

CITY COUNCIL MEETING,
THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16th, 1937.

A G E N D A

Minutes.

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5. " " re borrowing, City Home.
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8. " " re report of Alderman Walker.
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18. Letter His Worship the Mayor re electric rates application by N.S.L. & P. Co. Ltd.
19. Report Comm. on Works re referee, Preston Street expropriation.
20. Report Comm. on Works and City Engineer re 59 Hollis St., street widening.
21. " " " re construction of concrete sidewalks, curbs, gutters, etc.
22. " " " re street grading and acceptance.
23. " " " re water and sewer extensions.
24. " " " re dredging.
25. Ornamental tree list 1936.
26. Letter, City Solicitor re approval of Governor-in-Council to Ordinance #14.
27. Report Charities Comm. covering Supt's report re inmates in the City Home.
28. Report City Auditor re tax collections for the month of Aug. 1937.
29. Report City Auditor re departmental appropriations and expenditures

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EVENING SESSION

8.05 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
September 16th, 1937.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Batson, MacKay, Stech, Donovan, Burgess, Curran, Sullivan, Freda, Adams, Lloyd, McDonald, Keshen, Power, Curtis, Gough, Walker and Smeltzer.

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

The following named papers were submitted:-

MINUTES

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

NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN LLOYD RE
ADMINISTRATION OF CITY.

At the last meeting of the City Council, Alderman Lloyd submitted the following notice of motion.

August 19th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen,
City of Halifax,
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:-

Since coming into office as an alderman of the City of Halifax, and prior to my election as such, I have been impressed by the lack of co-ordination of services between the various civic departments, and by the tremendous amount of detail which is imposed upon the aldermen functioning as members of the various committees.

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It is my opinion that a large proportion of the detail work now conducted by committees, could be carried out just as effectively by permanent civic officials with a slight change in the present form of administration. I respectfully suggest that in order to lessen the burden of detail now imposed upon the aldermen, the City of Halifax should appoint a Deputy Mayor as a full-time salaried official to whom all the other civic employees will be responsible, and that it should be the duty of the Deputy Mayor to direct and control the administration of the City of Halifax under the guidance of the Council.

I also respectfully suggest that with the appointment of a full-time official such as I have outlined herein, the number of the elected representatives to Council should be reduced to six (6) elected at large from the City without having regard for representation by wards, and still further that such elected representatives should be paid a nominal salary for their services.

Obviously, the suggestions that I have made require very serious consideration on the part of the Council. In order that action along the lines which I have suggested should be facilitated, a committee of not more than three (3) members of Council should be named to consider the proposals herein, and to report back to Council within a limited time the conclusions arrived at by their deliberations. It is my intention at the next meeting of Council to move that such a committee be appointed.

Yours respectfully,

J. E. Lloyd.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Gough that this matter be now discussed. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Gough that a committee consisting of three aldermen and His Worship the Mayor be appointed to consider and report on the advisability of -

- (1) The appointing of a full time salaried official with the title of Deputy Mayor to whom all other civic employees will be responsible and who shall direct and control the administration of the City under the guidance of the Council.

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- (2) A reduction in the number of elected representatives to Council to six.
- (3) The payment to aldermen of a suitable remuneration for their services.

And further that this committee report back to Council on or before the regular November Council meeting, and that His Worship the Mayor name such committee.

Motion put and passed, 15 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Burgess
Curran
Curtis
Donovan
Freda
Gough
Keshen
Lloyd
MacKay
McDonald
Smeltzer
Stech,
Sullivan
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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Power
Walker

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His Worship the Mayor then appointed the following members of Council to comprise the committee dealing with the administration of the City:-

Alderman Stech.
" Adams
" Gough.

Alderman Stech asked the Mayor for permission to decline from serving on this committee, as owing to pressure of business his time was fully taking up. Alderman Stech suggested that the Mayor name another Alderman in his place.

The Mayor named Alderman Donovan in place of Alderman Stech.

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ACCOUNTS

The following resolution covering accounts of various committees was submitted.

RESOLVED that the Council approve for payment the bills and accounts of expenditures submitted to this meeting by the Committee on Finance amounting to \$13,591.46; Committee on Charities amounting to \$10,893.74; Gardens Committee amounting to \$2,449.00, Fleming Park amounting to \$358.86; City Prison Committee amounting to \$2,259.19; Committee on Firewards amounting to \$14,557.41 chargeable to Fire Department and \$1,285.66 chargeable to Fire Alarm; Committee on Works amounting to \$11,597.52; City Health Board amounting to \$7,301.66; Committee on Camp Hill Cemetery amounting to \$953.49; Library Committee amounting to \$371.26; Police Committee amounting to \$11,931.52 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

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

EXTENSION OF LIENS

*Collector
has in Council*
Read report of the Finance Committee and letter of the City Collector re extension of liens.

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 9th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this date, the attached letter from the City Collector recommending that the lien on business taxes for the year 1936-37 and the lien on real estate taxes for the year 1934-35 be extended to February 1st, 1938 was considered.

Your committee concurs in the recommendation of the City Collector.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

September 16th, 1937.

Sept. 9th, 1937.

Chairman and Members of
the Finance Committee,
City of Halifax,
CITY HALL.

Under Chapter 65, Section 33, Sub-section 1 of the Acts of 1937, the lien on business tax for the year 1936-37 was extended up to and including the first of November 1937, and under Section 34, Sub-section 1 of Chapter 65, the lien on real property for the year 1934-35 was extended to November 1st, 1937.

Under Sub-section 2 of the above named Sections, the lien on real estate and business taxes may be further extended on application filed with the Clerk of the Executive Council prior to the 21st day of September, 1937.

I therefore recommend that the extension of the lien on real estate and business taxes be further extended to the first day of February 1938, as has been done in extending the liens in past years.

I sincerely hope that the Finance Committee will see its way clear to support this recommendation.

Yours very truly,

A. T. E. Crosby,
CITY COLLECTOR.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the report of the Finance Committee and letter of the City Collector be adopted. Motion passed.

Collector APPOINTMENT OF JUNIOR CLERK - COLLECTOR'S DEPT.

Read report of the Finance Committee re the appointment of Thomas E. Currie to the position of Junior Clerk in the City Collector's Department.

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 9th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held on the above date, the attached letter from the City Collector recommending that Mr. Thomas E. Currie be appointed to the position of Junior Clerk in his department was considered.

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Your committee recommends that the letter of the City Collector be approved and Mr. Thomas E. Currie appointed to the position of Junior Clerk in the City Collector's Department at the salary of \$720.00 with an annual automatic increase of \$90.00 until the maximum of \$1120.00 is reached.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

The Mayor declared Mr. Thomas E. Currie duly appointed to the position of Junior Clerk in the City Collector's Department.

BORROWING - CITY HOME

Read report of the Finance Committee re borrowing for City Home.

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 9th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held on the above date, the matter of providing funds for effecting improvements at the City Home was considered.

Your committee recommends that the sum of \$4,500.00 be borrowed for this purpose and submits herewith a resolution for Council's adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

The City Solicitor stated that, in his opinion, in borrowing under Section 332A of the City Charter, the items for which the money is to be borrowed must be stated.

The following resolution was then submitted.

*Received
Auditor
Mr. Dickerson*

September 16th, 1937.

