

CITY COUNCIL  
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Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
December 27, 1962,  
8:20 p. m.

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

After the meeting was called to order, the members of Council attending, led by the City Clerk, joined in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

There were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman and Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Macdonald, Butler, LeBlanc, Trainor, Healy, Connolly and O'Brien.

Also present were Messrs. P. F. C. Byars, D. F. Murphy, G. F. West, R. H. Stoddard, W. J. Clancey, L. M. Romkey, V. W. Mitchell, R. B. Grant, K. M. Munnich, J. F. Thomson and Dr. E. M. Fogo.

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Minutes of meetings held on December 6 and 12, 1962, were approved on motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Butler.

PUBLIC HEARING - CITY CHARTER, PARTS 7, 8, 9, 10 AND 11

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the public hearing scheduled at this time in connection with Parts 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the revised City Charter, be deferred until the next regular meeting of Council. Motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following recommendations were submitted from the Finance and Executive Committee at meetings held on December 20 and 27, 1962:

Leave of Absence - Commissioner of Health

A report was submitted from the City Manager advising that Dr. A. R. Morton, Commissioner of Health and Welfare, will assume his duties on a full time basis as of January 2, 1963.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that in view of the changed circumstances regarding the state of health of the Commissioner of Health no action be taken on the matter of his early retirement. Motion passed.

Widow's Pension - Mrs. Amos Woodworth

That Mrs. Kathleen Woodworth, widow of the late Amos Woodworth, be paid a pension amounting to \$447.44 effective as of December 1, 1962 under the authority of Section 310 H, sub-section 3 of the City Charter.

MOVED by Alderman Healy, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

Children's Hospital

That approval be given to the following procedure to assist the Children's Hospital to proceed with its planning in accordance with the report entitled "Report of the Committee to Recommend Usage of Certain City Lands in the Hospital Area, Halifax, N. S.":

1. The City shall agree to transfer freehold title to Block K to The Children's Hospital immediately. The consideration for the transfer will be the market value of the land as determined by independent appraisal. The City is now arranging for the appraisal of the Anderson Square property and the square footage value placed on Anderson Square should be applicable to Block K.
2. The City shall agree to transfer freehold title to Block L to The Children's Hospital when the Mental Hospital facilities have been relocated. The financial consideration for the transfer shall be at the same square footage rate as is agreed for Block K.
3. In consideration of the land transfers outlined in 1 and 2 above, The Children's Hospital shall agree to convey the site of the present Children's Hospital to the City when the new Children's Hospital is available for use. Specifically, the lands to be transferred are Blocks H, P, and G as shown on Plan No. P554/6. The financial consideration for the land transfer shall be at the same square footage rate as is applicable to Blocks K and L.
4. That no value will be placed upon the present Children's Hospital facilities at this time. The possible future use of these buildings as a Chronic Diseases Hospital will be the subject of detailed studies by the Regional Authority or by the City. If these detailed studies indicate that all or part of the buildings have a useful life after they have been vacated by The Children's Hospital, a purchase price shall be determined by arbitration. The Arbitration Board shall consist of three qualified members of a recognized appraisal institute. One appraiser would be appointed by the City, one by The Children's Hospital and a third by the Province or by the first two appointed.

MOVED by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

Additional Appropriations - 316 "C"

That approval be given to the following supplementary appropriations under the authority of Section 316 "C" of the City Charter:

\$ 5,000.00	Welfare and Poor Relief
\$15,200.00	Truants, Neglected and Feebleminded Children
\$10,000.00	Halifax Mental Hospital
\$ 1,939.00	Hospital Per Capita Tax
\$ 500.00	Fire Alarm
\$ 4,414.22	Urwick, Currie Limited

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

Rental Arrears - Write-off - Mr. Walter Sparks

That rental arrears in the amount of \$302.13 charged against Mr. Walter Sparks, a former tenant in the Central Redevelopment Area be written off.

