Expropriation - 2277 Gottingen Street - Compensation -Mr. Raymond Martell

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the decision of Mr. Justice Currie in connection with the expropriation claim of Raymond Martell in respect of the property at 2277 Gottingen Street, be appealed to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, Appeal Division. Motion passed with Aldermen Ahern, Connolly and Sullivan voting against.

Liability Insurance - Centennial Events

The report of the Committee reads as follows:

"It is recommended that Liability Insurance to indemnify the City of Halifax against property damage and bodily unjury in the amount of \$300,000.00 during Halifax Centennial Celebrations and events sponsored, arranged or conducted by the Halifax Centennial Committee, including Natal Day Events, be purchased at a cost of \$857.00, funds for this purpose to be provided as follows:

> \$657.00 Halifax Centennial Committee \$200.00 Natal Day Committee"

After discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the quotations be accepted subject to the City Manager's concurrence after discussion with the broker.

MOVED in amendment by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the matter be referred to the Centennial Committee and that they be directed to call for tenders for the necessary insurance coverage.

The motion to refer was put and passed.

Deed Transfer Tax Ordinance - Amendment

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Abbott

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that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Ordinance No. 110, the Deed Transfer Tax Ordinance, be amended as follows:

Motion passed.

Write-off Betterment Charges

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, pursuant to Chapter 105, Section 10, of the Acts of Nova Scotia, 1967, betterment charges in the amount of \$50.00 and accrued interest thereon, totalling \$64.12, levied against the property at 3822 Newbery Street and paid by James T. Rhymes and Pearl Rhymes be written off to public charge and such amount be refunded to the said James T. and Pearl Rhymes. Motion passed. Expropriation of Clayton Block - Compensation Payable -W. N. White and Company Limited

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ahern that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$12,000.00 be paid to W. N. White and Company Limited, tenant of Ralph H. Connor Company Limited in the Clayton Building at the time the said building was expropriated by the City, as settlement in full for all claims of the said Company arising from the expropriation of the Clayton Block. Motion passed. . <u>Centralized Payroll Records</u>

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Staff be authorized to process all civic payrolls through a

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Centralized office by the use of a computer data centre, there being sufficient funds for this purpose in 1967 in the Current Budget. Motion passed.

Comfort Allowance - Patients at Basinview Home

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Ahern that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee,

- (a) the comfort allowance for patients at Basinview Home who are in receipt of the Old Age Pension be set at \$15.00 per month; and
- (b) patients at Basinview Home who are not eligible to receive the Old Age Assistance or Old Age Pension, be provided comfort allowance from the Halifax Welfare Department up to \$15.00 per month on the basis of need.

Motion passed.

Authority to Expend in Excess of \$1,000.00

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City Manager be authorized to expend funds in excess of \$1,000.00 for the following purpose:

> The annual rental of Department of Highways Equipment and Crew, for center-line painting on City of Halifax streets, approximately 41 miles of street markings, at the approximate cost of \$3,200.00; funds to be provided from the 1967 Current Budget Account No. 2-067-202.

Alderman Ivany commented that the quality of the centerline painting is not as good as in previous years and he asked if any action could be taken to improve the quality of the work so as to give a better appearance to visitors and citizens alike.

He suggested that some action be taken to determine the cause of the inferior work.

The City Manager contended that the quality is not

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any worse than it was last year but he said that the poor weather may have had the effect of slowing the paint_drying process.

He said that an effort would be made to have faster drying paint used and have barricades placed on streets where work is in process. Motion passed.

Supplementary Appropriation - Halifax Memorial Library -\$6,285.00 - 316C, City Charter

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, a supplementary appropriation in the amount of \$6,285.00 be approved for the purpose of re-pointing the main library building of the Halifax Memorial Library, funds for this purpose to be provided under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter. Motion passed.

Final Payment - Sewer Contract - Francklyn Sub-division

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, final payment in the amount of \$2,297.53 be made to Fraser Construction Limited as per Certificate No. 7 (Final) on account of their contract for the construction of a storm and sanitary sewer in Francklyn Sub-division in the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works at its meeting held on May 16, 1967, with respect to the following matters:

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Tenders - Demolition of Buildings

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the lowest tender, that of Merle B. Wyllie in the amount of \$800.00 for the demolition of the building at 2450 Barrington Street, be accepted, cost of such demolition to be charged as a lien against the said property. Motion passed.

