

EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.,
December 16, 1954,
8.00 P.M.

A meeting of the City Council was held on the above date.

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.

There were present His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Moriarty, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Adams, Lloyd, Kitz, Ahern, Allen, Vaughan, Hatfield and MacMillan.

Also present were Messrs. A.A. DeBard, Jr., W.P. Publicover, R.H. Stoddard, A.J. Yeaton, L.M. Ranky, G.F. West, J.L. Leitch, C.P. Bethune, Q.C., W.A.G. Spock, V.W. Mitchell, A.P. Flynn and Dr. A.R. Morton.

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 Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Lane that the minutes of the previous meetings be approved. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION TO MISS PAMELA DEWIS AND MASTER DAVID WOODWORTH

His Worship the Mayor: "This presentation is in recognition of the fact that this young lady and young gentleman were successful in winning national tennis championships bringing credit to their native City. It was brought to the attention of this Council by Alderman Ahern who made the suggestion that some mark of appreciation should be shown to the young champions. I was instructed to secure a suitable memento of the occasion and present it to them. I have brought what I think will be very acceptable souvenirs for this occasion. I went to offer my personal congratulations and the congratulations of the Council to them for their splendid showing."

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Miss Dewis and Master Woodworth then came forward and were presented with the souvenirs by His Worship the Mayor.

PUBLIC HEARING OFFICIAL STREET LINES BOWER ROAD

A Public Hearing into the matter of laying down the Official Street Lines on Bower Road, West Side, between Tower Road and the C.N.R. right-of-way as shown on Section 20B of the Official City Plan, was held at this time.

No persons appeared either in favor of the proposal nor against it.

The following resolution was submitted:

W H E R E A S the City Council of the City of Halifax has considered the laying down of a portion of the official street line on the west side of Bower Road between Tower Road and the Canadian National Railways Right-of-way, (being a continuation of the western official street line of Bower Road as laid down and confirmed by the City Council on April 13th, 1909,) and shown on Section 20B of the Official City Plan;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of Section 547 of the City Charter public notice of the intention to confirm the portion of the Official City Plan containing a portion of the official street line on the west side of Bower Road between Tower Road and the Canadian National Railways Right-of-way, (being a continuation of the western official street line of Bower Road as laid down and confirmed by the City Council on April 13th, 1909,) has been given by advertisement inserted at least once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper published in the City, the first of such notices having been published at least three clear weeks before the 16th day of December, A.D. 1954, that being the day appointed by the City Council to consider the matter;

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AND WHEREAS the said notice stated the intention of the Council to lay the said portion of the official street line, and the date of the meeting of Council appointed for the consideration of the matter, and that the plan showing such portion of the said street line may be inspected at the Office of the Commissioner of Works at any time during office hours up to the day so appointed for consideration of the matter;

AND WHEREAS the Council has considered the said matter and has determined to lay the portion of the street line in the manner set out on said plan filed in the Office of the Commissioner of Works and known as Section 20B of the Official City Plan;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that pursuant to the authority in it vested by Section 547 of the City Charter as aforesaid, the Official City Plan of the City be amended by laying down a portion of the official street line on the west side of Bower Road between Tower Road and the Canadian National Railways Right-of-way (being a continuation of the western official street line of Bower Road as laid down and confirmed by the City Council on April 13th, A.D. 1909,) in the manner shown on the said plan.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the official street line of a portion of the west side of Bower Road between Tower Road and the Canadian National Railways Right-of-way (being a continuation of the western official street line of Bower Road as laid down and confirmed by the City Council on April 13th, 1909,) hereinbefore referred to so laid down be so indicated on the Official Plan of the City and on the copy thereof filed in the Office of the Registrar of Deeds at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of Section 549 of the City Charter the Commissioner of Works do forthwith set up adequate bounds or monuments to mark the said portion of the said official street lines and make a record of the date of the setting up of such bounds or monuments and the location and nature of the same.

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Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE #46 TELEVISION ANTENNAE SECOND READING

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend that the amendments to Ordinance #46 Respecting the Erection etc. of structures to carry Television Antennae which were read and passed a first time at the last regular meeting of the City Council be read and passed a second time and referred to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the report be approved.

Alderman Kitz: "Does it include supervision for persons to put up their own pole?"

City Solicitor: "Anybody can put up their own pole but they must have a permit from the Building Inspector for the same reason that they require a permit for building or repairing a house. The private individual must comply with the requirements set out in the Ordinance."

The Motion was then put and passed.

AMENDMENTS

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the amendments as set out on Pages 902 and 903 of the Council Minutes under date of November 12, 1954 be read and passed a second time and referred to the Department of Municipal Affairs for approval. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

To: His Worship, R.A. Donahoe, Q.C., and
Members of City Council.
From: City Manager, A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
Date: December 14, 1954.
Subject: Accounts over \$500.00

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In accordance with section 119F of the City Charter, the following accounts are submitted for Council's approval. These accounts have been certified and audited.

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
T.B. Hospital	J.F. Hartz Co. Ltd.	Melco Oxygen tent & Regulator	- 642.50
City Home	J. & M. Murphy Ltd.	Grey wool blankets sheets & pillowcases	763.91
Police	Kellys Limited	Sam Browne Police belts	844.75
Finance	Public Service Commission	Balance of Fire protection rate	/54 37,354.05
Works	T.B. Calkin Limited	Pipe, Thermostats, and Aquastats	1,120.68
Works	Coleman Machinery Co., Ltd.	Street orderlies & extra bins	900.00
Works	James Donohue Ltd.	Roofing & Metal work	1,661.00
Works	The Hersey Laboratories Ltd.	Inspection of asphalt paving and concrete	1,222.78
Works	McConnell Nursery Co. Ltd.	Plants	572.50
Works	Municipal Spraying & Contracting Ltd.	Crushed Gravel	2,452.42
Works	Murray & Falconer	Sod	1,177.20
Works	Public Service Commission	Repairing 10" Main, locating, marking & adjusting service boxes, repairing & operating arm chlorinator, repairing water service line, and replacing 6" distribution line	2,358.67
Works	Robert Simpson Eastern Ltd.	Canvas-Back Tile, Battleship Linoleum, Cement, and 16 oz. paper	838.90
Works	Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow Ltd.	Parts for Caterpillar Grader & Tractor	3,215.76

W.P. Publicover,
Acting City Manager

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Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved. Motion passed.

CLAIM MISS JOY KEELER

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of
City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: December 13th, 1954.
Subject: Re: Claim - Miss Joy Keeler - \$69.00

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on December 9th 1954, considered the attached report from the City Solicitor relative to Miss Joy Keeler's claim for \$69.00 to cover damage to her automobile when the right front wheel dropped into the opening of a catchpit on the south-western corner of Almon and Gottingen Streets on March 7th 1954.

The Committee recommended that this Claim be paid without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per. J.B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

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

APPROPRIATION FOR REPOINTING HALIFAX MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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

A report from the Halifax Regional Library Board requesting that funds be provided to cover the cost of repointing the building was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that the sum of \$1,030.42 be appropriated under the authority of section 316C of the City Charter for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved.

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Alderman Ahern stated he would like to see a few lights installed on the walkway to the building.

The motion was put and passed.

AUTHORITY TO PAY DAMAGES WOOD MOTORS (N.S.) LTD. VS CITY OF HALIFAX

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the Deputy Commissioner of Finance respecting the action between the Wood Motors (Nova Scotia) Limited and the City of Halifax and advising that the special damages awarded to the plaintiff were \$5,803.30 and taxed costs amounting to \$833.45 making a total of \$6,636.75.

Your committee recommends that authority be granted under the provisions of Section 315B of the City Charter to pay the sum of \$6,636.75.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the report be approved. Motion passed.

TAX WRITE-OFFS

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend that uncollectible tax accounts amounting to the sum of \$912.07 be written off under authority of Section 283 Sub-section 2 of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the report be approved. Motion passed.

SALE OF TAX CERTIFICATES

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the

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above date agreed to recommend that Tax Certificates be issued to tax payers who apply to the City Treasurer for them in accordance with the terms set forth in the attached report from the Deputy Commissioner of Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Finance and
Executive Committee.
From: P.L.M. Romkey, Deputy Commissioner of Finance.
Date: December 6, 1954.
Subject: Tax Certificates.

We would suggest that the matter of extending the sale of tax certificates, under authority of Section 434B of the City Charter, receive your consideration. For several years past, these certificates have been issued to taxpayers who applied to the City Treasurer for them.

The sale of tax certificates suggests itself as a method of encouraging the prepayment of civic taxes during the period January 1st to May 1st each year, that is between the commencement of the civic year and the date on which civic taxes for that year become due and payable, and as a means of providing funds during that period.

The suggested schedule of rates is as follows:

A \$100.00 certificate purchased on or before January 6th, at a price of \$99.00
A \$100.00 certificate purchased on or before February 7th, at a price of \$99.25.
A \$100.00 certificate purchased on or before March 7th, at a price of \$99.50
A \$100.00 certificate purchased on or before April 1st, at a price of \$99.75

The effective interest rate on a certificate purchased on January 6th, is approximately 3% per annum.

We will be pleased to have your authority to issue certificates to those who request them.

Yours very truly,

P.L.M. Romkey,
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the report be approved. Motion passed.

SACKVILLE STREET WIDENING

His Worship the Mayor: "I was asked to appear before the Board of Trade. Some members feel the matter should be given

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further consideration and study before the widening is proceeded with. I agreed that I would come before Council and recommend to it that the proposal be deferred so as to give an opportunity to interested persons to come before the Committee on Works and be heard."

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the matter be referred to the January meeting of the Committee on Works. Motion passed.

PORT OF HALIFAX COMMISSION & ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

A letter was submitted from the Chairman of the Port of Halifax Commission respecting proposed legislation to amend the Commission constitution and also the reaction from the Commission on the St. Lawrence Seaway.

His Worship the Mayor: "I understand representation is being considered. As far as financial support is concerned the Commission feels that further consultation should take place before a direct and specific request is made."

Alderman Ahern: "I don't always agree with the Port of Halifax Commission officers. I received a report from the City Manager and it was very vague. I don't know what they want. If we can get money from the Provincial Government to improve the situation I think we should do so. I could not make any sense out of the letter whether they are for or against. If they are not able to do the job let somebody else do it. I don't know whether Mr. Rankin is for a contribution or against it."

Alderman Hatfield: "They should prepare a brief if you want any money from the Provincial Government."

Alderman Kitz: "I think the Board have felt they are not in a position to see the effect of the seaway on the Port of Halifax. At the same time it is of prime importance to the City. The Port is our life's blood. If this group are not prepared to do it then I don't think we should just file the matter and let it drop there."

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We might ask the Department of Commerce at Dalhousie or the Department of Municipal Affairs but I think it would be unfortunate to leave this matter up in the air."

His Worship the Mayor suggested the Institute of Public Affairs at Dalhousie University might be the better body to deal with.

NOTICE OF MOTION ALDERMAN KITZ Re: ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

Alderman Kitz gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the City Council he would move that the Institute of Public Affairs at Dalhousie University be requested to look into the matter of the effect of the St. Lawrence Seaway on the City of Halifax.

Alderman Lloyd: "What is not before the Council is the excellent work done by the port authorities. We should not overlook the fact that they have made more tangible progress than anybody ever dreamed of. As I see it they want the opportunity to further apply what they know to the potentials of the future. It is a reasonable request. A report on it in a month's time is appropriate."

Alderman DeWolf: "I thought Professor Bennett had already made a report on it."

His Worship the Mayor: "It will be 10 years before any ships sail up and down the seaway. It is going to be most difficult for anyone to assess the traffic flow before it starts to flow. The program of the Liberal party is recommending to the Provincial Government that it undertake this very survey as a Government project. I would have thought that some of you gentlemen would have brought it to this Council."

Alderman Lloyd: "You might have said the Government of the day has said it is giving consideration to a suggestion. If the Provincial Government is going to spend tax payers money for such surveys, I can't see it as being a very comprehensive one."

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Alderman Ahern: "I was told that Halifax would be a ghost port. I am really concerned. I think we should have an answer to it."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think all this discussion is out of order. We have a Port of Halifax Commission set up. I think Alderman Moriarty and Your Worship are on it. It seems this discussion shows a lack of confidence in this Commission." He then read part of the report from the Commission.

