

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
CIVIC YEAR  
1932-33.

Albert Audley Thompson

MAYOR.

Office of the City Clerk,  
Halifax, N. S.  
May 6th, 1932.

ALBERT AUDLEY THOMPSON having been on the 4th day of May A.D.1932 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 1932-33, at the election held on 27th April A.D.1932.

I do hereby certify that before entering upon the duties of the office of Mayor he was on the 5th day of May A.D. 1932 sworn before His Honor the Lieutenant Governor at Government House by subscribing and taking the Oath of Allegiance and the Oaths of Office of Mayor in the Presence of Aldermen Stech, Logan, Golden, Shields, O'Malley, O'Toole, Smeltzer and Adams.

And that upon the said 5th day of May he was sworn as a Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax before the City Clerk.

H. S. Rhind,  
CITY CLERK.

A L D E R M A N

Office of City Clerk,

May 12th, 1932.

HENRY JOHN STECH for Ward No. 1,  
ERIC LESLIE MILLER for Ward No. 2, FRANK ADAMS  
for Ward No. 3, JAMES FESTUS MCDONALD for Ward  
No. 4, HENRY GETLEY for Ward No. 5, and ALLAN  
MILTON DOYLE for Ward No. 6 having been on the 4th  
day of May A.D. 1932 in the presence of the City  
Council publicly declared duly elected Aldermen of  
the City of Halifax for the Wards for which they  
were severally and individually respectively elected  
at the election held on the 27th day of April  
A. D. 1932.

I do hereby certify that before entering  
upon the duties of Aldermen the following named  
Candidates, HENRY JOHN STECH for Ward No. 1, ERIC  
LESLIE MILLER for Ward No. 2, FRANK ADAMS for Ward  
No. 3, HENRY GETLEY for Ward No. 5, and ALLAN  
MILTON DOYLE for Ward No. 6 were each and severally  
sworn before His Worship, Mayor Thompson by sub-  
scribing and taking the Oath of Allegiance and the  
Oaths of Office of Aldermen and Justices of  
Peace for the City of Halifax and signed the Roll  
of Aldermen in the presence of the City Clerk on the  
6th day of May A.D, 1932, and that James Festus  
McDonald for Ward No. 4 was sworn before His Worship

Mayor Thompson by subscribing and taking the Oath of Allegiance and the Oaths of Office of Alderman and Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax and signed the Roll of Alderman in the presence of the City Clerk on the 11th day of May A.D. 1932.

H. S. Rhind,  
CITY CLERK.

GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

1932-33

MAYOR

ALBERT AUDLEY THOMPSON

DEPUTY MAYOR

JOHN ARTHUR O'MALLEY

ALDERMEN

Ward

1

Walter Mitchell 1933  
Arthur Herbert  
Minshull 1934  
Henry John Stech 1935

Ward Wm.E.G. Shields 1933  
4 Wm. H. Golden 1934  
James F. McDonald 1935

Ward

2

Gordon McL. Daley 1933  
William E. Donovan 1934  
Eric Leslie Miller 1935

Ward John A. O'Malley 1933  
5 Wm. J. O'Toole 1934  
Henry Getley 1935

Ward

3

G. Murray Logan 1933  
John H. Conn 1934  
Frank Adams 1935

Ward Arthur J. Smetzer 1933  
6 Edmond J. J. Probert 1934  
Allan M. Doyle 1935.

H. S. Rhind,  
CITY CLERK.



✓  
EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock,  
Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
May 12th, 1932.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor; and Aldermen Mitchell, Minshull, Stech, Daley, Donovan, Miller, Logan, Conn, Adams, Shields, Golden, McDonald, O'Malley, O'Toole, Getley, Smeltzer, Probert and Doyle.

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

RATE REDUCTION, N.S.LIGHT AND POWER CO., LTD

Read letter L. A. Lovett, Esq., K.C, re rate reduction of the N.S.Light and Power Co., Ltd.

Halifax, N.S.  
May 9th, 1932.

Gentlemen:

A complete valuation of the physical assets and undertakings, as a going concern, by departments of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company Limited, now the Nova Scotia Light & Power Company Limited as at October 1st, 1921 (including reasonable and proper allowance for organization, and legal expenses and going value) was finally completed by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, on November 21st, 1923. In its Decision the Board referred to the practice of other Commissions, to the effect, that a valuation once made should not be disturbed for at least ten years, except to add to or take away from it on account of changes in plant. See Public Utilities Reports for year ending December 31st, 1923, Page 135. At Page 137 of the same Reports the Board stated "While the Board has power to order a re-valuation at any time, still it would appear that as far as possible permanency of the rate base was the intention of the Legislature, the same only being varied to reflect plant changes".

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There has been no revaluation since November 21st, 1923, but the Board believes that it has kept itself informed of all extensions and improvements or other changes in the property of the Utility, and that it is able to ascertain the fair value thereof at the present time from such data.

At the time of the Board's valuation referred to above, the Board ruled that each department of the Company's business was a separate utility so far as valuation and rates were concerned. This ruling of the Board appears in the same Reports as referred to above at Page 121, and is as follows:-

"Following the decision filed in connection with the Cape Breton Electric Co., Ltd., for an increase in Tramway fares to the effect that each department of the undertaking of a public utility must be valued separately for the purpose of rate-making, the valuation herein is being made by departments. This method is followed in order that the rate base, i.e. the amount on which a return is to be allowed, may be determined in each department. By this means the rates of the light and power customers do not include any tramway or gas expense nor are the fares of tram passengers or rates of gas customers affected by the results of operation of any other service. Each department stands on its own feet and the rates are so calculated as to provide the statutory return on the rate base of that department after all operating and other charges are provided for".

As you are aware the Nova Scotia Power Commission completed the first development of the St. Margaret's Bay System in the year 1922, and made a contract with the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company Limited which is dated February 1st, 1922, for the supply to that Company of electrical power and energy from the St. Margaret's Bay Development. Formerly the power and energy had been generated by Steam.

In the latter part of 1923, the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities of its own motion instituted an enquiry and formulated a complaint with reference to the rates and charges of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company Limited, which read as follows:

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"1. That the said schedule of rates and charges are unreasonable for the following reasons:-

(a) That said rates and charges are excessive and yield and will yield annually a return on the fair value of that portion of the said Company's property, assets, and undertaking which is reasonably necessary for the purposes of its electric light and power department in furnishing electrical energy for light and power purposes to or for the public, in excess of that prescribed by chapter 36 of the Acts of 1923.

(b) That said rates and charges are unjustly discriminatory as between the company's light customers and the Company's power customers.

(c) That the discounts, so-called, which the company allows are unreasonable and unfair, and are in the nature of penalties and not true discounts.

