to hand will be put in, and the work completed. I may then be permitted to say that I consider you have a good and substantial building in every respect, and although there have been delays and drawbacks in its construction and which has also added to the original estimate, still the

citizens can be congratulated on having a building fitted with all modern improvements and in every way suited to its Civic government.

I have the honor to be gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

EDWARD ELLIOT.

Read petition from residents and rate-payers of Agricola street asking sewerage extension.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the petition be referred to Board of City Works to report on. Motion passed.

Read petition from Alexander Adams, appealing from an assessment on his stock, in store on Granville street.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that the same be referred to Committee on Assessment, with His Honor the Recorder to report on. Motion passed.

Read letter from the Secretary of the Board of Fire Wards, covering the Annual report from the Chairman of the Board, the Electrician, and the Keeper of the Engine Houses for past year.

Read, petition from John P. Chetwynd, in reference to the election of Alderman Dennis in Ward No. Two.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Ruggles, that the petition be referred to the Committee of Laws and Privileges with His Honor the Recorder to report on. Motion passed.

Read, letter from James C. Mackintosh, offering a sum of money from the funds of the Ladies' Committee on the reception of the Halifax Provisional Battalion toward the fund for the improving Grand Parade.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that the City Clerk acknowledge the receipt of said letter, and the subject matter thereof be referred to Board of City Works to report on. Motion passed.

Read, report from Committee of Hacks and Trucks on the amendment to Hackney Carriage Regulations.

Read, letter from American Water Works Association of Chicago.

Read, letter from Edward Phelan, Secretary of Board of Fire Wards in reference to increase of salary to Electrician.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the letter be referred to Board of City Works to report on.

Read, resignation of Alderman Ruggles, as a member of Board of School Commissioners.

Read, resignation of Alderman Hamilton, as a member of Board of School Commissioners.

Read, letter from Samuel Holmes, New York, in reference to sale of Steam Fire Tug.

Read, petition from residents of Richmond, in reference to more direct street accommodation.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Sweet That the petition be referred to Board of City Works, with Engineer to report on.

Read, Annual Report from the Governor of City Prison for past year.

Read, report from His Worship the Mayor on the New City Hall and its history.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Dennis, That said report be printed in the Annual Reports. Motion passed.

The Council next take up the Order of the Day—

Alderman Lyons' notice of re-consideration on the second clause of Ordinance in reference to Civic Officials, of last meeting is taken up.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the same be reconsidered. Motion put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that said clause No. 2 be passed.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Power, that the further consideration of the second clause of the ordinance in reference to Civic officers be deferred for twelve months, which amendment on being put was lost, 7 voting for the same 9 against it.

The motion to adopt the clause was then put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the Ordinance, as passed, be engrossed and forwarded to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Executive Council for their approval, Motion passed,

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that the Order of the Day be suspended to take up report from Board of City Works on the subject of notice to Chandler Electric Company in re termination of contract.

The report was read.

OFFICE COMMISSIONERS BOARD OF CITY WORKS,  
May 12th, 1890.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting, held this day, it was decided to recommend to the City Council that the required six months notice be sent to the Chandler Electric Co. Ltd., that its present contract for lighting the streets of the City will be terminated on November 24th, 1890. according to the provision of said contract.

Respectfully submitted,

S. MOSHER, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that said report be received and adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that item No. 33 on Order of the Day be taken up. Motion passed.

The vacancies on Board of School Commissioners was considered.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that Alderman Sweet be placed on the vacancy of Alderman Outhit, Ward six. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that Alderman Pickering fill the vacancy in Ward No. three, by the retirement of Alderman Hamilton. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Ruggles, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that Alderman Power fill the vacancy in Ward Four by the retirement of Alderman Ruggles. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that Alderman Boak fill the vacancy in Ward Five by the retirement of Alderman Foster. Motion passed.

Council next proceed to appoint the various City Officers for ensuing year, as follows:

Henry Trenaman, Assistant City Clerk.  
William J. Nisbet, Second Assistant City Clerk.  
Garrett Cotter, City Marshal.  
James McDonald, Deputy Marshal.

John O'Sullivan, Assistant Deputy Marshal.  
 Henry S. Rhind, Clerk of License and Clerk in Collector's office.  
 William B. McNutt, Clerk of Works.  
 William F. Reilly, Assistant Clerk of Works.  
 John McDonald, Foreman Street Works.  
 Ewan Morrison, Foreman of Water Works.  
 Thomas Spelman, Caretaker City Property.  
 Nicholas Meagher and John E. Burns, Health and Water Inspectors.  
 Nicholas Power, Detective Officer.  
 Thomas Trenaman, City Medical Officer.  
 Thomas Rhind, Clerk to Board of Health.

Read, application from the present Measurers of Salt and Grain.

Read, return from Supervisor of amount of work done, and amount received for said service.

On motion of Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Ruhland,—John Adams, *Supervisor*, Ambrose Keating, James Mitchell, Daniel J. Smith, James McDaniel, Maurice McDonnell, and William Frederick, are re-appointed Weighers and Measurers of Salt and Grain for ensuing year.

The appointment of Measurers of Coal was then taken up.

Read, applications with return from Deputy Supervisor.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Sweet, That the appointment be deferred, and taken up with Item No. 16 on Order of the Day.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Foster, That the matter of the appointment be dealt with at once, which amendment on being put was passed—8 voting for the same, 7 against it—and the names being called for, appeared thus :

For the Amendment.

Against it.

