MAYOR'S OFFICE

February 13, 1945

Members, Finance & Executive Committee, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Aldermen:

At a meeting of the committee of the Whole Council in November, 1944, I recommended to the Aldermen that they favorably consider the public ownership by the Corporation of the City of Halifax of public utilities.

endeavour to arrange a conference with the Premier and the members of the Council. In accordance with instructions, I conferred with the Hon.A.S.HacMillan, and he stated to me that he saw no purpose in having a formal discussion of the matter with the government as it was their policy to ultimately control the generation of alectrical energy in this province, and that this policy had already been established as evidenced by the Hova Scotia Power Commission operations at St.Margaret's Bay and other parts of the province.

The Premier also pointed out the gov rament's policy with respect to rural electrification. He expressed the opinion that distribution systems in towns and cities should be owned by the municipal authorities, and he regarded any action by the city of Halifax to acquire electrical distribution in this city and vicinity as being consistent with the government's policy.

The decision must now be made by the City Council as to whether or not it desires to acquire the assets of the Nova Scotia Light & Power Company used in operating electrical gas, and transportation services in this city.

It is therefore my recommendation that the City of Halifax obtain legislation enabling it;

(n) To acquire by purchase the assets and undertaking of the Hova Scotia Light & Power Co.Ltd. used in generating and distributing electrical energy, in operating a street railway system, and in manufacturing and distributing gas in the City of Halifax and immediate vicinity:

(b) If a price cannot be agreed upon, to expropriate the aforementioned assets and undertaking;

nmount of compensation determined by a board of referees, one appointed by the city, one appointed by the Governor-in-Council, and one appointed by the company, and that cost of such expropriation proceedings be borne by the city:

(d) Engage and compensate competent pasistance in the negotiation proceedings and in any subsequent expropriation proceedings;

(e) To issue bonds or debentures which, or the proceeds of which shall be applied in payment of the purchase price or compensation. The said bonds or debentures to be issued either by the City of Halifax or by the Commission incorporated under Chapter 47 of the Acts of 1941.

(f) To enable the city to enter into an agreement with the Commission incorporated under Chapter 47 of the Acts of 1944 for the operation of the said assets and undertakings to be acquired.

Yours very truly,

J.E.LLOYD MAYOR

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Alderman Doyle stated that he was against it last year and he still was due to the war.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that he was not seeking the position himself.

The amendment was then put and lost, two voting for the same and eight against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT:

AGAINST IT:

Alderman Batson Coffin Alderman Adams
Ahern
Breen
Burgess
DeWolf
Doyle
Hosterman
Walker
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The motion was then put and lost with Aldermen Batson and Coffin wishing to be recorded against.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Read letter from His Worship the Mayor which is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

Copies of same had been furnished the members of Council previous to the meeting.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the recommendations as set forth in the letter of His Worship the Mayor be approved with the additional clause that a plebescite be held before ownership is decided.

It was agreed that the City Solicitor prepare the necessary legislation for presentation to the Legislature without bringing it back to the Council.

The motion was then put and passed unanimously, the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:

FOR THE MOTION:

Alderman Batson
Breen
Hosterman
Coffin
Adams
DeWolf
Doyle
Walker
Burgess
Ahern,

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LEGISLATION.....

The City Solicitor submitted draft legislation covering the C. N. R. Litigation, Tax Appeal Court and Honorariums to members of the Tax Appeal Court as follows:

1945 Legislation

Section 401 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

401. (1) The court shall have all the powers of the Supreme Court, or of any Judge thereof, for directing and enforcing,

(e) discovery of documents;

(b) examination for discovery;

(c) taking of evidence and depositions of witnesses before trial or hearing;

(d) compelling the attendance of witnesses on the trial or hearing; and

the production on such trial or hearing of any and all documents pertaining to or which contain any entry relating to the ownership or valuation of any property and to the assessment upon any person, or for which any person may be claimed to be liable. The rules and practice of the Supreme Court in force from time to time with respect to the above matters and the admissibility and effect of any evidence so had or obtained, shall be applicable to the Court of Tax Appeals, unless and to the extent as varied by the rules made as hereinafter provided.

- (2) If any party to any tax appeal or any other person shall neglect, fail, or refuse to obey or comply with the terms of any Order made by the said Court of Tax Appeals in relation to any of the matters in subsection (1) hereof set out, such party and/or person as the case may be shall be liable to the same penalty or penalties, to be imposed by the said Court, as might have been imposed upon him had the same order been made in any action or proceeding in the Supreme Court, and shall also be liable to have made against him by the said Court of Tax Appeals any Order which might have been made against him by the Supreme Court or a Judge thereof had the same order, so disobeyed or not complied with, been made in an action or proceeding in the Supreme Court.
 - (3) Any Order made by or commission issued by the Court of Tax Appeals relating to any of the matters referred to in subsections (1) and (2) hereof shall be signed by the Chairman thereof.
- (4) The said Court may employ such clerical and technical assistance as it may deem requisite for the determination of any matter in dispute before it or which, in its opinion, should be investigated in order that it might be enabled properly to determine any matters in dispute before it. The expenses incurred by the Court in procuring such assistance shall be paid by the City upon the certificate of the Chairman of the said Court.
- frame rules for regulating the practice of the said Court and the form of proceedings, and from time to time amend such rules and forms, and the same shall come into force when certified under the hands of the members of the said Court and posted in a conspicuous and accessible place in the offices of the City Assessor and City Clerk.

The Charter is amended by inserting therein immediately following section 407 thereof the following section:

- 407A.(1) Any decision of the Court of Tax Appeals upon a matter of law, may be reviewed by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, provided a notice of appeal is given to the Court of Tax Appeals within thirty days from the date of the decision.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the solicitor to forward to the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, within twenty days after receipt of the notice of appeal, the judgment appealed against, together with a copy of the evidence taken before the Court of Tax Appeals by the Chairman or person delegated to take the same.
- (3) The judgment of the Supreme Court shall be carried out by the Assessor, who shall make the necessary amendments in the books of assessment or

other books and documents kept by him to comply with such judgment.

Subsection (5) of section 398 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

Each member of the Court who ettends 75% of the meetings of the Court held between the first day of January and the first day of April in any one civic year shall receive an honorarium of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and any member attending less than the said number of meetings shall receive an honorarium based on the proportion which the number of meetings at which such member attended bears to 75% of the total number of meetings of the Court, which said honorariums shall be paid by the City together with any actual expenses connected with the meetings of the Court. No remuneration shall be paid in respect of any meetings of the Court held at any time in any civic year other than the period hereinbefore set out.

Subsection (1) of section 108 is amended by inserting therein between the words "Appeals" and "or" in the second line thereof the words "or by the Supreme Court."

- (1) Clause (b) of section 357, as that clause is enacted by section 3 of Chapter 48 of the Acts of 1944, is repealed and the following substituted therefor:
 - or operating any steam railway (including His Majesty in the Right of the Dominion of Canada and in any other right and the Canadian National Railway Company and any other body corporate or natural person or persons occupying, using, managing or operating the Intercolonial Railway or any other steam railway or steam railways, and whether the same is or is not, in whole or and whether the same is or is not, in whole or in part, owned by or the property of His Majesty in the Right of the Dominion of Canada or in any other right) shall be deemed to be an occupier

of real property for the purposes of a trade, profession or other calling carried on for purposes of gain and shall, notwithstanding the provision of the preceding clause of this subsection, be assessed for and shall pay in the manner hereinafter provided by subsection (3) of section 409 on one hundred percent of the value of the real property occupied, used, managed or operated for the purposes or in connection with or as part of the operations of such steam railway.