WHEREAS it has been decided for the more efficient carrying on of the business of the City Home that certain additions should be made to the staff of the said institution;

AND WHEREAS the following persons have been engaged at the salary or wages set opposite the respective offices;

2 Registered Male Nurses	- \$68.42 per month each	
Amount required for balance of civic year		\$1103.40
Cook	78.94 per month	
Amount required for balance of civic year		618.36
		<u>\$1721.76</u>

AND WHEREAS no money has been appropriated to pay the said salaries or wages;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the sum required to pay the salaries or wages of the persons holding the said offices, namely \$1721.76, be borrowed under the authority of Section 332A. of the City Charter from any bank or fund available and repaid thereto with interest from the civic estimates for the civic year 1938-1939.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Gough that the resolution as submitted be adopted. Motion put and passed unanimously. The following voting therefor:-

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Burgess
Curran
Curtis
Donovan
Freda
Gough
Keshon
Lloyd
MacKay
McDonald
Power
Smeltzer
Stech
Sullivan
Walker
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BONDING OF OFFICIALS

See Letter
Read report of the Finance Committee, letter of the City Solicitor and list of officials to be bonded.

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Committee Room, City Hall,
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His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held on the above date, the attached letter from the City Auditor enclosing a list of employees to be bonded was considered.

Your committee recommends that the employees as listed by the City Auditor be bonded.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

September 16th, 1937.

Walter Mitchell, Esq.,
Mayor of Halifax,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

At the meeting of the Committee on Finance held on the 9th instant, I note that it is recommended that certain employees be bonded, and included in the list are F. C. Palmer, Clerk of the City Court and Clerk of the Police Court, and Charles Aitken, a member of the Police Force.

Special legislation was obtained respecting the bonding of the Clerk of the City Court and Police Court, but in my opinion it is not competence for the City to bond Sergeant Charles Aitken. I note that it is stated that he is an officer of the Police Court. I cannot agree with this statement, as Sergeant Aitken is a member of the Police Force, detailed for special duty in connection with the Court. He is under the control and direction of the Police Committee and if it is desired to bond him, in my opinion it will be necessary to secure special legislation to enable the City to pay for the bond and also to require this bond to be given. The point in issue is that Sergeant Charles Aitken is not an officer or official of the City.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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LIST OF EMPLOYEES TO BE BONDED

1.	Buchanan, J. H.	Supt. of City Home	\$2,500.
2.	Churchill, J. W.	Fire Chief	2,500.
3.	Durling, G. H.	City Electrician	500.
4.	Hopewell, Miss M.	Chief Clerk, Coll. Off.	1,000.
5.	Hall, Wm. Harry	Supt. Public Gardens	500.
6.	Moore, Thos. Jos.	Clerk of Works	2,500.
7.	Pettipas, Arthur	Sec. City Health Board	2,000.
8.	Allen, Geo. J.	City Treasurer	25,000.
9.	Rising, Henry	Sub Collector	1,000.
10.	Rennels, G. W.	Coll. V.G. Hosp. Accts.	1,000.
11.	Merrick, John R.	Sub. Coll. Coll. Off.	1,000.
12.	Cook, S. George	Clerk, Coll. Off.	1,000.
13.	Wallace, D. D.	"	1,000.
14.	Carroll, D. E.	Led. Clerk & Coll. of Monies	1,000.
15.	Gallagher, G. A.	Asst. Clerk of Works and Coll. of Monies	1,000.
16.	Phillips, W.	Led. Clerk, Coll. of Monies	1,000.
17.	Colpit, Miss M.B.	Clerk, Electrician's Office	250.
18.	Yates, Wm. Chas.	Poll Tax Collector	1,000.
19.	Ward, H. Jos.	Mkt. Caretaker	1,000.
20.	Bellow, Miss Agnes	Stenog. & Clk. H. Comm. Coll. of Monies	500.
21.	Garrison, H.A. Jr.	Sec. City Home	2,000.
22.	Crosby, A.T.E.	City Collector	20,000.
23.	Gass, R.H.	Poll Tax Officer	5,000.
24.	Mielke, F. Jas.	Sec. Housing Comm.	5,000.
25.	Thompson, Geo. A.	Cemetery Supt.	500.
26.	Anderson, W. E.	Clerk & No. 1 Cashier	1,000.
27.	Henrion, J.W.	Clerk & No. 2 Cashier	10,000.
28.	Sullivan, E. A.	Coll. Board of Health	500.
29.	Hagell, Alf. Fred	Asst. City Collector	10,000.
30.	Conrad, J. J.	Chief of Police	2,500.
31.	Carter, J. B.	Comm. & Sec. to Chief Police	2,500.
32.	Thomas, Frank	Asst. City Treasurer	15,000.
33.	Hunt, Joan E.G.	Meter Entry Clerk	1,000.
34.	Crawford, Donald M.	Asst. City Clerk	1,000.
35.	Burbridge, J. R.	Junior Clerk, Coll. Office	10,000.
36.	Publicover, W. P.	City Clerk	5,000.
37.	Smeltzer, Ernest A.	Clerk, Camp Hill Com.	1,000.
38.	McCarthy, Joan F.	Stenog-Clerk, V.G. Hospital	1,000.
39.	Frawley, Wm. A.	Clerk, City Coll. Off.	1,000.
40.	Woodworth, Margaret	Clerk, V.G. Hospital	1,000.
41.	Leitch, John L.	Junior, Clerk, Coll. Office	1,000.
42.	Hall, Ross	Temporary Clerk	1,000.
43.	Whalen, Madeline	Do	1,000.
44.	Shannon, Felix M.	Poll Tax Collector	1,000.

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45. Duggan, Leo P.	Sub Collector	\$1,000.
46. Stenhouse, Jas. W.	"	1,000.
47. Donkin, Margery J.	Clerk, Health Board	1,000.
48. Stoddard, Ralph H.	Clerk, Coll. Off.	1,000.

Applications for bonds are being made immediately for the following:-

Currie, Thomas E.	Clerk, Coll. Off.	1,000.
Grant, John W.	Governor, Prison	500.
Keefe, James E.	Dep. Fire Chief, Fire Department	1,000.
Condon, Kathleen M.	Clerk, Fire Department	1,000.
Topple, Wm.	Supt. Fleming Park	250.
Griffith, R.	Asst. Supt. P. Gardens	500.
E. L. Brown	Clerk, City Home	1,000.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the list of officials to be bonded, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

In connection with the bonding of Sergeant Aitken, the Mayor suggested that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee for its consideration.

Finance Comm.

HOUSEHOLD TRAINING CLASSES

Board of School Commissioners

Read report of the Finance Committee and letter of the City Solicitor re household training classes.

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 9th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held on the above date, the attached correspondence in connection with the establishing of household training classes in this City was considered.

After hearing Mrs. L. V. Ferguson, Government representative, on the subject, your committee recommends that if funds can be made available for this purpose that the City contribute 20% of the cost of establishing and maintaining household training classes in this City, providing the total amount does not exceed the sum of Five Hundred Dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

September 16th, 1937.

Walter Mitchell, Esq.,
Mayor of Halifax,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

At the meeting of the Finance Committee held on September 9th, the committee decided to recommend to the City Council that the City be responsible for 20% of the cost of establishing and maintaining a training school to provide household training classes for young women in the City of Halifax, provided that such proportion of the cost should not exceed \$500.00. This matter was decided subject to reports on the same by the City Auditor and the City Solicitor.

I have discussed this matter with the City Auditor and we have come to the conclusion that there is no source from which this money can be obtained.

The City of Halifax has already made a grant of \$4,000.00 through the School Board for the purpose of providing technical education. It seems to the Auditor and myself that this is a matter which should be taken up with the School Board and the Department of Public Instruction. In any event, it is our opinion that there is no source from which this money can be obtained, as Section 332A. is closed so far as this matter is concerned, due to the fact that an appropriation has already been made by way of a grant for technical education.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Gough that this matter be referred to the Board of School Commissioners for its information and action, if possible. Motion passed.