Request to Show Films - Public Gardens

The report of the Committee reads as follows:

"The Committee considered the above matter and it was their decision to refer the matter to City Council without recommendation, and that the Administrative Assistant to the City Manager negotiate with the Junior Chamber of Commerce as to finding possible alternative locations for the showing of films and report to Council on May 25."

The following additional report was submitted from

Staff:

"The Committee on Works on May 16, 1967, considered a Staff report concerning a request of the Halifax Junior Chamber of Commerce to show films at the Public Gardens during the summer months as a Centennial project. The report recommended that the request be refused because of costs which would be incurred by the City in overtime pay for Gardens staff and police and because of possible damage to Gardens property. It further recommended, however, that Staff be authorized to negotiate with the Junior Chamber of Commerce with respect to use of alternative locations. The committee referred the matter to Council without recommendation but authorized the further negotiation requested.

"The situation with respect to the use of the Public Gardens has been further clarified, particularly with respect to the summer closing hours. The previous report indicated the normal closing hour to be 8:45 p.m. This applies only during the early weeks of the season; beginning in the month of June the Gardens remain open until dusk and this arrangement continues until the end of the summer. On Sunday evenings the Gardens remain open until approximately 10:15 p.m. in order to accommodate the Band Concerts which begin normally at 8:30 p.m.

"It has been determined that the Musicians' Union, which is responsible for the concert performance, would be agreeable to a starting hour of 7:30 p.m. This would permit the

"proposed film showings to begin at 9:00 p.m. and the Gardens to be cleared by the normal Sunday Closing time. No additional staff would be required beyond that normally on duty on Sunday evenings. The Junior Chamber of Commerce is prepared to give an undertaking to have the film showings end by 10:00 p.m., or at such time as is suitable to the Superintendent of the Gardens. The proposed agreement is acceptable to the Superintendent. It is recommended, therefore, that the starting hour for Band Concerts be advanced to 7:30 p.m. and that the request of the Junior Chamber of Commerce to use the Public Gardens for showing of films on Sunday evenings as a Centennial project be granted, the arrangements to be acceptable to the Superintendent of the Public Gardens."

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the request of the Junior Chamber of Commerce for permission to use the Public Gardens for the showing of films on Sunday evenings as a Centennial project during the months of June and July be granted subject to detail arrangements being acceptable to the Superintendent of the Public Gardens. Motion passed.

Call for Tenders - Mobile Canteen Concessions - Wanderers' Grounds and Horseshoe Island

The report of the Committee reads as follows:

"A report was submitted from Staff recommending that tenders be called for the sale of wrapped goods only in 1967 at the above two locations due to the present health hazard conditions of both buildings.

The use of mobile canteen operations in the City of Halifax is prohibited under the City Charter.

The Committee considered this matter and referred same to City Council without a recommendation, and instructed Staff to report on alternative solutions as the Committee favours the sale of more than wrapped goods at these canteens.

The City Manager stated that, with respect to Horseshoe Island Canteen, Mrs. Vivian R.Curry whose tender was recommended by the Committee on Works, has submitted a written commitment to sell only wrapped or packaged goods from the said Canteen if her tender is accepted.

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With regard to the Wanderers' Grounds Canteen, the City Manager stated that a report had been received from the Director of Public Health and Welfare advising that the following minimum repairs are required to bring the canteen up to accepted standard:

- (1) The floor must be renewed;
- (2) There should be adequate hand washing facilities provided;
- (3) The walls must be made tight;
 - (4) There should also be suitable containers for garbage with tight fitting covers;
 - (5) The serving area should be renewed;
 - (6) Refrigeration should be provided if perishable foods are to be served.

He said that if the repairs were to be effected at the Wanderers' Grounds Canteen, supplementary appropriation for \$1,200.00 under the authority of Section 316C, would be necessary.

It was agreed to consider the items separately.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the tender of Mrs. Vivian Curry for the Canteen Concession at Horseshoe Island be accepted on condition that only wrapped or packaged goods are sold from the said Canteen. Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that the matter of the Wanderers' Grounds Canteen be referred back to the Public Health and Welfare Committee to consider the possibility of granting the applicant an exemption from the provision of Section 12 of the regulations respecting restaurants for a period of ninety-five days in order that the canteen may operate during the summer months and to provide time to effect the necessary repairs. Motion passed.