- (2) This section shall be read and construed and be given effect as if it had been enacted on, from and after and not before the 7th day of April, A. D., 1944.
- (1) Section 371, as that section is enacted by section 4 of Chapter 47 of the Acts of 1944, is amended by inserting therein between the words "operating" and "any" in the fifteenth line thereof the words "the Intercolonial Railway or."
- (2) This section shell be read and construed and be given effect as if it had been enacted on, from and after and not before the 7th day of April, A. D., 1944.

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- (1) Clause (d) of section 355, as that clause is enacted by section 2 of Chapter 48 of the Acts of 1944, is repealed and the following substituted therefor:
 - (d) The expression "person" also includes
 His Majesty in the right of the Dominion of
 Canada and in any other right, if, as or when
 managing or operating the Intercolonial Railway,
 or any other steam railway, and the Canadian National Railway Company and any other body corporate and
 natural person or persons managing or operating any
 steam railway and whether such railway is or is not
 in whole or in part owned by or the property of
 His Majesty in the right of the Dominion of Canada
 or in any other right.
- (2) This section shall be read and construed and be given effect as if it had been enacted on, from and after and not before the 7th day of April, A. D. 1944.
- (1) Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Batson that the item dealing with imposing a business tax on the C. N. R. property be approved. Motion passed.
- (2) Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Adams that the item dealing with the Tax Appeal Court be approved. Motion passed.
- (3) Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the item dealing with honorariums to members of the Tax Court be approved. Motion passed.

The City Solicitor submitted draft legislation for 1945 which had been approved by the Finance and Executive Committee and same is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

Copies of same had been furnished to members of Council previous to the meeting.

The legislation was considered item by item.

Item #2

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman

Ahern that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #3

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Batson that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #4

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Doyle that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #7

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Doyle that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #8

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Adams that this item be approved. Motion passed.

As this item deals with qualifications for voting, Alderman Ahern stated he felt the time was not opportune to have compulsory voting but mentioned that he would like to see advanced polls opened.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the resolution re compulsory voting be expunged from the minutes of this meeting. Motion passed.

It was agreed to introduce the following resolution:

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that advance polls be held one day previous

to the election from 8:00 P. M. to 10:00 P. M.

After some discussion, the mover and seconder agreed to withdraw.

Item #9

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Adams that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #10

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Batson that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #11

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Batson that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #12

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Doyle that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #13

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Items #14 & #26.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Adams that these two items be approved. Motion passed.

Item #16

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Burgess that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #17

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Doyle that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #18

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Coffin that this item be approved. Motion bassed.

Item #20

The Solicitor stated that this item had been referred to the Assessment Committee.

Item #22

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Coffin that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #24

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #28

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this item be approved. Motion bassed.

Item #31

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #27

The Solicitor stated that this item should be

emended by adding the names of Charles T. Dupont and Guy Liddell following the name McInnes on the fifth line.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this item as amended be approved. Motion passed.

Item #29

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #30

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #33

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #35

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #39

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #36

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #37

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this item be approved.

It was then moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that legislation be secured enabling a Mayor to remain in office for as many terms as he could be elected.

The Motion was put and lost, three voting for the same and seven against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION:

Alderman Hosterman Coffin Adams

AGAINST IT:

Alderman Batson Breen DeWolf Doyle Walker Burgess Ahern

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HALIFAX PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #40

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #41

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #42

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman

DeWolf that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #43

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Item #44

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this item be approved. Motion passed.

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Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Section 952

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this item be approved. Motion passed.

LEGISLATION RE PLEBISCITE

Draft legislation covering plebiscites to be held in the City of Halifax was submitted by the City Solicitor as follows:

1945.

BILL NO.

1945.

An Act to enable the City of Halifax to take Plebiscites.

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

1. In this Act the expression "City" means the City of Halifax; the expression "Council" means the City Council of that City, and any committee or official mentioned means the committee or official

of that name of the said city or council; the expression "Charter" means the Halifax City Charter of 1931, and sections referred to by number without further reference are the sections of the said Charter, and this act shall refer exclusively to the City of Halifax.

- 2. The Council may at any time and in the manner hereinafter provided determine by resolution thereof passed at a regular meeting of the said Council, or at a special meeting thereof called for the purpose of which due notice has been given as provided by the Charter, to take a plebiscite of the electors of the City as to their views on any question specified in such resolution.
- The resolution of the Council referred to in the preceding section shall contain:-
 - (a) The question in respect of which the plebiscite is to be taken;
 - (b) The form of ballot; and
 - (c) The date on which such plebiscite shall be taken.
- 4. The date fixed for the taking of such plebiscite shall not be less than thirty days from the date of the passing of the resolution.
- of the taking of such plebiscite by advertisement of the taking of such plebiscite by advertisement in one or more daily newspapers published in the City of Halifax and the question in respect of which the plebiscite is to be taken shall be set out in such advertisement in the same words as in the resolution of the Council authorizing the taking of such plebiscite.
- 6. The vote on any question submitted as hereinbefore provided shall be taken by officers appointed for that purpose in the manner provided in the Halifax City Charter for the appointment of officers to take the vote in the case of an election for Mayor or Alderman.
- 7. The vote on any such question may be taken by the officers appointed to take the vote at any election for Mayor or Alderman and at the same time.
- g. Any person who would have been entitled to vote for a Mayor or Alderman if an election for the same had been called for the same day as that fixed for taking the vote on such question shall be entitled to vote on such question.

- 9. Any sums incurred by the City in connection with such plebiscite may be borrowed by the City from any bank, corporation, person or fund available and with the interest thereon included in the annual estimates of the City next to be prepared.
- 10. Upon the completion of the taking of the vote on any such question, a return of the results of the same shall be made by the Clerk to the Council at the regular meeting thereof next following the day of the holding of such plebiscite or at any special meeting of the Council called for the purpose of receiving such return.
- of Mayor and Alderman and the procedure prescribed therein, save as altered by this ensctment, shall mutatis mutandis apply to the taking of the vote on any question as hereinbefore provided.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Coffin that this item be approved.

The motion was put and passed unanimously the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:

FOR THE MOTION:

Alderman Adams
Ahern
Batson
Breen
Burgess
Coffin
DeWolf
Doyle
Hosterman
Walker.

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LEGISLATION TO CHANGE NAME OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

The City solicitor submitted draft legislation to change the name of the Holifax Public Utilities Commission to Halifax Public Service Commission of Halifax as follows:

1945.

An Act to amend Chapter 47 of the Acts of 1944 entitled "An Act to Incorporate Halifex Public Utilities Commission."

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

- 1. Section 1 of Chapter 47 of the Acts of 1944, entitled "An Act to Incorporate Halifax Public Utilities Commission," is repealed and the following substituted therefor:
 - This Act may be cited as The Halifax Public Service Commission Act, and the Commission created hereunder shall be known as "Public Service Commission of Halifax."
- 2. Subsection (2) of section 3 of said Chapter 47
 is amended by striking out the words "Halifax
 Public Utilities Commission" in the third line thereof
 and substituting therefor the words "Public Service
 Commission of Halifax."
- 3. Clause (b) of subsection (4) of section 14 of said Chapter 47 is amended by striking out the words "Halifax Public Utilities Commission" in the fifth line thereof and substituting therefor the words "Halifax Public Service Commission."
- 4. The name of the Commission incorporated by Chapter 47 of the Acts of 1944 is hereby changed and altered to "Public Service Commission of Halifax" and the said Commission shall hereafter be and be known as "Public Service Commission of Halifax."
- Service Commission under the name "Public Service Commission of Halifax" shall have and enjoy all the powers, rights, franchises and privileges conferred by said Chapter 47 as amended and shall be subject in every way to the provisions of the said Act as amended as if it had been originally incorporated act as amended as if it had been originally incorporated under the said name and title "Public Service Commission under the said shall be responsible for all liabilities existing against said Commission under its original name.
- All contracts, rights, easements or agreements and all powers, franchises, privileges, exemptions and immunities possessed by the Commission under the name "Halifax Public Utilities Commission" shall apply to, be binding upon and enforceable by the Commission to, be binding upon and enforceable by the Commission under the name "Public Service Commission of Halifax" under the name manner and to the same extent as if the in the same manner and to the same extent as if the

into such contracts or agreements or obtaining such rights, easements, powers, franchises, privileges, exemptions and immunities had been "Public Service Commission of Halifax," and all contracts or agreements between the Commission and any person shall be deemed and are hereby declared to be smended accordingly.