REPORT OF ALDERMAN WALKER RE TAXES OF TWO
CIVIC OFFICIALS

Read report of the Finance Committee covering report of Alderman Walker.

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 9th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held on the above date, a report from Alderman Walker regarding the suspension of two City officials was considered.

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Your committee reports that after considering the matter, it sees no reason why the two officials should be suspended and recommends that the report be filed.

Alderman Curtis dissenting.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Alderman Walker stated that the two officials did not pay their outstanding taxes until they were pressed for them. He asked members of Council what they would do if officials of their firms kept back monies that they owed the firm for years.

Alderman Walker then moved in amendment that the two officials be suspended for two months at one-half pay in order that an independent check-up may be made.

This amendment was not seconded.

Alderman Lloyd stated that he did not think the two officials, in question, warranted suspension. The penalty, he said, must be suitable to the crime; and it was his opinion that Council should not let the matter pass unconsidered.

It was then moved in amendment by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Batson that the two officials be notified in writing by the Council, through the City Clerk, that Council goes on record as looking on this action of theirs as extremely objectionable and if such a procedure is found in future, that they be asked for their resignations. Amendment put and lost, 8 voting

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for the same and 9 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Batson
Curran
Curtis
Freda
Lloyd
MacKay
Sullivan
Walker

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Adams
Burgess
Donovan
Gough
Keshon
McDonald
Power
Smeltzer
Stech

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The motion was then put and passed,
13 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Burgess
Curran
Donovan
Gough
Keshon
Lloyd
MacKay
McDonald
Smeltzer
Stech
Sullivan

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Curtis
Freda
Power
Walker

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ORDINANCES REPEALING ORDINANCES #13 AND #14

City Council
Read report of the Laws and
Privileges Committee and Ordinances repealing
Ordinances #13 and #14.

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 14th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Laws and
Privileges Committee held on the above date, the
attached ordinances repealing Ordinances #13 and #14
were considered. These ordinances were read and
passed a first time at a meeting of the City Council
held on August 12th, 1937.

Your committee recommends that
same be now read and passed a second time.

Respectfully submitted,

P.A. Gough,
VICE-CHAIRMAN.

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Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No.13
"Of the Regulation of Hacks".

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

1. Ordinance Number 13, which came into force and effect on the 30th day of April 1934, as subsequently amended, is hereby repealed.

Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 14
"Of the Regulation of Trucks".

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

1. Ordinance Number 14, which came into force and effect on the 30th day of April 1934, as subsequently amended, is hereby repealed.

Moved by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the report be adopted and the Ordinances as set out above be read and passed, a second time and forwarded to the Governor-in-Council for approval. Motion passed.

*Amendment-
Council*

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #33 RESPECTING
CANVASSING FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS AND ORDERS
FOR NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, AND OTHER
PERIODICALS

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee submitting amendment to Ordinance #33.

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 14th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

The attached amendment to Ordinance #33 respecting canvassing and soliciting for orders for newspapers, magazines, etc. which was read and passed a first time at a meeting of the City Council held on August 12th, 1937, was considered at a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held on the above date.

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Your committee recommends that this amendment be now read and passed a second time. Alderman Adams dissenting.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. Gough,
VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 33
"Respecting the Canvassing for
Subscriptions and Orders for
Newspapers, books, magazines, and
other periodicals".

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

1. Ordinance Number 33 "Respecting
the Canvassing for Subscriptions and Orders for
Newspapers, books, magazines and other periodicals",
is amended by striking out the words and figures
"Fifty Dollars (\$50.00" in Section 5 thereof and
substituting therefor the words and figures
"Five Dollars (\$5.00)".

Moved by Alderman Gough, seconded
by Alderman Lloyd that the report be adopted and
the amendment to Ordinance #33 as set out above
be read and passed a second time and forwarded to
the Governor-in-Council for approval. Motion put
and passed, 9, voting for the same and 7 against
it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Curtis
Donovan
Gough
Lloyd
Mackay
McDonald
Power
Smeltzer
Sullivan

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Burgess
Curran
Freda
Keshen
Stech

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ORDINANCE #18 RELATING TO PETTY TRADES

*Read in
Council*
Read report of the Laws and
Privileges Committee, submitting Ordinance #18.

September 16th, 1937.

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 14th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held on the above date, the attached Ordinance #18 relating to Petty Trades was considered.

This ordinance was read and passed a first time at a meeting of the City Council held on August 12th, 1937.

Your committee recommends that same be now read and passed a second time.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. Gough,
VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Ordinance No. 18

PETTY TRADES

1. Every license to carry on any of the petty trades mentioned in the provisions of the City Charter or in any amendments thereto, shall specify the particular trade which the license is thereby authorized to carry on.

2. Nothing in this ordinance shall apply to

(a) Any person bringing into the City milk, vegetables, fruit or other produce of his own farm or garden or of the forest for sale, or offering to sell the same at the market or any part of the City;

(b) Any fisherman bringing into the City fish caught by himself and selling or offering to sell the same;

(c) Any person assessed for a business tax of not less than fifty dollars annually.

3. No license shall be issued to any person proposing to carry on any such petty trade with any vehicle until such vehicle has been inspected and approved by an inspector appointed by the police committee and a certificate of such approval produced to the clerk. A separate license shall be required in respect to each vehicle proposed to be employed in any such petty trade.

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4. A record shall be kept by the clerk of every license so granted, with the number of each one, which number shall be inserted in the license.

5. Every license holder shall, while conducting his business, wear in a conspicuous place on the outside of his outer garment a suitable metal badge to be approved by the mayor, with the number painted or affixed in a conspicuous manner on every vehicle used by him in his business.

6. No licensee shall permit his badge or any numbered vehicle to be used for business by any person other than his servant or some member of his family for the benefit of the licensee.

7. (a) No licensee or any person in his employ shall cry his wares or attempt to sell or offer for sale his wares on any street in the City of Halifax between one hour after sunset in the afternoon and seven o'clock in the forenoon.

(b) No licensee or any person in his employ shall at any time cry his wares to the disturbance of the public.

8. The fees payable for licenses to carry on petty trades shall be as follows:

for pedlar, hawker or petty chapman on foot	\$8.00
" with handcart or wheelbarrow	12.00
" with horse and cart or motor vehicle if licensee resides in City	20.00
" for a vehicle not exceeding one-half ton capacity if licensee does not reside in the City	40.00
" for a vehicle of more than one-half ton capacity and not exceeding one ton if licensee does not reside in the City	50.00
" for pedlar for a vehicle of more than one ton capacity and not exceeding two tons, if licensee does not reside in City	75.00

9. Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the foregoing provisions of this ordinance shall for each such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding Fifty Dollars, and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month.

10. (1) Every person who carries on the business of selling goods, wares or merchandise by means of pedlars employed by such person or under any scheme or system whereby such person sells or disposes of goods, wares or merchandise by means of pedlars, shall before commencing to carry on such business obtain a license therefor. If such person has been assessed for and has paid taxes to the City of Halifax in respect of the year in which the application for such license is

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made to an amount not less than Three Hundred Dollars, no license fee shall be charged for such license. If such person has not been so assessed or has not paid such taxes to the amount as aforesaid the fee to be paid for such license shall be Three Hundred Dollars. A certificate signed by the City Collector shall be conclusive evidence as to the amount of taxes paid.