MOVED by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

Tenders - Westwood Park Housing Project - Phase II

That the tender of Community Enterprises Limited in the amount of \$895,085.00, being the lowest of seven tenders submitted be accepted, and that the revised estimated cost of the Westwood Park Housing Project amounting to \$1,044,011.00 be approved.

MOVED by Alderman Healy, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATIONS - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Tenders - Equipment

A report was submitted from the Committee on Works recommending acceptance of the following tenders for equipment, being the lowest tenders meeting specifications:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Recommended Tender</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Panel Delivery Truck	Acadia Motor Equipment Ltd.	\$ 2,438.00
Two (only) Dump Trucks	Acadia Motor Equipment Ltd.	\$12,534.00
One (only) Backhoe Attachment	Industrial Machinery Co. Ltd.	\$ 5,994.00
One (only) Flusher Tank Assembly	King-Seagrave Ltd.	\$ 6,387.00
One (only) Industrial Rubber-Tired Tractor	United Sales Company	\$ 4,094.76
One (only) Leaf Collector	Costal Asphalt Products Ltd.	\$ 7,000.00
Two (only) Rubber-Track Tractors	Industrial Machinery Co. Ltd.	\$ 9,364.00
Two (only) Bulk Salt Spreaders	Costal Asphalt Products Ltd.	\$ 3,930.00
Two (only) Refuse Packer Bodies	Scotia Equipment Limited	\$12,559.54
One (only) Tractor Truck Chassis	A. E. Fowles Limited	\$ 8,948.79

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the recommended tenders be accepted. Motion passed.

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Tenders for Special Castings

A report was submitted from the Committee on Works recommending that all tenders for special castings submitted to the Committee on Works on December 6, 1962, be rejected, and new tenders called as per revised specifications.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

Final Certificate - Atlantic Air Survey Company Limited

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of City Council.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on December 20, 1962, considered a report from the Commissioner of Works recommending in favour of payment of Certificate No. 13 (Final) in the amount of \$3,538.80, to Atlantic Air Surveying Co. Ltd., for topographic mapping covering the City of Halifax.

The Commissioner of Works also recommended to the Committee in favour of payment in the amount of \$6,676.64 for extra work covering mapping. Funds are available for payment of this account.

On motion of Alderman Healy, seconded by Alderman Meagher, the Committee recommended to City Council the payment of Certificate No. 13 (Final) in the amount of \$3,538.30 to Atlantic Air Survey Co. Ltd. for topographic mapping covering the City of Halifax.

On motion of Alderman Healy, seconded by Alderman Butler, the Committee approved the Commissioner of Works' recommendation that the payment to Atlantic Air Survey Co. Ltd. be made in the amount of \$6,676.64 for extra work covering Aerial Mapping of the City of Halifax.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. Mantin,  
CLERK OF WORKS.

MOVED by Alderman Healy, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

Tenders - Retubing Boilers - City Field

A report was submitted from the Committee on Works recommending acceptance of the tender of W. & A. Moir Limited in the amount of \$685.64, being the lowest tender submitted for the retubing of the boiler at City Field.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the recommendation be approved, funds to be provided under the authority of Section 316 "C" of the City Charter. Motion passed.

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RECOMMENDATIONS - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Modification of Lot Area and Frontage - No. 57 Rosemeade Avenue

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

The Town Planning Board, at a meeting held on December 18, 1962, considered a report from the City Manager recommending in favour of a modification of lot area and frontage at No. 57 Rosemeade Avenue, as shown on Drawing No. P200/864, in accordance with Part XV, paragraph 1(f), of the Zoning By-law, and that no public hearing be held.

On motion of Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, the Board approved the report and recommended it to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. Mantin,  
CLERK OF WORKS.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

Modification of Sideyard, Lot Frontage and Lot Area - No. 416 Oxford Street

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

The Town Planning Board, at a meeting held on December 18, 1962, considered a report from the City Manager recommending against an application for a modification of lot area, lot frontage and sideyard requirements at No. 416 Oxford Street.