- 7. (1) Subsection (1) of section 3 of Chapter 47 of the Acts of 1944, "An Act to Incorporate Halifax Public Utilities Commission," is amended by inserting therein between the words "persons" and "one" in the third line thereof the words "who shall be appointed by the City Council, which shall determine the number to be appointed."
- (2) Said subsection (1) is further smended by striking out the word "three" in the sixth line thereof.
- (3) Subsection (3) of said section 3 of said Chapter 47 is amended by adding thereto the following:

Any member appointed to such Commission in excess of five members, and the successors of such members, shall each hold office for three years.

- 8. The appointment by the Council of five members of the Commission by resolution thereof passed the 20th day of April, 1944 is hereby ratified and confirmed and declared to have been within the authority of the Council.
- c. Clause (b) of section 6 of said Chapter 47 is amended by striking out the word *of* where it occurs for the second time in the third line thereof and substituting therefor the word *in.*

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this item be approved. Motion passed.

LEGISLATION TO SELL AND CONVEY THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

The City Solicitor submitted draft legislation as follows:

1945.

BILL NO.

1945.

An Act to Authorize the City of Halifax to Sell and Convey its Water Supply System.

WHEREAS the City of Halifax is the owner of a water supply system and has entered into an agreement with Halifax Public Utilities Commission for the operation and management of the same;

AND WHEREAS the City of Halifax is desirous of selling the properties and other assets employed in such water supply system to the said Commission and the Commission is desirous of purchasing the same;

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

1. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression -

"City" means the City of Halifax,
"Council" means the City Council of the said

City of Halifax,
"Commission" means the Commission incorporated
under the authority of Chapter 47 of the Acts
of 1944 and whether known by the name "Halifax
Public Utilities Commission" or any other name.

- 2. The Council may at any time, subject to the requirements of The Public Utilities Act, -
 - (a) sell and transfer to the Commission the water works and water supply system of the City and the assets employed therewith and any contracts, rights, easements or other egreements relating thereto or to the purchase, transmission, delivery, furnishing, supply or sale of water for such consideration and upon such terms as the Council and the Commission may agree upon. Such sale and transfer shall not include any assets or liabilities shown upon the books of the Water Department of the City which may be excluded from said sale and transfer by agreement between the Council and the Commission. Such sale and transfer shall be by Deed and shall be signed on behalf of the City by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the corporate seal of the City. A certificate signed by the Mayor and City Clerk of the City under the corporate seal of the City that ell necessary resolutions of the Council have been duly and regularly passed, authorizing such sale and transfer, and such Deed shall be conclusive evidence of the fact.
 - (b) contract with the Commission for the supply of water for public purposes of the City as the Council and the Commission may agree.
 - J. Such deed shall vest in the Commission all the right, title and interest of the City in and to the properties, assets, contracts, rights, easements or other agreements therein transferred. Notwithstanding any law in force in Nova Scotia, whether Statutory or

otherwise, or any Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia all properties and assets of the said City described in said Deed shall be and the same are hereby declared to be free of all liens, charges or encumbrances of any kind whatsoever, and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, shall be free and discharged from all liens, charges or encumbrances of, or under, or by reason of, or arising from any bonds or debentures heretofore issued by the City. Where any liability shown on the books of the Water Department is assumed by the Commission on such sale and transfer such liability shall thereupon become the liability of the Commission.

- 1. (1) From and after such sale and transfer the Commission shall be vested with and shall have:
 - (a) The same and like rights and authorizations under the Nova Scotia Water Act as were possessed by the City immediately before such sale and transfer.
 - (b) The same and the like right to maintain, operate, alter, enlarge, extend, improve or repair the said water works or system and the same and the like right to purchase, acquire, obtain, deliver, convey, transport, distribute and sell water as was possessed by the City immediately before such sale and transfer, whether such right was vested in the City under or by virtue of this or any other Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotis, of any other Act or law, or by contract., agreement, conveyance or otherwise, and whether such right was specially conferred on the City or was conferred under or by virtue of any Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia applying to cities generally or otherwise.
 - (c) All powers and rights now or hereafter conferred on cities generally to construct, acquire, maintain, operate, manage, alter, control, enlarge, extend, improve or repair water works or systems.
 - (d) All powers, rights, franchises, privileges, exemptions and immunities granted to or conferred on the City or the Council or any official of the City or Council under the provisions of the Halifax City Charter (1931) and any amendments to the same.
 - (e) All powers, rights, franchises, privileges, exemptions and immunities possessed by the City immediately before such sale and transfer to purchase, acquire, obtain, deliver, accumulate, purify, convey, transmit, supply, furnish, transport, distribute or sell water or to construct, port, distribute or sell water or to construct, acquire, maintain, operate, manage, alter, control, enlarge, extend, improve or repair plants, systems or works for the purchase, acquisition, obtaining

delivery, accumulation, purification, conveying, transmission, supplying furnishing, transportation, distribution or sale of water.

- (2) The provisions of this section are in addition to and not in substitution for any rights which may otherwise be possessed by the Commission, whether similar to the kind enumerated or otherwise.
- 5. All sums of money received by the City on such sale and transfer shall be paid into a special fund to be called "Special Water Account," which shall be under the control of the Trustees of the Consolidated Sinking Fund, who shall apply the same in accordance with the terms of a resolution of the City Council passed for that purpose.
- 6. From and after such sale and transfer the rate or rates approved by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for the sale of water by the City shall continue to be the rates which may be charged or imposed by the Commission until altered under the provisions of the Public Utilities Act.
- 7. Notwithstanding that any accounts receivable for water heretofore sold by the City may be transferred to the Commission on such sale and transfer, any liens or charges in favor of the City on the real or personal property of the persons liable to pay the said accounts and all remedies of the City therefor shall nevertheless and all remedies of the City therefor shall be held continue in full force and effect and shall be held by the City to and for the benefit of the Commission and shall be enforced by the City on the request of the Commission and any monies recovered thereunder shall be paid over to the Commission by the City.
- g. From and after such sale and transfer all powers, privileges, franchises and rights of any kind whatsoever exercisable by the City in relation to the water works or system of the City and not herein or by such sale and transfer transferred to the Commission shall be held and transfer transferred to the Commission shall be held by the City to and for the benefit of the Commission by the city to and for the benefit of and shall be exercised by the City for the benefit of the Commission from time to time whenever requested by the Commission.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this item be approved. Motion passed.

CITY COLLECTOR

Alderman Breen asked if legislation could not be obtained this year to make the City Collector a Head

of a Department.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Ahern that this matter be considered at this time.

Motion passed.

It was then moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the legislation as submitted to the legislature last year to make the City Collector a Head of a Department, be again submitted. Motion passed.

SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Coffin that this matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR MEAT

February 5, 1945.

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date, tenders for the supply of meats to civic institutions were received from the following:

Your Committee recommends that the tender of the Swift Canadian Co. Ltd., being the lower be accepted for a one month period beginning February 20, 1945.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman

Batson that the report be approved.

The motion was put and passed with Alderman Breen wishing to be recorded against as he favoured local firms getting contracts with the City.