(d) That the operating expenses and cost of management of the said Company are excessive and unreasonable".

(e) That the rules, regulations, and conditions under which electrical energy is furnished to or for the public are unjust and unreasonable".

See Public Utilities Reports for the year ending December 31st, 1924, Pages 40 and 41. This matter came on for hearing on December 18th, 1923, and Company's Counsel notwithstanding the ruling of the Board as to separate departments above set out, contended - "That if the rates for electric energy were to be considered, then the rates for Tramway and Gas service should also be adjusted so that all three services must be considered together, and such rates approved as would enable the Company to earn eight percent on its total investment." See Public Utilities Reports for the year ending December 31st, 1924, at Page 41.

At Page 42 of said Report, the following statement appears:

"At the outset Mr. Covert, K.O, submitted that The Board could not consider the rates for electric energy alone. He contended that all departments operated by the company must be dealt with as one undertaking, the rates in all departments being so adjusted as to enable the company to earn a return of 8% on the value of all departments of its business grouped together. Mr. Mathers, K.O. was heard contra".

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At Page 43 of said Report, the following statement appears:

"Mr. Covert also asked the Board to state a case for the Supreme Court on the question as to its power to approve rates for each of the public utility services of the company separately and without regard to the undertaking of the company as a whole. This application was reserved and on the last day of the hearing Counsel for the Company intimated that the company did not wish to press for the stated case at this time but wished to preserve its full rights to apply for such case at such time as it might be advised to do so",

The investigation into the rates charges and services of the Electric Department of the Company was proceeded with before the Board, and it was found that the sum available towards rate reduction in the electrical Department of the Company's business was \$68,000.00 and the Board found that its complaint as formulated was sustained and a new rate scale was prescribed by the Board, which reduced existing rates accordingly.

In the recent proceedings before the Board of Public Utilities with reference to the so-called Merger Application, the Board rendered its decision in writing on January 28th, 1932, and such decision contains the following statement:

"It has long been a rule of this Board that for the purpose of proceedings before it and regulation thereby the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company, Limited, is in its electric, tramway and gas departments three separate public utilities. It was a feature of this inquiry that Counsel of the Companies distinctly challenged the correctness of this rule, and emphatically declared that under the Public Utilities Act the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company, Limited is one public utility, and entitled to the return of eight percent on all its business as one undertaking".

The refusal of the Nova Scotia Light & Power Company, Limited to recognize or abide by the ruling of the Board of Public Utilities as to separate departments, was followed by the filing of Annual Reports by the Company with the Board, which did not show the rate base of each department, or the sum available for payment of the Statutory Return of eight percent in each Department.

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It was therefore impossible to obtain this information from such Annual Reports, or from the Board of Public Utilities, and from 1924 to 1929, no effort was apparently made by the City or the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities to ascertain whether the electric department of the Company was earning more than its Statutory Return under the scale of rates which had been prescribed in 1924, and which were not changed until 1929. On November 27th 1929 the Company made an Application to the Board for approval of a reduction in its scale of rates for electric energy, and the matter came on for hearing before the Board on the 18th and 20th days of December 1929. The Decision of the Board appears in Public Utilities Report of the year ending December 31st, 1929 at Pages 92 to 94 inclusive. On pages 93 and 94 of the said Report, the following statement appears:

"In the notice of its proposal to reduce its rates for electric energy, the company sets out that a survey of the present situation and future prospects leads the directors of the said company to believe that an immediate substantial reduction in the rates charged for electric energy will stimulate the use of lighting and power services, with resulting benefit to the people the company is privileged to serve and at the same time will not impair the financial position of the company. It is also stated that the schedule of rates, approval of which is asked, is estimated to result in a saving to customers of \$100,000.00 per year.

The application is based upon an analysis of the consumption by all the customers of the electrical department of the company for the twelve months period ended March 31st last, and took months to prepare. It was only filed with the Board on November 27th last, and it is proposed that the changes in rates, for which the approval of the Board is asked, shall become effective on and after the first proximo.

With the various other matters pending before the Board it is out of the question that any close and detailed study can be made of the many points which call for consideration in proceedings such as this, if the customers of the electrical department of the company are to have the benefit, on and after the first proximo, of the rate



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reductions proposed herein. In the time available to it, the Board has been unable to do much more than satisfy itself that the rates as proposed for alternating current service, constitute a well balanced schedule, free from discrimination. The rates for direct current power service (wholesale) which affects only the tramway department as a customer, calls for more consideration than the Board has so far been able to give to it. Nor has there been reasonable opportunity of studying the additions to the plant of the company or its operating expenses. "

" Appreciating the desire of the company to pass on to its customers at the first of the year, the substantial reduction in rates which the schedule under review herein offers to them, it has been decided, upon the condition named below, to approve all rates, except the wholesale direct current power rate which will be reserved.

The schedule of regulations attached hereto will also be approved.

The condition referred to is that the company shall file its consent to the Board retaining jurisdiction over this application with a view to completing such study and inquiry as it may see fit to make and also for the purposes of issuing such further or other order as its findings may justify.

An order may issue in accordance with the foregoing".

It will be noted that from a perusal of the above Decision that the Board apparently did not know what amount the Company was earning in its electrical department in excess of the Statutory Return of eight percent. The annual reports of the Company filed with the Board for the years 1929 and 1930, did not give this information. Apparently the Board while "retaining jurisdiction over the reduction of rates with a view to completing such study and inquiry as it might see fit to make, and also for the purpose of issuing such further or other order as its findings might justify" took no further steps to ascertain whether the Company in its electrical department was still over earning or not.

In the Fall of 1931, the City was represented in the Merger Proceedings, and finding it impossible to ascertain from the Company's Reports or from the Board of Public Utilities itself, or from the Company, whether any amounts were being earned in the

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electrical department of the Company in excess of the eight percent Statutory Return, investigation as to this phase of the matter was made, and evidence taken which established that the Company between 1924 and December 31st, 1930, had earned in its electrical Department amounts aggregating over \$400,000. in excess of the Statutory Return of eight percent. The filed Report of the Company for the year ending December 31st, 1931, which for the first time is made in compliance with the ruling of the Board as to separate departments, shows that the Company earned in that year in its electrical department more than \$62,000.00 in excess of the Statutory Return of eight percent.

The reason for setting out the above history of the matter is to clearly bring to the attention of the City the fact that approximately half a million dollars has been paid by the users of electrical power and energy in the City of Halifax in excess of the amounts which the Company is by law authorized to earn, if the ruling of the Board as to separate departments had been observed, and while the Company has filed its Annual Reports for the year 1931 in the form prescribed by the Board showing the rate base and earnings in each department, this does not in any way finally dispose of the matter, because the Company still maintains that it is entitled to be regarded as one utility and not three separate utilities.