His Worship the Mayor: "I attended the meeting of which that letter was the fruit."

Alderman Kitz: "On the notice of motion it is of such vital importance that any facts which we can learn should be presented to this body because it devolves upon us as a Council to formulate policy. We cannot formulate policy without facts. The Port of Halifax Commission does not seem to have given us facts. To ask another body to give us facts, in no way, are the members of the Commission being criticized."

Alderman Hatfield: "I think the St. Lawrence Seaway is going to benefit the City of Halifax. I was prepared to debate the matter with Alderman Vaughan sometime ago in Council and I was prepared to give my reasons." He felt that an economist should work out a report that would be suitable.

Alderman Lloyd: "I suggest to you that if that body wants to attach to its organizations an economist to assist them in preparing a report, it is O.K. but to leave an economist to do it in his igloo would be disastrous."

His Worship the Mayor: "I heard a very responsible Government official say that the Port of Halifax Commission as presently constituted is serving an even more useful purpose than the Council in the Gibb Report would have served if they had been appointed."

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Alderman Vaughan: "I proposed some months ago a development to be known as the Industrial Mile. Since that time it has been indicated that the port facilities as fine as they are, are not as extensive as perhaps the business that appears on the horizon would demand. Last week several ships were laying in the stream awaiting berth. The Port asks shippers to ship through Halifax and when they arrive there are no berths for the ships."

Alderman Vaughan then gave Notice of Motion that at the next regular meeting of the City Council he would move that the City Council instruct the Mayor to issue an invitation to the National Harbours Board, Port of Halifax Commission, Canadian National Railways and such other persons as he may deem fit to meet to discuss the development of the Bedford Basin shore from Pier 9 to Fairview in line with the Seaway Development in the South end of Halifax.

Alderman Vaughan: "It is useless as pointed out to me to ask shippers to come to Halifax to lay in the stream awaiting a berth. If they are going to lose \$800.00 or \$900.00 a day, they will not come here."

His Worship the Mayor: "It should follow receipt of the report on the Industrial Mile."

GORSEBROOK DEVELOPMENT R. C. A. F.

To: His Worship, R.A. Donahoe, Q.C., and
Members of City Council.
From: City Manager, A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
Date: November 18, 1954.
Subject: Report on Gorsebrook Development - R.C.A.F.

Following Council action on November 12, 1954 advice was sent to the Maritime Air Command. The letter reproduced below apparently crossed. In view of Council's action, I am closing the file on this matter.

Department of National Defence
Royal Canadian Air Force

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Halifax, N.S.,
16 November, 1954.

"Mr. A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
City Manager,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mr. DeBard:-

Reference is made to your letter of 5 November, 1954, wherein you expressed your amazement concerning a report appearing in the Halifax Mail Star. This report infers that the RCAF is not interested in the Gorsebrook land for housing purposes.

It is desired at this time to inform you that such a report is erroneous and it is submitted as a matter for the City to Halifax records. There still is an interest in the Gorsebrook land area for a possible housing development.

(sgd.) M. Costello - Air Commodore
Air Officer Commanding,
Maritime Air Command."

A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
City Manager.

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FLEMING GLEN SUBDIVISION

This matter was deferred in Committee on Works and hence no report to City Council.

DUMP ADDITIONAL LAND

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date concurred in a report from the Committee on Works that a report from the City Manager on the subject of Dump Additional Land be referred to the City Council without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

To: His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the Finance and Executive Committee.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: December 13th, 1954.
Subject: Dump - Additional Land.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on December 9th, 1954, the attached report from the City Manager concerning land

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required from Imperial Oil Ltd., at Bedford Basin, was considered.

The Committee recommends that this be referred to City Council without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per.. J.B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

S T R I C T L Y C O N F I D E N T I A L

To: His Worship, R.A. Donahoe, Q.C., and
Members of City Council.
From: City Manager, A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
Date: November 22, 1954.
Subject: Dump - Additional Land.

We have received a letter from the Imperial Oil Company concerning the land we need at the Bedford Basin. It is reproduced in its entirety as well as a memorandum which I asked of Mr. Yeadon. At 40 cents per square foot, the price would be \$29,620.80. To anyone who does not have fill the land under water is of little value. So far as I know the City is the only party with fill available. If an incinerator were completed two years from now, this land could be used for dumping meanwhile.

IMPERIAL OIL LIMITED

Halifax, Nova Scotia

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File: A

"Mr. August A. DeBard, Jr.,
City Manager,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mr. DeBard:

This is further to our conversation of Tuesday last and recapitulates matters to date.

At an early meeting with you and some of your associated, when you first brought up the question of buying our Africville property, I explained our reluctance to sell but agreed we would consider the matter. Subsequently, in an effort to co-operate we offered our property to you in trade for a piece of vacant city property on Bayers Road at the corner of Ralston Drive, opposite the new Dominion Store, having dimensions of 200' on Bayers Road and 150' on Ralston Drive. This was of course on the basis that this Bayers Road property would be zoned commercial so that we could erect a service station there. This offer was rejected and in turn you offered us \$4,000.00 for our property. We declined

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the offer. It was then decided by the City, as we understand it, that you would negotiate with us for the purchase of the property and that if this was not successful expropriation would be in order. It was about all this that I came to see you.

First, I explained that we had not the slightest desire to make it necessary for expropriation proceedings. Secondly, I reiterated our interest in the Bayers Road proposition. Thirdly, I stated my feeling that a misunderstanding must have existed regarding the value of our property and that this was perhaps responsible for our offer of trade being turned down. It may have appeared as the trade of a \$4,000.00 property for one more valuable. I advised you that this led us to have our Africville property surveyed and appraised, something we had not considered previously. At the time I called on you and I did not have the appraisal because the appraisal team had not completed its work. The report is in my hands now and it shows a valuation of \$36,800.00. The appraisal team consisted of Messrs. Gordon A. Gladwin, C.W. MacIntosh and A.P. Kelly and Company.

I reiterate our desire to co-operate and avoid litigation and also our continued strong interest in the Bayers Road property referred to. Each of us has something the other wants so it seems only business-like and in our mutual interests that we work out a deal satisfactory to both. Any arrangement that conveys the Bayers Road service station property to us is naturally best for us and if you advise us that such a deal is possible we would be prepared to negotiate on a basis favourable to the City. In the event the City cannot see its way clear to make the Bayers Road property available and it must be straight acquisition by the City of our property, we will bow to your wishes and sell it at the price set by the independent valuers.

I sincerely hope you will find it possible to use the first alternative as it would be more beneficial to both of us. I will be happy to work with you if I can be of assistance. Would you be good enough to advise me of your wishes in the matter."

Sincerely yours,

IMPERIAL OIL LIMITED

(Sgd.) W.W. Shatford
Division Manager.

To: A.A. DeBard, Jr., City Manager.
From: A.J. Yeadon, City Assessor.
Date: November 16, 1954.
Subject: Land- Imperial Oil - Barrington Street.

"This land on Barrington Street bordering the shores of Bedford Basin containing, according to our records, 58,860 square feet not covered with water, has been assessed since 1943 at 6¢ per square foot. This is approximately the same rate the City paid to the C.N.R. for land not covered with water and acquired in 1952. There have, however, been no recent free sales of land in this area for sometime with the exception of St. Paul's Glebe to Irving Oil in 1941, expropriation by the C.N.R. of land owned by one, Carvery, in Africville during the war and the more recent tenders of Gould for 6,000 square feet on Forrester Street amounting to approximately 43¢ per square foot.

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The Commissioner of Works has brought to my attention the land owned by Imperial Oil and not covered with water is approximately 74,052 square feet instead of 58,860 which we now have assessed to them.

I would therefore, submit that 40¢ per square foot for this parcel not covered by water be a fair market value and the area covered with water would be appurtenant to this land."

Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) A.J. Yeadon,
CITY ASSESSOR.

I would suggest we make an offer to the Imperial Oil Company between \$25,000.00 and \$30,000.00.

A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
City Manager.

Alderman Dunlop: "To me the valuation in that report is amazing. We were talking in figures of \$4,000.00. I am told unofficially that the Imperial Oil Ltd. who originally suggested that this land should be exchanged for a piece of land on Bayers Road as a site for a service station, that they are still interested in that project. They were first talking on an even basis. I am not for expropriation at all at the present time. If an exchange of land can be made I think that should be considered."

Alderman Hatfield: "This Council defeated the exchange of land. It is zoned Park and Institutional and the residents on Bayers Road will protest the service station there. There are about 4 stations now within a quarter of a mile of each other. As far as the expropriation of the land is concerned. I think we need it. The dump land is just about non-existent. We must obtain it by expropriation or purchase."

City Manager: "Quite some time ago I suggested that we purchase this. Mr. Yeadon talked with them and he was given to understand that we might acquire the land for the assessed value of \$4,000.00. They came forward with an exchange of land in that they would give us a piece on the Basin for a piece on Bayers Road. The Imperial Oil Ltd. are desirous of proceeding without

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expropriation. They want to co-operate. After receiving their letter with the appraisal by their independent appraisers, I had Mr. Yeadon place a valuation on it. He came up with 40 cents a square foot which works out to \$29,000.00 as against \$36,000.00 by the independent appraisers. Most of the land they own is under water. I do feel the appraisal is rather high at \$36,000.00 and I feel Mr. Yeadon's appraisal is high also. We must have that land for dumping."

Alderman Vaughan: "We asked the engineers here about an incinerator site. Is it not a fact that the site owned by the Imperial Oil Ltd. is a better site. If we locate the incinerator there we will probably make it up when we build the incinerator. How urgent is the need for this land?"

City Manager: "It is immediate. I think we have to have the incinerator. We still would have no place to dump the ash if we had an incinerator tomorrow."

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the City Manager be instructed to take expropriation proceedings to enable the City to secure title to the property.

Alderman Dunlop: "I think we should have a plan showing what land we have before we expropriate. If it is worth \$36,000. and it is assessed for \$4,000.00, the Assessor should get busy."

Alderman Hatfield: "How long would it take to fill that land up at the present rate of fill? Would it last 10 or 20 years?"

City Manager: "It would last quite a long time after we get our incinerator."

Alderman Dunlop: "That dump should not be there at all. It is a health menace."

City Manager: "There were reports showing how much land we had. I will look it up."

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Alderman Macdonald: "How much garbage are we taking care of at the incinerator and dump from outside the City of Halifax?"

Mr. West: "I am trying to get the answer to that. We are working on it now. A lot of it comes in at odd hours of the day and night and we find it difficult to keep track of it."

Alderman Macdonald: "I don't think it should be allowed to happen."

Alderman DeWolf: "If this goes through who decides what amount shall be placed into Court?"

His Worship the Mayor: "It all has to come back to Council."

Alderman DeWolf: "If the amount is smaller than the Court awards, then the City bears the legal costs. The City just sold a piece of land on Forrester Street at 45 cents a sq. ft. without water rights."

Alderman DeWolf stated that he did not think it was right that most of the land was under water but rather a smaller portion.

Alderman Dunlop: "If we are going to buy why don't we offer the Imperial Oil Ltd. the price the appraisers put on it and save the cost of expropriation. The Solicitor with the evidence in front of him won't get it for one cent less."

City Solicitor: "It looks as though the Imperial Oil Ltd. has scooped the field. There is quite a lot of experience required to appraise land. The Court listens to a person having qualifications. I have a great deal of respect for the 3 names mentioned in that report. We have relied on them in the past."

Alderman Lloyd: "What would the cost to the City be?"

City Solicitor: "It would be around \$700.00 and \$200.00 for costs."

Alderman Ahern: "I don't think that land is worth more than \$10,000.00 or \$12,000.00."

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City Manager: "Would it do any harm if I made an offer from \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 and get their answer?"

Moved in amendment by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lane that the City Manager be instructed to continue negotiations for the purchase of this land and report to the Council the lowest figure for which it can be purchased.

The amendment was put and lost 6 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman MacMillan
DeWolf
Moriarty
Dunlop
Lane
Macdonald

AGAINST IT

Alderman Ahern
Allen
Vaughan
Hatfield
Adams
Lloyd
Kitz

The motion was put and passed.