TENDERS FOR FISH

February 15, 1945.

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date, tenders for the supply of fish to Civic Institutions were received from the following.

Your Committee recommends that the tender of Burns Fisheries Limited being the lower be accepted for a term of six months.

Respectfully submitted:

W. P. Publicover: CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Batson that the report be approved. Motion passed.

EXPENSES N. S. HEALTH OFFICERS MEETING

February 5, 1945.

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date, a report from the Commissioner of Health submitting an account amounting to \$13.45 covering expenses in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Health Officers Association, which was held at White Point Beach Last July, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the account be approved for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Batson that the report be approved. Motion passed.

PLUMBING INSPECTORS

February 5/1945.

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date, the attached letter from the Commissioner of Health recommending that Mr. W. P. Morriscey, who is at present employed as Plumbing Inspector in the Health Department, be reclassified as Chief Inspector and Mr. N. C. Menchions who is at present employed as Assistant Plumbing Inspector be reclassified as Plumbing Inspector, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in these recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Batson that the report be approved. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR OBSOLETE FIRE EQUIPMENT

February 1/1945.

To His Worship the Hayor and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date, the Chief of the Fire Depart-

ment reported that he had advertised certain obsolete equipment for sale and had only received one tender that of the Dartmouth Fire Department offering to pay the sum of \$200.00 for Motor Pumper Chebucto, which is now located at Quinpool Road Fire Station.

Your Committee recommends that the tender be approved and the pumper sold to the Dartmouth Fire Department for the sum of \$200.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Batson that the report be approved. Motion passed.

TENDERS FIRE PUMPERS

February 1, 1945.

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date, the matter of the purchase of fire pumping engines which was referred to this Committee by the City Council at a meeting held on January 11, 1945, was considered and at this time the following members of the Committee were present: His Worship the Meyor, Chairman, Aldermen Adams, Hosterman, Batson, Breen and Doyle.

The Chief of the Fire Department recommended in writing that two 750 gallon pumping engines be purchased from the LaFrance Fire Engine & Foamite Limited.

A motion moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Batson that two 750 gallon pumping engines be purchased was passed with Alderman Breen dissenting as he favored the purchase of 1,000 gallon pumping engines.

A motion moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman Doyle that one 750 gallon pumping engine be purchased from each tenderer was put and lost on the following vote:

FOR THE MOTION:

AGAINST IT:

Alderman Batson Doyle Alderman Adams Hosterman Breen

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An amendment which was moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Adams that the Chief's recommendation viz: that two 750 gallon pumping engines be purchased from the LaFrance Fire Engine and Foamite Limited, was put and lost on the following vote:

FOR THE AMENDMENT:

AGAINST IT:

Alderman Adams
Hosterman

Alderman Batson Breen Doyle - 3 -

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As the Committee failed to reach a un nimous decision on the matter, the above information is reported to you.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that the Chief's recommendation viz: that two 750 gallon pumpers be purchased from the LaFrance Fire Engine and Foamite Limited be approved.

Moved in smendment by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Batson that one 750 gallon pumper be purchased from each tenderer.

The amendment was put and lost six voting for the same and four against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT:

AGAINST IT:

Alderman Palson Coffin DeWolf Doyle Walker Ahern Alderman Breen Hosterman Adams Burgess

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The motion was then but and lost, four voting for the same and six evainst it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION.

Alderman Adams
Burgess
Coffin
Hosterman

AGAINST IT:

Alderman Ahern
Batson
Breen
DeWolf
Doyle
Walker.

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A two-thirds vote being required.

ACTIVITIES OF POLICE CARS

February 1, 1945.

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

Gentlemen.

At a neeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date, the attached report from the Chief of Police regarding the activities of Police Cars during the night of December 21/1945, was readed ordered forwarded to Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover. CITY CLERK.

Alue: on Ahern stated that he would not accept the report as it was not the information he desired.

ACCOUNT OVER \$200.00

February 1/45.

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date, an account from S. C. Thompson and Sons, amounting to 9411.41 covering feed supplied to the Mounted Division of the Police Department, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the account be approved for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Batson that the report be approved. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Alderman Ahern asked His Worship the Mayor when the Superannuation question is going to be finalized to which he replied that it was in the hands of an actuary at present and the Committee was waiting on him.

12:50 A. M. The Deputy Mayor assumes the Chair while His Worship the Mayor addresses the Council from the floor:

ABSENCE OF ALDERMEN REARDON & McDONALD

His Worship the Mayor stated that he didn't want to bring this matter to the Council at this time. He said he recently wrote to one member of Council asking him to explain if he is the manager of the Company which sold goods to the School Board, the Alderman is Alderman Reardon and I want an answer if that is so.

Alderman McDonald has been away for three months.

In his case, absence from the City for three disqualifies him. I wrote and asked if he wanted leave of absence from the Council but I have not heard from him. I don't think it is right for months to carry on without representation.

12.55 A. M. His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair.

RELEASE RE DAMAGE TO HYDRANT

February 15, 1945.

RELEASE TO THE BRITISH GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED RE DAMAGE TO HYDRANT

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the sixth instant on motion of Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Ahern, recommended acceptance of the attached check for \$180.95 payable to the City of Halifax as submitted by the British General Insurance Company Limited in payment of the City Works Department account of that amount against W. H. Schwartz & Sons Limited for replacing hydrant which had been broken by a car at the corner of Hollis and Salter Streets in December, 1944; also that the "Receipt and Discharge" attached to the said check be signed on behalf of the City of Halifax.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, City Clerk, Per: T. J. Moore.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report be approved. Motion passed.

OVERHANGING SIGN . . .

February 15, 1945.

ILLUMINATED OVERHANGING SIGN .. NORTHEAST CORNER OF BARRINGTON AND SALTER STREETS.

The City Council.

Gent lemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the sixth instant, considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works on an application from P. J. Doyle to erect an illuminated sign at the premises, corner of Barrington and Salter streets, and known as the Masonic Hall.

The proposed sign will be 5'5" long and 1' feet wide and will project over the street ten inches

and the words "Dance To-Nite" will be illuminated with reflected light.

On motion of Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Ahern the Committee recommended to Council that the lease referred to in the said report be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, CITY CLERK. Per: T. J. Moore.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report be approved. Motion passed.

OVERHANGING SIGN

February 15, 1945.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the sixth instant considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works on an application from the Agnew Surpass Shoe Stores Limited to erect an illuminated sign at the above mentioned premises.

On motion of Alderman Walker seconded by Alderman Ahern the Committee recommended to Council that the lease referred to in the said report be granted provided the proposed sign conforms with the Civic Regulations governing overhanging illuminated signs.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, CITY CLERK. Per: T. J. Moore.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report be approved. Motion passed.

TENDERS STEAM ROLLERS

February 15, 1945.

The City Jouncils

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the sixth instant considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated February 6, 1945 and entitled as above.

On motion of Alderman Walker seconded by Alderman DeWolf, the Committee recommended to Council in accordance with the recommendation contained in the said report of the Commissioner of Works, that T. Hogan & Company be authorized to repair steam rollers #1 and #2 on a cost-plus basis.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, CITY CLERK. Per: T. J. Moore.

February 6, 1945.

His Worship the Mayor,

Siri

Tenders were called for the repair of steam rollers numbers 1 and 2 and at the expiry of the time limit there were no bids.

However, I was in touch with T. Hogan & Co., 121 Lower Water Street, and they informed me they would make the repairs on a cost plus basis.

I beg to recommend the steam rollers be repaired by T. Togan & Co.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon, Commissioner of Works.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Walker that the report be approved. Motion passed.

STREET LIGHTING

February 15, 1945.