So long as this question is not definitely and finally settled by agreement between the City and the Company, or by final decision of the Court, or by Legislation, it will be impossible to definitely advise the City whether schedules or rates applicable from time to time are reasonable or not.

The Annual Reports of the Company for the year ending December 31st, 1931, contain a Consolidated Statement of Return on the basis of each department being a separate utility. The Tram department earned \$696,570.45, which was \$64,597.25 less than the statutory allowance of eight percent; the Light and Power Department earned \$913,079.70, which was \$62,133.65 in excess of the statutory allowance of eight percent; and the Gas Department earned \$288,447.37, which was \$79,503.68 less than the Statutory Allowance of eight percent. It will be clearly seen therefore that if the three departments of the Company's business are not separate utilities, the existing schedules of rates in all or any of the departments can be materially increased. On the other hand, if the three departments of the Company are separate utilities, the schedule of rates now applicable to the Light & Power Department has been producing quite a material amount in excess of the Statutory Allowance of eight percent.

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The City by Resolution passed on the 30th day of November 1931, instructed me to file with the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, a complaint for the purpose of obtaining a reduction in the rates charged for electrical energy in the City. A complaint was forthwith lodged with the Board. The Board however refused to hear the Complaint prior to the completion of the so-called Merger Proceedings. The Decision of the Board in the Merger case was given on the 28th of January 1932, and on March 18th, 1932 the City passed a Resolution authorizing me to proceed with the preparation of the City's rate reduction case, and to carry said Complaint to a conclusion, and to engage on behalf of the City the services of such expert or experts, as I might deem necessary to assist in the preparation and presentation of the City's case. In pursuance of this resolution, I engaged the services of Mr. John Kaye of Halifax, an engineer, who has had considerable experience in Public Utility matters, and we have been since that date investigating various items contained in the Annual Reports filed with the Company.

In the meantime, the Rate Reduction Hearing was adjourned to April 5th, on which date an application was made to definitely fix the time for the Hearing so that the requisite notices could be published in the Newspapers. On this occasion, I requested the Board to proceed itself with the matter of the complaint so that the City would be relieved of any further expense in connection with the matter, but the Board declined to consider this request at that time, drawing attention to the fact that Legislation with reference to change of Taxation pursuant to agreement between the City and the Company was before the House of Assembly, and that other increases in taxation might be expected. By agreement, that date for the Hearing was fixed for May 4th, 1932, and notices given accordingly.

Before the date for the Hearing, the House of Assembly gave its legislative sanction to the Agreement between the City and the Company, made on August 24th, 1931, under which Agreement - (a) the Company was entirely relieved from the work of doing the permanent paving on and along the tracks of the Company on the portions of Windsor Street, between Quinpool Road and Almon Street; on Almon Street between Windsor Street and Agricola Street; and on Göttingen Street between Gerrish Street and Kaye Street; (b) the City agreed to maintain in good condition the said pavement on the above mentioned Streets; (c) the City agreed to maintain in good condition the permanent pavement on and along all other lines of track of the Company which are now laid on City Streets, provided that if the cost of maintaining the pavement



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on the said other lines of track in any year exceeds the sum of \$2,000.00, the Company should pay all maintenance costs in excess of the said sum of \$2,000.00, and the Company has to make good any damages to the said pavement necessitated by any work of the Company done in connection with its tracks or otherwise; (d) the tax of four percent on the gross tolls received by the Company from the operation within the City of Halifax of its Railway, was reduced to 2% (2) the tax of 2% on the gross receipts of the Company from the sale within the City of Halifax of electrical energy for any purpose was increased to 5%; (f) the tax of 2% on the gross receipts of the Company from the sale within the City of Halifax of Gas for lighting and power was changed to 2% on the gross receipts from the sale within the City of Gas for any purpose.

On the basis of the 1931 receipts of the Company the result of this Legislation as to taxes, would be as follows:-

5% on \$807,575.00 gross receipts of electric Department	
Former 2% Tax.....	\$40,378.75
	<u>16,151.50</u>
<b>An increase of Taxation on this Department of</b>	<b>\$ 24,227.25</b>
2% on \$232,699.49, receipts from Gas used for any purpose	4,653.99
2% former Tax for Gas used for Light & Power only	<u>20.78</u>
<b>An increase of Taxes in this Department of</b>	<b>\$ <u>4,633.21</u></b>
2% on \$683,041.46 Gross Receipts Tramway Department.	13,660.88
Former Tax of 4% on Gross Receipts	<u>27,321.76</u>
<b>A decrease of Taxes in this Department of</b>	<b>\$ <u>13,660.88</u></b>

The effect of this Legislation therefore allows the Company to maintain such schedule of Rates in its electric department as will compel consumers of electric power and energy to pay the extra taxation of 3% on the gross receipts of that Department, and a further effect of the Legislation is to reduce the excess earnings of that Department of the Company to that extent, and on the basis of the 1931 business of the Company, the over earnings of \$62,133.65 would be reduced to \$37,906.40.

The Company will have to pay a somewhat higher Federal Income Tax under the recent Dominion

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Legislation; it will have to pay a higher Provincial Revenue Tax in view of the Amendments passed at the recent session of the Legislature; and there will be an increase in the cost of Power and Energy purchased from the Power Commission, the minimum amount of which is estimated at \$8,000.00 and the maximum at \$20,000.00.

You will therefore see that when the proportions of these increased taxes, and costs, which would be payable by the Electric Department, of the Company, are deducted from the excess earnings, the amount of such excess earnings will probably be very small indeed, and in my opinion would not justify proceeding with the rate reduction case.

With reference to the operating expenses of the Company, I have with Mr. Kaye's assistance investigated the items making up such costs, and the Company has cheerfully supplied us with all information requested, and we have also had the benefit of discussing various items with some of the Officials and some of the Members of the staff of the Company.

At my request Mr Kaye sent me a report dealing particularly with the items of operating costs, and I am enclosing a duplicate of said Report herewith.

In view of the change in the situation through the increase in taxation, etc, above referred to, the Hearing of this matter was adjourned on May 4th, to May 20th, at my request so that I could make a full report to the City, and the matter could be dealt with at the meeting of the City Council to be held on May 12th next.

It will be necessary for the City prior to May 20th to give me instructions whether to proceed with the Complaint or abandon same.

Yours truly,

E. A. Lovett.

The Mayor and City Council,  
Halifax, N. S.

May 12th, 1932.

Halifax, N.S.  
May 3rd, 1932.

