

CITY OF HALIFAX

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL

1918-19

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of the
CITY COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF HALIFAX,
NOVA SCOTIA,
FOR THE CIVIC YEAR
1918-19

Arthur C. Hawkins, Mayor.

Alderman John E. Godwin, Deputy Mayor.

L. Fred. Monaghan, City Clerk.

THE CITY COUNCIL 1918-19

His Worship the Mayor

Arthur C. Hawkins.

Deputy Mayor and Vice Chairman Board of Control

Alderman John E. Godwin.

Controllers.

John Murphy

Andrew J. Finlay

George A. Taylor

John J. Hines.

Aldermen.

Ward No. 1-Hugh E. Macnab
Henry S. Colwell

Ward No. 4-Wm. G. Foley
Harrison L. Hart

Ward No. 2-Robt. B. Colwell
Frank A. Gillis

Ward No. 5-Michael Day.
Robt. D. Guilford.

Ward No. 3-John E. Furness
Edward J. Kelly

Ward No. 6-John E. Godwin.
John S. Parker.

City Clerk and Secretary Board of Control.

L. Fred. Monaghan.

M I N U T E S O F C I T Y C O U N C I L .

C I V I C Y E A R 1 9 1 8 - 1 9 .

Arthur C. Hawkins, Mayor.

Office of the City Clerk, City Hall

May 1st, 1918.

, Arthur C. Hawkins, Physician, having been on the 25th day of April, 1918, by the City Clerk, in the presence of the City Council, publicly declared duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax for the civic year 1918-19, I do hereby certify that before entering upon the duties of the office of Mayor he was on the 1st day of May, 1918, sworn before His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, at Government House, by subscribing and taking the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office of Mayor in the presence of Alderman ^{Alderman H S Colwell} John E. Furness and Alderman R. ^{L F M} D. Guildford and the City Clerk. _{cc}

And that upon the said 1st day of May, 1918 he was sworn as Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax before the City Clerk.

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L. FRED. MONAGHAN,

City Clerk in and for the
City of Halifax

EVENING SESSION,

(Adjourned Meeting)

8.10 o'clock,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

May 6th, 1918.

The City Council met this evening pursuant to adjournment of April 29th, 1918.

At the above named hour there were present Controllers Murphy, Hines and Finlay and Taylor and Aldermen Kelly, Parker, Godwin, H. S. Colwell Hart, Day, Furness and Gillis.

Moved by Alderman Parker seconded by Controller Murphy that the time for meeting be extended until the arrival of His Worship the Mayor or until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed

8.20 o'clock, Roll called; present the above named together with His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Macnab and Foley.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted:-

Reports (6) Board of Control, as follows:-

Water Department Estimates.
Relief Advisory Committee
City Home Tenders for Supplies.
Current Over Draft \$316.210.00
Fire Department Re-organization.
Fire Department Tenders for Hose.

WATER DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES.

The Council proceeds with the consideration of the Estimates for the Water Department for 1918-19 as submitted by the Board of Control to the City Council at its meeting April 29th, 1918.

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A report of the Board of Control submitting the said Estimates together with two reports from Controller Murphy relating to said Estimates and matters relating to the Water Department and a report from Controller Finlay in reply to Controller Murphy's reports are read.

The Estimates are read and considered item by item, as follows:-

<u>Shops.</u>	\$5,000.00	Passed.
Repairs and renewals on service	10,000.00	Passed
Repairs and renewals to hydrants	3,500.00	Passed.
Repairs and cleaning mains	1,500.00	Passed.
Inspecting and renewing valves	500.00	Passed.
Repairs to Pipe Houses	100.00	Passed.
Hardware	2,000.00	Passed.
Machine Work and Castings	2,500.00	Passed.
Stationery and blank books etc.,	1,000.00	Passed.

Water Meter Bills.

Moved by Alderman Kelly seconded by Controller Murphy that the Water Bills now sent out in duplicate, printed on both sides of the paper and perforated, be revised and the quantity ^{of water} thereon reduced in order to curtail the cost of printing before the printing of any more Water Meter Bills is ordered. Motion passed.

Water Estimates continued.

Advertising	\$ 100.00	Passed.
Repairs etc., autos, waggons and harnesses	500.00	Passed.
Board of horses	550.00	Passed.

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Light and Power	100.00	Passed
Telephones	226.00	Passed
Meters and Parts	6,000.00	Passed.
Coal and truckage	1,000.00	Passed.
Workmen's Compensation Board Assessments.	700.00	Passed.
Explosives	100.00	Passed.

Salaries.

Assistant City Engineer 2,700.00

His Worship the Mayor asks permission from the Council to express his views in opposition to several of the increases in salary of Works Department Officials.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Alderman Kelly that His Worship the Mayor be permitted to address the Council from the Floor of the Chamber . Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor calls Deputy Mayor to the Chair.

The Mayor explains to the Council his views in opposition to increases in salary to certain of the Water Department Officials.

His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Taylor that the item "Salary Assistant City Engineer" \$2,700.00 pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman H. S. Colwell seconded by Alderman Foley that this Council recommend to the Board of Control that the salary of the Assistant City Engineer

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be placed at \$3,000.00 with the understanding that the Acting City Engineer is also to receive at the rate of \$300.00 per year out of the appropriation for the salary of the City Engineer. Amendment put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 5 against it, as follows:-

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Controller Hines, Aldermen McNab H. S. Colwell Gillis R. B. Colwell. Furness Kelly Foley Hart Day Parker -11	Controllers Mruphy Finlay Taylor Aldermen Guildford Godwin. -5

Assistant Engineer DeWolfe (part)	1,160.00	Passed.
Clerk of Works	1,550.00	Passed.
Assistant Clerk of Works	1,150.00	Passed.
City Collector	200.00	Passed.
1st. Clerk Collector's Office	1,350.00	Passed.
2nd Clerk Collector's Office	750.00	Passed.
Stenographer in Superintendent Water Department	600.00	Passed.
	\$1,500.00	

Moved by Alderman R. B. Colwell seconded by Alderman Parker that this item be referred back to the Board of Control with the recommendation that the salary be placed at \$1,550.00. Motion passed.

Assistant Plumbing Inspector ($\frac{1}{2}$)	650.00	Passed.
Meter Foreman	1,036.00	Passed.
Meter Readers (2 @ \$1032.00)	2,064.00	Passed.
<u>Meter Readers (2) @ \$980.)</u>	<u>\$1,960.00</u>	

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by

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Controller Hines that this item be pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman H. S. Colwell seconded by Alderman R. B. Colwell that this item be referred back to the Board of Control with the recommendation that these salaries be placed at \$1032.00 each. Amendment put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows:-

For the Amendment.

Against it.

Controller Finlay
Hines
Aldermen Macnab
H. S. Colwell
Gillis
R. B. Colwell
Furness
Kelly
Foley
Hart
Day
Guildford -12

Controller Murphy
Aldermen Godwin
Parker-3

Asst. Water Inspector	984.00	Passed
Entry Clerk	984.00	Passed.
Interest	63,089.04	Passed
Sinking Fund	8,745.04	Passed.
Short Collection	1,000.00	Passed.
Discount	1,100.00	Passed.

Contingencies including
\$1800.00 for purchase
of a Pitometer and sur-
vey of the High Service
and \$1000.00 for a spec-
ial survey of the Dev-
astated District: 5,400.86

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by
Controller Hines that this item pass.

Moved in amendment by Controller Finlay
seconded by Alderman Gillis that the item
Contingencies be referred back to the Board
of Control with the recommendation that the

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item be reduced ^{by} ~~to~~ \$1,600.00. Amendment put and passed unanimously.

Water Bill Reduction?

Moved by Alderman Kelly asked for a report in detail showing the amount of reductions made in Water Meter Bills.

Special and Meter Rates.

Meter Rentals \$2,900.00

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Finlay that this item pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that this item be referred back to the Board of Control with the recommendation that the Board fix a minimum rate to water takers of \$6.00 per year. Amendment put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment

Against it.

Controller Hines
Aldermen Macnab
H. S. Colwell
Gillis
R. B. Colwell
Furness
Kelly
Foley -9

Controller Murphy
Finlay
Aldermen Day
Guildford
Godwin-5

Shops, Schools, Churches and Charitable Institutions	15,000.00	Passed
Factories, Laundries, Industries, etc.,	16,500.00	Passed.
Government Departments	23,000.00	Passed.
Domestic Meter Rates	19,000.00	Passed.
Houses under Bond	1,000.00	Passed.
Water for Building purposes steamers etc.,	2,400.00	Passed.