STREET LIGHTING...CORNER MAYNARD AND WEST STS.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the sixth instant considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated February 3, 1945 on complaints received regarding the street lighting at the corner of Maynard and West Streets.

On motion of Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Ahern the Committee recommended to Council, in accordance with the said report of the Commissioner, that a 250 candle power light be installed at the said corner at an approximate cost of \$31.00 for installation and \$20.00 for annual maintenance.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, CITY CLERK.
Per: T. J. Moore.

February 3, 1945.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

Complaints have been received regarding the street lighting at the corner of Maynard and West Streets.

This location has been examined by Mr. Durling, and it is recommended that a 250 candle power light be installed at this corner at a cost of \$31.00 for installation, and a yearly maintenance cost of \$20.00.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon, Commissioner of Works.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report be approved. Motion passed.

OLD EQUIPMENT - CITY FIELD

February 15, 1945.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the sixth instant on motion of Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Ahern recommended to Council that the old equipment located at City Field and referred to in the attached report of the Commissioner of Works, dated January 25, 1945 and entitled as above, be adver-

tised for sale.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, City Clerk, Per: T. J. Moore.

January 25, 1945.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

In a section of the City Field building, there are several old pirces of equipment which have been laying idle for over 20 years and may be classified as junk. It occupies a section to be utilized by the Halifex Public Water Utilities Commission.

This material consists of an old stone crusher, a concrete mixer, a riding sleigh and a few other odds and ends. The Committee has already authorized the selling of useless equipment and scrap but I think on account of the elapsed time we had better again advertise the sale of these pieces of equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon, Commissioner of Works.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report be approved. Motion passed.

COLLINS FIELD PROPERTY

February 15, 1945.

The City Clerk,

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the sixth instant on motion of Alderman Ahern seconded by Alderman Breen, directed that the attached letter from the City Solicitor under date of January 26, 1945, to J. E. Lloyd, Esq., Mayor and Chairman of the Committee on Works re Collins Field Property, be forwarded to City Council for its information; also that Council be advised that the Committee has requested the Commissioner to ascertain from the Civic Planning Commission if the said Commission would have any objection to disposal by the City of building lots on the Inglis Street frontage of the City owned Gorsebrook property.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, City Clerk, Per: T. J. Moore.

January 26, 1945.

J. E. Lloyd, Esq., Mayor and Chairman of the Committee on Works.

Dear Sir:

Under date of November 7, 1944, I wrote advising that the deed to this property had been received by the City and it was recorded at the time of my last letter.

persons interested in purchasing lots in this field and in order to keep this matter before you I am writing this letter. The decision of the Committee on Works on November 7, 1944, was to the effect that nothing further be done until the School Board finalized certain plans. I do not know whether this has been done or whether it is now in progress but I would suggest that a matter of this kind should be reported to the City Council so that the Council will know that the purchase has been finally completed.

Yours very truly,

CARL. P. BETHUNE, CITY SOLICITOR.

FILED.

REDUCTIONS IN WATER ACCOUNTS

February 15, 1945.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on December 8, 1944, on motion of Alderman DeWolf seconded by Alderman Breen, approved and recommended to Council for adoption the following attached reports of the Commissioner of Works on applications for reductions in water rates, subject to compliance with the regulations of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for the Province of Nove Scotia:

Report dated November 7, 1944 - entitled #159 - 63 Maynard Street Water Bill Account No. 51237.

Report dated December 8, 1944, entitled #3 Sarah Street - Water Bill Account No. 51578

In the case of #159-63 Maynard Street the recommendation is that the bill for the half year ending April, 1944, be reduced to \$23.94 which was the amount of the bill for the corresponding period of the previous year.

In the case of #3 Sarah Street, the recommendation is that the consumption for the half year ending April, 1944, be reduced to 13,700 gallons, which is the consumption for the period ending October 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, City Clerk, Per: T. J. Moore.

December 8th, 1944.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:

I beg to report on the application of the owner of the premises No. 3 Sarah Street for a reduction in the water bill for the half year ending April 1944. This period has been averaged.

This house was vacant during November and December 1943 and the meter was not registering from December 1943 to April 1944, the bill being averaged on the consumption for the corresponding period of the previous year, which was 55,700 gallons for the six months. The consumption during the period that the bill was made up on is as follows:

1942	Nov	2,100
1943	Dec	
	Feb5	
	Apr	

55,700 gals.

The owner in making application for reduction states that new plumbing was installed in October 1943 and the house is occupied by three persons.

The half yearly bills at this property have been as follows:

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April 1942 -
         ending
   year
                       1942
                 Oct.
                                11.14 Bill averaged on
                        1943
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                 Apr.
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                 Oct.
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                       1944
                                 11.14 Averaged.
                 Apr.
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During the period in which the consumption was averaged there was a very large consumption for two months, January and February. Although this bill has been made up in accordance with the regulations of the Public Utilities, I feel it is a hardship, as the owner has paid the bill for the large consumption in April 1943 and I would recommend that the consumption be reduced to 13,700 gals. which is the consumption for the period ending Oct. 1942.

Respectfully submitted

R. M. MacKinnon, Commissioner of Works...

November 7, 1944.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to report on the application of the owner of the premises No. 159-163 Maynard Street for a reduction in the water bill for the half year ending April 1944. The record of consumption has been as follows:

1943 Nov. 18 - 3,200
Dec. -- - -1944 Jan. -- - -Feb. -- -Mar. -- -Apr. 20 - 300,900

From the above records it will be seen that the meter was not read from December to March and when read in April a large consumption was recorded. This meter is in a meter box in the street with a long length of pipe from the meter to thehouse and a leak occurred in the pipe between the house and the meter. This pipe was repaired as soon as the leak was discovered in April.

As the leak in the pipe was underground and not visible to the owner. I would recommend that the bill be reduced to \$23.94 which was the amount of the bill for the corresponding period of last year.

Respectfully submitted,

R.M. MacKinnon, Commissioner of Works.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report be approved. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

February 15, 1945.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the sixth instant approved and recommended to Council, subject to the approval of the Internal Auditor, the attached voucher for payment of \$720.00 to Standard Clay Products Limited.

As the amount is over \$500.00 the Interval Auditor asked that the matter be sent to Council for consideration as a special report. The accounts are dated January 9, 1945, and are for sewer pipes, the cost of which is chargeable against Sewer Capital Funds, and I recommend that the said accounts be paid.

Respectfully submitted;

R. M. MacKinnon, Commissioner of Works...

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report be approved. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

February 7, 1945.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the sixth instant approved and recommended to Council, subject to the approval of the Internal Auditor the attached voucher for payment of \$644.62 to Bianco Brothers.

As the amount is over five hundred dollars the Internal Auditor asked that the matter be sent to Council for consideration as a special report.

The accounts are as follows and I recommend that they be paid:

Account dated December 28, 1944 re
Grading on Summitt Street.....\$131.25
Account dated October 23, 1944 re
Miller Street -- Grading 513.37
\$644.62

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon, Commissioner of Works...

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report be approved. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

February 7, 1945.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the sixth instant approved and recommended to Council, subject to the approval of the Internal Auditor, the attached voucher for payment of \$520.00 to Hubley's Sand and Gravel Company.

As the amount is over five hundred dollars, the Internal Auditor asked that the matter be sent to Council for consideration as a special report.

The account is dated December 30, 1944 and is for 208 cubic yards of coarse sand at \$2.50 per cubic yard, and I recommend that the said account be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon, Commissioner of Works...

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

LETTER HON. H. CONNOLLY REDIRECTOR N. S. L. & P. CO., LTD.

Halifax, N. S. January 29, 1945.

Mr. W. P. Publicover, City Clerk, City Hell, Helifax, Nova Scotia.

Deer Mr. Publicover,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter in which you call attention to the resolution of the

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon, Commissioner of Works...