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Prosecution of Violators of Section 363(3) of City Charter Respecting Unsightly Premises

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, Staff be instructed to prosecute immediately all violators of Section 363(3) of the City Charter respecting unsightly premises, after such violators have been given 48 hours notice. Motion passed with Alderman Ahern voting against.

All Night Parking Ban for Street Cleaning Purposes

The recommendation of the Committee on Works reads as follows:

"It is recommended that an all night parking ban be imposed in each ward for one night in order that the City Staff can clean the streets, and that City Council designate the night to be applied to each ward."

Alderman Black asked if Council can impose an all night parking ban or if such prerogative rests with the Traffic Authority.

The Chief of Police advised that imposition of parking bans is the prerogative of the Traffic Authority.

Alderman Ivany stated that he had prepared a scheme along "public relations lines" which he proposes to present to the Works Department and/or Committee in an endeavour to resolve the problem of dirty streets.

After discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Ivany that the matter be deferred until the next meeting of City Council and that, in the meantime, the Traffic Authority be requested to give the matter further consideration before the next meeting of the Committee on Works; and that Alderman Ivany and any other Alderman be invited to

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submit proposals along the lines suggested by Alderman Ivany. Motion passed.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the meeting of the Safety Committee held on May 16, 1967, with respect to the following matters:

Pedestrian Crossings - Willow Tree Area

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the crosswalks be widened at the Willow Treee Intersection and that the Chief of Police inform the Principals of Queen Elizabeth High School and St. Patrick's High School that the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act will be enforced by the Police Department if students continue to disregard the provisions of the Act and cross the interesection against the lights. Motion passed.

REPORT - BOARD OF MANAGEMENT - HALIFAX MENTAL HOSPITAL Re: Psychiatric Training Dr. J. M. Tainsh, Superintendent -Halifax Mental Hospital

A confidential report was submitted, copies of which had been distributed to members of Council prior to the meeting. At the request of Dr. Tainsh, Council agreed to defer consideration of the report until the next meeting in order to give Dr. Tainsh an opportunity to peruse same.

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the meeting of the Town Planning Board held on May 16, 1967, with respect to the following matters:

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Alteration to a Subdivision - 1591 Connrose Avenue

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the alteration to a subdivision to divide the property at 1591 Commrose Avenue into two lots, as shown on Drawing Nos. **P20**0/2233-00-10-16982, be approved and a public hearing waived. Motion passed.

Extension to Non-conforming Building - 6567 Liverpool Street

MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application to extend an existing non-conforming building at 6567 Liverpool Street, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2234, to permit a one-storey addition at the rear to contain two additional bedrooms, be approved. Motion passed. Modification of Side Yard Requirements and Extension to a Non-Conforming Building - 2636 Robie Street

Some discussion took place with respect to this matter, Alderman Connolly mentioned that although Staff had recommended approval of the request for the extension there was a deficiency in area of 1,555 sq. ft.

Alderman LeBlanc stated that one point Council should have concern for is any slight violation or discrepancies of area deficiencies for Robie Street, which will ultimately have to be widened. He said that until the bridge is erected Council should not approve any modifications or extensions in that area which would result in higher expropriation costs to the City should Robie Street have to be widened at a later date.

The City Manager said he agreed with the points raised by Alderman LeBlanc.

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MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, the application for modification of sideyard requirements and an extension to a non-conforming building at 2636 Robie Street to allow the erection of a second storey addition at the rear, as shown on Drawings No. P200/2225-26, be rejected. Motion passed with Aldermen Black and Ahern voting against.

MOTIONS

Motion - Alderman A. M. Butler Re: Amendment to Ordinance #12A Respecting "Fairview Cemetery" (First Reading)

An Amendment to Ordinance #12A as prepared by the City Solicitor respecting Fairview Cemetery was introduced.

On behalf of Alderman A. M. Butler, it was MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Aldermen Meagher, that Amendment to Ordinance #12A be read and passed a first time. Motion passed.