RESUBDIVISION OF LANDS DOMINION STORES LIMITED - BAYERS ROAD

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members
of the City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: November 22nd, 1954.
Subject: Resubdivision of lands - Dominion Stores Ltd. Bayers Rd

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on November 18th considered a report from the Town Planning Engineer respecting a plan of resubdivision of land of Dominion Stores Ltd., Bayers Road.

The Board concurred in the recommendation that the resubdivision be approved as shown on Plan No. 00-7-12906.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per. J.B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

Alderman Vaughan: "Could I have an explanation of the re-subdivision?"

His Worship the Mayor: "It is to assist them in their financing. We were assured in the Committee on Works if we consented to go along it would not have the effect of removing the lands subdivided from the rolls at the business rate."

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City Solicitor: "As long as it was being used as a parking lot it was subject to the business assessment."

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the report be approved. Motion passed.

GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

Halifax, N.S.,
December 13, 1954.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to forward the attached report from Alderman Lloyd respecting "Group Life Insurance" to Council without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

The Chairman and Members
Finance Committee
City Hall
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Your Worship and Aldermen:

At the 12 November 1954 Council meeting the City Manager submitted his report on the tenders received for the administration of a Group Insurance Plan for civic employees. The Manager's report contained his reasons for recommending the acceptance of the Crown Life Insurance Co. tender. His report stated "Because the Crown Life has the second lowest retention for the past ten years, would have had the lowest premium for the past ten years and rank third in their estimate for the next ten years I would recommend the acceptance of their tender."

Council did not accept the Manager's recommendation. Considerable discussion took place over the method of selection. Representatives of competing companies present expressed opposition to the selection method adopted by the Manager.

In view of those differences of opinion directed the Finance Committee as follows:

- (1) Reconsider the submissions and recommendations of the Manager.
- (2) Consider the suggestion that two or more companies share the contract.
- (3) Recommend to Council at its next regular meeting the company or group of companies that should be awarded the contract.

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In the meantime I have examined the thirteen (13) tenders submitted and the correspondence with reference thereto between the Manager and the officers of the competing companies.

It is my conclusion that the company that tendered the lowest basic rate the first years coverage, North American Life should be awarded the contract, jointly with the Maritime Life Assurance Company, upon the following conditions.

- (a) The North American Company administer the plan.
- (b) The Maritime Life Assurance Company and the North American Company equally underwrite the risk and equally share the expenses of administration.

My reasons for the foregoing conclusions are as follows:

The Manager based his conclusions on information that was not requested in the tender specification. That specification was prepared at a joint meeting of Finance Committee members and representatives of the competing companies. It contained the following information requirements.

1. (9C) Give retention per \$1,000.00 of Group Insurance in force in 1953.
2. (9D) Give average retention per \$1,000.00 of Group Insurance for the past ten years.
3. (9F) Will you guarantee retention for any period in the future.

When the tenders were received the comments and information contained therein with reference to Section 9 C, D and F made it clear that such information would not provide a fair comparison of the probable future costs to the City. In fact all insurance companies are agreed that overall average retention figures would be misleading as an index of the probable future net cost of any specific group covered. The overall average figures include Foreign as well as Domestic Group contracts. They include the small groups of ten employees as well as the largest groups. The average figures include those groups with high mortality risk factors as well as those with minimum risk elements. As the proportion of these classes of group coverage vary with each company overall average figures are bound to result in misleading information for our purposes.

Sometime after the tenders were received and under date of 1 October the Manager requested each company supply him with the net cost of a group insurance plan had it been in effect in 1944. For that purpose he requested each company to base their figures on the assumption of a 65% death loss in each year. He requested actual costs for the years up to 1954 and estimates of costs for the next ten years. It was stated this information would be useful in the future for the successful company in comparing the estimated and actual charges.

Eleven companies responded to the 1 October request for further information. A tabulation was made of their replies. It is attached to the Manager's report to Council on 12 November 1954. Two companies did not reply to the request in the form requested. The result in my opinion is a confusing tabulation of figures. It would be most unfair to the competing companies to draw any conclusions therefrom.

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The only figures that carry any degree of indication as to the future costs is the tabulation of net costs based upon a 65% mortality rate for the next ten years. Those figures are substantially a general application of the basic rates quoted for the first year extended over the next ten years. The following tabulation illustrates this point.

	Average Net Cost Per Annum	Basic Premium Rate Per Month Per \$1000.	
1. North American	18,294.40	.80	1
2. Manufacturers	18,612.34	.8353	3
3. Crown	19,351.21	.8888	6
4. Prudential of England	19,673.80	.83	2
5. Canada	20,186.00	.86	5
6. London	20,189.00	.89	7
7. Imperial	21,334.16	.92	8
8. Great West	22,022.62	.96	9
9. Metropolitan	23,299.50	1.08	10
10. Confederation	23,798.00	.84	4
11. Standard *	29,340.00	1.037	11

* On a five year guarantee basis.

The foregoing net cost figures are based upon estimates supplied by each company. A justification of the low basic rate of North American Life is found by comparing its premiums for each age group with those submitted by the Confederation Life. The premiums quoted are identical. The Confederation quoted a 17% volume discount from their rates. The North American quoted a volume discount of 20% from the identical rates. It is my opinion that the high rate of discount for volume offered by the North American placed them in the position of low bidder. I see no reason why the City should reject the North American offer if the lowest cost is to be the basis of our selection.

I am certain that all Council members are agreed that every reasonable step should be taken to, provide the Maritime Life Insurance Company an opportunity to share in the operation of our Group Insurance Plan. With that objective in mind I made enquiries about their relationship with the London Life Company. It is my understanding that as the Maritime does not have a group department it enters into the contract by underwriting 50% of the risk involved and is responsible for 50% of the costs of administration carried out by its partner company. Unfortunately the basic rate quoted jointly by the London Life and the Maritime Life is 89¢ as compared with 80¢ rate of North American. This is a difference of 1.08¢ per thousand coverage per year. On 100% coverage of our eligible employees the difference in gross premiums per annum amounts to \$2,549.00 per year. The difference in the average net cost is \$1,895.00. If we are to compromise in favor of the Maritime Life at no extra cost to the City we must arrange for that company to underwrite 50% of the risks of the low bidder among the competing companies.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.)

John E. Lloyd.

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Alderman Dunlop remarked that Alderman Lloyd's report did not say what rate the Maritime Life would come into the contract. He felt that the Maritime Life would come in at the rates of the North American Life Company."

Alderman Lloyd: "I confirm that. We must go back to the Finance and Executive Committee when the Insurance representatives were present. Not knowing what participation there would be at the time Council has never committed itself to enter upon such a plan and furthermore there would be some further guidance from the Finance and Executive Committee and Council confirming such action that we are giving \$1,000.00 or \$2,000.00 free and that the employee gets the next \$1,000.00 at a rate."

Alderman DeWolf: "I have changed my mind now, I think nobody should get over \$1,000.00 now."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the Finance and Executive Committee and City Manager enter into negotiations with the North American Life and Maritime Life Companies for the purpose of determining the final terms and conditions of a contract under which group life insurance coverage shall be available to all civic employees and that the Finance and Executive Committee report to Council the results of the negotiations and recommendations arising therefrom.

Alderman Lloyd: "I based a lot of my conclusions upon the quantity discounts. The Metropolitan Life did submit a circular to the Aldermen. I did not have that memo in front of me. That submission made by the Metropolitan Life still placed the North American Life in the lowest cost position. I received a very excellent submission from the Confederation Life. I examined this document and to show you how dangerous it is to play with statistics, they submitted figures in such a way that they had given us net cost but you had to subtract two figures to get it.

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Their net cost compared with the Crown Life happens to be lower on the average. The quantity discount of the Confederation Life and Crown Life was 17%. In the net result the fact still remains when you compare the figures of Crown Life they confirm North American Life figures. The North American Life offers 20% volume discount. With those figures in front of us they have done us a distinct service to judge the cost in the future."

Alderman Dunlop: "Was not the original figure suggested \$2,000.00?"

City Manager: "It was a year's salary with a limit of \$5,000.00."

Alderman Dunlop: "When the Companies were asked to submit their figures?"

Alderman Lloyd: "Salaries less than \$2,500.00 - \$2,000.00 insurance, \$2,500.00 to \$3,000.00 - \$2,500.00 insurance and salaries \$3,000.00 and over \$3,000.00 insurance."

Alderman Dunlop: "Then all the companies had that request. I still can't see why they should go back and ask for further figures."

His Worship the Mayor: "If you want to change the figures we are free to do so. We did not commit ourselves."

Alderman Hatfield: "Is that the final report of the City Manager?"

His Worship the Mayor: "He recommended Crown Life. This Council did not accept the Manager's recommendation and referred the matter back to the Finance and Executive Committee."

Alderman Hatfield: "Did Alderman Lloyd have all the facts of all the Companies?"

Alderman Lloyd: "I have all the submissions except one."

His Worship the Mayor advised that he had documents on his desk pertaining to insurance and they were from R.K. Kelley & Co. and the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co."

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Alderman Kitz: "Alderman Lloyd is quite right in suggesting this as our next step. We should start negotiating with some Company to deal with the particulars of some coverages. As far as the motion is concerned I would substitute the Metropolitan Life for the North American Life. After you deal with this magnitude of figures you do get down to this that a number of the companies will give you their guaranteed premiums in advance. You look at their history. You can't judge a man's future actions better than by what he has done. Metropolitan Life for whatever their reasons may be. I am lost on reasoning which speaks of large volume discounts. The cost for doing the work appears to be cheaper with the Metropolitan Life Company."

Moved by Alderman Kitz, seconded by Alderman Lane that the contract be awarded to the Metropolitan Life.

Alderman Lane: "In Alderman Lloyd's submission I think he did a tremendous job on behalf of all of us. I would like to suggest that it is possible that the very low rate which attracted him to make his recommendation might be a bargain sale for the first year and we might find a sharp increase in the next year. Are the City employees prepared to accept whatever company the Council decided upon?"

City Manager: "We have never asked them. We have had a large proportion who said they would sign up for a group life insurance."

Alderman Lane to Alderman Kitz "I presume you are including Maritime Life in your motion?"

Alderman Kitz: "I was not."

Alderman Lane: "Then I am not seconding it."

Alderman Kitz: "Alright I'll include it."

Alderman Kitz's motion was then amended to include the Maritime Life Assurance Company with the Metropolitan Life Company.

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Alderman Lloyd then said he would withdraw his motion and make it as an amendment to Alderman Kitz's motion.

His Worship the Mayor: "Is Council agreed that Alderman Kitz's motion is the main motion and the amendment is the original motion moved by Alderman Lloyd seconded by Alderman DeWolf?"

Council agreed to this procedure.

Alderman Vaughan: "Having read the City Manager's report on the submission of the 1955 budget I am very much concerned about the increase of \$800,000.00. I think it behooves this Council to consider the addition of any charges for fringe benefits to the civic employees at this time. The amount of \$11,000.00 is to be further supplemented by about \$15,000.00 to be included in the School Board estimates to cover \$1,000.00 group life insurance, medical care and blue cross to be purchased jointly by the Board and employees. In view of the fact that this year is a most critical year in the operation of the City of Halifax, this should be the year we should hold fast and not embark on any additional expenditures. I still hold that view."

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Allen that the matter of group life insurance to civic employees be deferred until such time as the 1955 estimates are being considered.

Alderman Lloyd: "I am speaking to the motion. I shall try to answer Alderman Lane's question. The Metropolitan Life will charge \$30,000.00 for the first year as against \$22,800.00 of the North American Life. We have no assurance from the Metropolitan Life that they will give us back any more than they say they will. There is a difference of some \$7,000.00 in the original payment. As for Alderman Kitz, basically he would be right, but the very company he recommends took these figures and they quote the North American Life Company's future costs would be less than their own. To me it defies all logic. It makes no difference to me who gets it; North American Life, Metropolitan Life or Crown Life."

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Alderman Ahern: "I think it is most unfair to the Crown Life not to be included because the City Manager after study had recommended them as one of the participating companies. I will support the motion if you include the Crown Life. I would like to see the Maritime Life Company get some business as they pay a large amount of taxes."

Alderman Moriarty: "I agree with Aldermen Ahern and Vaughan on this matter. The other two companies were partial to the Maritime Life as the home company. If we are going to cut the apple don't let us cut it in two. I would go along with Alderman Vaughan's suggestion to defer to lift the fog."