L. A. Lovett, Esq., K.C.,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

As requested by you I have made a study of the operating report made to the Board of Public Utility Commissioners by the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited, (particularly the Light and Power Department) for the year 1931. In 1931 the company submitted for the first time a separate report for each of its three utilities, viz, Light and Power, Tramways and Gas, showing gross operating revenues, non-operating revenues, operating expenses, taxes, depreciation and earnings, also total fixed capital installed, reserve for accrued depreciation and rate base, (carried forward from the Board's valuation October 1, 1921, at the rates of depreciation as ruled by the Board) considering each as a separate utility.

What information I required for making this study, and which was not already available, I obtained from officers of the company.

The Light and Power Report shows that this utility earned \$251,555.52 in 1931, \$62,133.65 over and above the statutory 8% return on its rate base shown as \$2,367,769.67 at December 31st, 1931. The figures worked up at the time of the merger case show that this utility earned \$256,322. in 1930. Therefore the earnings for 1931 decreased some \$4,700. as compared with 1930.

This does not seem reasonable in view of the fact that the gross revenue from sales of power and energy increased \$64,380.81 in 1931 over 1930. It is accounted for by the fact that operating expenses increased \$67,604.95. This increase in operating expenses is made up principally of the following items:

	Increase
Production Expenses	\$44,329.99
Transmission Expenses	5,431.57
Commercial Expenses	5,158.56
New Business Expenses	<u>13,856.43</u>
Total of above	\$ 68,776.55

Other operating expenses were practically the same as in 1930.

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Production expense is the cost of all power and energy generated and purchased. It includes wages, fuel and other supplies for the steam-electric generating station, and the cost of power and energy purchased from the St. Margaret's Bay plants of the Nova Scotia Power Commission, and the Avon River Power Company Limited. The steam supplied to the other departments of the Company's business and to the Ocean Terminals, Harbour Commission and the Nova Scotia Hotel is generated with the boiler equipment of the steam-electric plant. This steam is metered, and the estimated cost of 50 cents per 1000 pounds supplied, is credited to production expense. This price is an average figure of actual costs taken over a number of years' operations up to and including 1928. The difference between this figure and the price charged the above mentioned steam customers is shown as a non operating revenue of the Light and Power Department. It appears that this figure of 50 cents per 1000 pounds might be somewhat less than the actual cost of producing this steam at some times. However, the net result to the earnings of the Light and Power Department as a whole would be very slightly changed if the figure were increased, as the non operating revenue, steam heat department, would be correspondingly decreased by almost the same amount, since the amount of steam supplied to the Tramways and Gas departments forms a small percentage of the whole.

Electric power and energy supplied other departments and the Company's works and office is also treated as a credit to production expense.

Total K.W.H. generated and purchased increased from 35,030,025 in 1930 to \$36,761,985 in 1931, \$1,731,960. This partially accounts for the increase in Production expense. In 1930 credits to the amount of approximately \$35,000. were made by the Nova Scotia Power Commission, principally on account of the small amount of energy delivered from St. Margaret's Bay during the year, so that the average price per K.W.H. from that source was 0.975 cents in 1931 against 0.930 cents in 1930.

Transmission Expenses include costs of operation and maintenance of sub stations and transmission lines. At the end of 1930 an additional power supply was brought into Halifax from the Avon River Power Company. This entailed the building of a 66,000 volt transmission line from Sackville to Armdale, a sub station at Armdale, and the taking over of one circuit of the Nova Scotia Power Commission's lines from Armdale to Water Street, and a much more elaborate system of relay



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protection for the switching and other sub station equipment then before. There is therefore a corresponding increase in this item of expense.

Commercial Expenses cover costs of meter reading, billing and collecting, contract clerk's wages and some other office expenses. The increase of \$5158.00 in this item is partially made up of an increase in office rent. The company moved in to the Capitol building in October 1930, so that only three months rent was paid for this building in 1930 as against a full year in 1931. The remainder of the increase is due to the installation of a new building machine and some extra clerks, and an increase in some of the meter readers wages. The billing for some of the subsidiary companies is now being done by the Halifax Office. The following monthly charges are made to those companies:

Dartmouth Co.	\$200.00
Sackville River Co.	50.00
Chester Co.	50.00
Springhill Co.	200.00
Barrington Co.	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$550.00

Most of this charge is credited to Commercial Expense of the Halifax Company. The above are the only charges made to those subsidiary companies except various amounts which are charged from time to time for actual time spent by officers or employees of the Halifax Company on special work such as engineering, rate investigation, and other studies. It would seem that the above mentioned fixed charges made to the subsidiary companies might be insufficient to cover the actual costs of the services rendered to them by the Halifax Company, and if this rate hearing is gone ahead with, a thorough investigation should be made into these figures.

In the meter reading, billing, contract and accounting departments there are a number of employees who work both in the light and power and the Gas divisions. Their wages and other common expenses have been charged 80% to the Light and Power and 20% to the Gas Departments. This division has been allowed for a number of years and is approximately in the same proportion as the gross revenues of the two departments.

New Business expenses increased \$13,856.43 in 1931 to the amount of \$34,249.40. This item covers all the costs of getting new business including advertising, wages, rent, light, heat and other expenses of the merchandising department. The report is perhaps misleading in that it shows under

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non-operating revenue, Profit on Merchandise Sales \$8,268.81. To find the actual result of the year's business of the merchandising department, new business expenses must be deducted from this figure, instead of a profit on merchandise sales, the merchandising department made a loss of \$25,980.59. In other words it cost \$34,249.40 to sell some \$65,000.00 of electrical supplies and appliances, and the increase in gross revenue from sales of current during 1931 was only \$64,380.81 over 1930. I might point out that some of this increase, probably quite a large proportion of it was a natural increase, and not brought about by any efforts to secure new business, this item should be vigorously attacked. It is a matter of policy, and very questionable whether a utility such as this should be allowed to engage in the merchandising business at all, and if so whether it should be allowed to charge its losses by so doing as an operating expense to the utility. At any rate it would seem that this utility has gone to the extreme, and has spent far too much money in its effort to secure new business.

Of necessity the New Business and Merchandising sections of the Light and Power and the Gas Departments are thrown together and have a great many common expenses such as salesmen's wages, store rental, lighting, etc, which must be divided between the two departments. This has been done arbitrarily and is a very difficult matter to check. There is no way of telling just how much of each salesman's time for instance, has been devoted to promoting new business for the light and power department, and how much for the Gas Department. The relative figures are as follows:

	Mdse sold	Profit on Mdse. Sales & Jobbing	New Business Expense.
L & P. Dept.	\$65,000.	\$8,268.81	\$34,249.
Gas Dept.	33,000.	290.46	16,652.