Motion - Alderman Ivany Re: Amendment to Ordinance #12 Respecting "Camp Hill Cemetery". (First Reading)

An Amendment to Ordinance #12 as prepared by the City Solicitor respecting Camp Hill Cemetery was introduced.

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, the Amendment to Ordinance #12 be read and passed a first time. Motion passed.

Motion - Alderman Black Re: Amendment to Ordinance #44 Respecting "Fees for City Market" (First Reading)

An Amendment to Ordinance #44 as prepared by the City Solicitor respecting the Scale of Fees for the City Market was introduced.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Moir that, the Amendment to Ordinance #44 be read and passed a

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first time. Motion passed.

Accounts over \$1,000.00

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the City Manager be authorized to pay the following accounts over \$1,000.00:

Dept.	Vendor	Purpose	Amount
Mayor	Canadian Federation of Mayors & Municipalities	1967 Fiscal year membership fees	\$1,320.66
Works	Duke Lawn Equipment Ltd.	Lawn maintenance equipment	1,709. 0 5
Recre- ation	Boosey & Hawkes Ltd.	Musical instruments	<u>5,140.50</u> \$8,170.21

The City Manager was directed to report on

submitting answers to the following questions:

- 1. Who are Duke Lawn Equipment Ltd?
 - 2. Where are they located?
- 3. How long has the City been doing business with this firm?

Motion passed.

Lord's Day Permits

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that permits to operate a business on the Lord's Day be granted to the undernoted applicants:

Applicant	Business Address	Business
Lena Loretta Gerrior	1797 Brunswick Street	Grocery store
Nohra J. Mansour	2531 Poplar Street	н
Theresa LeBlanc	2093 Brunswick Street	и и
E. P. Hanna	2057 Gottingen Street	Pool Hall

Motion passed.

Lease - Phase I, Scotia Square - Halifax Developments Limited

A report was submitted from Staff respecting changes in the Lease between the City, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and Halifax Developments Limited in

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respect to Stage I, Scotia Square, in the form which had been agreed upon as between the Company and the City, and which City Council approved on April 13, 1967.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Ahern that, the changes in the lease between the City, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and Halifax Developments Limited in respect to Stage I, Scotia Square approved by City Council on April 13, 1967, be approved. Motion passed. Annual Report - Public Service Commission

The Annual Report of the Public Service Commission of Halifax for the year ended December 31, 1966 was submitted for purposes of information.

Alderman LeBlanc suggested that, since he felt the report was expensive to have printed, he wondered if one or two could be made available to City Hall and a notice from the City Manager to the Aldermen advising them that same was available should they wish to read it, instead of copies for each Alderman.

The City Manager stated that there was a very necessary use for this report as it is required by the bond holders for the people who buy debentures that are issued by the Public Service Commission so he felt that with the number the Public Service Commission have to produce for that purpose the additional copies for Council would not make too much difference in printing costs.

Alderman Fitzgerald asked who owns the watershed land and if it was sold and the money put into the bank, who would get the money.

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His Worship the Mayor replied that the Public Service Commission would get the money and would apply it against the cost of acquiring an alternative watershed.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the City had made a proposal to the Province of Nova Scotia that they make application to the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to purchase the watershed lands with 75% Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation money and 25% Provincial money to hold it for housing and related development. He further stated that the City appoints the directors of the Public Service Commission who are very carefully keeping these lands in tact so that there can be a sound comprehensive development plan for these lands for the future.

Discussion took place with respect to the use of these lands, and it was generally felt by Council that they were valuable for development purposes in the future. Request for Use of Public Gardens - National Veterans' Week

A letter was submitted from Mr. N. M. Lee Rolfe, Secretary of the Provincial Co-ordinating Committee for National Veterans' Week, requesting permission to use the Public Gardens for the week of June 11th - 17th as a marshalling area for veterans and dependents. The letter stated a close watch would be made as to the preservation of the gardens, shrubbery, plants. etc.

Mr. Rolfe addressed the Council on behalf of the request.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, the request for the use of the Public Gardens for the week of June 11th - 17th by the Veterans Association be granted, subject to its feasibility on discussion with Staff. Motion passed.