Alderman Dunlop: "If we took group insurance we should include all our employees. I thought we would get away from the grants but when I hear that only 65% of the employees will come in, it makes me wonder whether we should proceed with the plan at all or make it compulsory for all to come in or we may find we will have to continue these grants. I think this group insurance will only be good if we make every employee come in. I have heard various companies mentioned here tonight. If either of these companies go through, is there any assurance that the Maritime Life will accept or the Metropolitan will accept the Maritime? Is there any assurance that the North American will go along with the Maritime Life? I think Mr. Robertson said that would be a matter of further study. I intend to ask to be excused from voting. I would urge my fellow Aldermen to give some consideration to the local company."

Alderman Macdonald: "The figures have been changed now and I was wondering whether or not the Manager might think it advisable to make a re-analysis of the whole question of rates and another recommendation come from him. There seems to be a lot of changes in the recent figures that have come before us."

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His Worship the Mayor: "He says he would be prepared to do so."

Alderman Lloyd: "If there is any doubt in your mind as to the net cost to the City, then vote for the motion to defer. The company that joins with the North American Life shares in the administration.

Alderman O'Malley arrives at 9.45 P.M.

Alderman O'Malley: "I regret being late this evening Your Worship. I am not too sure that the Council is prepared to go along with the group insurance because of the School Board request. I am happy there is a motion to defer."

The motion to defer was put and passed 8 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Allen
Vaughan
Hatfield
MacMillan
Moriarty
Macdonald
Adams
O'Malley

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AGAINST IT

Alderman Ahern
DeWolf
Dunlop
Lane
Lloyd
Kitz

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Alderman Dunlop: "Could we not have the City Manager consider making it compulsory and also find out the number of employees who will participate?"

FLUORESCENT LIGHTING QUINPOOL ROAD & GOTTINGEN STREET

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date concurred in a report of the Committee on Works recommending that fluorescent lighting be installed on Quinpool Road between Robie and Elm Streets and on Gottingen Street from Cogswell to Gerrish Street.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

December 16, 1954.

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of
the Finance Committee.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: December 13th, 1954.
Subject: Quinpool Road - Fluorescent Lighting.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on December 9th, 1954, the attached report from the City Manager in regard to fluorescent lighting on Quinpool Road and Gottingen Street was considered.

The Committee approved the report and recommended that fluorescent lighting be installed on Quinpool Road, and on Gottingen Street from Cogswell Street to Gerrish Street.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per..J.B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

To: His Worship, R.A. Donahoe, Q.C., and
Members of City Council.
From: City Manager, A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
Date: November 29, 1954.
Subject: Quinpool Road - Fluorescent Lighting.

We have received a request from the Quinpool Road Merchants' Association as follows:-

"At a meeting of the Quinpool Road Merchants' Association on August 28, I was instructed to write you in respect to the installation of fluorescent Street lights for Quinpool Road, similar to those installed some months ago on an experimental basis on Spring Garden Road. These lights, in the opinion of the Quinpool Road merchants are most attractive and add very substantially to the appearance of the street. Although the installation cost is a bit higher than for ordinary lighting, we understand the wattage consumption is lower, hence less expensive.

Further, with very heavy through traffic on Quinpool Road it is most essential to have a well lighted street.

Your consideration and action in this matter will be greatly appreciated."

The cost of installation of 33 fluorescent street lights between Robie and Elm Streets is \$10,756.68. Yearly cost of operation would be \$1,731.84 as against \$1,919.05 for the present type of lights.

While I have no formal request from the Gottingen Street merchants they are interested in better lighting. Cost of lights from Cogswell to Gerrish Street would be \$5,870.88 for

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installation with a yearly operating cost of \$1,049.44 as against \$1,783.60 for the present lights. The lights from this section can be moved to Gottingen Street, north of Gerrish Street.

A capital borrowing of \$16,500.00 will be necessary if these projects are undertaken and since the old lights have some salvage value, the improvement will not cost as much as \$16,500.00.

A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
City Manager.

Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved.

Moved in amendment by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that one half be done on both streets and that it be done gradually.

Alderman DeWolf: "The merchants on Quinpool Road asked for it and they asked for the part on Quinpool Road which they are interested in."

Alderman Ahern: "Quinpool Road Merchants want a whole job and not a half job."

Alderman Dunlop: "We have not had a request from the Gottingen Street merchants. I don't think anybody is suffering from lack of lights on Quinpool Road or Gottingen Street. We don't know how they are going to stand up in the winter storms."

Alderman Lloyd: "We have a definite request from the merchants on Quinpool Road and Gottingen Street by Council. They pay heavy business taxes and they hope by better lighting to improve their business."

Alderman Vaughan: "It has been the custom to consider a capital budget in the Spring and the proper time to approach it would be then when we consider the overall amount for street lighting at which time the Council can allocate what streets will be done."

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the matter be deferred until the 1955 Capital Budget is considered.

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Alderman Ahern: "I think it is most unfair to the merchants of Halifax north."

His Worship the Mayor: "The lights on Spring Garden Road were put there as an experiment."

Alderman Macdonald: "I don't think we would be amiss to put even part of the lights up on Quinpool Road because the business people are the ones who are burdened with the load of the business tax rate."

Alderman O'Malley: "I will say that I was not particularly concerned about lighting on Gottingen Street as it is pretty well lighted. Having a request from Quinpool Road and thinking Council would approve of Quinpool Road, I thought it would be expedient to include Gottingen Street. The thought I had in mind was this. We provided a parking lot for the downtown merchants and very soon we are going to be presented with a request from Gottingen Street merchants to provide a parking lot. If we are going to light Quinpool Road and Spring Garden Road, surely we should include Gottingen Street."

Alderman Hatfield: "Those are capital items and going down to the Department of Municipal Affairs piecemeal is a bad thing. We should go down with one Capital Budget at one time."

City Manager: "The Gottingen Street merchants requested better lighting two years ago and Mr. Flynn has been studying it. We felt by taking lights from Gottingen Street and Quinpool Road we could move them to other places to furnish better lighting. We were to include the \$16,500.00 in the Capital Budget when it is submitted."

Alderman Ahern stated that the request came from the Gottingen Street merchants through Mr. William Beck who is President of the Association.

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Alderman Dunlop: "I will go along with the recommendation of the City Electrician. I think we should go along with him."

The motion to defer was put and resulted in a tie vote 7 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Vaughan
Hatfield
MacMillan
DeWolf
Moriarty
Dunlop
Lane

AGAINST IT

Alderman Allen
Macdonald
Adams
Lloyd
Kitz
O'Malley
Ahern

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His Worship the Mayor voted against the motion and declared the motion lost on the ground that the matter would be included in the Capital Budget anyway.

The amendment was put and lost.

The original motion to approve of the report was then put and passed.

EVALUATION OF PENSION FUND

December 13, 1954.

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

The attached report from the City Manager respecting the Evaluation of Pension Retirement Fund was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date. It was agreed to recommend that Wm. Mercer Ltd. be engaged to make an actuarial valuation of the Superannuation Fund including a valuation of the cost of providing some kind of survivor benefits at a cost not to exceed \$1200.00

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

To: His Worship, R.A. Donahoe, Q.C., and
Members of City Council.

From: City Manager, A.A. DeBard, Jr.,

Date: December 2, 1954.

Subject: Evaluation of Pension Retirement Fund.

Inquiry was made of William M. Mercer Ltd. as to their fee for actuarial valuation of the pension fund. Their reply follows:

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"Based on our estimate that there are approximately 600 members in your superannuation fund our fee for an actuarial valuation of the fund including a valuation of the cost of providing some kind of survivor benefits would be \$1200. If our estimate of the number of members of the Plan is too low, there would need to be a proportional adjustment in the amount of our fee.

We wonder if you are also considering having us review the administrative records and the general administrative procedure being followed. If this is the case we would be pleased to quote a per diem charge for such a survey."

I have acknowledged their letter and pointed out that a review of our records and procedures should be unnecessary if they were properly set up in the beginning.

A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
CITY MANAGER.

Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Lane that the report be approved. Motion passed.

NATIONAL HARBOURS BOARD GRANT

December 13, 1954.

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

The attached report from the City Manager respecting the National Harbours Board Grant was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

Your committee recommends that the suggestion of the City Manager viz: that a grant of \$75,000.00 be requested for the year 1955 only subject to review after the revaluation be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

To: His Worship, R.A. Donahoe, Q.C., and
Members of City Council.
From: City Manager, A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
Date: December 9, 1954.
Subject: National Harbours Board Grant

Reference is made to a memorandum dated May 10, 1954 which was considered by City Council as item #22 at the May 13, 1954 Council meeting and again as item #20 at the June 17, 1954 meeting.

On September 22, 1954 members of the National Harbours Board and the Port Manager conferred with the Mayor and City Manager about the grant. A copy of the memorandum of May 10 was given to the Board members and the Port Manager was to give his opinion of the assessed values on which the grant is based.

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The City's assessed value of \$13,672,862 was cut to \$5,564,728 yielding a percentage of 6.52 instead of the 14.63 which we computed. This percentage which is used to allocate Police, Fire & Fire Alarm costs to determine the size of the grant resulted in a product of \$71,405.00.

The computation is as follows:

City's business realty assessment	\$32,560,065.00
" residential "	47,243,135.00
" total realty	<u>79,803,200.00</u>
Valuation of National Harbours Board property	<u>5,564,728.00</u>
Total	<u>85,367,928.00</u>

Cost of Police, Fire and Fire Alarm Departments 1,095,170.00

$\frac{5,564,728.00}{85,367,928.00} = 6.52\% \times \$1,095,170.00 = \$71,405.00$

I referred the National Harbour Board's valuations to Mr. Yeadon and he does not agree with some of them.

Since the J.M. Cleminshaw Company is presently engaged in the revaluation, it is suggested that a grant of \$75,000.00 be requested for the year 1955 only, subject to review after the revaluation.

A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
City Manager.

Per: E. McNeil

Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Lane that the report be approved. Motion passed.

SICK LEAVE MESSRS. M.L. BELLEW & W.J. CLANCEY

December 13, 1954.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date considered the attached report from the City Manager respecting Sick Leave W.J. Clancey and M.L. Bellew.

It was agreed to recommend that Mr. Clancey be continued on Sick Leave at full pay until February 28, 1955 and that Mr. Bellew be continued on Sick Leave with full pay until January 31, 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the report be approved. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor: "Mr. Bellew will decide what he will do by the end of January 1955."

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SPECIAL TAX HALIFAX CHAPTER HADASSAH

December 13, 1954.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend that legislation be sought at the next session of the Legislature authorizing the City to pay a sum equal to the taxes due by the Halifax Chapter of Hadassah to the City in each year in respect to its occupancy of real property designated as civic #33 Agricola Street while used for charitable purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved. Motion passed.

GRANT HALIFAX COMMUNITY CHEST

December 13, 1954.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a letter from the President of the Halifax Community Chest advising that the Halifax Arthritis and Rheumatism Society has joined the Chest and requesting that the grant to the Halifax Community Chest for the year 1955 be increased to \$6,500.00 was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved. Motion passed.

CLOSING CITY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE FOR TAKING OFF BALANCES

December 13, 1954.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend that the City Collector's office be closed to the general public on January 3, 4 & 5, 1955 for the purpose of balancing the Tax Ledgers as at the close of business December 31, 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman MacMillan that the report be approved. Motion passed.

RETIREMENT MR. HENRY RISING

December 13, 1954.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date considered a recommendation from the Deputy Commissioner of Finance that Mr. Henry Rising an employee of the City Collector's Division of Finance and Accounting Department who has had over 29 years of service and is now 71 years of age be retired.

It was agreed to recommend that Mr. Rising be granted leave of absence with full pay until March 31, 1955 and that legislation be obtained enabling the City to pay him a grant of \$1500.00 per annum effective as from April 1, 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman MacMillan that the report be approved. Motion passed.

RETIREMENT MESSRS. WALLACE FERGUSON, WILLIAM L. BASSETT, DANIEL A. BEATON AND WALTER WILLIAMS

December 13, 1954.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the Retirement Committee advising that Constable Wallace Ferguson of the Police Department has been retired at an annual allowance of \$830.01 effective December 31, 1954.