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Estimated Revenue	\$58,548.94	
Less estimated surplus Chap. 45 Act 1915	<u>5,000.00</u>	
	\$ 53,548.94	Passed.

The rate to be the same as last year. Passed.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Alderman R. B. Colwell that the Council do now adjourn for fifteen minutes to enable the Board of Control to consider the items of the Water Department Estimates referred back to them. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.15 o'clock.

11.30 o'clock. The Council resumed its session pursuant to adjournment.

The Board of Control verbally reports that they could not agree on the recommendation of Council that the salary of the Assistant City Engineer be placed at \$3000.00; that they had concurred in the recommendations of Council to increase the salary of the Superintendent of the Water Department to \$1550.00 and to place the salaries of the four Water Meter Readers at \$1032.00 each and to reduce the Water Department Contingent Account to \$3800.86; also that they would within thirty days make a recommendation to Council fixing a minimum rate for use of water, the said rate to be applied to accounts for water for the last six months of the present Civic Year.

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The verbal report is received and considered item by item:

Salary Assistant City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman H. S. Colwell seconded by Alderman Foley that the matter of the Salary of the Assistant City Engineer be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration. Motion ^{put and} passed 11 votes for the same and 3 against it, as follows:-

For the Motion

Controller Murphy
Hines
Aldermen Macnab
H. S. Colwell
Gillis
R. B. Colwell
Furness
Kelly
Foley
Hart
Day

~~Guildford~~ -11

Against it.

Controller Finlay
Aldermen Guildford
Godwin. 3

With the consent of the Council the Board of Control meets on the floor of the chamber and verbally reports concurrence in the Council's recommendation that the salary of the Assistant City Engineer be placed at \$3,000.00

Moved by Alderman H. S. Colwell seconded by Alderman Foley that the report of the Board of Control be adopted and that the salary of the Acting City Engineer be placed at \$3,000.00 ^{he} ~~be~~ also to receive at the rate of \$300.00 out of the appropriation for salary of the City Engineer during the latter's absence from duty. Motion passed.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the balance of the verbal

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reports of the Board of Control be adopted and that the item Contingencies in the Water Department Estimates be placed at \$3346.86. and Motion passed.

RELIEF ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Read report Board of Control re Relief Advisory Committee.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the report be approved. Motion passed.

CITY HOME TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

Read report Board of Control re tenders for Supplies City Home.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Finlay that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

CURRENT OVERDRAFT FROM ROYAL BANK.

Read report Board of Control covering resolution ~~for a~~^{re} current overdraft of \$316.210.00 from the Royal Bank of Canada in anticipation of the collection of taxes.

The following resolution is submitted:

WHEREAS it is considered advisable for the purpose of defraying expenditures for which the taxes of the current year would, if now collected, be applied, that the City of Halifax do borrow under Section 346 of the City Charter, from the Royal Bank of Canada, an amount not exceeding thirty per cent, of the taxes for the current year;

AND WHEREAS the taxes for the current year amount to the sum of \$1,054.036.00

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Halifax do forthwith borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada the sum of \$316.210.00 to be applied for

*Letter to ✓
Relief
Commission*

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*City Treasurer
Auditor
Royal Bank
Canada.*

defraying expenditures for which the taxes for the current year would if now collected be applied, to be repaid to the said bank out of the said taxes when collected, and that the City Treasurer be authorized on behalf of the City of Halifax to negotiate the said loan and to pledge the credit of the City of Halifax therefor."

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Murphy and passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION.

Read report Board of Control covering joint report Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department re the re-organization of the Fire Department.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Finlay that the same be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Macnab seconded by Alderman Gillis that the report be referred back to the Board of Control with the recommendation that William Howley be appointed 1st Deputy Chief and James E. Keefe 2nd Deputy Chief.

Amendment put and lost 5 voting for the same and 9 against it, as follows:-

*Chief Fire Dept
Auditor.*

For the Amendment

Aldermen Macnab
H. S. Colwell
Gilliss
Furness
Kelly-5

Against it.

Controller Murphy
Finlay
Hines
Aldermen R. B. Colwell
Foley
Hart
Day
Guildford
Godwin-9

The original motion for the adoption of the reports is put and passed.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSE TENDERS.

Read report Board of Control covering joint report Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department re tenders for 2000 feet of hose for the Fire Department.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Finlay that the same be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman R. B. Colwell seconded by Alderman Guildford that the reports be referred back to the Board of Control with the recommendation that the tenders- of Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow for 2000 feet of "King" brand hose at \$1.15 per foot be accepted.

Amendment put and passed 10 voting for the same and 4 against it, as follows:-

For the Amendment

Against it.

Controller Murphy

Controllers Finlay

Aldermen Macnab

Hines

H. S. Colwell

Aldermen

Gillis

Foley

R. B. Colwell.

Hart

Furness

Kelly

~~Foley-~~

~~Hart~~

Day

Guildford

Godwin -10

Moved by Controller Murphye seconded by Alderman R. B. Colwell that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

The Council adjourns 12 o'clock.

MAYOR

L. J. McManis
CITY CLERK.

EVENING SESSION,

8.10 o'clock,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

May 9th, 1918.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Finlay, Murphy, Hines and Taylor and Aldermen H. S. Colwell, Hart, Kelly, Day and Furness.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Murphy that the time for meeting be extended until a quorum was present or until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.20 o'clock. Roll called, present the above named together with Aldermen Macnab, Gillis, R. B. Colwell, Godwin, Parker and Foley.

The Council was summoned to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted.

Reports (8) Board of Control, namely:-

Tenders for Lumber.
City Home Report for April.
Cash Statements City Treasurer.
Fire Department
Accounts.
F. C. Craig Account for Services.
Fire Department Hose Tenders.
City Officials-Appointment of.

Other headlines.

Fire Department Reorganization.
Deputy Mayor.
Committees- Appointment of.
Fire Department Hose Tenders.

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Chebucto~~o~~ Road and Oxford Street Park.
Water Carts.
Hack Ordinance.
Hack Regulations.
City Market Building.
City Medical Officer.
Flushing of Streets.
Concrete Building on City Right of Way.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

TENDERS FOR LUMBER.

Read report Board of Control re Tenders
for Lumber for the Works Department.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by
Controller Taylor that the report be adopted.
Motion passed.

CITY HOME REPORT FOR APRIL.

Read report Board of Control covering
report City Home for the month of April .
Filed.

CASH STATEMENTS CITY TREASURER.

Read report Board of Control covering
Cash Statements City Treasurer for the
month of April. Filed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Read report Board of Control covering
report Chief of Fire Department for the
month of April. Filed.

ACCOUNTS.

Read report Board of Control recommending
for payment accounts chargeable to various
services.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by
Controller Murphy that the report be adopted
and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Engineer

Jas W. Boyer

Chief Fire Dept

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F. C. CRAIG ACCOUNT FOR SERVICES.

Read report Board of Control covering opinion City Solicitor re account for services \$467.75 F. C. Craig a member of the City Health Board.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by..... that the report be not concurred in. Ruled out of order.

Moved by Alderman H. S. Colwell seconded by Alderman Gillis that this matter be referred back to the Board of Control. Ruled out of order.

Moved by Alderman Macnab seconded by Controller Murphy that the account of F. C. Craig for services rendered the City Health Board be paid. His Worship the Mayor ruled the motion out of order.

City Health Board

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSE TENDERS.

Read report Board of Control re tenders for 2000 feet of Fire Hose.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Finlay that the same be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman R. B. Colwell seconded by Alderman Kelly that the report be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration.

Amendment put and past 8 voting for same and 6 against it, as follows:-

For the amendment.

Controller Taylor
Aldermen Macnab
H. S. Colwell
Gillis

Against it.

Controller Murphy
Finlay
Hines
Aldermen Day

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R.B. Colwell
Furness
Kelly
Hart-8

Godwin
Parker-6

APPOINTMENT OF CIVIC OFFICIALS.