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report be approved. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

February 7, 1945.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the sixth instant approved and recommended to Council, subject to the approval of the Internal Auditor, the attached voucher for payment of \$520.00 to Hubley's Sand and Gravel Company.

As the amount is over five hundred dollars, the Internal Auditor asked that the matter be sent to Council for consideration as a special report.

The account is dated December 30, 1944 and is for 20g cubic yards of coarse sand at \$2.50 per cubic yard, and I recommend that the said account be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon, Commissioner of Works..

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

LETTER HON. H. CONNOLLY RE DIRECTOR N. S. L. & P. CO., LTD.

Halifax, N. S. January 29, 1945.

Mr. W. P. Publicover, City Clerk, City Hell, Helifax, Nova Scotia.

Deer Mr. Publicover,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter in which you call attention to the resolution of the

City Council asking that the attention of the Governor in Council be drawn to Clause 15 of the contract between the Government of the Province and the Nove Scotic Light and Power Co. Ltd.

I shall see that the request embodied in the City Council's resolution is acceded to.

Yours truly,

Sed. - HAROLD CONNOLLY, Minister.

FILED.

LETTER DARTMOUTH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY RE MARKET BUILDING.

Dartmouth, N. S., January 15, 1945.

To His Honor, Mayor Lloyd, The Chairman, Metropolitan Planning Commission, Halifex, N. S.

Dear Sir:

At a public meeting held in the Woodlawn Church Hall by the Dertmouth Agricultural Society, and attended by representatives from Woodlawn, Cole Harbor, Cow Bay, Westphal, Port Wallis and other outlying districts it was resolved that: We respectfully request that you give serious consideration to our plea that you maintain for us our equity in the city market; this equity we believe, was granted to us many years ago, and has been used by us for many years. We feel that this market is an acquisition to the city housewife in many ways, as well as an economic benefit to both the consumer and the primary producers who patronize it. If this market is done away with we feel it will impose a serious hardship on many smell producers who patronize the market and render a service to the householder that he can get nowhere else in the City of Halifax.

Signed on behalf of the Dartmouth Agricultural Society.

Maynard Tulloch. F. W. Settle. J. F. Baxter. D. R. Turner.

Committee appointed to act.

Grant E. Eisener, Clerk.

FILED

COAL BRIEF

His Worship the Mayor asked if any Alderman would volunteer to assist him in preparing the Brief for submission to the Royal Commission on Coal.

Alderman Coffin, Hosterman and Batson stated they would try to essist His Worship the Mayor in this matter.

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 1945

Civic Year	Reserves	Outstandir Belances Dec. 31/44	and	Accour Adjust ents	its January :- Collec- tions	Outstanding Balance Jan.31/45.
1943-44 72	2.458.75	72,002.06 146,882.56 356,270.45	Dr. Dr.272 Cr.455	24.86 27.42 552.58	4,602,19 7,440.45 30,820.67	67,399.87 139,466.97 307;174.62
		575,155.07	Cr.188	250.30	42,863.31	514,041.46
Foll Taxes						
1943-44 1944-45		34,823.86 25,250.20	Gr. Gr.	8.90 3.10	590.06 1,604.97	34,224.90 23,642.13
Additional	Collecti	ons			1945	1944
Tax Arrears 1925-26 to 1941-42 Corresponding Period Last Year				2,558.00	4,407.93	
Collections as per statement above Corresponding Period Last Year			42,863.31	42,530.73		
Collection Poll Tax Jenuary 1945 Corresponding Period Last Year				3,118.99	3,560.94	

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that this meeting do now adjourn.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned. -

1.15 A. M.

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J. E. LLOYD, MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

W. P. PUBLICOVER, CITY CLERK.

Helifax, N. S., City Hell, Council Chamber, February 22, 1945, 4.10 P. M.

A meeting of the City Council was held on the above data

After the meeting was called to order by the Chairman and before considering the regular order of business, the members of Council attending, led by the City Clerk, joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Alderman Breen, Coffin, Adams, DeWolf, Doyle, Walker and Ahern.

The meeting wee colled specially to consider the following items, -

- (1) Report Special Committee on Assessments re Legislation.
- (2) Resignation Alderman Doyle from Recreation Committee.

LEGISLATION

Read report of the Assessment Committee as follows:

Helifex, N. S. February 19, 1945.

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

Gentlemen:

A meeting of the Assessment Committee was held on the above date. The following members being present: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Walker, Breen, Burgess and DeWolf. Various matters were considered and the Committee wishes to report thereon as follows:

(1) Resolution submitted to the City Council by Aldermen Breen re: Post War Rehabilitation Fund, taxes, etc.

and referred to this Committee for consideration and report. After considerable discussion on the matter, it was moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Walker that the matters contained in the resolution be approved and forwarded to the City Council and on the motion being put, was lost on the following vote:

FOR THE MOTION:

AGAINST IT:

Alderman Walker. Breen. Alderman DeWolf
Burgess
His Worship the Mayor

(2) Resolution submitted to Council by Alderman Walker re Interest rate on overdue taxes. This matter is covered in the previous resolution.

(3) PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT:

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia be requested to pay to the City in lieu of taxes an annual sum equal to the amount which the City would have been entitled to receive as taxes pursuant to an assessment made upon and in respect of the real property owned and occupied by His Majesty in the Right of the Province of Nova Scotia if such property were liable to be assessed at the business tax rate.

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Nova Scotia with a request that early consideration be given to the same.

(4) EXEMPTIONS:

The following resolution was approved:

- (a) RESOLVED that all legislation now in effect giving total or partial exemption from taxation in respect of the ownership or occupancy of real property be repealed.
- (b) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislation be sought to enable the Oity in such cases as it may decide to make grants not in excess in any case, of the amount of the taxation imposed in any such case.

(5) SALVATION ARMY:

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED that the occupation tax imposed upon the Salvation Army in respect of its Hostel on Argyle Street and its garage on Grafton Street be imposed upon 25% of the value of the real property instead of 50% as at present.

(6) DATE OF ASSESSMENTS:

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED that section 388 be amended to enable assessments to be made at any time during the Civic Year instead of between May 1st and December 31st as at present.

(7) HOUSEHOLD TAX

In a letter from the City Assessor under date of February 16, 1945, he suggested that the minimum assessment for Household Tax be raised from \$1500.00 to \$2500.00.

This suggestion was approved.

(8) BUSINESS TAX IN RESPECT TO ROOMERS, ETC.

The City Assessor suggested that the basis of the Business Tax for persons providing accommodation for 3 or more lodgers, roomers or boarders, be increased to 5 c. more.

This suggestion was approved.

(9) CHECK OFF FOR POLL TAXES

It is recommended that the same legislation as submitted to the Legislature last year be submitted again this year.

(10) INSURANCE COMPANIES LICENSE FEES

The matter of a request from the Insurance Companies asking that the 21% discount be allowed on their License Fees was referred to this Committee by the City Council.

It is the recommendation of this Committee that the discount be not sllowed and that the Insurance Companies be billed separately for this License Fee.

(11) FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED that the Government of the Dominion of Canada be requested to pay to the City in lieu of taxes an annual sum equal to the amount which the City would have been entitled to receive as taxes pursuant to an assessment made upon and in respect of the real property owned and occupied by His Majesty in the Right of the Dominion of Canada if such property were liable to be assessed at the business tax rate.

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Premier of the Dominion of Canada with a request that early consideration be given to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, CITY CLERK.

The items in the report were considered separately.

ITEM RE: POST WAR FUND

Read 1st item as follows:

The inclusion in the revenue portion of the estimates for the civic year 1946 of the surplus arising from the civic year which ends December 31st, 1944, (i. e. the moneys in the Post Var Rehabilitation Fund.)