This report was concurred in and the Deputy Commissioner of Finance was requested to submit a report to Council in order to assist it in considering the matter of a supplementary grant in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date concurred in a recommendation of the Safety Committee that Hoseman William L. Bassett, Daniel A. Beaton and Walter

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Williams be superannuated under provision of Section 867 of the City Charter at an annual allowance of \$1,789.00 effective December 31, 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

A report was submitted from the Deputy Commissioner of Finance on the above named employees projecting the amount they would have received had the new Superannuation Plan been in effect at the time they entered the service.

Alderman Vaughan: "Did all these men request retirement?"

Alderman Hatfield: "The three had been ill."

Alderman Kitz felt that supplementary grants should be considered for all rather than just one.

Alderman Lloyd: "These three can be included in the question of a supplementary grant along with Mr. Ferguson."

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that Messrs. Bassett, Beaton and Williams be retired at the amount they are entitled to receive under section 867 of the City Charter and that the matter of a supplementary grant for these three as well as Mr. Wallace Ferguson be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for a recommendation. Motion passed.

VOTERS LISTS

December 7, 1954.

His Worship the Mayor and Members
of the Finance and Executive Committee.

At a meeting of the Voters Lists and Elections Committee held on the above date the attached report from the City Solicitor respecting "Voters Lists" was considered.

It was decided to recommend that the City Collector be instructed to advise in writing all individuals who are assessed and whose names are being deleted from the voters lists because of insufficient information respecting their citizenship so that they may have an opportunity to prove same within a given period and also that the City Collector advertise in the press during the months of February and March in 1955 advising the public that the voters lists are being prepared so that any person wishing to do so may appear at the City Collector's Office and ascertain their eligibility to vote.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd) W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on December 13, 1954 decided to refer the above report to the City Council for expression of opinion before considering the matter further.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Alderman Kitz: "At the present time when the City Collector in compiling his lists, he takes the tax rolls and puts all persons showing on the tax roll on the list with one exception. Where he in his judgement considers the persons Chinese, he strikes them off unless previously they have notified him they are Canadians. If they come forward to him he will put them on the list. I took it upon myself to find out if that were done in other Canadian cities. In none of those municipalities did I find that same thing held true. Chinese who are naturalized have a right to bring their families into Canada."

Moved by Alderman Kitz, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the City Collector when compiling the voters lists for the City of Halifax treat those persons of the Chinese community who are assessed the same as all other tax payers."

Alderman Kitz: "The Chinese take this as a bit of a slight that they should be singled out. I suggest that it is improper for the Chinese to be treated in this single solitary manner. This is going to raise some difficulty at the polls on election day. They are substantial tax payers. I would urge your support that these people be put on the list. If some are on that are not Canadian citizens then they can be challenged at the polls."

Alderman Hatfield: "Can we instruct the Collector to do something against the Charter?"

Alderman Kitz: "All he has to do is to follow the Section."

The City Solicitor then read the Section of the City Charter for the information of the Council.

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Alderman O'Malley: "At the meeting of the Committee on the Voters Lists I seconded Alderman Hatfield's motion for the reason that this practise has existed down through the years with respect to the oriental. When Alderman Kitz says they feel slighted. I question why they feel slighted at this moment and not down through the years. The suggestion was made in the Committee that these people would be notified they would be struck off the list unless they could produce evidence that they were naturalized. It is going to be a chaotic condition within the polling booth. I think we are generous. This is a further step and it is sufficient."

Alderman Vaughan: "They are accepted by the Government as first rate citizens and I think we should go along with the Government and put their names on the list and not be forced to come to City Hall and say we are naturalized citizens."

Alderman Ahern: "I go along with Alderman Kitz."

Alderman O'Malley: "On the point raised by Alderman Vaughan when he says they should not be put to the inconvenience of coming down here and producing their papers of naturalization; they would only have to do that once. The Collector would continue to put them on the list."

Alderman Dunlop: "If you want every person put on the list as rate payers you can amend the Charter and take out the 'penitentiary, sentenced to death and naturalized citizens' part."

Alderman O'Malley: "I think Alderman Dunlop is fundamentally right and sound. When you make a departure from what has been established down through the years, I think you should take it step by step."

Alderman Kitz: "Alderman O'Malley says this has been going on for years and only one group has been treated this way. I say we should ask the Collector if he knows that Chung Low is not naturalized, he should be struck off."

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City Collector: "It has been the practise for the past 20 years to delete Chinese from the list. There have only been two Chinese who have been interested enough to come in and lodge their papers and they have been placed on the list and they will be on there continuously."

Alderman Lloyd suggested that the Street Collectors in their rounds could ask the various ones if they are eligible or not.

Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the report be approved. Amendment passed.

NOTICE OF MOTION ALDERMAN DUNLOP Re: AMENDMENT TO CITY CHARTER

Alderman Dunlop gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the City Council he would move that Section 30 be amended to delete the words referring to naturalization, sentenced to death and imprisonment in a penitentiary.

RENTAL CONTROL

December 15, 1954.

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

A meeting of the Rental Control Committee was held on the above date. Present were Aldermen MacMillan, Lloyd and Dunlop; also Messrs. G.H. Ferguson and E. Hubley of the Rental Authority.

After discussing fully various aspects of Rental Control it was agreed to recommend that if the Nova Scotia Legislature renews the present legislation at the next session, that Rental Control be continued until December 31, 1955 and abolished after that date.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Alderman O'Malley: "I think the whole rent control organization is most ineffective as it stands."

Alderman Hatfield: "I would like to see it end tonight. We should notify the public that we are not going to continue it after 1955."

Alderman Ahern: "I think we should give it considerable study before we pass a resolution of that type tonight."

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Alderman Dunlop: "I agree with Alderman O'Malley with what he has said. There was only one prosecution in the City since the City took it over. Mutual agreements are increasing and applications are dropping off. If there is a year and it is known by landlords and tenants that it is going out on December 31, 1955, it will give them a chance to make adjustments. We were told that it is of no great help to the lower income and high rent paying class."

Alderman Lloyd: "I confirm what Alderman Dunlop has said. With respect to the low income group, they did not take advantage of it. As the matter stands our regulations are certainly not effective to the persons for whom they were intended. We can always re-consider our stand if we have to."

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the report be approved. Motion passed with Alderman Ahern wishing to be recorded against.

MEDICAL CARE, GROUP INSURANCE & BLUE CROSS SCHOOL BOARD EMPLOYEES

December 13, 1954.

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

A report from the Board of School Commissioners respecting Medical Care, Blue Cross and Group Life Insurance was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was decided to forward the report to Council for its information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that this matter be deferred until the consideration of the 1955 Current Budget. Motion passed.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date decided to forward to Council without recommendation a

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letter from Mr. Kenneth A. Ross respecting International Trade Fair and suggesting that 3 booths be engaged so that the Halifax Shipyards display of the Port of Halifax may be exhibited there.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Alderman Vaughan: "That was the same display that was used in the Armouries in 1949."

City Manager: "It was never displayed at the International Trade Fair."

Alderman Ahern requested that His Worship the Mayor appoint the following members of Council as a Trade Fair Committee:

Aldermen Vaughan, Lloyd, Allen and Ahern.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to the request and Alderman Ahern was named Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that action on the proposal to hire an extra booth be referred to the Trade Fair Committee. Motion passed.

NOVA SCOTIA COLLEGE OF ART

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To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the Safety Committee.

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to discuss the matter of a grant to the Nova Scotia College of Art with representatives of the Provincial Government.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

His Worship the Mayor: "I have been approached by representatives of the College of Art. The Provincial Government now indicates it is not willing to proceed under present conditions except with the understanding that a new building would be erected and that it is not prepared to go along with the suggested size of the City contribution. They ask for a committee to be appointed to confer with the Provincial Government. The Finance and Executive Committee recommended that I be the Committee."

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Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the report be approved. Motion passed.

ANGUS L. MACDONALD BRIDGE - LAND ON NORTH STREET

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend that City Council request the Bridge Commission to consider the acquisition of the property on the north side of North Street between Lorne Terrace and Gottingen Street and that the Bridge Commission approach the Department of National Defence to share in the costs in return for the portion of the property that is not required for street widening purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved.

Alderman O'Malley: "That part of the resolution of the D.N.D. to share in the cost; was it not so worded that we would get the land through the Bridge Commission?"

His Worship the Mayor: "We did not want to get the City involved and we wanted to leave it with the Bridge Commission."

Alderman Hatfield felt that too many houses were being torn down especially when a shortage existed.

The motion was put and passed.

RESOLUTION PREFAB BORROWING

December 13, 1954.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend for approval resolutions respecting Loan Re: Prefabrication Houses.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman MacMillan that the report be approved. Motion passed.

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WATER PRESSURE MULGRAVE PARK SCHOOL AREA

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend for approval the attached report from the Board of School Commissioners respecting the Water Pressure at new Mulgrave Park School.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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His Worship the Mayor
and City Council,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Madam and Sirs:

At a meeting of the Board held November 12th the matter of low water pressure at the New Mulgrave Park School and surrounding area was discussed and it was felt that City Council should by way of application to the Public Utilities Board or otherwise take immediate steps to rectify this undesirable condition.

Yours very truly,

D.F. Lugar,
Ass't Secretary-Treasurer.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the report be approved. Motion passed.

WATER PRESSURE ST. STEPHEN'S SCHOOL

December 13, 1954.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend for approval a request from the Board of School Commissioners for permission to use \$1,080.00 of the unexpended portion of an appropriation for Group Insurance for the purpose of installing a water pump at St. Stephen's School in an effort to raise the water pressure.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved. Motion passed.

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LANDSCAPING BURIAL GROUNDS NEAR ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of
City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: December 9th, 1954.
Subject: Proposed Grave Removal - St. Andrew's School Entrance
Bayers Road.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on December 9th 1954, the attached report from the City Engineer recommending removal of two graves near the entrance to St. Andrew's School was considered.

The Committee approved the report and recommended that the Superintendent of Fairview Cemetery be asked for a report as to the feasibility of removing all the graves in front of the School.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per. J.B. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the report be approved and that the funds required be obtained from the Capital Account. Motion passed.

Alderman Vaughan asked if other improvements requested by the Board could be proceeded with to which His Worship the Mayor replied in the affirmative.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CITY SOLICITOR

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

The attached request from the City Solicitor for leave of absence was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Finance and
Executive Committee.
From: Carl P. Bethune, Q.C., City Solicitor
Date: November 26, 1954.

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Your Worship and Aldermen :

At the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Bar Association held in Winnipeg September last, I was elected, in my absence, Vice-President for Nova Scotia and a member of the National Council of the Association. I feel obligated, therefore, to do everything possible to carry out the duties of that office and for that reason I submit this request.

The semi-annual meeting of the Council of the Canadian Bar Association will be held in the Province of Quebec during the last week in February. As a member of the Council I would like to attend.

During the latter part of July 1955 a meeting of lawyers from the British Commonwealth has been arranged, to be held in London, England. This meeting will occupy about eight days and is open to accredited representatives of recognized Law Societies or Bar Associations. I am eligible to attend this Conference and never having had the chance of visiting England before I am anxious to avail myself of this opportunity of seeing the Old Country under these excellent auspices. In view of the expense of the trip I would like to be able to spend a month or five weeks in England while I am there. The time occupied by travel alone will be nearly three weeks which, together with the meeting, will cover about one month, so that it would be necessary for me to be absent nearly two months, of which three weeks would constitute my annual vacation. I had planned to leave Halifax July 5th and return about September 3rd.

My request, therefore, is for leave of absence to enable me to attend, at my own expense, the Mid-Winter Meeting of the Canadian Bar Association and the meeting of Commonwealth lawyers in London in addition to my regular vacation.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved.

Alderman Vaughan asked if someone would be designated as Acting City Solicitor during the absence of the City Solicitor to which the Solicitor replied in the affirmative.

The motion was put and passed.

11:30 P.M. Council adjourned for a short recess.

11:35 P.M. Council reconvened the following members being present His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Moriarty, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Adams, Lloyd, Kitz, O'Malley, Ahern, Allen, Vaughan, Hatfield and MacMillan.