Read report Board of Control recommending
appointment of Civic Officials, as follows:-

Assistant City Clerk	H. S. Rhind	Appointed
Assistant City Engineer	H. W. Johnston	"
Clerk of Works	A.F. Messervey	"
Asst. Clerk of Works	Minnie Hunter	"
Foreman Streets and Sewers	Jas. Downie	"
Foreman Water Department	D. J. McLean	"
Water Department Clerks, Collectors office:	Collec- James A Laidlaw Margaret Hopewell J. W. Caldwell	" " "
Deputy City Assessor	C. R. Rosborough	"
Clerks Assessor's Office	C. G. Corbett Hattie Doyle	" "
City Electrician	P. R. Colpitt	"
Water Inspector ⁷	J. E. Burns	"
Governor City Prison	George Grant	"
Matron City Prison	Mrs. Martha Grant	"
Underkeepers City Prison	A. E. Laurellard Harry Hunter Freeman White	" " "
Janitor City Hall	J. E. Lynch	"
Matron Police Station	Mrs. J. E. Lynch	"
Superintendent City Home	John H. Buchanan	"
Matron City Home	Mrs. Mary McDonald	"
Secretary City Home	James O'Bryan	"
Engineer City Home	John H. Grant	"
Surveyors of Lumber	Wm. A. McKenzie	"

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Surveyors of Lumber	Edward Gibson	Appointed.
	Carl Fox	"
	<i>Carroll</i>	
Fence Viewer	Wm. T. Horton	"
Inspectors of Painter's Work	Frank Reardon	"
	Jas. Harrison	"
Inspectors of Mason's Work	Jas. A. Marshall	"
	Jas. Taylor	"
Pound Keepers-At City Stables Bell Road.	Edward Martin	"
Pound Keeper At Incinerator	Foreman of Incin- erator	"
Weighers to Bundle Hay and Loose Hay	L. E. Goodwin	"
Librarian Citizens Free Library	Lizzie Barnaby	"
Asst. " " " "	Mary Durney	"
2nd Asst. " " " "	Lillian Dunn	"
Superintendent Public Gardens	Richard L. Power	"
Gauger of Mollasses.	Maurice Kavanagh	"
Assistant Building Ins- pector-	Wm. R. Fegan	"
Temperance Act Inspector	E. S. Tracey	"
Stenographers:	Mary Gowan	"
	Elsie King	"
	Mary Langdon	"
	Carrie Higgins	"
	Marion Thomson	"

FIRE DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION-MAYOR'S
POWER OF VETO.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that he had expressed his intention of vetoing the resolution of Council for the reorganization of the Fire Department on a fully paid basis, but before doing so had consulted the City Solicitor who has given his opinion in writing that the Mayor cannot veto a resolution.

The opinion of the City Solicitor is read and filed;

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DEPUTY MAYOR.

His Worship the Mayor nominates Alderman Godwin for the office of Deputy Mayor.

Alderman H. S. Colwell nominates Alderman Foley for the office of Deputy Mayor.

Alderman R. B. Colwell nominated Alderman Gillis for the office.

Alderman Parker nominates Alderman Godwin.

Alderman Macnab nominates Alderman Kelly.

Alderman Kelly by leave of Council withdraws his name from the nominations.

Alderman Foley by leave of Council withdraws his name from the nomination.

His Worship the Mayor places the nominations of Alderman Godwin and Alderman Gillis before the Council. The vote being taken, there appeared:

For Alderman Godwin	For Alderman Gillis
Controllers Murphy,	Alderman Macnab
Finlay	H. S. Colwell
Hines	R. B. Colwell
Taylor	Furness
Aldermen Foley	Kelly
Day	Hart-6
Parker-7	

Aldermen Godwin and Gillis excused from voting

His Worship the Mayor declares Alderman Godwin duly elected Deputy Mayor of the City of Halifax for the ensuing current Civic Year.

COMMITTEES APPOINTMENT OF.

His Worship the Mayor nominates members of Boards and Committees, as follows:-

Board of Arbitration between the City, County and Dartmouth-

The Mayor, Controllers Murphy, Finlay and Alderman Godwin.

*Taylor lfm
cc*

*Letter
Alderman Godwin ✓*

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Building Laws Revising Committee.

The Mayor, Controllers Finlay, Hines
Murphy and Taylor, Aldermen Guildford, J. E.
Harris, R. V. Harris, Chief Fire Department
and City Engineer.

Commissioners of Camp Hill Cemetery.

Controllers Finlay, Hines, Murphy, Taylor
O. E. Smith, C. H. Mitchell and C. C. Longard.

Commercial Committee.

The Mayor, Controllers Finlay, Hines,
Murphy, Taylor, Alderman Furness.

Commissioners of the Court House at Halifax.

The Mayor, ~~Controller-Finlay~~-Aldermen,
Foley, Day and Parker.

Commission of Halifax Common.

The Mayor, Controllers Finlay, Hines,
Murphy, Taylor, Alderman Godwin, John Mullane
E. H. Blois.

Harbor Championship.

Aldermen Gillis, Hart & Day.

Library Commission.

The Mayor, Controllers Finlay, Taylor,
Murphy, Hines, Alderman H. S. Colwell, G. W. T.
Irving.

Directors Point Pleasant Park.

The Mayor, Controllers Taylor, Finlay,
Hines, Murphy, Aldermen Macnab, Kelly.

Ship Building Commission.

The Mayor, Controllers Hines, Murphy,
Alderman Furness.

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Town Planning Board.

The Mayor, Aldermen R. B. Colwell, Kelly,
R. M. Hattie, G. A. McKenzie

Board of Trustees Tuberculosis Hospital.

J. F. Fraser, M. E. Keefe, Mrs. A. I.
Mader, Mrs. Wm. Schon.

The nominations for the various Committees
are separately considered by the Council.

Board of Arbitration.

Moved by Alderman Parker seconded by
Alderman Day that the nominations made by His
Worship be approved. Motion passed.

Building Laws Revising Committee.

Moved by Alderman H. S. Colwell seconded
by Alderman Parker that instead of as nom-
inated by His Worship the Mayor that the
Committee consist of the following:-
His Worship the Mayor, Controller Hines,
Aldermen Parker, Kelly, Gillis, Foley. Motion
passed.

Commissioners of Camp Hill Cemetery.

Moved by Alderman H. S. Colwell seconded
by Controller Hines that the nominations of
His Worship the Mayor be approved. Motion
passed.

Commercial Committee.

Moved by Alderman Gillis seconded by
Alderman R. B. Colwell that the nominations
be approved. Motion passed.

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Commissioners of Court House.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Alderman Hart that the nominations be approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners of Halifax Common. Approved.

Harbor Championship Approved.

Library Commission. Approved.

Directors of Point Pleasant Park Approved.

Ship Building Commission. Approved.

Town Planning Board. Approved.

Board of Trustees Tuberculosis Hospital.

Moved by Alderman Gillis seconded by Alderman Eoley that Alderman H. S. Colwell, M. E. Keefe, Alderman Kelly and Alderman Hart be appointed members of the Board of Trustees in the places of J. F. Fraser, M. E. Keefe, Mrs. A. I. Mader and Mrs. Wm. Schon. Motion passed and the Board as amended approved.

ADJOURNMENT AT 9.45 O'CLOCK.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Taylor that the Council do now adjourn for five minutes to enable the Board of Control to meet and give further consideration for report in respect to fire Department Hose Tenders. Motion passed.

Council adjourns .

9.50 o'clock Council resumes its session pursuant to adjournment.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSE TENDERS.

The Board of Control verbally reports

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that in compliance with resolution of Council they have given further consideration to their report on Tenders for Fire Department Hose and now recommend that 1000 feet of "Winner" brand hose at \$1.15 per foot be purchased from the Lawrence Hardware Company, and 1000 feet of "King" brand hose at \$1.15 per foot from Wm. Stairs Son and Morrow.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Murphy that the verbal report of the Board of Control be approved.

Moved in amendment by Alderman H. S. Colwell seconded by Alderman R. B. Colwell that the report be referred back to the Board of Control with the recommendation that 2000 feet of "King" brand hose be purchased from Wm. Stairs Son and Morrow.

Amendment is put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 9 against it, as follows:-

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Macnab,
H. S. Colwell
Gillis
R. B. Colwell
Furness -5

Against it.

Controllers Murphy
Finlay
Hines
Aldermen Kelly
Foley
Hart
Day
Godwin
Parker-9

The original motion is put and passed.

CHEBUCTO ROAD AND OXFORD STREET PARK.

Alderman Foley asked if it is the intention of the City to open up as a park the lot of land recently purchased by the City

*Hellers ✓
Lawrence Hardware Co
Wm Stairs, Son
& Morrow*

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at Chebucto Road and Oxford Street.

Referred to the Board of Control

WATERING CARTS.

Alderman R. B. Colwell asked when the Streets Sprinkling Carts would be placed in service.