- (2) Every pedlar so employed by such person or associated as a pedlar with such person in any scheme or system of selling or disposing of goods, wares or merchandise by means of pedlars shall obtain a license, to act as such pedlar before commencing to do so. The fee payable for such license shall be Fifty Dollars.
- (3) Nothing in the foregoing subsections (1) and (2) shall apply to persons selling or offering for sale motor vehicles, bakery products, dairy products, ice, office furniture, typewriters, accounting machines, pianos or other musical instruments or electric machines or appliances but the said subsections shall be deemed to apply to the sale or offering for sale of all other goods usually sold in retail stores.
- (4) The fees payable under the provisions of Section 8 of this Ordinance shall not apply to pedlars employed by any person who carries on the business of selling goods, wares or merchandise by means of pedlars employed by such person, or, pedlars who are associated with any person under any scheme or system whereby such person sells or disposes of goods, wares, or merchandise by means of pedlars.
- (5) In any proceeding to enforce any penalty for breach of this section any person so employing pedlars as aforesaid shall be liable for such penalty and if such employer is a partnership or limited company the partners or the officers of the company and the person in apparent charge of the carrying on of the business in the City of Halifax shall be deemed to have knowledge of such failure to comply with the provisions of this section and shall severally be liable for the penalties prescribed herein and any person who employs a pedlar who has not obtained a license as herein provided shall be guilty of a breach of, this section.

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(6) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Fifty Dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months and each day on which such contravention or failure continues shall constitute a separate offence.

11. Ordinance #18 as the same is in effect at the date of the passing hereof is hereby repealed.

Moved by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the report be adopted and the ordinance as set out above be read and passed a second time and forwarded to the Governor-in-Council for approval. Motion passed.

PURCHASE OF HOSE

Read report of the Firewards Committee re purchase of hose.

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His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, an extract of City Council was read re purchase of fire hose.

It was moved by Alderman Keshen, seconded by Alderman O'Toole that the Chief's recommendation be adopted as follows:-

That 200 feet of 3" "Camel" linen hose at \$1.40 per foot and 600 feet "Camel" 2½" linen hose at \$1.35 be purchased from Austen Bros.

AND 200 feet "Sampson Redflex" 1½" hose from Dunlop Tire & Rubber Co. at .80 per foot be purchased.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Curran, seconded by Alderman MacKay that

600 ft. 2½" cotton hose, second grade, from Maritime Accessories Ltd. At \$1.25 per foot,

300 ft. 3" linen hose from Austen Bros. at \$1.40 per foot, AND

200 ft. 1½" cotton hose from Dunlop Tire & Rubber Co. at .80 per foot be purchased.

*Fire Chief
Council*

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Voting for the amendment were
Aldermen Curran, MacKay and Walker.

Against the amendment were Aldermen
Keshon, O'Toole and Donovan.

The motion was then put with Aldermen
Keshon, O'Toole and Donovan voting for and
Aldermen Curran, MacKay and Walker against.

As no decision was made, it was moved
by Alderman Keshon, seconded by Alderman O'Toole
that the matter be referred to City Council for
decision.

Respectfully submitted,

John Walker,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by
Alderman Curran that this matter be referred back
to the Firewards Committee for further consideration
and report to Council at its next meeting.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Keshon,
seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the recommendation
of the Fire Chief viz:-

"That 200 feet of 3" "Camel" linen
hose at \$1.40 per foot and 600 feet "Camel" 2½"
linen hose at \$1.35 be purchased from Austen Bros.

AND 200 feet "Samppon Redflex" 1½"
hose from Dunlop Tire & Rubber Co. at .80 per foot
be purchased."

be accepted. Amendment put and
passed, 11 voting for the same and 6 against it
as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Burgess
Donovan
Freda
Gough
Keshon
Lloyd
McDonald
Smeltzer
Sullivan

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Curran
Curtis
MacKay
Power
Stech
Walker

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Voting for the amendment were
Aldermen Curran, MacKay and Walker.

Against the amendment were Aldermen
Keshen, O'Toole and Donovan.

The motion was then put with Aldermen
Keshen, O'Toole and Donovan voting for and
Aldermen Curran, MacKay and Walker against.

As no decision was made, it was moved
by Alderman Keshen, seconded by Alderman O'Toole
that the matter be referred to City Council for
decision.

Respectfully submitted,

John Walker,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by
Alderman Curran that this matter be referred back
to the Firewards Committee for further consideration
and report to Council at its next meeting.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Keshen,
seconded by Aldermen Lloyd that the recommendation
of the Fire Chief viz:-

"That 200 feet of 3" "Camel" linen
hose at \$1.40 per foot and 600 feet "Camel" 2½"
linen hose at \$1.35 be purchased from Austen Bros.

AND 200 feet "Sampson Reflex" 1½"
hose from Dunlop Tire & Rubber Co. at .80 per foot
be purchased."

be accepted. Amendment put and
passed, 11 voting for the same and 6 against it
as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Burgess
Donovan
Freda
Gough
Keshen
Lloyd
McDonald
Smeltzer
Sullivan

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Curran
Curtis
MacKay
Power
Stech
Walker

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Motion not put.

Alderman Curran gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded by Alderman Walker that a stay of proceedings be granted. Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 11 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Curran
Curtis
MacKay
Power
Stech
Walker

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Burgess
Donovan
Freda
Gough
Keshen
Lloyd
McDonald
Smeltzer
Sullivan
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Fire Chief

TENDERS FOR INSURANCE ON FIRE APPARATUS

Read report of the Committee on Firewards re tenders for insurance on fire apparatus.

September 15th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, the following tenders for insurance of fire apparatus were considered.

	<u>Public Liability</u>	<u>Property Damage</u>	<u>Total</u>
The Wapiti Ins. Co. F.G. Clennett, Agent.	1102.64	396.63	1499.27
John Strachan & Co.			1219.59
Alfred J. Bell & Co.			1219.59
Thompson Adams & Co.	896.49	323.10	1219.59
A.M. Mack & Son	896.49	323.10	1219.59
Gen. Insurance Agencies Ltd.	896.49	323.10	1219.59
Rainnie & Co. Ltd.			1219.59
Richard Oland & Co.			1200.00
Norman H. Sutcliffe			1198.00
F. W. Annand			1197.59
J. B. McCormack			1145.24

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Your committee recommends that the tender of F. W. Annand at \$1197.59, being the lowest registered company, be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

John Walker,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

Health Board

TENDERS FOR BEDPAN WASHERS AND STERILIZERS -
CITY HEALTH BOARD.

Read report of the City Health Board re tenders for bedpan washers and sterilizers.

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His Worship the Mayor,
and Members City Council.

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Tuesday, September 14th, tenders were opened from the following for the supply and installation of bed pan washers and sterilizers in the Tuberculosis Hospital.

W. H. Walsh	\$1766.00
Hagen & Co. Hfx. Ltd.	1875.00
F. W. McNally	1793.00

The City Health Board recommends that the tender of W. H. Walsh, plumbing and heating contractor, for the supplying and installing of Castle bed pan washers and sterilizers, at \$1766.00, being the lowest, be accepted; all work to be done in accordance with the sanitary code of the City.

Copies of all tenders are attached for the information of Council.

It is further recommended that the expenditure be charged against the special appropriation of \$3000.00 provided for improvements at the hospital.

Respectfully yours,

W. D. Forrest,
CHAIRMAN, C. H. B.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman Gough that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

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PURCHASE OF HORSE - CITY PRISON

Road report of the City Prison
Committee re purchase of horse.

City Prison,
Halifax, N. S.
September 9th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the City Prison
Committee held this day, it was reported that one
of the horses at the Prison was unfit for further
use and would have to be destroyed, and therefore
it would be necessary to purchase another horse.