Aldermen Mackintosh, Boak,	Aldermen Ruggles, Lyons,
" Ruhland, Power,	" Hamilton, Sweet,
" Outhit, Keefe,	" Dennis, Adams,
" Mosher, Foster.—8.	" Pickering.—7.

Alderman Hamilton gives notice of re-consideration.

The following were then appointed Measurers of Coal for ensuing year :—David Barry, Supervisor, Simon Cummins, Thomas B. Shaw, Thos. Isles, B. McGibbon, Wm. R. Cogswell, Robert Woodill, William Pyke.

On motion James Hutton was re-appointed Registrar of Camp Hill Cemetery.

On motion William Murray and Mrs. Wm. Murray are re-appointed Governor and Matron City Prison.

On motion Robert P. Murray, R. Lapier, Daniel Keating and William Higglett are re-appointed under keepers City Prison.

On motion, John Muldowney is re-appointed Messenger City Prison.

On motion, J. W. Flemming is re-appointed Superintendent Poor Asylum, and Mrs. A. A. Flemming the Matron.

On motion, James H. Dow is re-appointed Engineer Poor Asylum.

On motion, James Murphy is re-appointed Assistant Engineer Poor Asylum.

On motion, James Mackintosh is re-appointed Baker at Poor Asylum.

On motion, John McDaniel is re-appointed Secretary Poor Asylum.

On motion, William Holland is re-appointed a Lumber Surveyor for the City of Halifax.

Council proceed to appoint a Board of Fire Wards when the following resolution was introduced:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Fire Wardens as at present constituted be abolished, and that the affairs of the Fire Department be managed by a committee of six Aldermen, to be known as a Board of Fire Wardens and Fire Commissioners, moved by Alderman Boak, seconded by Alderman Lyons, which resolution on being put was passed, Alderman Foster dissenting.

On motion, Jeremiah Barnstead is re-appointed a Sealer of Leather for the City of Halifax.

On motion, John E. M. Taylor and David Roche are appointed Measurers of Painter's Works for ensuing year.

On motion, Henry Saunders is appointed a Measurer of Mason's Work for ensuing year.

On motion, Thomas Robinson and John Boosey are re-appointed Pound Keepers for the ensuing year.

On motion, Thomas E. Keating and William McC. Boak are re-appointed Weighers of Hay for the ensuing year.

On motion, William Holland is re-appointed a Measurer of Wood for the ensuing year.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that Alderman Mackintosh be appointed Deputy Mayor in case of the absence of the Mayor during the ensuing year. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that Item No. 32 on the "Order of the Day" be taken up.

Read Report from the Board of City Works on the appointment of Janitor New City Hall.

OFFICE COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF CITY WORKS,  
*April 28, 1890.*

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting held this day they had under consideration the applications for the Janitorship and Caretaker of Heating Apparatus in New City Hall as referred to them by the City Council, when it was decided to recommend that the salary be fixed at Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800) per annum, the Janitor to provide all necessary assistance. It was also decided to recommend Mr. J. C. McDonald for the position of Janitor and Caretaker of the Heating apparatus of the City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

S. MOSHER, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Foster, That the first part of the report in reference to salary be adopted, and the Council proceed to appoint a Janitor. Motion passed.

The names John Spruhan, J. C. McDonald, Michael Delaney and Bartholomew Dillon were voted on several times, when John Spruhan was declared elected by the following vote:

MCDONALD.	SPRUHAN.	DELANEY.
Alderman Sweet.—1.	Alderman Pickering,	Alderman McFatridge,
	" Adams,	" Foster,
	" Keefe,	" Dennis,
	" Outhit,	" Mosher,
	" Hamilton,	" Lyons,
	" Boak,	" Power.—6.
	" Ruhland,	
	" Ruggles,	
	" Mackintosh.—9.	

The following Committees as named by His Worship the were read and confirmed for year 1890-91.

COMMISSIONERS OF POINT PLEASANT PARK.—Aldermen Ruhland, Hesslein, (Vacancy), Power, Lyons, and Adams.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CITY WORKS.—Aldermen Ruhland, Keefe, Hamilton, Ruggles, Foster, and Outhit.

COMMITTEE TENDERS.—Aldermen Mackintosh, Hesslein, Pickering, Power, Foster, Outhit.

COMMISSIONERS HALIFAX COMMON.—Aldermen Mackintosh, Dennis, Sweet, Hamilton, Lyons, Mosher.

CEMETERY.—Aldermen Boak, Hesslein, (Vacancy), Sweet, McFatridge, Adams.

LAWS AND PRIVILEGES.—Aldermen Boak, Keefe, Hamilton, Ruggles, Lyons, Outhit.

On motion of Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Lyons, Alderman Mosher is substituted for Alderman Outhit on Committee of Laws and Privileges. Motion passed.

POLICE.—Alderman Ruhland, Keefe, Pickering, Power, McFatridge, and Outhit.

HACKS AND TRUCKS.—Alderman Mackintosh, Dennis, Hamilton, Ruggles, McFatridge, and Adams.

CITY PRISON.—Alderman Ruhland, Keefe, (Vacancy) Power, McFatridge and Mosher.

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that Alderman Sweet be substituted for Alderman Power on this Committee. Motion passed.

SANITARY.—Alderman Mackintosh, Dennis, (Vacancy) Lyons, Ruggles and Mosher.

LIBRARY.—Alderman Mackintosh, Dennis, Pickering, Sweet, Foster and Adams.

On motion of Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Mosher, Alderman Power is substituted for Alderman Sweet on this Committee. Motion passed.

CHARITIES.—Alderman Boak, Keefe, Pickering, Power, Foster and Mosher.