I have covered all the main items of Operating Expense which show an abnorman increase. Before leaving this I would like to mention Administration Expenses. This item makes in all general expenses connected with the administration of the business such as directors fees, salaries of President, Manager, Treasurer, Secretary, other general officers and employees, rental and other expenses of office space devoted to this work,

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management fee, telephone calls and telegrams, some travelling expenses, etc., Nearly all these expenses are common to all three utilities, and therefore an arbitrary allocation has to be made to each. In 1931 the same method has been followed as for a number of years past, viz., approximately based on gross revenue. The division is as follows: Tramways 40%, Light and Power 50%, Gas 10%. Some few charges are to do with only the Light and Power and Gas departments. In this case the division is Light and Power 80%, Gas 20%. Generally speaking the individual salaries of administrative officers of this company are not high in my opinion.

Summing up, all operating expenses would seem to be reasonable except Commercial Expenses and New Business Expenses. In my opinion these two items are unreasonably high, especially the latter.

With regard to the figures shown in the Light and Power report for Total Fixed Capital Installed, Reserve for Accrued Depreciation and Rate Base; they are very nearly the same as those worked up by you at the time of the merger case. Apparently the company has followed the method prescribed by the Board in carrying forward from the Board's valuation of Oct. 1st, 1921, their figures for Total Fixed Capital Installed, Reserve for Accrued Depreciation, and Rate Base, with one exception. They have not deducted working Capital from Total Fixed Capital installed to arrive at the base for depreciation, but have taken their yearly depreciation as  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  of the total figure for Total Fixed Capital Installed. This is not right as there is no depreciation on working Capital. This is an error which can easily be rectified, and would make only a small difference in the over earnings for 1931. Therefore the Company's figures for the above mentioned items, when adjusted for this, should be very nearly correct. In view of this, I do not think that a re-valuation of the Company's physical assets, involving as it does a large amount of time and expense, would be justified now.

The distribution of taxes to the three utilities seems regular except in the case of Water Rate, Tax and Stamps, Telegrams, etc. The distribution for these items was estimated, and the Light and Power Department bears the largest part. However these are small items, and would make very little difference if changed.

In 1932 there will undoubtedly be some increase in gross revenue from sales of power and energy.

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This increase will probably not be as great as it has been in recent years, due to the depressed state of business generally.

There will be considerable increases in taxes and cost of power and energy purchased in 1932. The Provincial Government tax on Light and Power Utilities has been increased from 2 to 2 1/2% on the gross revenue. In 1931 this would have amounted to some \$4,600. increase. The City Tax has been increased from 2 to 5% on the gross revenue from sale of power and energy in the City. In 1931 this would have amounted to an increase of \$24,227.

The Nova Scotia Power Commission sells power and energy to the company at cost. Some time ago the Commission advised the company that since interest on their bonds is payable in United States funds, and there is a little extra maintenance to be done at the St. Margaret's Bay Plants this year, their costs would probably be about \$20,000. higher than in 1931. Since that time I have been talking to the Chief Engineer of the Power Commission and he stated that exchange has been dropping since they wrote that letter to the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company, and that they are going to try to cut down somewhat on maintenance. Any figures he could give would only be estimated, but their charges to the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company for 1932 would probably exceed those for 1931 by about \$8,000.

Indications are that there will probably be a total increase in these three items of at least \$40,000.

Another uncertain item which should be settled before a reduction in rates is sought, is the rate which the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company is to pay the Avon River Power Company for power and energy. The Board of Public Utility Commissioners has not to date approved any rate for this service. When the rate is finally fixed it might materially affect the amount available for a rate reduction.

In my opinion, so far as I can see at the present time, in 1932 the Light and Power Utility will not earn a sufficient amount over their 8% to justify continuance of the rate reduction case now in progress.

Yours truly,

John R. Kaye,  
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL  
ENGINEER.



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Moved by Alderman Minshull, seconded by Alderman Daley that this matter be referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Motion passed.

UNEMPLOYMENT, INSURANCE SCHEME

Read letter H. E. Goddard, City Manager, Niagara Falls, Ontario covering a draft resolution to inaugurate a scheme of contributory unemployment insurance.

Referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee.

WORKS DEPARTMENT, ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$15,999.12.

May 11th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 11th instant, Accounts amounting to \$15,999.12 chargeable as follows, were recommended to Council for payment:-

Works Dept. 1931-32

Capital -	\$122.53	
Appropriations -	<u>4958.27</u>	\$5080.80

Works Dept. 1932-33

Capital -	1752.62	
Appropriations -	<u>7536.10</u>	9288.72

Water Dept. 1932-33

Capital -	726.99	
Maintenance -	<u>902.61</u>	<u>1629.60</u>
		\$15999.12

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

May 12th, 1932.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman O'Toole that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$7,699.64.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
May 10th, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Finance beg to recommend for payment the attached list of accounts amounting to \$7,699.64.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Mitchell,

J. HL Conn,

G. McL. Daley.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Conn that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

CITY HOME AND T.B.HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Charities Committee recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the City Home \$8,265.52 and to the T.B.Hospital \$3,160.57.

May 10th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report.

May 12th, 1932.

MEMBERS PRESENT: The Chairman, Aldermen Smeltzer, Minshull, O'Malley and Probert.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS APRIL 1932 AMOUNT \$8,265.52

City Home accounts for the month of April 1932 amounting to \$8,265.52 are recommended for payment.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS APRIL 1932 AMOUNT \$3,160.57

Tuberculosis Hospital accounts for the month of April 1932 amounting to \$3,160.57 are recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. G. Shields,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Shields, seconded by Alderman Logan that the report be adopted and accounts paid. ✓ Motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee of Firewards recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the Fire Department \$12,804.52 and to the Fire Alarm System \$455.40.

May 4th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

GentlemenP-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, the attached accounts amounting to \$12,804.52 for the Fire Department and \$455.40 for the Fire Alarm Department were considered.

Your Committee recommend that those accounts be passed for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Mitchell,  
CHAIRMAN.

May 12th, 1932.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Golden that the report be adopted and accounts paid. ✓ Motion passed.

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

Read report of the City Health Board recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$3,285.71.

May 12th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Wednesday, May 11th, the following named accounts amounting to \$3,285.71 were passed and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. Forrest.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Stech that the report be adopted and accounts paid. ✓ Motion passed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Police Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$10,082.36.