Your committee recommends that
the sum of \$260.00 be borrowed for this purpose,
and attaches hereto a resolution for Council's
adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Burgess,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman
Curran, seconded by Alderman Adams that tenders be
called for the purchase of a horse for use at the
Prison. Amendment put and passed, 11, voting for
the same and 6 against it as follows:-

<u>FOR THE AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AGAINST IT</u>
Aldermen Adams	Aldermen Burgess
Batson	Donovan
Curran	Gough
Curtis	Lloyd
Freda	Smeltzer
Keshon	Stech
MacKay	
McDonald	
Power	
Sullivan	
Walker	
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Motion not put.

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CITIZENS DAY

Read letter from the Secretary-
Manager of the N. S. Provincial Exhibition re
Citizens Day.

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His Worship Mayor Walter Mitchell,
and Members of the City Council,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:-

As Wednesday, September 29th has
been voted Citizen's Day at the Provincial
Exhibition, this letter is to request the favorable
consideration of the Mayor and City Council, toward
declaring the above-mentioned day a public half
holiday in the City of Halifax.

Trusting that we may have a
favorable decision in this matter.

Yours very truly,

E. Frank Lordly,
Secretary Manager.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded
by Alderman Gough that Wednesday, September 29th
be observed as a civic half holiday. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS BY ALDERMEN

Alderman Walker asked the Mayor
what he did regarding the report ~~he~~ made to him,
concerning the City Auditor being absent from his
office the Saturday before Labor Day.

The Mayor stated that the Auditor
reported to him that he had been ill at his camp
on the day in question.

Alderman Curran asked what was
being done with regard to street signs and the
numbering of buildings.

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The Engineer replied that 300 signs had been ordered and that when same arrived they would be put up immediately.

Council
Worship
Mayor
Alderman Curran requested that Section 750 of the City Charter respecting the numbering of buildings be enforced.

The Mayor stated that he would see that this matter was attended to.

Alderman Lloyd stated that at the previous meeting of the City Council a report regarding the appointment of a relieving guard and secretary at the Prison was referred to the Prison Committee, but he saw no reference to this on the agenda of this meeting.

Alderman Burgess replied that owing to the decrease in the population at the Prison, and the fact that there were no funds available to pay the salary of this proposed employee, the committee decided that it would not be advisable to make another appointment and agreed to use one of the guards to do the clerical work in the office.

DIRECT RELIEF AGREEMENT

Read letter from the Direct

Relief Committee submitting direct relief agreement,

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Your Worship and Aldermen:-

At the meeting of the City Council held on August 19th, 1937, the following resolution was adopted:-

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"owing to adverse employment conditions now existing in the City, this Council would respectfully request that further financial assistance be extended the City by the Governments".

Your committee on Direct Relief recommend that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute on behalf of the City the agreement submitted herewith to ensure the carrying on of Direct Relief until March 31st, 1938.

It should be noted that this agreement differs from those preceding it in that in paragraph 1 those persons entitled to receive Direct Relief are defined to mean those persons:

"who are unemployed, who are physically and mentally fit to be employed, who are heads of families, who are able and willing to be employed and who are in need thereof of such articles, commodities and services as may from time to time be determined by the Province and town, and where available such articles and commodities are to be those produced in Nova Scotia".

The Province agrees to pay one-third of the cost of relief and also to pay out of the grant-in-aid from the Government of the Dominion of Canada, if the amount thereof is sufficient, another one-third portion, and if such grant-in-aid is insufficient, then a proportionate part. If the grant-in-aid is discontinued, the Province may discontinue its payment of one-third.

Your attention is called to the last recital on page 1 of the agreement in which it is stated that "direct relief is a responsibility of the town". This has appeared in the other agreements and is not in accord with the opinion expressed by many members of the Council.

The City is required to submit a statement showing the assessed valuation of property and persons in the City. This is as follows:-

Exempt property (real estate)	\$40,520,190.00
Assessable property (including business and household tax assessments)	59,297,080.00
	<u>\$99,817,270.00</u>

The current tax rate is \$3.62 and is assessed upon 100% of the assessed valuation of property at its "actual value".

In view of the fact that employment conditions in the City continue to be adverse and substantially below normal and the demand for direct relief continues, your committee feels that the issuance of direct relief orders must continue for some time yet. The facilities of the City Home are taxed to the limit for the care of the poor under the Poor Relief Act, and it is financially impossible for the City to afford assistance to those persons needing help who are not in the City Home as paupers, without the assistance of the Government.

C. H. Vaughan
Secretary

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This Agreement entered into this.....
day of September, A. D. 1937

BETWEEN:-

The Government of the Province of
Nova Scotia, hereinafter called "The Province",
represented herein by the Honourable Michael
Dwyer, Minister of Labour, duly authorized in
this behalf by an Order of His Honour The
Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia in Council,
OF THE FIRST PART

-and-

The City of Halifax in the Province
of Nova Scotia, hereinafter called the "Town",
OF THE SECOND PART.

WHEREAS by Subsection (2) of Section
7 of the Nova Scotia Unemployment Act 1932, as
that Subsection is enacted by Chapter 45 of the
Acts of 1935, it is enacted as follows:

(2) The Governor-in-Council and every
Municipality shall have full power and
authority to enter into, carry out and
perform any agreement between the Governor-
in-Council and the Municipality respecting
the furnishing of relief in money or money's
worth to persons who are in necessitous
circumstances. Such agreement may contain
such terms and conditions and may provide
for the making of such contribution in
money or money's worth by the Governor-
in-Council and the Municipality
respectively as may be agreed upon.

AND WHEREAS while recognizing that
direct relief is a responsibility of the said town,
it is deemed necessary and expedient, owing to the
emergency conditions existing therein, to enter
into this agreement.

NOW THEREFORE it is agreed by and
between the Province and the Town as follows:

1. In this agreement "direct relief"
shall mean the supplying to those who are unemployed,
who are physically and mentally fit to be employed,
who are heads of families, who are able and willing
to be employed and who are in need thereof of
such articles, commodities and services as may
from time to time be determined by the Province
and the Town, and where available such articles
and commodities are to be those produced in
Nova Scotia.

2. The Province agrees to contribute
one-third of the cost of direct relief furnished by
the Town as approved by the Minister of Labour but

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only if and while the Government of the Dominion of Canada pays to the Province moneys as a grant in aid to be used for the purpose of furnishing relief in money or money's worth to persons who are in necessitous circumstances, and the Province further agrees out of such Dominion grant to contribute a further one-third, provided the amount of such grant is sufficient, but if at any time it is found to be insufficient then only a due proportionate part of such one-third will be contributed, having regard to agreements respecting direct relief made by the Province with other cities, towns and municipalities. All moneys received by the Town by virtue of this agreement shall be used solely for the purpose herein prescribed, without any discrimination as to race, religious views or political affiliations of the recipients.

3. The Town shall prepare and submit to the Province quarterly in advance, commencing the day of April, 1st, 1937, an estimate of the amounts required by it for direct relief for the next three months period.

4. The Town shall appoint a committee to control the distribution of direct relief, to be composed of not less than three persons who shall be real estate owning ratepayers of the Town. If any member of the committee who is a Town Councillor becomes disqualified as a Town Councillor he shall thereupon cease to be a member of the committee, and the Town shall immediately upon being notified by the Government Relief Inspector so to do appoint in his place a qualified person to be a member of the committee. The Government Relief Inspector shall be ex officio a member of the committee. Such committee shall establish a thorough system of investigation of all applicants for direct relief, and shall certify approbation of each applicant before issuing orders to him for direct relief. All orders for direct relief shall be issued on a form approved by the Minister of Labour, and shall be for staple commodities as specified by him, which shall be purchased at standard prices only. The names and addresses of all recipients of direct relief, with amounts issued to each, shall be available for inspection. All accounts submitted must be approved by the committee before payment, and all records and accounts in connection with direct relief shall be open to inspection and audit at any time by such person as the Governor-in-Council appoints for the purpose.