HACK ORDINANCE.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Murphy that the Ordinance to amend an Ordinance relating to Hacks, read a first ~~tim~~ and second time in Council on April 4th, be now read a third time. Motion passed.

Read a third time an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance of Hacks" .

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Murphy that said Ordinance having been read three times in Council be now adopted and forwarded to the Lieutenant Governor in Council for approval. Motion passed.

HACK REGULATIONS.

Alderman R. B. Colwell asked if the regulations respecting Hacks and Taxi-cabs are being enforced by the officials of the Police Department especially with reference to Motor Hacks at the Railway Station.

CITY MARKET BUILDING.

Alderman H. S. Colwell asked if it is the intention to put the City Market Building in commission for its proper purpose.

Board of Control ✓

Letter. ✓
Provincial
Secretary

Chief of Police ✓

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CITY MEDICAL OFFICER.

Alderman Kelly asked what kind of a recommendation the Board of Control proposes to make in respect to the appointment of a City Medical Officer.

Board of Control ✓

Alderman Kelly is informed that the matter is under consideration by the Board of Control.

FLUSHING OF STREETS.

Alderman Macnab asked for more frequent flushing of streets and that Water Street be regularly flushed.

Engineer ✓

Alderman Hart asked that Gottingen Street be flushed.

CONCRETE BUILDING ON RIGHT OF WAY.

Alderman Macnab asked for a report as to whether Brandram Henderson Limited had received a permit to erect a concrete building on the City's right of way over the Low Service main running through their property.

Engineer ✓

Alderman Macnab also asked if it was the intention to allow Messrs. Brandram Henderson Company to connect their service pipes with the High Service. System.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Finlay that the Council do now adjourn.

Council adjourns 10.50 o'clock.

L. J. McLaughlin

CITY CLERK.

MAYOR

AFTERNOON SESSION,

4.10 o'clock,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

May 17th, 1918.

A Special meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon at the above named hour, present His Worship the Mayor Controllers Finlay Hines, Murphy, and Taylor and Aldermen MacNab H. S. Colwell, Gillis, Kelly, Hart, Day and Guildford.

The Council was summoned to consider the purchase of a Motor Sprinkler to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted:

Reports (12) Board of Control, viz:-

City Finances.

Small Pox Hospital.

Water Bill 117 Cunard Street. G. E. Faulkner Agent.

Queen Street Right of Way Mrs. Margt. Buckley

City Home Tenders.

Street Cleaning.

Street Sprinkling and Flushing.

Repairs to City Buildings.

Tuberculosis Hospital Board.

Tax Bills.

Fire Department.

Provincial Highways Tax.

WATER BILL #117 CUNARD STREET G. E. FAULKNER
AGENT.

Read report Board of Control re Water Bill No. 117 Cunard Street G. E. Faulkner, Agent.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Finlay that the report of the Board of Control be adopted. Motion passed.

*Check works ✓
Engineer ✓
Collector ✓*

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SMALL POX HOSPITAL

Read report Board of Control re Small Pox Hospital.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Finlay that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

QUEEN STREET RIGHT OF WAY MRS. MARGT. BUCKLEY.

Read report Board of Control re application of Mrs. Margaret Buckley for a right of way through a lot owned by the city on Queen Street.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Finlay that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman H. S. Colwell seconded by Alderman Kelly that the report be referred back to the Board of Control for further report.

Amendment is put and passed 10 voting for the same and 1 against it, as follows:-

<p>For the Amendment. Controllers Finlay Hines Taylor Aldermen Macnab H. S. Colwell Gillis Kelly Hart Day Guildford.-10</p>	<p>Against it. Controller Murphy</p>
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CITY HOME TENDERS.

Read report Board of control re tenders for Plastering and painting at the City Home.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Taylor that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

*Relief Commission ✓
Auditor ✓
Engineer ✓
City Health Board ✓*

*B/C ✓
Engineer ✓*

For Colwell ✓

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STREET CLEANING.

Read reports Board of Control and Controller Murphy re Street Cleaning. Approved.

STREET ^{Sprinkler} SPRINKLING AND ^{Flusher} FLUSHING.

Read report Board of control re tenders for the a streets sprinkler and flusher.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Finlay that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

REPAIRS TO CITY BUILDINGS.

Read reports Board of Control and Acting City Engineer re repairs to City Buildings.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Taylor that the same be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman H. S. Colwell seconded by Alderman Gillis that the report be referred back to the Board of Control for further report. Amendment put and passed 10 voting for the same and 1 against it, as follows

For the Amendment.
Controllers Finlay
Hines
Taylor.

Aldermen Maonab
H. S. Colwell.
Gillis
Kelly
Hart
Day
Guildford-10

Against it.
Controller Murphy-1

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL BOARD.

Read report Board of Control covering resignation of Alderman H. S. Colwell as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Tuberculosis Hospital.

Moved by Controller Taylor seconded by

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Controller Hines that the resignation be accepted. Motion passed.

Alderman Kelly and Alderman Hart respectively, verbally ask permission of the Council to resign as members of the Tuberculosis Hospital Board.

Moved by Controller Haylor seconded by Controller Hines that the resignations be accepted. Motion passed.

At suggestion of Controller Murphy the City Clerk is directed to write the Anti-Tuberculosis League requesting them to nominate members ^{to} of the Board of Trustees to fill the positions of members whose terms of office have expired.

CITY FINANCES.

Read reports Board of Control and Controller Finlay re City Finances. Filed.

TAX BILLS.

Read report Board of Control re form of tax bills. Filed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read reports Board of Control and Chief of Fire Department for the month of April. Filed.

PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS TAX.

Read reports Board of Control and Controller Finlay re Provincial Highways Tax. Filed.

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Moved by Controller Hines seconded by
Controller Taylor that the Council do now
adjourn.

The Council adjourns at 5.15 o'clock.

MAYOR.

L. Fred McLaughlin
CITY CLERK.

M O R N I N G S E S S I O N.

11.05 o'clock,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

June 1st, 1918.

An emergency meeting of the City Council was held this morning at the above named hour, present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Finlay Hines, Murphy and Taylor and Aldermen Macnab, H. S. Colwell, Gillis, R. B. Colwell, Kelly, Hart, Guildford, Godwin and Parker.

The Council met in pursuance of the following summons:

Office of City Clerk,
Halifax, N. S. May 31st, 1918

SHIPBUILDING.

Sir:-

The Board of Control at a special meeting held this morning was in receipt of a communication from F. S. Isard representing Messrs. J. W. Norcross and R. M. Wolvin, and associates of Montreal asking for concessions from the City of Halifax in the event of their establishing a ship yard within the City limits. After a full discussion of the matter the Board of Control decided to call an emergency meeting of the Council for 11 o'clock tomorrow morning at which you are urgently requested to attend for the consideration of the Resolution accompanied herewith.

Mr. Isard has requested that the details of the Resolution be withheld from public discussion until the application of his principals is presented to the City Council.

Yours truly

L. Fred. Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submits a report from the Board of Control relating to

Shipbuilding.

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CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

SHIPBUILDING.

Read report Board of Control relating to shipbuilding as follows:-

City Hall, May 31st, 1918.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Board of Control have the pleasure of laying before you at this emergency meeting called for the purpose of considering it, a proposition submitted by Mr. F. S. Isard on behalf of his principals, Messrs. J. W. Norcross and R. M. Wolvin, and associates of Montreal, with a view to the establishment in the City of Halifax of a steel shipbuilding yard.

The promoters seek no special favors from the City whatever beyond the general provisions of section 378 of the City Charter, the law relating to the encouragement of Manufacturing Industries, excepting that they ask that the provisions of the law be extended to 25 years instead of the 10 years therein specified.

They propose to begin operations at once on the site selected, to prepare it for active ship building and believe that the actual construction of ships will be started in November of the present year.

They estimate that the yard will employ between 3000 and 4000 men according to the condition of the labor market and that to that extent at least the number to be employed will be limited only by the number of men available.

The plans prepared by their engineers include the shifting to the westward of the railway tracks and the consequent diversion of Barrington Street (Campbell road) north from Green Lane or that vicinity which of course would involve some considerable cost to the City.

Section 378 of the City Charter above referred to authorizes the City Council when any person or Company proposes to purchase any land or to erect any building in the City for the purpose of establishing any Manufacturing industry to wholly or in part exempt the land and building, machinery and stock in trade from taxation for the general purposes of the City, other

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than water rates, sewers, paving or grading any street or laying any sidewalk or other betterment charge or from any lien in respect to any such charge.