May 9th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Police Committee held this date, the following accounts amounting to

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\$10,062.36, submitted by the Chief of Police, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

GARDENS, PARKS AND COMMONS ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Commons recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the Public Gardens \$841.14, and to Fleming Park \$108.48.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
May 10th, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Commons held this day, the attached list of accounts chargeable to the Public Gardens \$841.14 and to Fleming Park \$108.48 were recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman O'Toole that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

FINAL PAYMENT, MORRIS STREET RETAINING WALL

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending final payment to J.R. Clarke of the sum of \$196.00 balance in full on his contract

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for construction of a retaining wall at the property corner of Morris and Water Streets.

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May 11th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend payment to J. R. Clarke of the sum of One Hundred and Ninety-Six Dollars (\$196.00) being the balance in full on his contract for the construction of a retaining wall at the property corner Morris and Water Streets.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Shields that the reports be adopted and account paid. Motion passed.

FINAL PAYMENT, SEWER TRENCHING,  
BERLIN AND OXFORD STREETS.

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending final payment to Charles J. Walker of the sum of \$562.50, being balance in full on his contract for excavating and trenching for sewer and water extension on Oxford and Berlin Streets.

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May 11th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend payment to Charles J. Walker of the sum of Five Hundred and Sixty-Two Dollars and Fifty cents (\$562.50) being balance in full on his contract for excavating trench for sewer and water on Oxford and Berlin Streets.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

May 12th, 1932.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Shields that the reports be adopted and account paid. Motion passed.

FINAL PAYMENT, LAWRENCETOWN SAND AND GRAVEL CO.

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending a final payment to the Lawrencetown Sand and Gravel Company of the sum of \$610.80, balance in full of their contract for the supply of sand for the civic year 1931-32.

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May 11th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend payment to the "Lawrencetown Sand and Gravel Company of the sum of Six Hundred and Ten Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$610.80) in full on their contract for the supply of sand for the civic year 1931-32.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Shields that the reports be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

ROAD OIL, FINAL PAYMENT ON CONTRACT

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re a final payment to Alexander Murray & Company of the sum of \$2,894.22, being balance in full on their contract for the supply of road oil for the civic year 1931-32.

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May 12th, 1932.

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The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend payment to Alexander Murray & Company Limited, of the sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-Four Dollars and Twenty-two Cents (\$2894.22) being the balance in full on their contract for the supply of road oils for the civic year 1931-32.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Shields that the reports be adopted and account paid. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NUMBER 3

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending a draft ordinance to amend Ordinance number 3 relating to "Streets".

April 6th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

In several cases where garages are located on properties in front of which there is a parked sidewalk, the cars drive over the sodding, with, especially at this time of the year, very bad results to it. It is suggested that the following amendment to the Street Ordinance be made, which would compel the owner to provide a driveway, under the circumstances mentioned.

BE IT ENACTED that Ordinance No. 3 be amended by adding the following section to follow Section 40 of the said Ordinance.

40 A. Wherever a building on any premises is used for the purposes of a garage or stable, the owner shall provide a driveway, thereto constructed of such materials and in such manner as is approved by the Engineer, across any parked sidewalk in front of such premises.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.



May 12th, 1932.

April 6th, 1932.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works, at a meeting on the 6th instant, resolved to recommend to Council that the attached report of the City Engineer be adopted and that Street Ordinance No. 3 be amended as recommended therein.

G. E. Ritchie,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Shields that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Shields that the said draft ordinance be read a first time. Motion passed.

Read an ordinance to amend Ordinance number 3 relating to streets. First reading.

RE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS

Read report of the City Clerk covering applications of officials for re appointment for the civic year 1932-33.

City Clerk's Office,  
May 12th, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit herewith the attached list of applications of officials for re appointment for the civic year 1932-33.

The original applications of all applicants are attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. Rhind,  
CITY CLERK.

*Council*

May 12th, 1932.

City Clerk's Office	Asst. City Clerk Stenographer	H. C. Powell Donalda Crawford
Mayor's Office	Stenographer	Vera L. Street
Treasurer's Office	Asst. City Treasurer	George J. Allen
Engineer's Office	Asst. City Engineer Clerk of Works Asst. Clerk of Works Supt. Water Dept. Supt. of Streets Asst. Bld. Inspector Meter Readers	W. J. DeWolfe Mary A. Hunter Thomas J. Moore Wm. H. Daniels James P. Downey W. R. Fegan R. F. Clancy A. J. O'Hearn M. P. O'Toole David Colquhoun M. J. O'Toole
City Electrician's Office	City Electrician	G. H. Durling
Auditor's Office	Asst. City Auditor Clerk " "	M. L. Bellew Thos. A. Shields T. G. Murphy
Assessor's Office	Deputy Assessor First Clerk Clerk " "	Charles Rosboron C. G. Corbett Hattie Doyle Marion Thomson Rose Zwerling
City Collector's Office	Asst. City Collector First Clerk Cashier Poll Tax Officer Stenographer Clerk  Sub-Collector	A. F. Hagell Margaret Hopewell Ralph Campbell R. H. Gass Elsie Doyle J. O. Dingle S. T. Cook James Henrion James Williams R. B. Scriven Douglas Wallace Wm. E. Anderson John H. Joyce Henry Rising J. R. Merrick Wm. C. Yates
Public Gardens	Superintendent	W. H. Hall
Camp Hill Cemetery	Registrar	Geo. A. Thompson
Act. City Medical Officer		W. Bruce Almon, M. D.

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City Health Board	Secretary	Arthur C. Pettipas
	Asst. Secretary	Irene M. Hingston
	Inspector	F. C. Craig
	"	J. F. Colwell
	"	Amos Woodworth
	Dairy & Food Insp.	H. S. McFatridge
	Ast. " "	John F. Dempster
City Home	Superintendent	John H. Buchanan
	Secretary	H. A. Garrison
	Matron	Catherine Graves
	General Asst.	Samuel E. Brown
	Engineer	James Doherty
City Prison	Governor	George Grant
	Matron	Mrs. J. M. Grant
	Underkeepers	Walter H. Handlsey
		John W. Grant
		Roy W. Crowell
		Arthur Cooper
		H. F. Platt
Citizens Free Library	Librarian	L. F. Barnaby
	Asst. Librarian	Mary Durney
	2nd Asst. "	Florence Hilton
Janitor City Hall		James E. Lynch
Matron, Police Station		Mrs. A. Lynch
Surveyors of Lumber		W. A. McKenzie
" " "		Edw. Gibson
" " "		Carl Fox.
Fence Viewers, Ward 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.		
Weighers of Bundles and Loose Hay.		L. E. Goodwin
Pound Keeper at City Stables-Bell Road		City Stableman
Inspector of Painters Work		Frank Reardon
		James Harrison
Inspector of Masons Works		James Taylor

Moved by Alderman Minshull, seconded by Alderman Shields that the report be adopted, and the applications for re appointment as submitted by the City Clerk be accepted, and the officials named in said report be re appointed for the civic year 1932-33.