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TENDERS FOR SALT

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Clerk of Works.
Date: December 13th, 1954.
Subject: Tenders for Salt.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on December 9th 1954 the following tenders were considered:-

Burns Fisheries Ltd -

100 lb. bags at warehouse and placed on City Truck \$.92

100 lb. bags delivered City Field - .94

A.M. Smith and Co. Ltd.-

100 lb. bags at warehouse and placed on City Truck .96

100 lb. bags delivered City Field 1.00

The Committee recommended that the lower tender be accepted. Alderman MacDonald against.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per..J.B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the tender for the supply of salt be divided between A.M. Smith & Co., Ltd. and Burns Fisheries Ltd. on an alternate basis and that the Commissioner of Works work it out on as equitable a basis as possible at the tendered price.

Alderman Macdonald: "Mr. Harnish plainly stated he was not interested in accepting any portion of the contract. If he did not get it all he did not want any. I remember those words. We have no guarantee that this salt is going to do a satisfactory job and we do know that the salt bought from A.M. Smith last year did a very satisfactory job. It might not work in our machines for spreading, the screen which the salt has to go

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through. Loading facilities is another factor. A.M. Smith have excellent loading facilities. To my way of thinking we could buy a certain amount of this particular salt to experiment with it. I was going to move that we accept the tender of A.M. Smith and the Manager be authorized to purchase 100 bags of Burn's salt at a price not to exceed the price of A.M. Smith."

Alderman Adams: "Could we have a motion by Alderman Macdonald?"

His Worship the Mayor: "No."

Alderman Lloyd: "I thought it would be wise that this would be an excellent opportunity for the City to judge the better salt. If Burns turns you down, then it means Smith supplies."

Alderman Kitz: "I think we should give it to the original tenderer."

Alderman Moriarty: "Time is an essential factor when you want salt to put on the streets. I suggest that this matter be deferred for a very short time until the Commissioner of Works and City Manager go down and size up the situation of the Smith plant and Burns Fisheries and then leave it to them. To get the salt on the street is the factor we should consider."

Alderman Macdonald: "Burns Fisheries had the advantage of knowing the price that was quoted by A.M. Smith when they submitted their tender. If we spend \$20,000.00 on some product we would want to know how it was going to work before we purchased it."

Alderman Ahern: "I feel I will have to stick by the lower tender."

Alderman Lloyd: "As to the price question, this Council knew that when they called for tenders again. Why not the Commissioner of Works divide it equally as circumstances will permit?"

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His Worship the Mayor: "You could tell him 500 bags each."

Alderman O'Malley: "I think the Commissioner of Works will see to it that it will be divided evenly."

Alderman DeWolf: "I would like to see it evenly divided."

Mr. West: "To be divided at the tendered price."

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the question be now put. Motion passed.

The amendment was then put and passed 13 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Adams
Lloyd
Kitz
O'Malley
Allen
Vaughan
Hatfield
MacMillan
DeWolf
Moriarty
Dunlop
Lane
Macdonald

AGAINST IT

Alderman Ahern

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Alderman Adams retires 11:45 P.M.

RESUBDIVISION G.D. HOGAN PROPERTY PRESCOTT ST.

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of
City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: December 13th, 1954.
Subject: Re Subdivision - G.D. Hogan - Prescott Street.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on December 9th 1954, the Town Planning Engineer submitted a plan of resubdivision to provide a lot of land 90' x 100' for the erection of a building for a news distributing company at this site.

He recommended that a report of approval be referred to City Council and that no public hearing be held.

The Board approved same as shown on Plan No. 00-7-12920.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per..J.B. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

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Alderman DeWolf: "Are they allowed to use the front entrance?"

Mr. Snook: "There were no strings."

Alderman DeWolf: "The zoning has the strings on it."

His Worship the Mayor: "If they are on the rezoning they are still there and the action tonight will not change them. Those restrictions apply to the land as presently zoned. They are only going to use a portion of this land."

Alderman Dunlop suggested that these restrictions be removed.

His Worship the Mayor: "We have to give public notice under Part 15 of the By-Law. We could approve the re-subdivision and the restrictions could be removed at the first opportunity."

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the re-subdivision be approved. Motion passed.

RESUBDIVISION OF MRS. BAYNE HILCHIE PROPERTY DUTCH VILLAGE ROAD

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: December 13th, 1954.
Subject: Resubdivision of Mrs. Bayne Hilchie - #348 Dutch Village Road.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on December 9th 1954, the Town Planning Engineer submitted a plan of resubdivision of lands of Mrs. Bayne Hilchie to provide a large lot in the rear with entrance from Percy Street and from a private railway crossing.

He recommended that a report of approval be referred to City Council and that no public hearing be held.

The Board approved same as shown on Plan No. 00-7-12922.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per: J.B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that the report be approved. Motion passed.

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RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 59-62 HARTLEN SUBDIVISION BASINVIEW DRIVE

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: December 13th, 1954.
Subject: Resubdivision of lots 59 to 62 Hartlen Subdivision -
Basinview Drive.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on December 9th, 1954, the Town Planning Engineer submitted a plan of resubdivision of lots 62-61-60 and 59 to create four new lots A.B.C. D., to correct the fact that the house on new lot D was built over the lot line.

He recommended that a report of approval be referred to City Council and that no public hearing be held.

The Board approved same as shown on Plan No. 00-1-12923.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per..J.B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that the report be approved. Motion passed.

REQUEST REZONING AT #398 WINDSOR STREET - MRS. G.M. BUNGAY

A report was submitted from the Town Planning Board recommending that an application from Mrs. Bungay to rezone #398 Windsor Street be refused.

It was agreed that the matter be deferred until the next regular meeting of the City Council.

APPLICATION TO BUILD ON UNDERSIZED LOTS C. DICKEY, L.E. WEIR
AND J.B. SNOWDEN

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: December 13th, 1954.
Subject: Applications to build on undersize lots.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on December 9th 1954, a report from the Town Planning Engineer in regard to the following requests for permission to build on undersize lots was considered:

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1. C. Dickey - Lot on Joseph Street 53' x 121' - area 6412 square feet - request 4 apartment unit.
2. L.E. Weir - Lot on Quinpool Road 53' x 226' area - 12,000 square feet, request 4 apartment unit.
3. J.B..Snowden - Lot 70 Macdonald Street 33' x 156' - area 5148 square feet, request a dwelling with basement apartment.

The Board approved the applications and recommended same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per..J.B. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the report be approved. Motion passed.

APPLICATION TO BUILD ON UNDERSIZED LOT MR. D.M. TINGLEY

An application was received from the above named requesting permission to build a two-storey single family dwelling on lot #4 on Duffus Street.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the application be referred to the Town Planning Board for a report. Motion passed.

TRAFFIC CIRCLE WINDSOR STREET AND FAIRVIEW UNDERPASS

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: November 22nd, 1954.

Subject: Re: Traffic Circle - Windsor Street - Fairview Underpass

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on November 18th 1954 the attached report from the City Manager relative to a traffic circle and its relation to the Fairview Underpass was considered.

The Board approved the recommendation that street lines be laid down for the traffic circle, and recommended same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per..J.B. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

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To: His Worship, R.A. Donahoe, Q.C., and
Members of City Council.
From: City Manager, A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
Date: November 17, 1954.
Subject: Traffic Circle - Windsor Street
Fairview Underpass.

A preliminary discussion on this matter was held November 4, 1954 and a request was made that a more detailed report be circulated including the relation of the Fairview Underpass to the traffic circle.

Traffic density at the present time is sufficient to require better facilities than we presently have at this intersection and allowing for a 5% annual increase in traffic it should not be overtaxed before 1974. This rotary is designed to handle traffic at a speed of 25 miles per hour with a constant flow of traffic and a weaving distance of 125 feet. The traffic circle has a 150 foot radius with 25 foot entrance and exit legs and a 30 to 40 foot circular way. Such a rotary will carry up to 5,000 vehicles per hour. A rotary handles much greater traffic densities than a traffic light and is less expensive than a grade separation.

Improvement of Windsor Street, Connaught Avenue and Barrington Street will make such construction very desirable. A rough estimate of the cost follows:

Preliminary Estimate of Costs - Windsor Street Traffic Circle.

1.	Common excavation	800	cu.yds.	@ 3.50	2,800.00
2.	Solid rock excavation	100	" "	" 12.00	1,200.00
3.	Fill	600	" "	" 1.00	600.00
4.	Provision for drainage				2,000.00
5.	Gravel borrow	1,500	" "	" 5.00	7,500.00
6.	Hand laid rip-rap	5,400	sq. ft.		2,000.00
7.	Asphalt surfacing	9,000	" yds."	6.00	54,000.00
8.	Curb and gutter	5,500	lin. ft."	2.50	13,750.00
9.	Sodding	1,000	sq. yds.	.75	750.00
10.	Seeding	1,000	" "	@ .50	900.00
11.	Removal of old paving and curb and gutter				6,000.00
12.	Guard rails, signs, etc.				5,000.00
13.	Engineering inspection				5,000.00
14.	Relocating sewer and water line	1,000	ft.	@ 12.00	12,000.00
15.	Demolition of buildings				4,000.00
					<u>\$117,500.00</u>
16.	Contingences			10%	<u>11,750.00</u>
					<u>\$129,250.00</u>
17.	Property acquisition and damages				50,000.00
					<u>179,250.00</u>
18.	Land acquisition				<u>20,750.00</u>
					<u>200,000.00</u>

The purpose of bringing this matter to Council's attention is to lay street lines so that the circle can be built when funds are available. Unless this is done this relatively open area will be built and ultimate cost increased.

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Provision is made for an overhead bridge landing which would parallel Kempt Road near the traffic circle and ultimately lead to the Bedford Highway as shown in the second diagram. Since the major portion of this overhead is in the County what we have to say is only suggestive of how this highway would be laid out. On the City side elevation would start approximately opposite the cemetery entrance to have enough altitude to cross the railway tracks. The underpass would still be used for local traffic and present roads are indicated by broken lines

Much more development of plans and detail work would be necessary to estimate the cost but \$1,000,000.00 is the estimate with the limited knowledge we now have.

A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
City Manager.

Alderman DeWolf: "I don't go along with an expenditure of \$200,000.00 for that area."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Kitz that the report be approved.

The motion was put and passed 9 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Lloyd
Kitz
Ahern
Allen
Vaughan
Hatfield
MacMillan
Lane
Macdonald

AGAINST IT

Alderman O'Malley
DeWolf
Moriarty
Dunlop

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ACCEPTANCE OF GORSEBROOK AVENUE

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of
City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: December 13th, 1954.
Subject: Re: Acceptance of Gorsebrook Avenue.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on December 9th 1954, the attached report from the Commissioner of Works advising that the rough grading has been done satisfactorily of the portion of Gorsebrook Avenue, from Tower Road to a point 733' westwardly and recommending that the street be accepted in accordance with Plan and Profile QQ-7-124098, was approved and recommended to City Council.

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Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per..J.B.Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Committee on Works.

G.F. West, Commissioner of Works.

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Acceptance of Gorsebrook Avenue
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An inspection was made of that portion of Gorsebrook Avenue from Tower Road to a point 733' westwardly, and levels were taken over the roadway, and we find that it has been graded according to the grade laid down by our engineering department.

Considerable fill was required, and this has been done for its entire width, as well as removal of a considerable number of trees. In our opinion the rough grading has been done satisfactorily, and it is recommended that the street be accepted in accordance with Plan and Profile #QQ-7-124098.

G.F. West,
Commissioner of Works.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that the report be approved. Motion passed.

CLOSING OF MARKET LANE

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: December 13th, 1954.

Subject: Dept. of Public Works - Re Closing of Market Lane

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on December 9th 1954, the attached letter from the Dept. of Public Works in regard to the closing of Market Lane and the transferring of the land to the Crown was considered.

The Committee recommended that legislation be secured to close the Lane to public use and the official street lines be removed and the property conveyed to the Crown for the sum of \$1.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per..J.B. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

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

CLOSING FORRESTER STREET

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: December 13th, 1954.
Subject: Re Closing Forrester Street.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on December 9th, 1954 a report from the City Solicitor recommending approval of an attached resolution to close a portion of Forrester Street to the public, was approved and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per. J.B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

R E S O L V E D that under the authority of Section 56 of Chapter 63 of the Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia for the year 1954, the City Council hereby declares that portion of Forrester Street in the City of Halifax, lying to the west of MacKintosh Street, as shown on Plan No. JJ-2-8648, dated February 27th, 1939, filed in the Office of the Commissioner of Works of the City of Halifax, closed to public use.