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Walker that this item be approved.

The Deputy Mayor assumes the Chair while His Worship the Mayor addresses the Council from the floor at 4.15 P. M. as follows, "There is a certain merit in the resolution before us.

In the Committee I felt that we should proceed very slowly in changing our power to use that Post War Fund and I advised the Committee accordingly. One of the mejor reasons being that the City in the next four or five years would be hard pressed to obtain funds to finance debt service charges because we have very few bonds maturing during the next five years. You could use this fund to finance the expenses of debt charges. It would be wise to hold that fund for one year and then we could study it. We should also go slowly with the sele of the Water Department. Both of these matters should be held till next year because it involves finances. We could see how our finances are working You would have to borrow if you used this out first. It seems to me that we would be very foolish to

alter any provisions at the time being. At any time during the year you can bring up the question of legis-lation and govern yourselves accordingly. You will be faced in the following year with a similar increase in the tax rate if you use this fund. We should take for the financing of the cost of debt service charges on capital expenditures immediately following the and of the war until we hit 1950 when we will be able to carry on without any drastic change in the tax rate."

His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair at 4.20 P. M.

Alderman Coffin stated that he didn't like the idea of doing away with the Post War Fund at the present time. We sold it to the public as a Post War Fund. The only people who have suffered are those who made property transfers. I can't see why we should turn the benefits back to the rolls for 1946. Having decided that you want a Post War Fund it seems to be a mistake to do away with it. I think we should keep it intact for a specific purpose. It would not be wise to earmark it against the tax roll.

Alderman Breen stated that one of his objections is that we are taxed four extra months. "It is difficult for me to see why the tax payer of 1944 should make an added contribution for these borrowings. Let the borrowings take care of themselves. I am rather against singling out any one year. The burden comes on the business tax. Every business tax payer in the City has not been so very much in the Excess Profits Tax. In 1946 he may be less than previous years. The

Fund should not be tied up for one specific purpose.

I do not think it is fair that the tax payers for one special year should make the contribution. What the property tax payers have suffered is just about nil.

Properties have sold for exhorbitant values."

Alderman Walker asked His Worship the Mayor if this Fund were spent for improvements that are needed in the City, then after a few years there would be no money left in the Fund and you would then have to find money to carry on from January to the first of May, the City would then say that the taxes are due the first of January, would they collect it then?

His Worship the Mayor replied in the negative and stated that there are substantial reserves against taxes to take care of the working capital to carry through. That plus instalment paying of taxes from January to May might also help. It is called the Working Capital Fund and Mr. Sherman might be using it now for January to May.

Alderman Ahern asked what the total was to which His Worship the Mayor replied that it is in excess of \$500,000.00.

Alderman Coffin stated that if this Council had gone to the public last year and told them, we would never have succeeded in getting it through. I knew people were paying four months extra taxes. I feel that if we wipe it out we will be going back on the original intention of the Council.

Alderman Breen contended that a certain portion should be kept and put back if necessary.

The Deputy Mayor assumes the Chair while His Worship the Mayor addresses the Council from the floor at 4.30 P. M. as follows: "This matter is a complex problem but I do say this to you, if you had not changed the end of the year you would never have had any funds. You want to know the working requirements from January to May. The tax payer would not have had any relief if you had not changed the year. You would be giving the money back to Ottawa for the sake of the \$250,000.00. It is worthwhile holding on to the remaining \$500,000.00."

His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair at 4.35 P. M.

Alderman Walker wanted to know if it were true that some people sent in eight months to which His Worship the Mayor replied in the negative and stated that they paid the bill that was due May 1st, 1944.

The motion was then but and passed five voting for the same and two against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION:

AGAINST IT:

Alderman Breen Adams Doyle Walker Ahern Alderman Coffin DeWolf

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ITEM #2 OF ALDERMAN BREEN'S MOTION...

Read Item #2 as follows:

The preparation of the annual estimates for the civic year 1946 and ensuing years, the completion of assessments and tax appeals, the striking of the rate, and the rendering of the tax bills for such years prior to the

February 22, 1945.

31st of December preceding the commencement of such years.

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Walker that this item be approved.

The City Solicitor stated that the amount of changes in the City Charter to carry this into effect would be tremendous and he said he didn't know how it could be done. He would have to go through the Charter to look at the cross references.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Doyle that this matter be deferred.

The amendment was put and passed five voting for the same and two against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT:

AGAINST IT:

Aldermen Adams
Ahern
Coffin
DeWolf
Doyle
- 5 -

Alderman Breen Walker

- 2 -

His Worship the Mayor stated that there would be no motion on either Item 3 or 4.

INTEREST ON OVERDUE TAXES

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Breen that the interest rate on overdue taxes be reduced from 6% to 5% effective from May 1/1945.

Alderman Adams stated that he was not in favor of lowering the interest rate.

Alderman DeWolf stated that he would like to suggest that the discount be added in the same manner as it is added by the N. S. L. & P. Co. Ltd., bills. "I am in favor of 5%."

The motion was then put and passed four voting for the same and three against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION:

AGAINST IT:

Alderman	Breen Doyle
	Walker
	Ahern

Alderman Coffin Adams DeWolf

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Alderman Adams gave notice of reconsideration and moved for a stay of proceedings on this matter, which was seconded by Alderman Coffin.

The motion was put and passed five voting for the same and two against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION:

AGAINST IT:

Alderman Adams
Ahern
Coffin
DeWolf
Doyle

Alderman Breen Walker

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Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Walker that the discount be increased to 5% if the whole of the amount of the taxes were paid the 1st of May.

After some discussion on the matter, this motion was withdrawn.

ITEM DEALING WITH THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

Read item as follows:

RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia be requested to pay to the City in lieu of taxes an annual sum equal to the amount which the City would have been entitled to receive as taxes pursuant

to an assessment made upon and in respect of the real property owned and occupied by His Majesty in the Right of the Province of Nova Scotia if such property were liable to be assessed at the business tax rate.

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Nova Scotia with a request that early consideration be given to the same.

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Ahern that this item be approved. Motion passed.

ITEM DEALING WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Read item as follows:

RESOLVED that the Government of the Dominion of Canada be requested to pay to the City in lieu of taxes an annual sum equal to the amount which the City would have been entitled to receive as taxes pursuant to an assessment made upon and in respect of the real property owned and occupied by His Majesty in the Right of the Dominion of Canada if such property were liable to be assessed at the business tax rate.

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Premier of the Dominion of Canada with a request that early consideration be given to the same.

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Ahern that this item be approved. Motion passed.

EXEMPTIONS

Read item as follows:

- (a) RESOLVED that all legislation now in effect giving total or partial exemption from taxation in respect of the ownership or occupancy of real property be repealed.
- (b) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislation be sought to enable the City in such cases as it may decide to make grants not in excess, in any case, of the amount of the taxation imposed in any such case.

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Coffin that this item be approved.

Alderman DeWolf stated that we have contracts with some of these people, and further some industries might want to establish themselves here and if we do this they might not want to come here.

The motion was put and passed six voting for the same and one against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION:

AGAINST IT:

Alderman Breen Coffin Adams Doyle Walker Ahern Alderman DeWolf

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SALVATION ARMY

Read item as follows:

RESOLVED that the occupation tax imposed upon the Salvation Army in respect of its Hostel on Argyle Street and its garage on Grafton Street be imposed upon 25% of the value of the real property instead of 50% as at present.

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Walker that this item be approved. Motion passed.

DATE OF ASSESSMENTS.

Read item as follows:

RESOLVED that section 388 be amended to enable assessments to be made at any time during the civic year instead of between May 1st and December 31st as at present.

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Coffin that this item be approved. Motion passed.