After a full discussion with Mr. Isard he agreed, if a speedy answer is given, to recommend to his principals the establishment of a shipyard in the City of Halifax on condition that the shipbuilding property of the Industry will not be taxed by the City during a period of 25 years on a greater amount than the present assessed value of the land acquired and used solely for shipbuilding purposes under the stipulations of Section 378 and that the City will agree to the diversion of Barrington Street.

The Board of Control heartily and unanimously recommend that the City Council approve of such an agreement and submit herewith a resolution on the subject for the favorable consideration of the Council.

Time being of the essence of the undertaking the Council has been summoned to deal with this most important matter as speedily as it may. The City of Halifax has long been looking forward to such an opportunity and the Board of Control is of opinion that the granting of the very modest request of the enterprise will redound to the lasting benefit of the Community and open up a new era of progress and advantage to this City which on December 6th, was so sorely stricken.

The Board, during the consideration of the subject, on the invitation of His Worship the Mayor, had with them Mr. T. S. Rogers, Chairman of the Relief Commission whose cooperation in any plans to be matured was cheerfully assured.

L. Fred. Monaghan,
Secretary Board of Control.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the report be adopted.
Motion passed unanimously.

The following resolution is submitted:

Resolved that in the event of the Norcross Syndicate of other Company promoted by them establishing a yard for the construction of Steel Ships in Halifax City, the City Council under the authority of Section 378 of the City Charter agrees and grants an exemption from taxation as follows:-

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(1) The real property used for such yard including engine shops and other buildings and land immediately used in connection with the construction of ships shall for a period of ten years from this date be valued for taxation at the amounts following, that is to say -

(a) Any property (other than that of the Halifax Graving Dock Company) acquired in the year 1918 at the assessed value of the land apart from any buildings or other improvements at date of acquisition -

(b) The property of the Halifax Graving Dock Company if acquired at \$200,000 -

(c) Any property acquired subsequent to 1918 at its assessed value both land and improvements at date of acquisition -

(2) The Council further agrees that the machinery and personal property of the said Company shall for ten years be exempt from taxation to the extent provided in said Section 378 .

(3) The $\frac{3}{4}$ Council also agrees to use its best endeavors to secure legislation at the next session of the legislature to extent at- the exemption hereby agreed upon to a period of twenty-five years.

(4) The City also agrees to use its best endeavors to secure any legislation necessary to make any diversion of Campbell Road required by the said Company - and also for closing any other streets requiring to be closed.

The resolution is moved by Controller

Murphy seconded by Controller Hines and being put is passed unanimously the following named members of Council being present and voting for the same; Controllers Finlay, Hines, Murphy and Taylor and Aldermen Macnab, H. S. Colwell, Gillis R. B. Colwell, Kelly, Hart, Guildford, Godwin and Parker.

*Macnab, Paton, Burchell
Raleton ✓
7 S Island ✓
Geo H ✓
Hm
Murray ✓
City Solicitor ✓*

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Moved by ^mController Finlay seconded by
Controller Murphy that the Council do now
adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.30 o'clock.

A. C. Hawkins,
MAYOR.


L. Fred; Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

A F T E R N O O N S E S S I O N

4.10 o'clock

Council Chamber, City Hall
June 4, 1918

An informal meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon at the above named hour; Present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Finlay, Hines, Murphy and Taylor, Aldermen McNab, H.S. Colwell, Gillis R.B. Colwell, Kelly, Foley, Hart, Day, Guildford, Godwin and Parker, and a large number of representative citizens-

The Council was summoned to meet the members of the Halifax Relief Commission.

Mayor Hawkins- The Council was called together, as well as the Municipality of Dartmouth, at Mr. Rogers' instance. The City Council Advisory Committee are unfamiliar with the statement that the Commission is prepared to give us. I understand they have a statement prepared regarding their intentions re the work in the devastated area. I will call upon the Commissioner without any further remarks-

T.S. Rogers - I am afraid the Mayor knows more of the contents of the statement than he has just said. The Commission has, according to its promise, kept as closely as it could, in touch with the Mayor and Committee from the Council, but necessarily, in the progress of great undertakings such as this, it was quite impossible to discuss in full, details of matters of this sort until they are crystalized into some kind of shape. I thought it better to commit what I have to writing, and copies will be handed to the members. I shall read it now, so that you will be familiar with it, and may discuss it at this meeting.

OUTLINE OF STATEMENT OF T.S. ROGERS
K.C. CHAIRMAN HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION
as to policy of restoration made before City Council
of Halifax and Town Council of Dartmouth and other
public bodies, June 4, 1918

1. For many reasons beyond the control of the Commission, a general statement of its policy as to rebuilding the destroyed houses and the restoration of the affected district structurally has had to be deferred until the present moment. The Commission was delayed for many weeks awaiting settlement of its powers by the legislature; it then had to submit its proposals to the Federal Government, which Government along with the Imperial Government made the large grants enabling a modern and progressive development possible; it had to await the reports and advice of its architects and engineers, the making of important contracts for essential reconstruction materials, and it felt bound, as far as it reasonably could, to ascertain the individual wishes of the home owners likely to be affected by its proposals. These matters though not fully overtaken have been sufficiently grappled with to enable us to take the public into our full confidence to-day. The Mayor has been conferred with on several occasions, and the Board of Control has been made aware of the main outlines of our policies, and the Commission has every reason to

purposes. The City no doubt will place in the hands of the Commission the lands known as Mulgrave Park, Acadia Square and other City property in that vicinity in exchange for other public property devoted to streets and parks. The Commission's work in this respect is City work, and no differences are anticipated and even so they must prove easy of adjustment. The opportunity of developing the Fort Needham and surrounding property is unique. The Commission trusts that this eminence will be retained on behalf of the public of Halifax as a memorial to those who lost their lives in the disaster, and to the courage, fortitude and patience of the sufferers who survived.

7. The Commission will require that all buildings lying between Campbell Road on the east and North Creighton St. on the west and Duffus St. on the north and Russell St. on the south, a district to be known as the "restricted area" shall be of first class or fireproof construction, and in this area, though as far as possible individual preferences will be respected, the Commission will insist on such rules and regulations as will lead to the development of the slope on both sides in accordance with its plans. Those who desire to rebuild have been conferred with for some time past and those who do not wish to rebuild will be dealt with on a reasonable basis. If they desire to rebuild on particular lots required for other purposes, exchanges will be arranged for or decisions may be postponed pending the further development of the Commission's plans. Opportunities of acquiring completed houses will be open to the former house owners.
8. The lands on the west side of Gottingen St. will be developed by the construction of a large number of houses of the lower cost type. Those houses can be acquired by former house owners in that district against the appraised value of their former holdings. Other purchasers affected by the disaster can acquire them on the instalment plan of payment, and others will be let at reasonable rentals. All owners who cannot be provided with new houses during this season will have the first opportunity of occupying until next season, the houses which will be erected by the Commission for letting.
9. It is hoped that Russell, Kaye, East Young, Union and Albert Streets, in fact the whole Richmond slope, will be developed into a most desirable residential district. Home owners in this district will be got in touch with as quickly as possible, and provisions will be made it is hoped to their general satisfaction, for rebuilding. The architects have completed many designs for housing and have under preparation many more and will without delay let contracts not only for construction of the individual houses but also a large number of tenements. The number will only be limited by the ability to obtain contractors to undertake the work.
10. The Commission is prepared to set aside out of the capital sum of the Pension Fund the sum of one million dollars or more to be devoted to the building of modern tenements and small ownership housing, the income from which will be devoted to the payment of pensions established for the victims of the disaster. The Commission is likewise prepared to expend a sum as large as may be necessary possibly another million dollars, in restoring the damaged houses of individual owners. Due allowance will be made for the fact that homes cannot be restored for the former market or appraised value, and the disposition for the Commission will be to aid its housing problem those

hope for the widest cooperation with us of the civic and other authorities concerned as well as the public generally.