Motion passed.

May 12th, 1932.

APPLICATIONS FOR COAL WEIGHERS LICENSES

Read report of the City Clerk covering applications for coal weighers licenses.

City Clerk's Office,  
May 12th, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit herewith the attached applications for coal weighers licenses. These applications are made under the provisions of Chapter Section of the Acts of 1932.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. Rhind,  
CITY CLERK.

1. A. H. Cullymore
2. Wm. Wood
3. Lawrence D. Murrans
4. Angus D. Currie
5. R. P. Burns
6. W. H. Walker
7. Patrick Leahy
8. Robert Rudland
9. D. McDonald
10. Dennis J. Sampson
11. J. P. Dunlay
12. Neil Currie
13. James F. McDonald
14. Peter Cummings.

Moved by Alderman Daley, seconded by Alderman Minshull that these applications be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges. Motion passed. ✓

*and Daley*

CITY HOME AND T.B. HOSPITAL MONTHLY REPORT

Read report of the Charities Committee for the month of April showing the number of inmates of the City Home to be 434 and the number of patients in the T.B. Hospital to be 55.

FILED

May 12th, 1932.

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL 1932

Read report of the City Auditor covering statement of tax collections for the month of April 1932.

City Auditor's Office,  
April 30th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Report on Tax Collections for the month of April is submitted. Collections amounted to \$81,753.18; corresponding period last year \$84,718.59. Collections on account of taxes for civic years prior to May 1st, 1925 were \$385.79. The outstanding book value of this group on April 30th, 1932 after deducting Reserves for short collection was \$560,669.62.

	Outstanding Balances March 1932	New Accounts and other adjustments.	April Collections	Outstanding Balances April 1932
<u>Arrears Taxes</u>				
Civic Year 1925-26 Reserve - Nil	\$67,543.26	Cr. \$90.96	\$5.26	\$67,447.04
Civic Year 1926-27 Reserve \$33,815.49	45,515.55		5.20	45,510.35
Civic Year 1927-28 Reserve \$60,382.52	46,038.40	Cr. 169.50	267.39	45,601.51
Civic Year 1928-29 Reserve \$54,721.34	57,337.41		3.00 1,112.73	56,227.68
Civic Year 1929-30 Reserve \$59,754.78	114,551.50		81.93 18,066.37	96,567.06
Civic Year 1930-31	259,231.42	215.12	14,640.76	244,805.78
	\$ 590,217.54	\$ 39.59	\$34,097.71	\$556,159.42
<u>Current Taxes</u>				
Civic Year 1931-32 Reserve \$60,903.16	467,623.99	386.63	38,709.59	429,301.03
<u>Water Department</u>				
Rates and Taxes Reserve \$11,569.98	40,146.86	739.29	8,945.88	31,940.27
	\$1,097,988.39	\$1,165.51	\$81,753.18	\$1,017,400.78
Poll Tax 1931-32	Estimated Revenue	Outstanding Previous Month	April Collections	Balance
	\$18,000.00	\$4,658.30	\$1,462.00	\$3,196.30

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Collections of Poll Taxes in 1932-33 of current and arrears to April 30th, 1932 were \$31,622.14; corresponding period last year \$24,564.57.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Butler,  
CITY AUDITOR.

FILED

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DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Read report of the City Auditor covering statements of departmental appropriations as at April 30th, 1932.

FILED

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NOMINATION OF STANDING COMMITTEES

His Worship the Mayor submits his slate of nominations to standing committees for the current year. A recess of ten minutes to enable the Council to consider the nominations was then taken.

LIST OF COMMITTEES

1. ANNUAL REPORT & PRINTING

Alderman Daley  
Probert  
Getley

2. ARBITRATION BETWEEN CITY COUNTY & DARTMOUTH

For the City of Halifax:  
His Worship the Mayor,  
Alderman Stech  
Daley  
Getley  
Probert

3. BOXING COMMISSION

Alderman Logan  
Thos. C. Leon  
Thos. P. McCartney.

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4. TABS COMMITTEE

His Worship the Mayor  
Alderman Conn  
Golden

5. CAMP HILL CEMETERY COM:

Alderman Smeltzer  
Stech  
Miller  
Adams  
McDonald  
Getley

6. CHARITIES COMMITTEE:

Alderman Shields  
Minshull  
Miller  
O'Malley  
Logan  
Probert

7. COURT HOUSE COMMISSIONERS:

For the City of Halifax;  
His Worship the Mayor,  
Alderman Daley  
Conn  
Smeltzer

8. EXHIBITION COMMISSION:

Apptd. by City Council.  
(Not appointed till November)

9. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Stech  
Daley  
Conn  
Shields  
O'Malley  
Doyle

10. FIRE ESCAPES COMMITTEE:

Alderman Mitchell  
Donovan  
Adams  
Golden  
Getley  
Probert



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11. FIREWARDS COMMITTEE:

Alderman Mitchell  
Donovan  
Adams  
Golden  
Getley  
Probert.

12. GARDENS, PARKS & COMMON COME:

Alderman Conn  
Stech  
Miller  
McDonald  
O'Toole  
Smeltzer

13. GOVERNMENTS CONTRIBUTING TO  
WARD CIVIC REVENUE & GOVERNMENT  
PROPERTIES TRANSFER TO CITY:

His Worship the Mayor,  
Alderman Mitchell  
Daley  
Shields

14. HARBOUR CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE:

Alderman Donovan  
Logan  
Dáyle.

15. HEALTH BOARD:

W. D. Forrest, M.D, Chairman  
Alderman Minshull  
Donovan  
Logan  
McDonald  
Getley  
Smeltzer

16. HOUSING COMMISSION:

E. A. Thompson 1933  
G. J. Lynch 1933  
R. D. Guildford 1934  
W. O. Cameron 1934  
Dr. S. H. Prince 1934.

17. INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE:

Alderman Probert  
Minshull  
Donovan  
Adams  
Golden  
O'Toole



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18. JURIES LISTS REVISERS:

Alderman O'Toole  
Smeltzer  
City Clerk.

19. LAWS & PRIVILEGES COM:

Alderman Daley  
Mitchell  
Logan  
Shields  
O'Toole  
Doyle

20. LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

Alderman Minshull  
Donovan  
Adams  
McDonald  
O'Malley  
Doyle

21. POINT PLEASANT PARK DIRECTORS:

Hon. W. A. Black, P.C.  
Hon. R. G. Beazley  
Hector McInnes, K.C.  
Col. B. A. Weston  
His Worship the Mayor  
Alderman Stech  
Donovan  
Conn  
McDonald  
Getley  
Doyle.