Request for Sidewalk Paving - Halcraft Printing Limited

It was agreed that this matter should be referred to the next meeting of the Committee on Works since the undated letter from Halcraft Printing Limited was received too late for Staff to consider the matter before the meeting of Council.

10:30 p.m. Alderman Abbott retired.

Petition - Alderman Meagher Re: Residents of Jubilee Road - re Sidewalks

At this time Alderman Meagher advised that he had received a petition from the residents of Jubilee Road with respect to sidewalks.

Council agreed that this matter be referred to Staff for processing and presentation to the appropriate Committee.

Question - Alderman Connolly Re: Application for Public Housing

Alderman Connolly referred to a question he raised at the previous Council meeting with respect to applications for public housing, and stated that he had asked this question on behalf of Alderman Doyle, who would supply the City Manager with any information he may require.

Question - Alderman Connolly Re: No Parking Signs John and Charles Streets

Alderman Connolly referred to the corner of John and Charles Streets where "no parking" signs had been erected recently. He said he had received many telephone calls complaining

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with respect to South Shore Transport who have rented a garage at this location whose trucks run over the sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and the residents are unable to park their own cars, which resulted in complaints and the Traffic Division erecting "no parking" signs. The residents are now protesting as they contend they need the parking area. Alderman Connolly asked why these premises were rented to a trucking firm and said he thought a permit should not have been granted, and this matter should be looked into. Question - Alderman Ahern Re: Prosecutions respecting Garbage Regulations

Alderman Ahern asked if His Worship the Mayor was aware that certain people had been prosecuted for putting their garbage on the streets shortly after midnight, despite the fact that there is before the Health Board an indication that these laws will be changed.

The Chief of Police answered that complaints had been received that persons were putting out garbage far too early, which resulted in an effort being made to enforce the Ordinance respecting garbage. He said if Council did not approve of this, it was their prerogative to change the regulations.

His Worship the Mayor said that this matter would be before the next meeting of the Health and Welfare Committee. Question - Alderman LeBlanc Re: Training and Personnel Programmes

Alderman LeBlanc asked if the Training and Personnel Officer had begun any training programmes in the City.

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The City Manager replied that some minor training programmes had been started.

Question - Alderman Meagher Re: Implementation Committee

Alderman Meagher asked when the next meeting would be held of the Implementation Committee.

His Worship replied that the next meeting would be held when the City Manager advises him that material is ready for consideration.

Question - Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Election Procedures Committee

Alderman Fitzgerald asked when the Election Procedures Committee would next meet in the event that there may be a by-election in the near future.

His Worship replied that this Committee would not meet before a by-election and in fact did not need to meet, because it can only affect legislation for the next session of the House.

His Worship suggested that since Alderman Fitzgerald is a member of the Election Procedures Committee, Council agree that he be considered Chairman and to convene a meeting of that Committee at any time he thinks fit.

Question - Alderman Ahern Re: Clean-up Property on Buckingham, and Upper Water Street

Alderman Ahern asked what assurance the citizens have from Staff that the unsightly premises referred to above will be cleaned-up.

The City Manager replied he would report the matter to the Building Inspection Department and if the property in question was owned by the City and another party, the City

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would do their part in cleaning up the property. Question - Alderman Sullivan Re: Regulations Respecting City Incinerator

Alderman Sullivan asked if it was correct that wood hauled to the incinerator must be 4 feet or under in length, as he had received a call from a representative of a trucking firm which was hauling wood and plaster from a building that was being renovated and the Staff at the incinerator would not accept the wood until it was sawn into smaller pieces.

His Worship the Mayor explained that this was one of the regulations designed to keep materials from being burned on the City Dump and if the Alderman wanted the regulations changed he could give a notice of motion. Question - Alderman Ahern Re: Cost of Rents Paid by City Departments in other Locations in the City

Alderman Ahern asked if the City Manager would prepare a list of the cost of rents paid by City Department offices in other parts of Halifax, such as the Port Commission, Assessors Department, Recreation Department and any other City offices.

The City Manager said that a report would be submitted in due course.

Question - Alderman Ivany Re: Provincial Government Downtown Paint-up Programme

Alderman Ivany referred to the Provincial Government Down-town Paint-up Programme announced in a report received by Staff, and asked if Staff had had an opportunity to assess the report and if the City could make any use of it. The provincial government has agreed to pay two-thirds of the cost of the scheme.