2. Under the provisions of the Act of legislature recently passed, the Commission has defined the devastated district to include that portion of the City bounded westerly by Robie Street and Longard Road, easterly by Campbell Road, northerly by Leeds Street (running past the Rockhead property) and southerly by the Wellington Barracks property and Russel Street extension. The area containing about three hundred and twenty-five acres.
3. That part of this district lying between North Creighton Street on the west and Campbell Road on the east is to be more particularly subject to the Commission's regulations as to rebuilding. This portion includes the Richmond district from Russell Street north and both sides of Gottingen Street from East Young Street north. It is the Commission's ambition to make this district one of the best residential portions of the City for persons of moderate means.
4. The Commission has acquired the Fort Needham property containing about eight and a half acres, the Blackader property to the north, containing over three acres, and is proceeding to expropriate the large vacant lot south of Fort Needham, and the six blocks on Gottingen Street north of Fort Needham extending to Duffus Street and eastwardly on this frontage practically to Albert Street. On the west side of Gottingen Street it is expropriating all the blocks lying between North Creighton Street and Gottingen Street and extending from East Young Street to Cabot Street. The owners in the expropriated territory have so far as possible, been personally interviewed and it is felt that comparatively few within these areas will be unduly disturbed. Due compensation will of course be made for the land, the market value of which had been well established and has been further tested by a number of purchases on behalf of the Commission. If the house owners within this district desire to rebuild they will be promptly interviewed and their individual wishes met so far as is consistent with the Commission's general plan of development.
5. Albert Street will be reached from Campbell Road by an easy gradient either through the military property (negotiations as to which are proceeding) or from a point on Campbell Road at the north-east corner of the military property. Albert Street will be widened so as to become a leading thoroughfare, and at or about Richmond Street will by an easy grade ascent across Acadia Street to Gottingen Street. There will also be a diagonal street running from Campbell Road following an easy gradient and passing upon or near the Richmond School property and thence across Acadia Square and reaching Gottingen Street at the northern base of Fore Needham. Pending the exact location of these streets, on which engineers have been working for some weeks, permits for the restoration of buildings on the few sites likely to be affected will not be issued. At the point where these two streets converge, reservations will be made for public buildings such as schools and churches, and the centralized development at this point will be worthy of the best art of the Commission's engineers and architects.
6. The Fort Needham property, will, it is hoped, in a large part be devoted to park purposes, though considerable land facing new streets which following natural contours will encircle its base, will be made available for building

purposes. The City no doubt will place in the hands of the Commission the lands known as Mulgrave Park, Acadia Square and other City property in that vicinity in exchange for other public property devoted to streets and parks. The Commission's work in this respect is City work, and no differences are anticipated and even so they must prove easy of adjustment. The opportunity of developing the Fort Needham and surrounding property is unique. The Commission trusts that this eminence will be retained on behalf of the public of Halifax as a memorial to those who lost their lives in the disaster, and to the courage, fortitude and patience of the sufferers who survived.

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8. The lands on the west side of Göttingen St. will be developed by the construction of a large number of houses of the lower cost type. Those houses can be acquired by former house owners in that district against the appraised value of their former holdings. Other purchasers affected by the disaster can acquire them on the instalment plan of payment, and others will be let at reasonable rentals. All owners who cannot be provided with new houses during this season will have the first opportunity of occupying until next season, the houses which will be erected by the Commission for letting.
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10. The Commission is prepared to set aside out of the capital sum of the Pension Fund the sum of one million dollars or more to be devoted to the building of modern tenements and small ownership housing, the income from which will be devoted to the payment of pensions established for the victims of the disaster. The Commission is likewise prepared to expend a sum as large as may be necessary possibly another million dollars, in restoring the damaged houses of individual owners. Due allowance will be made for the fact that homes cannot be restored for the former market or appraised value, and the disposition for the Commission will be to aid its housing problem those

who would otherwise suffer from the fact that their property cannot be restored for the sums awarded. Each of these cases must be dealt with on its merits, and greater proportionate consideration must be afforded to those whose houses were of low cost type.

11. The building material for reconstruction in the specially restricted area will be of pressed concrete known as hydro-stone. This material is manufactured under pressure of seventy thousand pounds, and it must not be confused with the concrete blocks now used to some extent in Halifax. The blocks can be faced in the process of manufacture so as to produce variety of effect.. Stucco will also be made use of and it is hoped that brick will also to some extent for the sake of variety, be one of the materials used.
12. ~~The~~ In that portion of the devastated district not included in the specially restricted area, the Commission cannot undertake to control building operations except in accordance with the City laws as heretofore enforced. If however the City Council is of the opinion that there should be further restrictions, the Commission will be glad to meet them in conference and come to a conclusion which will be in the general best interests. Many of these houses not in the ~~restricted~~ restricted district are under repair and it would be quite impossible to enforce such a development as is proposed in regard to the specially restricted area.
13. The same remarks apply to the Town of Dartmouth and outlying sections, the reconstruction of which areas will continue to be largely of wood, but the Commission will as far as possible endeavor by its advice and counsel to encourage every reasonable improvement in all building operations undertaken. Steps are on the way towards the rebuilding of many wooden houses throughout the whole district.
14. A contract has been awarded to the Nova Scotia Construction Company for the manufacture of the hydrostone in large quantities at Eastern Passage. The experts have pronounced the gravel and sand at that point as of the highest quality. The necessary machinery is on the way and when the work once begins, construction will proceed with great rapidity. Arrangements are quickly developing for the building of the houses not within the restricted area.
15. The architects are the well known firm of Messrs. Ross and McDonald of Montreal, who have been studying the problem on behalf of the Commission for many weeks past. The street changes and general planning development are proceeding under the advice of Thomas Adams of the Commission of Conservation, Ottawa, who has had an assistant on the ground for some time. The Commission has had the continued aid every since its appointment, of Mr. H. W. Johnston, C.E., Asst. City Engineer, whose cooperation has been of the greatest value. His advice has been freely adopted in the replanning of the devastated area.
16. The new manager of the Reconstruction Department who will continue the important work of repair and will cooperate with the architects and engineers in the Commission's housing plan, is Mr. Geo. H. Archibald, a native of Nova Scotia although a resident of Toronto and a well known engineer and contractor in that City. He rendered

valuable voluntary services to the City for weeks following the disaster and the Commission feels it has done well to secure his services at the present time. Col. Low, after six months of the most arduous work carried on under great difficulties and without remuneration, feels compelled to retire in order to personally supervise the many large contracts which have recently been awarded to his firm.

17. The work of the Commission in other departments is making due progress, but on this occasion it is not intended to make more than a passing reference to the work of the Rehabilitation Department under the competent leadership of Dr. Cutton and his coadjutors Miss Wisdom and Miss Haliburton. The work is thoroughly organized and the dependents and sufferers are receiving admirable attention at the hands of most capable departmental heads and industrious assistants.

18. The Commission once more appeals to a considerate public for cooperation in its further tasks and more especially in the great work of rebuilding the ruined housing. The efforts of the Commission in dealing individually with so many cases can only succeed when the people affected realize that there is a sincere desire on the part of the Commission to help them out of their difficulties, and any person, whether occupying a public position or not, who by word or act does anything that tends to create in the minds of those affected by the disaster a feeling of unsettlement and dissatisfaction, hampers the Commission in its work and injures the sufferers and the Community at large. The Commission therefore appeals hopefully for united and sympathetic support.

T.S.Rogers-

I would like to add a word or two to this, which may be of interest to you. That portion of the public not closely in touch with the work of the Commission, can hardly have any realization of what has to be undertaken by your commissioners during the last few months. It is interesting to know that at the first of this month we had considered no less than 13193 claims for loss of personal effects and property, and there are 6000 yet to be considered, and adding to those, claims of small traders, etc., the total to-day is about 13838 which have been considered, the great majority of which have been settled. We have disbursed on this account the sum of over two million dollars. Our appraisal board has appraised to date over 750 damaged properties and destroyed houses. There are on the list for repairs at this very hour, 3500 houses. A great many of them are in process of repair to a greater or less extent, so you can realize what this involves in the way of work, particularly in these difficult times when labor is so scarce and so high and materials likewise. Cash disbursements up to the present time have been upwards of five millions. In the Pension Board not less than 577 pensions have been dealt with, involving a capital sum of \$1,750,000. This does not include the cases of disability which are still under Dr. Cutton, his staff and our medical board.

Mayor Hawkins- From this you will get some idea of the magnitude of the undertaking of the Relief Commission. In my position I am not supposed to discuss any question, but the meeting is open for discussion of questions, not only by the Council itself, but any of the gentlemen in the audience.

Ald. Godwin- There is a question I would like to ask- If the Appraisal Board appraise a property for \$3000 and the Commission build a house of the same kind which would at this date cost say \$5000, do they take a \$2000 mortgage on it?

T.S.Rogers - Not without the consent of the owner. We provide a house worth \$3000 at least. It may cost us more than \$3000, but each of those cases must be dealt with individually. It is impossible to lay down any principle which can bind us in every particular case. A man may have a house valued at \$1700, which would cost him at least \$2500 to rebuild. We are not going to ask him to provide the difference. You can understand it would be impossible to lay down a principle that is applicable to all such cases. The aim of the Commission is to be as fair as it possibly can, and that is as far as we can to at the present time.