Moved by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that the report be approved. Motion passed.

STANFORD STREET EXTENSION

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: December 13th, 1954.
Subject: Re George Edmund Warner - Stanford Street Extension.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on December 9th 1954, the attached report from the City Solicitor in regard to the transfer of a piece of land to the City of Halifax for the extension of Stanford Street, was considered.

The Committee recommended that the \$140.00 for Solicitor's fees and Court costs be not paid, but to exempt the property from the cost of grading.

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Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per..J.B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Committee on Works.
From: C.P. Bethune, Q.C., City Solicitor.
Date: December 3rd, 1954.
Subject: Re: George Edmund Warner - Stanford Street Extension.

It was necessary to secure a piece of land from the above-named man, who is an inmate of the Nova Scotia Hospital.

An agreement was reached and passed by the City Council, whereby the City agreed to bring the portion of the land used for the street up to proper street grade at the City's cost and without charge to the Warner Estate, involving approximately the expenditure of \$600.00. As this man was an inmate of the asylum, it was necessary for the guardian of his estate to apply to the Supreme Court for the necessary authority to sell this land to the City. This application to the Supreme Court resulted in the expenditure of approximately \$140.00 for Solicitor's fees and Court costs. The guardian of this man is now asking that the City pay these costs.

If this Committee should decide to recommend to City Council that these costs should be paid, the costs should be included as part of the purchase price of this land.

It will be necessary to secure legislation in order to exempt this property from the cost of grading.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Per. T.C. Doyle

Moved by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that the report be approved. Motion passed.

PROPOSED SEWER EXTENSION CONNOLLY STREET

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: December 13th, 1954.
Subject: Proposed Sewer Extension - Connolly Street from Claremont Street Northwardly.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on December 9th 1954 the attached report from the City Engineer recommending that a 100' sewer extension be ordered on Connolly Street at an

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estimated cost of \$800.00 was approved and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per..J.B. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

Mr. G.F. West, Commissioner of Works.

A.C. Harris, City Engineer.

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Proposed Sewer Extension - Connolly Street from Claremont Street Northwardly.

A request has been received from Don Schelew Ltd. asking that the City extend their sewer system to supply his new building that he proposes to erect on the western side of Connolly Street, immediately north of the Army property.

Mr. Schelew states that the Public Service Commission will make available water facilities. The length of sewer required is 100', the estimated cost about \$800.00, and the estimated assessment \$150.00. The reason for the low assessment is that Claremont Street, having a width of 60', would be nonassessable, and the property abutting on the western side is controlled by the Army, being owned by the Federal Government.

It is therefore recommended that the sewer extension be ordered.

A.C. Harris,
CITY ENGINEER.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the report be approved. Motion passed.

OFFICIAL STREET LINE BOWER ROAD

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: December 13th, 1954.

Subject: Re: Official Street Line East Side of Bower Road.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on December 9th 1954, the attached report from the City Solicitor advising that an official street line should also be laid down on the east side of Bower Road, and recommending that a date be set for a public hearing, was approved and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per..J.B. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

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Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that the report be approved and that Council fix Thursday, January 13, 1955 at 8.00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. as the time and place for the hearing in this matter.

Motion passed.

BUTLER BROS. LTD. PROPERTY ON CEDAR STREET

His Worship the Mayor: "Mr. Butler asked that this matter be deferred to give him an opportunity to confer with the City Officials."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that this matter be deferred until the next regular meeting of the City Council. Motion passed.

OVERHANGING SIGNS

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: December 13th, 1954.
Subject: Overhanging Signs.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on December 9th, 1954, approved a report from the Commissioner of Works recommending that permission be granted to erect the following signs:-

#615 Barrington St - Knowlton Supply Co.	\$5.00	Illuminated
293 Young St- Scott Motors	5.00	"
205 Quinpool Road - The Green Lantern Ltd.	7.80	"
77 Charles St- J. Lewis-	5.00	"
11 Prince St- Personal Finance-	5.00	"

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per..J.B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that the report be approved. Motion passed.

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TRACHOMA HOSPITAL

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

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date the present use of the Trachoma Hospital was considered.

It was pointed out that there is a lack of space in the V.G. Hospital and possibly the Province could use the Trachoma Hospital as an annex to the V.G. thus shortening the waiting period for admission to the hospital.

It was felt that a committee should be appointed to confer with the Minister of Health.

Your committee recommends that City Council request the Province of Nova Scotia to consider the use of the Trachoma Hospital as an annex to the V.G. Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Kitz that the report be approved.

Alderman Ahern: "I would ask that the Commissioner of Health be authorized to bring in a report. The people in the north end would welcome a hospital."

Alderman Dunlop: "We better leave that old hospital stand."

The motion was put and passed.

SETTLEMENT OF JUDGMENT CITY OF HALIFAX VS FISHERMAN'S MARKET LTD

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

The Safety Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend that a cheque of Queensland Insurance Co. Ltd. for \$701.89 in settlement of the judgment and costs in the case of City of Halifax vs Fisherman's Market Ltd. be accepted and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute a release on behalf of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Kitz, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the report be approved. Motion passed.

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NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN DUNLOP

This item was withdrawn.

APPOINTMENTS BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

His Worship the Mayor advised that Alderman Vaughan and Ex-Mayor A.M. Butler were retiring as School Commissioners as of the end of this year and that Mr. Butler was ineligible for re-appointment as he had served two successive terms.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Allen that Alderman Vaughan be re-appointed to the Board of School Commissioners for a term of 3 years expiring December 31, 1957.

Motion passed.

Alderman Allen nominated Alderman Lloyd.

Alderman Lane nominated Alderman Macdonald.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Allen that nominations cease.. Motion passed.

The nominees were then voted upon and resulted as follows:

FOR ALDERMAN LLOYD

Alderman Kitz.
Allen

FOR ALDERMAN MACDONALD

Alderman O'Malley
Ahern
Vaughan
Hatfield
MacMillan
DeWolf
Moriarty
Dunlop
Lane
Lloyd

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Alderman Macdonald was excused from voting.

His Worship the Mayor then declared Alderman Macdonald duly appointed to the Board of School Commissioners for a term of 3 years expiring December 31, 1957.

APPOINTMENTS HALIFAX REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

His Worship the Mayor: "I am agreed that one appointed under the Act should be the Mayor. I would suggest that I be appointed for the year with the understanding that I will retire to allow my successor to fill the unexpired term."

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He then nominated Mrs. A.W.W. Linton, Mrs. S.L. Gibson, Mr. D.K. Crowdis, Alderman C.A. Vaughan, Alderman W.C. Dunlop, Q.C. and Mr. F.W. Bissett.

Alderman Vaughan requested to be relieved of duties on this Board as he found it conflicting with School Board meetings and suggested that Alderman MacMillan replace him to which His Worship the Mayor and Council agreed. It was also agreed that the other nominations of His Worship the Mayor be approved.

UNSIGHTLY BUILDINGS

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.
From: Carl P. Bethune, Q.C., City Solicitor.
Date: December 1, 1954.

Your Worship and Aldermen:

At the November meeting of the City Council I was requested to look into the matter of unsightly properties both commercial and residential, and report back to the Council what I considered necessary to control such matters.

At the present time I am unable to find any provisions which authorize the City to deal with the above matters - at least from the aesthetic point of view. Authority does exist which enables civic authorities to control the use of property when such use causes an unsanitary and dangerous condition. In addition certain uses of property are prohibited under the Zoning By-Law.

As to sanitation and health - the Public Health Act enables regulations to be made to control nuisances, offensive trades, unsanitary houses, and any health officer may order the removal of any offensive substance likely to become a nuisance - i.e. anything injurious to health, or indecent or offensive to the senses or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property.

As to hazards and danger - by Section 578A of the Charter owners or occupiers of lots of land are required to keep the same free from all dry or inflammable grass or weeds and from any accumulation of wood shavings, paper, sawdust or other combustible material.

Section 848 enables the Chief Officer to order the removal of any dangerous accumulations of combustible material in any building.

By section 853, the Council may make ordinances regulating the storage of explosive or dangerous materials.

As to zoning - Part 11, paragraph 13 of the Zoning By-Law prohibits in any residential district the use of (inter alia) land for any purpose other than private residence and prohibits the use of land for the storage of lumber, junk or other goods or for any commercial purpose, other than for a garden.

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It will be seen that there is no authorization to establish any standards for the upkeep of land so that it will not look unsightly.

Section 757 does enable the City to cause to be removed any building which is a public disfigurement. This has been applied in very few cases. The same Section authorizes the removal of buildings which are in such a state of non-repair as to be no longer suitable for habitation or business purposes. This is the part of the Section which has been relied upon. The test of "public disfigurement" is very difficult to apply.

If, therefore, it is desirous to control the unsightly appearance of properties as such, some legislative authority to enact an ordinance setting up some standards and entrusting the operation to the good judgement of some official or committee is necessary.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Alderman Vaughan: "Would it be possible for the City Solicitor to find out if any cities have an Ordinance on it and report back?"

Alderman Dunlop suggested that something be done to remedy the use of unsightly lots as well.

The matter was left with the City Solicitor to secure further information as requested by Alderman Vaughan.

APPLICATION TO BUILD ON UNDERSIZED LOT #13 UNIACKE ST.

An application was received from Mrs. Clara L. MacDonald requesting permission to build a dwelling on an undersized lot on Uniacke Street.

Moved by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the application be referred to the Town Planning Board for a report. Motion passed.

TRAFFIC HAZARD JUBILEE ROAD, SOUTH STREET, COBURG ROAD, POINT PLEASANT DRIVE, BEAUFORT AVENUE & ROCKCLIFFE STREET

A report was submitted from the Chief of Police respecting traffic conditions at the foot of the above named streets which lead to the North West Arm.

Copies of the report were furnished the members of Council for their information.

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Moved by Alderman Kitz, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the matter be referred to the Committee on Works and it decide what expenditures would be involved. Motion passed.

CONFERENCE WITH PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ON MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Alderman Kitz: "Through the year you have done a lot of work with the Province on submissions, hospitals, education, etc. I would urge upon you the municipal relations with the Province of Nova Scotia generally that a larger approach be given to the Province that they can meet with us."

His Worship the Mayor: "A committee could be set up to consider that."

It was agreed that a committee would be appointed.

PARKING TICKETS DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON

Alderman Ahern requested that the Chief of Police be lenient on shoppers who may violate parking regulations and thus be ticketed.

APPOINTMENT HOUSING COMMITTEE

Alderman O'Malley: "Respecting better housing for some of our citizens, I hope you will make an appointment of a committee on Slum Clearance which would be larger than the one now".

His Worship the Mayor: "I do feel we should endeavour to come forward with a plan that would make housing possible, not necessarily on the terms and conditions as on Bayers Road. We should make it possible for our citizens to avail themselves of other sections of the Act. I do feel inclined to augment the Committee to give it new impetus and a wider scope."

MOTION ALDERMAN AHERN Re: MEMORIAL DRIVE

This matter was further deferred.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

A report was submitted from the City Manager for the month of November and same is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

Copies of the report were furnished the members of Council for their information.

FILED

To: His Worship, R. A. Donahoe, Q. C., and
 members of City Council,
 From: City Manager, A. A. De Bard, Jr.,
 Date: December 2, 1954
 Subject: Monthly Administrative Report for November, 1954.

1. Report on Emergency Shelter Leases.

(1) Earl Boutilier	4C Wellington Court	\$ 48.00
(1) arthur V. McAvoy	2J " "	48.00
(1) Findlay L. Cameron	12H " "	47.00
(2) Mrs. J. S. Bryant	4E " "	40.00
(2) Ella F. Myers	Apt.1,1430 Barrington Street	37.00
(3) James P. Melvin	2A Wellington Court	43.00
(4) Cyril M. Woods	Apt.3,1446 Barrington Street	43.00

- (1) Eviction
- (2) Transferred from Sackville Street
- (3) Unfavourable living conditions - asked to move.
- (4) Transferred from Apt.20,1446 Barrington Street.

2. Electrician's Department

\$ 422.33

228 wiring inspections made, permit income
 All street lights on Agricola Street from Cunard to Almon
 changed from 1,000 candle power series to 500 watt multiple
 (24 lights).
 7 more fluorescent lights installed on Spring Garden Road. 15 fluorescent
 400-watt lights replacing 19 500-watt watt multiple lights.
 4 new series 250 candle power street lights installed on Willow Street,
 replacing 3 old fixtures (from Agricola to Robie Street).
 12 new glass shades replaced for broken ones.