5. The Town shall pay accounts for direct relief semi-monthly, and shall deduct therefrom any outstanding taxes due and owing to the Town by any merchant selling to it supplies for that purpose; such accounts to be so approved.

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6. An index system of registration shall be adopted, registration shall be renewed every four months, and the circumstances of every recipient of direct relief shall be inquired into at least once a month.

7. The giving of orders for direct relief shall be left in the complete control of the Relief Committee, but such committee shall divide the orders fairly among all merchants in the Town.

8. The Town may require applicants for direct relief to do work for the Town, provided such work would not be part of the regular services of the Town, and the direct relief furnished for such work shall be the equivalent of the regular standard of wages prevailing in the Town for such work, provided such regular standard of wages does not exceed the regular **schedule** of relief.

9. The Town shall pay immediately all amounts due and owing by it to merchants up to and including the date of termination of this contract for direct relief, and shall furnish the Province with a list of such amounts with names and addresses of the creditors.

10. This agreement supercedes any and all previous agreements between the Province and the Town in any way relating to Direct Relief.

11. This agreement shall be effective as from the 1st day of April, A. D. 1937 and shall expire on the 31st day of March, A.D.1938, but may be terminated at any time by either party giving the other thirty days notice in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF The Honourable Michael Dwyer, Minister of Labour, has herunto set his hand and seal of office, and the Mayor and City Clerk of the said Town have on behalf of the Town herunto set their hands and affixed the corporate seal of the Town the day and year first above written.

Signed and Sealed by
The Honourable Michael Dwyer, Minister of Labour,
in the presence of
.....
MINISTER OF LABOUR.

Signed and Sealed by the
Mayor and City Clerk in
the presence of
.....
MAYOR.

.....
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman Curran that the agreement submitted be approved, subject to the following alteration in Paragraph 4 on Page 3 thereof, by striking out the words "to be composed of not less than three persons who shall be real estate owning ratepayers of the town", and substituting therefor "and the persons composing such committee shall have the same qualifications as are required to be had by persons to be elected as aldermen of the City of Halifax, as set out in Section 14 of the Halifax City Charter", and that the same be executed on behalf of the City of Halifax by the Mayor and City Clerk. Motion passed.

Solicitor

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APPLICATION, N. S. LIGHT AND POWER CO. LTD.
FOR REVISION OF ELECTRICAL RATES

Read letter from the Mayor submitting report from the City Solicitor re application of the N. S. Light and Power Co. for revision of electrical rates.

Mayor's Office,
Halifax, N. S.
September 15th, 1937.

Dear Aldermen:-

A short time ago, a notice appeared in the press, regarding an application of the Nova Scotia Light & Power Company Limited, for a revision of their rates for electrical energy.

I asked the City Solicitor to go into this matter and to give me a report which I could pass on to you for your information. This he has done and I attach it hereto.

The questions which he raises are very pertinent and it seems to me that the Council would be very well advised to give this matter full consideration, and endeavour to get a proper valuation of the company's assets, and see to it that a proper separation is made between the three utilities which the company operates.

As the Solicitor points out, the hearing which is to be held on September 24th, would have to be adjourned before we could go fully into the matter, and pending the appointment and report of the committee, which he suggests should be appointed, I think Council should instruct the City Solicitor to petition the Public Utilities Board for an adjournment of this hearing.

Yours very truly,

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR

Office of City Solicitor,
Halifax, N. S.
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Walter Mitchell, Esq.,
Mayor of Halifax,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Re: Application Nova Scotia Light & Power Company for Revision of Rates (Electrical)

Dear Sir:

I have been advised that the Nova Scotia Light & Power Company are making an application to the Public Utilities Board on Friday,

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September 24th, at the hour of 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, Daylight Saving Time.

For your information and for the information of Council, I wish to advise that the changes proposed are as set out herein.

For sometime past it has been known that the Electrical Department of the Halifax Division of the Nova Scotia Light & Power Company has been earning a substantial sum in excess of the 8% allowed by the Public Utilities Act, and from time to time suggestions have been made that an application for a revision of rates should be made. This application is now being made and the question arises as to whether the proposed rates will be sufficient to reduce the earnings of the company to the 8% return allowed.

At the present time domestic rates are based upon the following:-

A service charge based on the floor area of the house, and a consumption charge divided into two blocks.

It is proposed to change the type of service charge to a straight charge of 60¢ a month, irrespective of the floor area of the house served. It is also proposed to abolish the block system under which the rate for the first block was 4¢ per kilowatt hour and for the second block 2½¢ per kilowatt hour for all current consumed.

It should be pointed out here, that where an electric range is installed that the service charge will be \$1.00 instead of 60¢.

I would also like to point out that the proposed rates will, if put into effect, cause an increase in the electric bills of a large number of small consumers.

It does not appear to me that the proposed rates will eliminate the over earnings in the Electrical Department of the Halifax Division. From the information which is available to me at the present time, it seems that there will still be over-earnings above 8% of approximately \$50,000.00 a year.

For your information the following are the amounts of the over-earnings during the past six year, as set out below:

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1931	\$62,133.65	or	10.6%	on	the	rate	base
1932	57,322.52	pr	11.77%	"	"		
1933	92,297.42	or	11.91%	"	"		
1934	97,731.75	or	12.06%	"	"		
1935	110,400.32	or	12.20%	"	"		
1936	108,078.67	or	12.09%	"	"		

It will be noted that the over-earnings have been generally increasing during each of these years and presumably the trend of electrical consumption in the City is on the up-grade. In addition it will be observed from the returns made by the company that the number of consumers is also steadily increasing.

I would also recommend that some consideration be given to the advisability of permitting a public utility to receive a return of 8% on the value of the assets of the company used and useful in the business. While at certain periods this sum might be reasonable or perhaps even insufficient, still at times like the present when money is cheap and can be obtained for a much lower rate it would seem that this rate is high. This, of course, is settled at the moment by legislation, but some suggestions might be put forth which would cause some consideration to be given to this matter.

As early as 1924, the Public Utilities Board laid down the rule that each department of the Nova Scotia Light & Power Company should be considered for rate making purposes, a separate utility. As a result the Company now consists of three utilities, Tramway, Gas and Electric, and each department is entitled to earn up to 8%. The Company has never agreed to the correctness of this ruling, but as it has never asserted any appeal therefrom, and as the ruling of the Board has not been over-ruled by the Court, the same is now the law and must be complied with. The result is, therefore, that each department should not be permitted to earn in excess of 8%.

There is another question to be considered, that is whether or not some portion of these over-earnings during the past years should be returned to the consumers by way of an additional reduction of rates at the present time.

The last valuation of the assets of this company was made in 1921. Since that time various additions and subtractions have been made to the valuation and an annual balance has been arrived at upon which the earnings of the company have been calculated. Suggestions have been made from time to time that a new complete revaluation should be made. This is a matter upon which the opinion of the City Council should be obtained, and I think there is no better time to consider this matter than the present.