Ald. Godwin- The values the appraisal board have set on the properties have been much lower than what the properties could be rebuilt for. The people in the North end want to know if they have to take the amount awarded or if they will get their property rebuilt. They are prepared to carry a mortgage if they previously had one, if they get the same building, but if they had no mortgage they do not want to carry one.

T.S.Rogers- In some cases it has been suggested by the property owners themselves that we build them a better house and they give us the difference, and we have always gladly said we would. As to whether or not we would put a bathroom and heating apparatus in houses where there was nothing of this kind before, we will encourage any man to have ordinary plumbing and heating and let him pay for it, but we will not insist upon it or urge it unduly.

Ald. Parker- There are a number of people in the North end at the present time who have small houses there without hot water heating or plumbing. Those people when they go to rebuild will be glad to pay the difference to have a bathroom with hot and cold water. They are asking for it. There are also a number of people who have gone to the trouble to have plans prepared. Will those plans be considered? You may have to re-arrange them and have perhaps a different design on the outside, but I have been asked if you will consider those plans.

T.S.Rogers- The answer is that we have already done so in a number of instances. The question of good taste has two sides to it, and one of them is the individual side. The Commission hesitates to interfere with individual taste. Of course individual taste at times is peculiar, and if you are going to improve your City, individual taste must be subject to the approval of our architects. We will endeavour as far as possible to meet the views of the people in this regard. A number of plans submitted have been accepted in effect.

Mayor Hawkins- What is your intention about building on streets where there is no water or sewer?

T.S.Rogers- We will have to confer with the City Council on that subject. It may be necessary to have some sewer and water extensions made, and it is only fair that in those streets the cost of the work should be charged against the properties in the usual way. We have not thought it necessary to deal with it as it is a matter of adjustment.

Cont. Murphy- It is to be assumed that within the restricted area there are lots where the houses would be assessed anywhere from \$1000 to \$1500. Assuming the class of structure it is proposed to construct, the lowest price they could put up a house there for, would be from \$2800 to \$3000. I understand from Mr. Rogers explanation that each house will be treated on its merits, but there must be some general principle in dealing with such cases. What is the policy to be when a man says he is not prepared to carry a mortgage; what option he has in retaining his lot within that restricted area.

T.S.Rogers - Of course it is quite impossible to pledge the Commission as to what its policy will be in any particular case. In fact, I am unable to say what we would do in an extraordinary case of this kind. If we meet cases like that we shall deal with them all on the same basis. They will have something better than they had. If a man says he is not prepared to accept a house such as we propose, we will do our best to satisfy him, but if he is within the restricted area, he must relinquish what he wants, for the general good, provided he will not accept a cash payment.

Ald. Kelly - You are not limiting the value of the houses in the restricted area? Provided the property is fireproof, he will not be compelled to pay for an expensive house?

T.S.Rogers- Undoubtedly - there will be many houses attractive in appearance and with modern conveniences, at small cost.

Ald. Parker- In having these matters arranged, would it be possible to meet the people in the district, instead of requesting them to come down to the office? If you can do that, it is going to facilitate matters wonderfully. If you could send out capable men and meet the people at their holdings.

T.S.Rogers- We have been doing so for six weeks. We were very glad to endeavor to take the hint. It has been impossible up to this date to disclose our plans. Now that our plans are known, we shall redouble our efforts to get in touch with the people. Of course there is a great deal of anxiety but our efforts to defer to these people have been met ~~with~~ very well indeed. The exact location of streets has not been fixed for obvious reasons and therefore it may not be practicable to deal with all those cases right away, but within ten days those street lines will be fixed.

Mayor Hawkins- There are numbers of people who own houses in the North end that were comfortable and were their homes - some of them had modern conveniences. They have gone to contractors and asked them what it would cost to put back their houses. Say the house originally cost \$2000 - they get a figure nearer \$4000, and they get an offer from the appraisal board for house and land, less than what the house cost them. The appraisal board do not seem to know the house they have appraised. Will you build the house for him and give it back to him with no burden on it?

T.S.Rogers- We will do the best we can under the circumstances. Of course the contractors at the present time are filled up with work and naturally their prices will be high. We have had no difficulty in dealing with any cases that have come to us.

Ald. Kelly- Do you know the average increase of the appraisal

value over the assessed value?

T.S.Rogers- I should think personal property about four times the assessment and real estate over double.

Rod Macdonald- Have you, up to this, been able to arrive at a correct estimate of the loss? Are you in a position to say what the losses amounted to and what sum you have in hand to meet those losses - what amount you intend to put on improvements and what fund the general improvements to the City will be provided from- will it be provided out of the fund voted for the sufferers?

T.S.Rogers- I wish I could answer Mr. Macdonald's question, but it will not be known until the appraisal board completes its work. Our estimates and first report to the Federal authorities were passed based on a hurried examination of all properties in the City and Dartmouth extending over a period of two weeks. Necessarily there could be no detailed appraisement of the damage caused. These details are now being dealt with by the appraisal board and reconstruction committee and until they are completed, it will be impossible for us to say what the damage has been. We are also eliminating at present the larger companies and the wealthier classes who are quite able to take care of themselves, so that it may be two or three years before the damages will be complete. Our administration of the fund is approved by those who granted the fund. The funds are those of the British and Federal governments and our appraisements have been submitted to them and have their approval. There is no engineer, citizen or architect who has examined that site and realizes what ought to be done to improve it, who has not concurred with the suggestions that have been submitted to this meeting to-day.

Meeting adjourned, 5.20

EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

June 6th, 1918.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening, at the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Hines, Finlay and Aldermen H. S. Colwell, and Hart.

Moved by Alderman H. S. Colwell seconded by Alderman Hart that the time for meeting be extended until a quorum was present or until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.20 o'clock Roll called, Present the above named together with Controllers Murphy and Taylor and Aldermen MacNab, Gillis, Kelly, Foley, Day, Guildford, Godwin and Parker.

The Council was summoned to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted.
Reports (23) Board of Control, viz:-
Michael Campbell Superannuation Assessments.
Bonds of City Officials.
Union of Canadian Municipalities Convention.
North West Arm Trunk Sewer Financing.
North West Arm Trunk Sewer Financing.
Shipbuilding,
Brunswick Street Extension.
Fire Department Motor Car for Chief.
Annual Report City Prison.
City Home Report for May.
Cash Statements City Treasurer for May.
Insurance of Soldiers Overseas.
Riot May 25th, Tenders for Glazing.

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Cambridge Street Sewer.
Fire Insurance On City Property.
Annual Report Coal Weighers.
Fire Hose Destroyed in Explosion December 6th.
Fire Hose Destroyed in Riot May 25th.
Fire Insurance on Fire Apparatus.
Police Uniform Caps.
Small Pox Hospital.
Account Parole Woman Mrs. E. M. Paint.
Accounts.

His Worship the Mayor submitted nominations for Tuberculosis Hospital Board.

Other Headlines.

Chairman
War Risk Fire Insurance.
Tuberculosis Hospital Site.
Chairman.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

UNION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION.

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Read report Board of Control re appointment of City's Representative^{on} to Annual Convention of Union of Canadian Municipalities, at Victoria B. C.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Hines that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman MacNab seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that this Council decline to send a delegate to the Convention and that no expenditure be made on this account this year.

His Worship the Mayor complying with ^{an} the opinion from the City Solicitor ruled the amendment out of order as being purely negative.

Moved in amendment by Alderman H. S. Colwell seconded by Alderman MacNab that the report be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration.

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Amendment put and lost 4 voting for the same and 8 against it, as follows:-

For the Amendment.

Against It.

Alderman H. S. Wolwell
Gillis
Gildford
MacNab -4

Controller Finlay.
Hines
Murphy
Taylor
Aldermen Hart
Day
Godwin
Parker-8

The original motion is put and passed.

MICHAEL CAMPBELL SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENTS.

Read report Board of Control re Superannuation Assessments of the Late Michael Campbell an employee of the City Home.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Hines that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

BONDS OF CITY OFFICIALS.

Read report Board of Control re bonds of City Officials.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Hines that the same be approved. Motion passed.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER FINANCING.