22. POLICE COMMITTEE:

His Worship the Mayor  
Alderman Conn  
Golden

23. PRISON COMMITTEE:

Alderman O'Malley  
Minshull  
Miller  
Conn  
Golden  
Robert

24. SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS:

Rpptd. by City Council,  
(Not appointed till October)

May 12th, 1932.

25. TAX PROPERTY SALE COMM:

His Worship the Mayor.  
Chairman, Finance Committee  
Alderman O'Malley  
City Engineer  
Collector  
Assessor.

26. TENDERS COMMITTEE

Alderman McDonald  
Kinshull  
Miller  
Adams  
O'Toole  
Smeltzer

27. TOWN PLANNING BOARD:

His Worship the Mayor,  
Alderman Mitchell  
Daley  
Smeltzer  
E. J. Kelly  
R. M. Hattie  
City Engineer.

28. WORKS COMMITTEE:

His Worship the Mayor,  
Alderman Mitchell  
Miller  
Adams  
Shields  
O'Toole  
Doyle

29. TAXATION & TAX EXEMPTION  
COMMITTEE:

Alderman Minshull  
Daley  
Adams  
Shields  
O'Malley  
Probert.

30. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON  
PUBLIC UTILITIES :

Alderman Shields  
Logan  
Mitchell

May 12th, 1932.

After the period of recess had elapsed His Worship asked the Council for any objections to the slate as submitted, if not it would stand approved.

Alderman Donovan declined to serve on the Harbour Championship Committee, the City Health Board, the Industrial Committee, and the Library Committee. His Worship nominated the following to fill the vacancies caused by Alderman Donovan's retirement.

Harbour Championship Committee	- Alderman O'Malley
City Health Board	- Alderman Miller
Industrial Committee	- Alderman Miller
Library Committee	- Alderman Daley.

Alderman Probert declined to serve on the Committee of Firewards and the vacancy caused by his retirement was filled by the nomination of Alderman Doyle.

There being no other objections, the committees submitted by His Worship as amended were then approved.

APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY MAYOR

Moved by Alderman Minshull, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that Alderman O'Malley be appointed Deputy Mayor. Motion passed unanimously.

TAG DAYS

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee tag days.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
May 12th, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:-

May 12th, 1932.

At a meeting of the Committee on Laws and Privileges held this day, your committee had under consideration applications for permission to hold a Tag Day from the following:

The Canadian Red Cross Society, on June 4th, 1932.  
The Seventh Day Adventists Church, no date mentioned  
Cornwallis Street Baptist Church, on May 28th or  
June 4th, 1932.

Your Committee recommend that the application of the Canadian Red Cross Society only be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

G. McL. Daley,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Daley, seconded by  
Alderman Minshull that the report be adopted.  
Motion passed.

BILL POSTERS LICENSE

Read report of the Laws and Privileges  
Committee covering applications for bill posters  
licenses.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
May 12th, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Laws and Privileges held this day, the attached applications from R. G. Bonnell and Community Stores for Bill Posters license was considered.

Your committee recommend that said applications be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

G. McL. Daley,  
CHAIRMAN.

May 12th, 1932.

Moved by Alderman Daley, seconded by Alderman Minshull that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

STREET TREE LIST 1931-32

Read report of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Commons re filing the street tree list for 1931-32, Pursuant to the Street Tree Act of 1923.

Halifax, N. S.

May 12th, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:-

1931-32 Street Tree List

Pursuant to Chapter 110 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia 1923, the Street Tree Act, notice is hereby given to the Council of the filing of the Street Tree list on May 12th, 1932.

The list indicates that 2,332 trees were planted, which are being charged for at the rate of \$3.00 each.

The net cost of the trees amount to \$6,421.67, added to this is an amount of \$574.33 for supervision, clerical expenses, books, stationery, postage and any other losses and charged incidental to the work.

Yours very truly,

W. E. Donovan,  
CHAIRMAN, Gardens Committee.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Daley that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

TRUCK LICENSE FEES

Read letter City Clerk re amendments to the Ordinance relating to trucks in so far as it applies to fees payable for licenses.

*collector*

May 12th, 1932.

City Clerk's Office,  
May 3rd, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:-

I beg to advise you that in the certified copy of legislation received by me and passed at the last session of the Legislature, I find that Section 2 of Bill 138 in re fees payable for truck licenses has been deleted from the Bill.

In the printed ordinance as revised by the City Solicitor and brought into force by the passage of Bill 137, the revised list of fees appear.

I would respectfully ask for instructions as to which fees I am to charge for truck licenses for the present year.

Yours truly,

H. S. Rhind,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Daley, seconded by Alderman Minshull that the matter be referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee and that the City Solicitor be instructed to submit a report in writing to the Committee. Motion passed.

TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

Read resolution submitted by the Police Committee in reference to appointing W. E. Palmer, Chief of Police, traffic authority under the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act.

Referred to the Police Committee for report.

CLEANING, CITY HALL

Alderman Logan called to the attention of Council, the dirty condition of the walls and floors in the City Hall.

*Wes Daley  
Solicitor*

*Mayor*



May 12th, 1932.

Moved by Alderman Logan, seconded by Alderman Daley that the matter of cleaning the City Hall be referred to the Committee on Works. Motion passed.

*Com of Works*

UNEMPLOYMENT REGISTRATION

Alderman Probert drew to the attention of Council the condition regarding registration of unemployed at the City Hall.

His Worship informed the Council that steps would be taken immediately to inaugurate a complete system of registration.

9.40 P.M,

Moved by Alderman Minshull, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that this meeting do now adjourn until Thursday evening, May 19th at 8.P.M. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.


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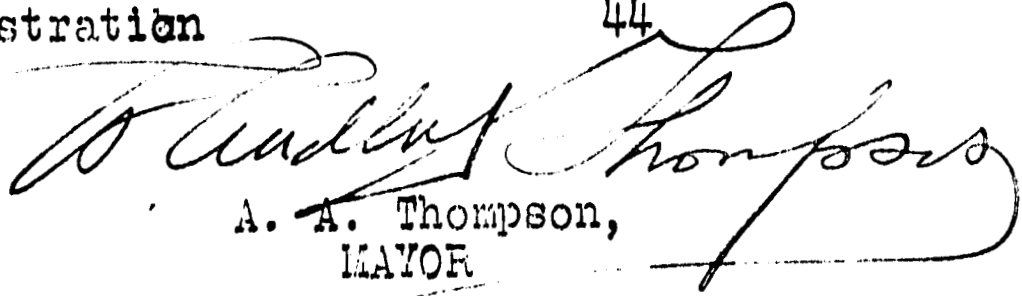
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