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In view of the attention which has been directed to this application and suggestions which have been made in certain quarters, it seems to me advisable for the City to retain the services of a first-class Consulting Engineer, who could act for the City on this application and perhaps advise the City as to whether or not revaluation should be urged. I have made some inquiries and have obtained the names of two outstanding men who are extremely well qualified to act in this matter. Both of these men are in Ontario and have been connected in the past with the Ontario Hydro Commission. I believe that they are both highly reputable men of wide experience and would be able to give the City excellent service in this regard.

In addition the Council may think it advisable to retain the services of some outstanding legal counsel to act for the City in this matter. I make this suggestion for the reason that it has been suggested from certain sources, and I do not wish to be regarded as preventing the employment of any person who might be able to accomplish more for the City in this matter than myself. If it is decided not to engage such counsel I think that in any case it would be advisable to engage some consulting engineer to act with me on this application.

I would recommend that a committee be appointed including yourself, and authorized to immediately consider this matter and that the committee be empowered to retain such professional assistance as may be required to properly protect the interests of the citizens of Halifax. In any case, if the City is to present any satisfactory case, some adjournment will have to be sought from the hearing which is set for the 24th of this month.

If I can give you any further information in this matter I would be very glad to do so.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bothune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Keshon that this Council instruct the City Solicitor to seek an adjournment of the hearing of the N. S. Light & Power Co. Ltd. application for revision of electrical rates before the Public Utilities Committee to be held September 24th, and that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of employing experts to act for the City; said committee to report back

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to Council as soon as possible.

The Mayor called upon Alderman Gough to assume the chair while he addressed Council from the floor of the Chamber.

The Mayor stated that this City has been overburdened a long time by rates too high in comparison with other Cities. Council, he said, should appoint a committee immediately to determine if it were feasible to employ expert assistance and represent the City at the hearing to try to obtain a real reduction in the rates.

The Mayor then assumed his chair, and put the motion which passed unanimously.

The Mayor then named the following members of Council to comprise the Public Utilities Committee:-

Alderman Stech
" Lloyd
" Donovan.

PRESTON STREET EXPROPRIATION

Road report of the Committee on Works re Preston Street expropriation.

September 16th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works this date, the attached letter from the City Solicitor requesting that he be instructed to apply to the Court for an order appointing Judge Murray, County Court Judge for District No. 1, as referee to hear claims arising in respect of the expropriations made for the widening of Preston Street, was considered. On motion of Alderman Stech and Alderman Donovan the committee recommended to the City Council that the City Solicitor be so instructed.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

*City Engineer
Clerk of
Works.*

September 16th, 1937.

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

*City Engineer
Works*

STREET WIDENING - #59 HOLLIS STREET

Road report of the Committee on
Works and City Engineer re street widening, #59
Hollis Street.

August 30th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

At a meeting of the Committee on
Works held June 30th, 1937, the City Engineer was
authorized to negotiate with the owner of the
property #59 Hollis Street for the purchase of the
portion of the property required to widen Hollis
Street to the official line.

The building has been torn down.
The area of the land required is 77 sq. feet and
at the rate of assessment of the property per
square foot, the estimated value of the land
required is \$33.26 and it is recommended that it
be purchased at this price.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

September 16th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on
Works on the 2nd instant, the attached report of
the City Engineer recommending purchase of a
portion of the property #59 Hollis Street required
to widen Hollis Street to the official line of
the street, was considered and on motion of
Alderman Donovan and Alderman Stech approved and
recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

September 16th, 1937.

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

Motion passed.

BLAND STREET SIDEWALK

Road report of the Committee on Works
and City Engineer re Bland Street sidewalk.

September 1st, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

In accordance with your request I
have had an estimate made of the cost of constructing
concrete curbs, gutters and sidewalk on the east
side of Bland Street between Inglis Street and
Atlantic Street.

The estimated cost of sidewalk,
curb, gutter, sodding and driveways is \$2300.00.
The abutter's share is estimated at about \$1200.00
of which about \$600.00 would be chargeable to the
Canadian National Railways.

There is a heavy trucking traffic
on this street from Archibald Coal Company and
Brookfield Construction Company, and the
construction of curb, gutter and driveways would
allow of more permanent work being done on this
street and will improve conditions on it.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

September 16th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on
Works on the 2nd instant, the attached report of the
City Engineer on the question of the construction of
a concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk on the east
side of Bland Street was considered.

On motion of Alderman Froda and
Alderman Stech the committee recommended to Council
that a concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk be
constructed on the east side of Bland Street,
between Inglis Street and Atlantic Street.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

*City Engineer
H. W. Johnston
Works*

September 16th, 1937.

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

Motion passed.

*City Engineer
Work of
Works*

WINDSOR STREET - WATER EXTENSION

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Windsor Street water extension.

September 9th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to submit an estimate for the construction of a water main on Windsor Street as petitioned for, as shown on attached sketch.

It will be noticed that only about 40% of the total frontage is assessable, due to the fact that the C.N.R. has a frontage of approximately 2000 feet on the eastern side of Windsor Street and the frontage of approximately 2600 feet on the western side of Windsor Street.

In making the estimate the district was divided into three sections. The first would serve seven houses on the east side of Windsor to Duffus Street. The second in addition, would serve that north of Duffus Street to the northern boundary of the Hendry property. The third would serve Duffus and Kempt Road 300 feet south of Duffus Street.

	<u>Len</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Front</u>	<u>Exempt</u>	<u>Net Frt.</u>
xt. to Duffus	2500	\$9000	3 valves \$120. 1 Hyd. 200.	\$9320.	4770'	City 1350) CNR. 2000)	1420'
xt. N/S. Hendry Est.	1250	4500	2 valves 80) 1 Hyd. 200)	4780.	2500'	City 1250)	1250'
ranch Duffus & Kempt Rd.	550	1980	2 valves 80) 1 Hyd. 200)	2260	800'	City 200)	680'
				<u>16360</u>	<u>8070'</u>		<u>3350'</u>

The total cost will be \$16,360.00 with an assessment of \$3350.00, or a net cost to the City of \$13,000.00. The annual cost to the City would be about \$780.00 and the revenue is estimated at \$126.00.

September 16th, 1937.

Until the properties known as the Henry property and the one immediately south of it are developed, it is unlikely that there will be any increase in the annual revenue, so that if the extension were made, for some time to come there would be an annual deficit of over \$600.00.

Sooner or later this district must be served with water and the extension will probably hasten the development of the properties on the west side of the road.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

September 16th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 9th instant, the attached report of the City Engineer in reference to Windsor Street water extension was considered.

On motion of Alderman Stech and Alderman Walker, the committee recommended to Council that the said extension be proceeded with.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

NORWOOD SUBDIVISION - SEWER AND WATER
EXTENSION.

*City Engineer
Walter Mitchell
Works.*
Read reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Norwood subdivision, sewer and water extension.

September 9th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on an application made by Mr. F. C. Manning for a sewer to be constructed on Parkwood and Woodlawn Terraces and Norwood Street, joining at the western end of Norwood Street and crossing under the railway at Pryor St.

September 16th, 1937.

This sewer is not practical because of the fact that a deep and long tunnel is required to get a satisfactory outlet to the Arm Sewer and because the sewer on Armview Avenue is not large enough to take the flow from the sub-division. No estimate is made of the cost.

Another route considered for the drainage is by way of the . N. R. Property to Prince Arthur Street and over the bridge by way of Tupper Grove to the "Arm" sewer. Like the first idea this scheme finds us with a sewer too small to carry the necessary flow on Tupper Grove, and this route can not be used. Thus no estimate has been made.

Still another route considered was that from Jubilee Road along the railway property to Norwood, thence along Norwood Street north-westerly to Woodlawn Terrace, collecting also the flow from Parkwood Terrace.