Read reports Board of Control and Acting City Engineer re financing North West Arm Trunk Sewer.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Finlay that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

The following resolution was submitted:-

Morgan ✓

Treasurer ✓

Auditor ✓

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WHEREAS. the City of Halifax under authority of resolution of the City Council passed on July 25th, 1917, has entered into a contract with the Cook Construction Company Ltd., and Wheaton Bros., hereinafter referred to as the Contractors, for the construction of the second section of the North West Arm Intercepting sewer at schedule rates;

AND WHEREAS. the contractors have agreed to purchase the stock or debentures of the City of Halifax bearing interest at five per cent, payable in 34 years, at the price of \$92.35 per \$100 par value, the proceeds to be applied in payment and discharge of the said contract;

AND WHEREAS the sum available at that time was \$70,000. for which amount debentures have been issued.

Am
AND WHEREAS. under the authority of ~~sections 27~~ Chapter 63 of the Acts of 1918 the City has been granted power to issue \$200,000 of debentures for sewer construction;

AND WHEREAS. approximately \$85,000 will be required to pay the contractor for the completion of the sewer;

*auditor
treasurer*
THEREFORE RESOLVED. that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue and sell to the said contractors the stock or debentures of the City of Halifax authorized to be issued by chapter 63 of the Acts of 1918 and on the description as aforesaid and at the price of \$92.35 per \$100 par value of such securities to the amount required to pay the said contractors for the completion of the contract, and to retain the proceeds thereof and apply the same together with the interest accruing thereon from the first day of July 1918 in discharge of the indebtedness of the City under said contract as the same from time to time arises under the terms of the said contract.

c Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Hines and passed unanimously.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER FINANCING.

Read reports Board of Control and City Treasurer re Financing North West Arm Trunk Sewer, second Section, from Oakland Road to Chain Rock.

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Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Murphy that the same be approved.

Motion passed.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL BOARD.

Read letter Halifax County Anti Tuberculosis League nominating M. E. Keefe, W.M.P. Webster, Mrs. A. I. Mader and Miss Maria Stewart as members of the Board of Trustees of the Tuberculosis Hospital.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Finlay that the nominations be approved and the ladies and gentlemen nominated appointed members of the Board of Trustees of the Tuberculosis Hospital. Motion passed.

*Keefe ✓
M E Keefe ✓
W M P Webster ✓
Mrs A I Mader ✓
Miss Maria Stewart ✓*

ACCOUNTS.

Read report Board of control recommending for payment accounts chargeable to various services.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Murphy that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

SHIPBUILDING.

Read report Board of control recommending that the Council reaffirm the action relating to shipbuilding taken by it, at the emergency meeting of Council held on Saturday morning June 1st, last, and covering letter from the Honorable the Premier of Nova Scotia.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the report be adopted.

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Motion passed unanimously.

Read minutes of emergency meeting held June 1st, 1918 to consider proposition for the establishment of a steel shipbuilding yard in the City of Halifax, together with the reports, resolutions and documents referred to therein.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the same be approved.
Motion passed unanimously.

The following Resolution is submitted:-

WHEREAS owing to the emergency existing at the time, this City Council was summoned to a meeting on Saturday morning June 1st, inst., without two clear days prior notice having been regularly given, it is considered advisable that the proceedings be reaffirmed at this regularly summoned and convened meeting.

"THEREFORE RESOLVED. that this Council having heard the same read does now hereby adopt the minutes of the said meeting of June 1st, 1918 as a true record of the proceedings thereat and does now hereby declare the report of the Board of Control and the resolution of Council relating to shipbuilding passed at said meeting to be now approved and adopted by this Council as though the same were actually considered and approved at this meeting.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Finlay that and passed unanimously.

FIRE INSURANCE FIRE APPARATUS.

Read report Board of Control re Fire Insurance on Fire Apparatus.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Finlay that the same be approved.
Motion passed.

*Hon. H. Murphy
75 Board*

*27m
cc*

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ACCOUNT PAROLE WOMAN MRS. E. M. PAINT.

Auditor ✓
Read report Board of Control covering opinion City Solicitor re account \$31.00 Parole Woman Mrs. E. M. Paint for car fares.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Hines that the report be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

SMALL POX HOSPITAL.

*R P Bell
Health Board
Auditor ✓*
Read report Board of Control re cost of building addition to the Small Pox Hospital.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Hines that the same be approved. Motion passed.

POLICE UNIFORM CAPS.

Chief of Police
Read report Board of Control re tenders for Police Uniform Caps.

Moved by Controller Taylor seconded by Controller Hines that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

BRUNSWICK STREET EXTENSION.

Read reports Board of Control and Acting City Engineer covering plan recommend^{ing} that the extension of Brunswick Street from Sackville Street through Artillery Park and Robinsons Limited to the intersection of Doyle and Queen Streets be placed on the Official City Plan.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Finlay that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

The following Resolution is submitted:

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W H E R E A S the Board of Control deem it ~~advisable~~ to provide for the extension of Brunswick Street from the intersection of the said Brunswick Street and Sackville Street to the intersection of Queen Street and Doyle Street as shown on Plan #2570 filed in the City Engineer's Office at Halifax.

THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves of this location as shown on the said plan, and that the City Engineer be instructed to place said street on the official City plan.

The Resolution is moved by Controller
Murphy seconded by Controller Finlay.

By unanimous consent of Council G. A. Robinson/addresses them Council.

The Resolution is put and passed.

CHAIRMAN.

His Worship the Mayor is called from the meeting and the chair is taken by Deputy Mayor Godwin.

FIRE HOSE DESTROYED IN EXPLOSION DECEMBER 6th.

Read report Board of Control re Fire Hose destroyed in Explosion of December 6th, 1917.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Murphy that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

FIRE HOSE DESTROYED IN RIOT MAY 25th.

Read report board of Control re Fire Hose destroyed/by the mob/inRiot May 25th, ,

Moved by Controller Taylor seconded by Controller Murphy that the same be approved. Motion passed.

ANNUAL REPORT COAL WEIGHERS.

Read report Board of control covering Annual Report ofmCoal Weighers for 1917-18. Filed.

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RIOT MAY 25th, TENDERS FOR GLAZING CITY HALL
WINDOWS.

Engineer ✓
Read reports Board of Control and Acting City Engineer re tenders for glazing City Hall Windows destroyed in the Riot May 25th.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Finlay that the same be adopted. Motion passed .

FIRE INSURANCE ON CITY PROPERTY.

City Works ✓
Read report Board of Control re Fire Insurance on City Property.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Murphy that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

CAMBRIDGE STREET SEWER.

Engineer ✓
Read reports Board of Control and Acting City ³/₄ Engineer re the construction of a sewer in Cambridge Street.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Finlay that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

CASH STATEMENTS CITY TREASURER. MAY 1918.

Read report Board of Control covering Cash Statements City Treasurer for the month of May. Filed.

CITY HOME REPORT FOR MAY.

Read report Board of control covering report City Home for the month of May. Filed.

INSURANCE OF SOLDIERS OVERSEAS.

³/₄Read report Board of control re insurance of soldiers overseas by the Dominion Government.

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Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by
controller Finlay that the report be adopted.
Motion passed.

ANNUAL REPORT CITY PRISON.

Read report Board of Control covering report
Governor of City Prison for the ^{Civic} current Year
1917-18. Filed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MOTOR CAR FOR CHIEF.

Read report Board of Control recommending
the purchase of a motor car for the Chief of the
Fire Department, a duplicate of the Chief's Car
destroyed in the Explosion of December 6th.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by
Controller Murphy that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Gillis sec-
onded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that the re-
port be referred back to the Board for further
consideration. Amendment put and passed.

WAR RISK FIRE INSURANCE.

Alderman Macnab asked if the Board of Control
is considering the proposition submitted them
by A. M. Jack & Son for the placing of War Risk
Insurance of City Property.

Referred to the Board of Control.

UNION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION

Moved by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alder-
man Macnab that this Council request that if a
delegate be sent to the Convention of Canadian
municipalities to be held in Victoria, B. C, in
July next he be a permanent City Official. Motion
passed.

Letter
City Clerk
London Cont
Petition
General

B/C ✓

B/C ✓

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TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL SITE.

Alderman Kelly asked if the Board of control is carrying out the resolution of Council to acquire the property of the Tramway Company near Point Pleasant Park as a site for the Tuberculosis Hospital.

CHAIRMAN.

His Worship the Mayor returns to the meeting and takes the chair.

Moved by Controller Taylor seconded by Controller Murphy that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

The Council adjourns 10.30 o'clock.

MAYOR.


CITY CLERK.