3. Streets and sewers.

Square yards of streets graded	6,565
Tons of hot patch used on paved streets	63
Tons of cold patch used on stoned & oiled streets	331
Number of square yards of sidewalk repairs	210
Lineal feet of curb and gutter repairs	120
Number slabs raised by mud jacks	30
Number of new street signs	20
Number of catchpits repaired	23
Number of catchpits constructed	25
Number of Junctions installed	10
Number of manholes repaired	15
Miles of streets swept by hand	440
Miles of street swept by mechanical sweeper	429
Number of catchpits cleaned	92
Lineal feet of new sewers	60

4. Garbage and Refuse.

2,422 tons of garbage and refuse were collected of which 945 tons were
 burned together with 1,200 tons of privately collected materials. Total
 amount processed 2,205 tons with the incinerator in operation 336 hours.

Number of men employed during months:-

A. Collections	33
B. At Incinerator	12
C. At dump	4

5. Snow Removal

6 miles of streets salted, 117 bags of salt used.

6. Revaluation.

Overall progress as of November 30, 1954, 30%.

7. Canada Savings Bonds

Community Chest

Employees of the City of Halifax bought \$ 40,250 in Canada Savings Bonds.

Contributions - Halifax Community Chest

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
City Hall	857.90	1,143.00	33 1/3%	52 1/2%
City Field	314.50	150.00		37 1/2%
Fire Department	537.75	367.50		11%
Police Department	95.00	84.00		
	<u>\$ 1,855.15</u>	<u>\$ 1,744.50</u>		<u>6%</u>

8. Sewer Construction

<u>Street</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Job Completed</u>
Rogers Drive	250'	Completed
Lower Road	267'	"
Jubilee Road	71'	"
Connaught Avenue	380'	"
Memorial Drive	850'	75% complete.

9. Paving

Branswick Street from Duke Street to Buckingham Street has been graded and paved - corner work improved.

Trolley Str. s.

	<u>Feet</u>
Spring Garden Rd. to 205' North	205
Dresden Row to 195' East	195
Cornwallis Street to 125' South	125
Duke St. to 185' North	185
Beaver Avenue to 80' East	80
Halifax Ave. to 80' West	80
Beaver Ave. to 80' East	80
at Dominion Store	80
Beaver Avenue to 80' West	80
" " to 80' East	80
Beaver Ave. to 80' West	80
" " to 80' East	80
Connaught Ave. to 80' East	80
	<u>1,450</u>

10. Sidewalk, curb & gutter.

The last few months we have indicated new work completed in each month and status of incomplete work. This month, all work completed this season is shown and the status and reason for incomplete work.

Completed Work

<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Work</u>
1. Gladstone St.	Summit St.	Windsor St.	West	S. & S.
2. Vienna St.	Oxford St.	Connolly St.	Both	S. & S.
3. Acadia St.	Vestry St.	Glebe St.	Both	S. & S.
4. Cork St.	Oxford St.	Connolly St.	Both	S. & S.
5. Albert St.	Vestry St.	Acadia St.	Both	S. & S.
6. Oxford St.	Bayers Rd.	Edgewood Ave.	West	S. & S.
7. Roslyn Rd.	Oxford St.	Connolly St.	Both	S. & S.
8. Glendale Rd.	Roslyn Rd.	Edgewood Ave.	both	S. & S.
9. Rector St.	Farrington St.	Albert St.	Both	C. & G.
10. Brunswick St.	Spring Garden	Northwardly	East	S. & S.
11. Glebe Street	Cottingen St.	Lynch St.	North	S. & S.
12. Summer St.	Jubilee Rd.	766.4 North	West	S. & S.
13. Lynch St.	Duffus St.	Vestry St.	East	S. & S.
14. Beresford Rd.	Roslyn Rd.	Edgewood Ave.	Both	S. & S.
15. Jubilee Rd.	Summer St.	Robie St.	North	S. & S.
16. Leaman St.	Normandy Dr.	Leeds St.	West	S, C. G. & S.
17. Robie St.	Jubilee Rd.	Q. E. R.	East	S. & S.
18. Robie St.	Normandy Dr.	Leeds St.	East	S. & S.
19. Connaught Ave.	Bayers Rd.	Regent Rd.	Both	S. & S.
20. Huron St.	McMack St.	495' West	Both	S. & S.
21. Dundonald St.	Morris St.	424' North	East	S. C. G. & S.
22. Maitland St.	Falkland St.	420' South	East	C. & G.
23. Cook Ave.	Romans Ave.	937' East	North	S. & S.
Cook Ave.	Existing	98' East	South	S, C. G. & S.
24. High St.	Lady Hammond	Normandy	Both	S. & S.
25. High St.	Leeds St.	Robie St.	Both	C. & G.
26. Isleville St.	Duffus St.	300' South	West	S. & S.
27. Halston Ave.	Bayers Rd.	Gebhart St.	East	S. & S.
28. Romans Ave.	Bayers Rd.	Federal Ave.	Both	S. & S.
29. Vaughan Ave.	Existing C. & G.	Bayers Rd.	Both	C. & G.
30. Vestry St.	Albert St.	Acadia St.	North	S. & S.
31. Warren St.	Dudley St.	Claremont St.	Both	S. & S.
32. Bellevue Ave.	Inglis St.	Oakland Rd.	West	S. & S.
33. Robie St.	St. Mary's College	Gorsebrook	East	S. C. G. & S.
34. Bright St.	Leeds St.	Basinview	Both	C. & G.
35. Rowe Ave.	Bayers Rd.	Scot St.	Both	S. C. G. & S.
36. Scot St.	Rowe Ave.	Rowe Ave.	Both	S. C. G. & S.
37. Federal Ave.	Romans Ave.	Romans Ave.	Both	S. C. G. & S.
38. Atlantic St.	Bridges St.	Tower Rd.	South	S. C. G. & S.
39. Rowe Ave.	Bayers Rd.	Scot St.	East	S. C. G. & S.
40. Dudley Ave.	Oxford St.	Connolly St.	Both	S. & S.
41. Basinview Dr.	Leeds St.	Robie St.	Both	C. & G.
42. Coleman St.	Bayers Rd.	Head End	Both	C. & G.
43. Ashburn Ave.	Existing	Abbott Dr.	East	C. & G.
Ashburn Ave.	Existing	Ernst Ave.	West	S. C. G. & S.

Incompleted Work

44. Memorial Rd.	Blacklye St.	List House	Both	C. & G. 75% complete 1 pole, 1 hydrant 250' fill.
45. Memorial Dr.	Lady Hammond Rd.	Leeds St.	East	S. C. G. & S. 98% complete 1 hydrant.
46. Abbott Drive	Ashburn Ave.	Mayfield Ave.	South	C. & G. 96.3 complete 1 catchbasin
47. Lady Hammond	Leeds St.	479' West	South	95% Sid 95% Sidewalk 1 Driveway

Incompleted Work (cont'd.)

<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Work</u>
48. Ashburn Ave.	Ernst Ave.	Abbott Dr.	West	C.&G. 100% complete 1 catchbasin
49. Normandy Drive	Robie St.	Rosemead Ave.	North South	C.&G. 100% complete S.C.G.&S. 80% complete No sod.

Streets on original program - not started

50. Aramview Terr.	Aramview Ave.	200' South	East	S. & S.
51. Connaught Ave.	Regent Rd.	Windsor St.	East	C. & G.
Connaught Ave.	Street "B"	Windsor St.	West	C. & G.
52. Howe Ave.	Bowers Rd.	Scot St.	West	C. & G.
53. Halston Ave.	Munford Rd.	Gabhart St.	Both	S.C.G. & S.

Explanation for Nos. 50 -- 53

50. Aramview Terrace was originally petitioned for, but the property owners on the street changed their minds and requested that the work not be carried out this year.
51. Connaught Avenue - Considerable grading is necessary on this street before new curb and gutter is laid. This work could not be completed this year.
52. Curb and gutter was ordered for the west side of Howe Avenue, but since the work would be abutting the C. N. E. property, we felt that it was not necessary at this time.
53. Halston Avenue - This is not an accepted street as yet, and the original subdivider has not graded the street to our satisfaction.

A. A. DeKor

City Manager.

December 16, 1954.

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1954

CIVIC YEAR	RESERVES	O/S BALANCE OCTOBER 1954	NEW ACCOUNTS & ADJUSTMENTS	NOVEMBER 1954 COLLECTIONS	O/S BALANCE NOVEMBER 54
1952	65,411.83	145,605.21	Gr. 70.78	18,627.56	126,906.87
1953	73,217.13	305,889.59	Gr. 131.71	22,082.65	283,675.23
1954	80,086.95	909,465.37	Dr. 1,765.13	102,061.86	809,168.64
		1,360,960.17	1,562.64	142,772.07	1,219,750.74
Tax Years Prior to 1952 (covered by reserves)				1,530.56	
				<u>144,302.63</u>	
Poll Taxes					
1934-44		22,628.10			22,128.10
1944-45		2,406.77			2,406.77
1953		1,592.95	Gr. 10.00	1,200.86	382.09
1954		46,420.23	Dr. 29.25	4,757.78	41,691.70
				5,958.64	
Poll Taxes other than listed above				826.01	
				<u>6,784.65</u>	
Total Collections in November 1954				151,087.28	
Total Collections in November 1953				<u>145,300.22</u>	
Current Taxes Collected January 2nd to November 30 1954				6,191,440.58	
Corresponding Period 1953					5,929,377.02
Tax Arrears Collected January 2nd to November 30, 1954				65,502.17	
Corresponding Period 1953					507,864.04
Poll Tax Collections January 2nd to November 30, 1954				116,804.77	
Corresponding Period 1953					117,024.71
				<u>6,963,747.52</u>	<u>6,554,265.77</u>
				Amount Collected	
				January 2nd to	
				November 30th	%
Tax Levy 1954		7,036,505.98		6,191,440.58	87.99
Tax Levy 1953		6,804,375.60		5,929,377.02	87.14
Tax Arrears January 2nd 1954		1,118,470.92		655,502.17	58.61
Tax Arrears January 2nd 1953		957,054.00		507,864.04	53.02
Total Collections to November 30/54				6,846,942.75	97.31
Total Collections to November 30/53				6,437,241.06	94.60

Respectfully submitted,

H.R. McDonald,
CHIEF ACCOUNTANT

December 16, 1954.

REPORT PREFAB HOUSES MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Report for the Month of November 1954

<u>FOUNDATIONS</u>	Total advances made to date - \$1,006,580.42 No further advances will be made.
<u>CASH SALES</u>	228 - Four purchasers borrowed from us for foundation purposes and two have been repaid.
<u>CURRENT ACCOUNTS</u>	586 of which 162 are @ the rate of 5% interest & 424 @ 5½%.
<u>BANK OVERDRAFT</u>	Balance as @ October 31, 1954 - Dr. \$54,148.45 Balance as @ September 30, 1954 - Dr. 636,425.19
<u>TOTAL BORROWINGS</u>	Bank Overdraft - October 31, 1954 - 54,148.45 Owing City G. Funds do 31, 1954 600,000.00- \$654,148.45 Bank Overdraft - November 30, 1954- 636,425.19 (Increase in Overdraft for November 1954, due to our having repaid the City -Genl. Funds \$600,000.00)

INSTALMENT PAYMENTS IN ARREARS TWO MONTHS OR MORE

46 Accounts totalling \$4,443.84

The previous month we reported 43 Accounts totalling \$4,352.13

L.G. Fraser,
ACCOUNTANT.

FILED

CONVENTION EXPENSES

A report was submitted listing the various conventions
attended by Civic Officials during the year 1954 with expenses
amounting to \$1,632.10.

FILED

APPROVAL DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR
CITY PENSIONERS \$4,960.28

Approval by the Department of Municipal Affairs to the above
mentioned matter was received on November 23, 1954.

FILED

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GRANT FOR 1954 C.N.I.B.

A letter was submitted from Mr. F.H. Flinn, Superintendent of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind advising that the Institute had received the last quarterly instalment of the 1954 grant.

FILED

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned. 12:30 A.M.

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