This is considered the necessary sewer system for the sub-division as, also, it seems to be the location which the Hon. Mr. McMillan had in mind when asking for right of way from C.N. Railway authorities.

The estimated cost for this scheme is:-

(1) From Jubilee Rd. by way of the railway and along Norwood St, to Woodlawn Terr.	\$5942.20
(2) Along Parkwood Terrace	3498.00
(3) Along Woodlawn Terrace	2442.00
Total	\$ <u>11882.20</u>

The assessment charges are estimated at:

(1) \$575.00; (2) \$2800.00; (3) \$1850.00; a total of \$5225.00.

The various routes considered are shown on a plan which has been prepared and comes with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. J. DeWolfe,
ASST. CITY ENGINEER.

September 9th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I have reported under even date on sewer extension to Parkwood Terrace and Woodlawn Terrace in the Norwood sub-division. The owners also apply for the extension of water on these two streets.

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Parkwood Terrace - The length of the extension from Quinpool Road to Norwood Street is about 620 feet, estimated cost if laid in the sewer trench \$1600.00. Estimated assessment \$1160.00.

Woodlawn Terrace - The length of the extension from Quinpool Road to Norwood Street is about 470 feet, estimated cost \$1300.00, estimated assessment \$860.00.

It is recommended that the water be extended on these two streets.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

September 16th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 9th instant, the attached reports of the City Engineer in reference to Norwood Subdivision sewer and water extensions were considered.

On motion of Alderman Stech and Alderman Donovan the committee recommended to Council that the said extensions be made when a total of four houses are under construction.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

*City Engineer
Clerk of
Works.*

STANHOPE STREET - SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Stanhope Street, sewer and water extension.

August 30th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on an application for the extension of sewer and water on Stanhope Street, that this street is a short street running north from Grant Street. There are two houses on the west and one on the east, side built or under construction.

September 16th, 1937.

The length of the sewer extension required is 205 feet. The estimated cost is \$1250.00 and the estimated assessment \$700.00.

The estimated length of water pipe required is 195 feet and the estimated cost, if laid in the sewer trench is \$600.00. Estimated assessment \$280.00. Size of pipe 6-inches.

The owners of the various properties have been interviewed regarding the work and owners of six lots are desirous of having the extension made. The owner of one does not require the sewer and water but will not oppose the work. The owner of lot #9 is very much opposed to it.

As there are three houses that wish the sewer and water immediately, and a strong probability that at least one more house will be under construction at once, it is recommended that the sewer and water be ordered to be extended on this street.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

September 16th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 2nd instant, the attached report of the City Engineer recommending sewer and water extension on Stanhope Street was on motion of Alderman Stech and Alderman Donovan, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

*City Engineer
Clerk of
Works.*

DREDGING, COMMERCIAL CABLE COMPANY'S WHARF

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re dredging, Commercial Cable Company's wharf.

September 16th, 1937.

Sept. 14th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

In response to advertisement two tenders were received for dredging at the Commercial Cable Company's Wharf north of the sewer outlet, as follows:-

Wm. McFatridge \$2.25 per cubic yard
scow measurement

Foundation Maritime
Limited \$1145.00

It is expected that there will be 1600 cu. yards of dredging required.

The tender of the Foundation Maritime Limited is the lower and is recommended for acceptance.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

September 16th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this date, the attached report of the City Engineer on tenders received for dredging at the Commercial Cable Company's wharf north of the sewer outlet was on motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman Freda, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT

Read report of the Comm. on Works submitting street lighting contract.

September 16th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works this date, the attached report of the City Engineer and City Electrician in reference to the street lighting contract was considered and on motion of Alderman Stech and Alderman McDonald, the committee decided that the said reports be forwarded to the City Council for its information.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

As copies were furnished to the Aldermen, the Mayor suggested that they study same.

*City Engineer
Clerk of
Works*

September 16th, 1937.

*City Engineer
Clerk of
Works*

PUBLIC WORKS CONGRESS

Read report of the Committee on
Works re Public Works congress.

September 16th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommends that the City Engineer be delegated to represent the City of Halifax at the Public Works Congress of the American Society of Municipal Engineers and the International Association of Public Works Officials to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, during the week starting October 3rd, 1937, and that his expenses not exceeding \$225.00 be defrayed from the departmental appropriations.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

*City Engineer
Clerk of
Works*

CONNAUGHT AVENUE - STREET LIGHTING

Read report of the Committee on Works
and City Engineer re Connaught Avenue, street
lighting.

September 16th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition from property owners on Pine Street, in the vicinity of First and Second Street, complaining of the lack of street lighting on this street, that there is no question of the necessity of new lights on this street.

The cost of street lighting will be reduced after the first of November and I presume the saving effected, or a portion of it, will be used to improve the lighting on those streets.

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

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

September 16th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works this date, the attached report of the City Engineer on a petition for street lighting was on motion of Alderman MacDonald and Alderman Donovan, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman McDonald, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the reports be adopted.
Motion passed.

ORNAMENTAL TREE LIST

A certified list of ornamental trees planted on Cambridge Street was submitted.
FILED

APPROVAL OF GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL TO ORDINANCE #14

A certified copy of Order in Council approving of Ordinance #14 "Regulation of vehicles used for transporting goods for hire" was submitted.
FILED

SUPT'S REPORT RE INMATES IN THE CITY HOME FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1937.

Read report of the Charities Committee for the month of August 1937, showing the number of inmates in the City Home to be 452.
FILED

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1937.

Read report of the City Auditor covering tax collections for the month of August, 1937.

September 16th, 1937.

TAX COLLECTIONS, AUGUST, 1937.

Arrears Taxes

Civic Year	Reserve	Outstanding Balances July	New accounts and adjustments	August Collections	Outstanding Balances August.
1933-34	\$58,783.06	\$54,764.55	+ \$438.92	\$ 2,517.79	\$52,685.68
1934-35	53,676.17	167,989.05	+ 447.41	8,262.39	160,174.07
1935-36	55,033.44	263,387.76	+ 461.85	9,975.37	253,874.23
1936-37	54,479.50	446,070.29	- 945.29	17,436.79	427,688.21
		932,211.65	+ 402.88	38,192.34	894,422.19

Current Taxes

1937-38	55,782.37	966,814.76	- 4,502.38	105,377.17	856,935.21
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Water Dept.
Rates, etc.

	79,986.55	+17,072.93	10,701.86	86,357.62
	1,979,012.96	+12,973.43	154,271.37	1,837,715.02

Poll Taxes 1933-34	2,162.46	+ 6.65	73.00	2,096.11
Poll Taxes 1934-35	3,146.57	+ 11.43	74.00	3,084.00
Poll Taxes 1935-36	3,667.38	+ 25.95	155.50	3,537.83
Poll Taxes 1936-37	7,174.08	+ 60.69	498.17	6,736.60
Poll Taxes 1937-38	20,544.00	+ 24.55	885.83	19,682.72

Additional Collections

Tax years 1908-9 to 1924-25		\$116.93	\$138.81
Corresponding period last year			
Tax years 1925-26 to 1932-33		777.35	2,207.44
Corresponding period last year			
Collections per above statement		154,271.37	
Corresponding period last year		<u>155,165.65</u>	<u>204,080.54</u>
			<u>206,426.79</u>

Collections of Poll Taxes

May 1st, 1937 to Aug. 31st, 1937		9,935.83	
Corresponding period last year			9,161.17

A. M. Butler,
CITY AUDITOR.

FILED

10.10 P.M.,

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by

Alderman Donoyan that this meeting do now adjourn.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

September 16th, 1937.

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CITY CLERK.