On motion of Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, the Board approved the report and recommended it to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. Mantin,  
CLERK OF WORKS.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

Zoning to R-3 and Rezoning R-2 to R-3, 18-20 Lynch Street and 23 Rector Street; Zoning to R-2, 16 Lynch Street and 27 Rector Street

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

The Town Planning Board, at a meeting held on December 18, 1962, considered a report from the City Manager recommending in favour of the zoning and rezoning of land at No. 16, 18-20 Lynch Street and 23-27 Rector Street, as shown on Drawing No. P200/867, in accordance with Section 727C of the City Charter, and that a date for a public hearing be set. This recommendation is made on the understanding that the applicant will construct on the combined lots at 23 Rector Street and 18-20 Lynch Street a 21-unit apartment building in accordance with the proposals shown on Drawings No. P200/868, 869 and 870.

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On motion of Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Trainor, the Board approved the report and recommended to City Council that a date be set for a public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
K. C. Mantin,  
CLERK OF WORKS.

MOVED by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that Council fix Thursday, January 31, 1963, at 8:00 p. m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N. S., as the time and place for a public hearing in this connection. Motion passed.

RECOMMENDATION - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Identification Course, Ottawa

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

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on December 18, 1962, it was agreed to recommend that Constable Ronald Grantham be granted permission to attend Identification Course No. 26 at R. C. M. P. Headquarters, Ottawa from January 7 to February 23, 1963 at an approximate cost of \$450.00 chargeable to the 1963 estimates.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
R. H. Stoddard,  
CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Alderman Trainor Re: Traffic - Water Street

Alderman Trainor referred to the recent action of the Traffic Authority in making Water Street a one-way street between Prince and Sackville Streets, necessitating right turns up Prince Street and left turns into Bedford Row; and he expressed concern over the fact that traffic stoppages in front of the Bedford Row Fire Station would hinder the free flow of fire-fighting equipment.

The City Manager was directed to report to the next meeting of the Safety Committee on the changes of traffic movement referred to by Alderman Trainor.

Alderman Healy Re: Connecting Portland Place with Falkland Street

Alderman Healy asked when action would be taken to connect Portland Place with Falkland Street.

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The Commissioner of Works stated that the work could not be finalized until acquisition of certain small parcels of land had been completed and a storm sewer had been installed.

Alderman DeWolf - City-owned Land - Water Street

Alderman DeWolf referred to a 30-foot strip of City-owned land on Water Street, between Prince and George Streets, and he asked if there would be any advantage in having the curb moved to widen the street.

The City Manager was directed to report to the Safety Committee on the present status of the land in question.

APPOINTMENTS - BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the appointments to the Board be deferred to the next regular meeting of Council. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

The following accounts over \$500.00 were approved on motion of Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Macdonald:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dartmouth Iron Foundry Ltd.	Adjustable Curbs, Manhole Frames and Covers	\$ 1,030.59
William M. Mercer Ltd.	Re-evaluation - Superannuation Fund	2,950.00
Province of Nova Scotia	Hospital per capita tax	47,225.00
Urwick, Currie Limited	Transit Survey - Final Statement	4,414.22
Gordon B. Isnor Limited	Gabardine Coats - City Nursing Division	660.00
		<u>\$ 56,279.81</u>

BORROWING \$30,000.00 - BRANCH LIBRARY

Further deferred.

TAX AGREEMENT - CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

A report was submitted from the Finance and Executive Committee recommending that the taxing formula suggested by the Tax Commissioner of the Canadian National Railway, whereby the City would receive a grant in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$137,000.00 annually for the years 1962 to 1966, inclusive, from the Canadian National Railways, be approved.

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MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the recommendation be approved and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to negotiate the necessary agreement. Motion passed.

8:55 p. m. Meeting adjourned.

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J. E. Lloyd,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R. H. Stoddard,  
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