HOUSEHOLD TAX

Read item as follows:

In a letter from the City Assessor under date of February 16, 1945, he suggested that the minimum assessment for Household Tax be raised from \$1500.00 to \$2500.00.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Walker that this item be approved. Motion passed.

BUSINESS TAX ROOMERS.

Read item as follows:

The City Assessor suggested that the basis of the Business Tax for persons providing accommodation for three or more lodgers, roomers or boarders, be increased to five or more.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this item be approved.

Alderman Walker suggested that the number be increased to six.

The motion was put and passed unanimously with the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor: FOR THE MOTION:

Alderman Adams
Ahern
Breen
Coffin
DeWolf
Doyle
Walker

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POLL TAX CHECK OFF

Read item as follows:

It is recommended that the same legislation as submitted to the Legislature last year be submitted again this year.

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Coffin that this item be approved.

The motion was out and passed six voting for the same and one against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION:

AGAINST IT:

Alderman Breen Goffin DeWolf Doyle Walker Ahern Alderman Adams

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LICENSE FEES INSURANCE COMPANIES

Read item as follows:

The matter of a request from the Insurance Companies asking that the 20% discount be allowed on their License Fees was referred to this Committee by the City Council.

It is the recommendation of this Committee that the discount be not allowed and that the Insurance Companies be billed separately for this License Fee.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Walker that this item be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

His Worship the Mayor stated that there were two other items dealing with legislation that should be considered at this time.

Moved by Alderman Welker, seconded by Alderman Doyle that these two matters be considered at this time. Motion passed.

AIRPORT ZONING RESTRICTIONS

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows: February 22, 1945.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION RE LAND AFFECTED BY AIRPORT ZONING RESTRICTIONS.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

Mr. J. E. Rutledge, K. C. and Mr. Samuel Butler addressed the Committee on Works at a meeting held on the sixth instant concerning land affected by airport zoning restrictions, They asked that Mr. Butler be permitted to build on such land, owned by him, or that the City of Halifax purchase said property from him.

Following discussion, the Committee directed the Commissioner to confer with the Secretary of the Civic Planning Commission to ascertain if there was a possibility of a definite recommendation from that Commission regarding the future of the Halifax Airport; also to report to the Committee at the next meeting after considering the following ideas, in time for legislation if necessary:

- (a) Evaluate area affected
- (b) Relieve from annual rates so long as there is no decision by the City concerning the future of the airport.
- (c) Require the owner, if, as, and when he is allowed to build on the land, to may improvement charges which would be held in abeyance meanwhile
- (d) Applicable only to owners who acquired such land before the restrictions were established.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the sixteenth instant the Commissioner submitted the attached report dated February 16, 1945, and entitled, "Airport Zoning Restrictions."

On motion of Alderman DeWolf seconded by Alderman Ahern, the Committee recommended to City Council that permissive legislation be sought so that the ideas above indicated in items "B", "C", "D" could be made effective.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, CITY CLERK. Per: T. J. Moore.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Coffin that (1) The owners of land affected by the City's Airport Zoning Regulations prohibiting building thereon shall not pay the annual civic taxes applicable thereto commencing with the year 1946 until the aforesaid Zoning Regulations are removed (2) And further that the charges levied in the year 1944 and subsequent years so long as Airport Zoning Regulations exist shall not apply to the land affected by the aforesaid Zoning Regulations and that interest on such charges shall also be waived for the aforementioned period of time

(3) This apply only to such owners of land who have acquired such land prior to the coming into force of the National Defence Airport Zoning Regulations as continued by the City's Airport Zoning Regulations.

The motion was put and passed unanimously.

BUILDING CODE LEGISLATION

A report from the Committee on Works regarding legislation to revise the City Building Code was introduced.

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Coffin that this matter be referred to the Committee on Works. Motion passed.

RESIGNATION ALDERMAN DOYLE FROM RECREATION COMMITTEE

Read letter of resignation from Alderman Doyle as follows:

105 Agricola St., Halifax, N. S., January 16, 1945.

Mayor John E. Lloyd, City of Helifax.

Your Worship:

This letter to you constitutes my resignetion from the Recreation Committee of City Council.

My reason is that I have not been permitted to share sufficiently in the decisions of this committee to bear equal responsibility for the prudent use of public money which is being spent.

If I am relieved of my obligation and any responsibility that may result, I shall be grateful.

Even though you are not listed specifically as a member of this Committee I know your general responsibility as Mayor of Halifax covers the entire situation and I shall have confidence that you will recognize this fact.

It is because this finel responsibility rests upon you as Mayor that I am addressing to you this resignation with the request that I be relieved of my duties immediately.

Yours very truly,

Thomas F. Doyle, Alderman Ward #5.

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman

Ahern that the resignation be accepted. Motion passed.

TREES

The City Solicitor remarked that at a recent meeting of the Committee it was stated that the Charter already contains provision for the planting of trees and this new legislation would not be consistent.

Alderman DeWolf stated that he did not know there was any provision for this. He said he would like to see the City spend \$1,000.00 to plant more trees in the City.

There was no action taken on this matter.

LEGISLATION, GENERAL

The City Solicitor submitted draft legislation as follows:

1945 Legislation

#19. Clause (j) of section 589, as that clause is enacted by section 73 of the Acts of 1938, is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(j) (1) The regulation or prevention of the walking or being on any street in the City after the hour of 9:30 o'clock p. m. of persons under the age of fourteen years, and the prescribing of conditions under which any such person may be upon the streets after that hour and such ordinance may impose upon the father, mother, guardian or guardians or the person having the legal custody or control of such person the obligation

or duty of preventing such person from walking or being upon any such street in contravention of such ordinance, and such ordinance may also prescribe the penalties to be imposed upon such person or upon the father, mother, guardian or guardians of or the person or persons having the legal custody of or control over such persons for vicinition of or non-compliance with any of the provisions of the same.

(2) Any father, mother, guardirn or guardians of or person or persons having the legal custody or control over any person under the age of fourteen years who violates or fails to comply with the provisions of any such ordinance shall be liable to a benalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding twelve days.

(Explanatory note:) This type of legislation has been requested by the Chief of Police for the reason that the present legislation only provides for a penalty on the children who must be brought to the Juvenile Court. The Chief of Police is of the opinion that the fathers and mothers, guardians, etc., who have actual authority over the children should exercise that authority and keep these children off the streets after 9:30 at night or else suffer a penalty.

ordinance prepared under this authority could have adequate provisions in it for enabling children under the above age to be on the street after the hour of 9:30 for specific reasons, such as in company of an older person over 18 years or when holding a curfew pass issued by the Chief of Police. These conditions will of course have to be worked out in detail after consideration.)

#50. Section 308 is emended by adding thereto the following subsection:

general civic revenue referred to in the amount of tion and for the same purpose such portion of the amount standing to the credit of the current surplus account of the City as the Council may from time to time determine.

(Explenatory note: By the provisions of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1944, (sections 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11), provision is made to the effect that unexpended appropriations and parts thereof and other items become part of "the current surplus of the City." This amendment enables the City to use any portion of this current surplus as income for any year for the purposes of the annual estimates.)

#51. Section 310 is amended by edding thereto the following subsection:

of maintaining such museum or required by any such agreement to be paid by the City may be included in the annual estimates of the City.

(Explanatory note: This legislation will enable the City to formally establish an Art Museum and pay for the maintenance of the same. It would be possible for the City to enter into an agreement with any established organization competent to do so and with the necessary facilities, for the purpose of securing a place and providing for the supervision and care of any of the exhibits placed therein. It also provides a source of funds. This would for example, I believe, enable the City to qualify for the McAdam bequest.)

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Coffin that item #49 be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Adams that item #50 be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Ahern that item #51 be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman

Breen that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting edjourned. -

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