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His Worship the Mayor advised that the City Manager would report to Council on this matter at a subsequent meeting.

City Appointee - Board of Management Children's Hospital

Council agreed to waive the right to appoint a Council member as the representative on the Board of Management of the Children's Hospital.

His Worship the Mayor nominated Mr. B.O. Macdonald as the City Appointee to the Board of Management of the Children's Hospital.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the appointment of Mr. B. O. Macdonald as the representative of the City of Halifax to the Board of Management of the Children's Hospital, for a term expiring June 30, 1968, be approved. Motion passed.

Informal Meeting of Council - June 2, 1967

His Worship the Mayor advised Council that the date for the informal meeting of Council respecting employment at the port, was set without first checking with Mr. Ray March Secretary-Manager of the Port Commission, who had already made plans to meet with representatives of the Kauffeld firm on the West coast at that time.

His Worship the Mayor stated that Mr. March had written to him stating that any figures he would normally supply about the waterfront activities will be available through the representative of the National Harbours Board who will be attending the meeting.

His Worship asked if Council wished to change the date of the meeting to another time when Mr. March would be

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in attendance.

Council agreed to proceed with the meeting as planned on June 2, 1967.

Request for Supplementary Appropriation - 316C - Recreation & Playgrounds Commission

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that, as recommended by the Recreation & Playgrounds Commission, a supplementary appropriation in the amount of \$225.00, under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter, to cover the cost of raising the Recreation Department's clerk-steno salary in accordance with Union increases already given to City Staff, be approved. Motion passed. Letter - Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Council

A letter was submitted from Mr. A. L. Caldwell, President of the Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Council, dated May 24, 1967, confirming three matters that were discussed at a meeting of City Council held on May 11, 1967, as follows:

- (a) That the Council would assume full responsibility for the removal of the heating plant at Anderson Square when it is no longer required.
- (b) That this Council is prepared to commence construction of its new Centre as soon as the plans and specifications have been approved by the appropriate agencies of the Federal and Provincial Governments. On behalf of the Rehabilitation Council, I confirm that the Council is prepared to proceed with construction of the new Centre as soon as these approvals have been given.
- (c) That Federal and Provincial Government financial participation in the cost of construction of the Centre is assured.

Staff Report - Lane Memorial Hospital

A report was submitted from Staff respecting the

drawings of the proposed Lane Memorial Hospital submitted by the Architect, Leslie R. Fairn and Associates.

His Worship the Mayor stated that unless Council wished to raise any questions on the report it was for information purposes.

W. N. Maite and Company Minited

No questions were raised by Council on the matter. 11:05 p.m. Council adjourned.

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N. S., June 15, 1967 8:00 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 Black, Abbott, Moir, Ivany, Matheson, A. M. Butler,

Also present were the Acting City Manager, City Solicitor, City Clerk, Director of Works, City Assessor, Fire Chief and other Staff members.

RESOLUTION RE PASSING OF CITY MANAGER - MR. P. F. C. BYARS

Alderman Abbott paid tribute to the memory of the Late Mr. P. F. C. Byars', who had served the City as City Manager from May, 1961, until his untimely passing on June 3, 1967.

He submitted and read the following resolution and moved its adoption:

"With deep sorrow the City Council of the City of Halifax wishes to record the death on June 3, 1967, of Peter F. C. Byars, since 1961 City Manager of the City of Halifax, and extends heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Byars and the other members of his family.

His broad experience, good judgment, and wise counsel were of inestimable value to the City of Halifax, and he won the respect of all with whom he came in contact.

His unusual knowledge of municipal government, accumulated through a life-time of public service, was given freely to the benefit of the citizens of Halifax.

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"His courage and public-spirited devotion to duty were an inspiration to public servants throughout Canada.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City Council record upon its Minutes its profound sorrow and deeps sense of loss at the passing of Peter F. C. Byars.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Byars. "

The motion to adopt the resolution was seconded by Alderman Meagher.

Alderman Black also paid tribute to Mr. Byars and said that the ensuing months and years would prove the value of what we have lost in our City Manager.

He referred to his exceptional ability in the labour relations field, his knowledge of Municipal finances and his complete dedication to duty. He said that he had also been told by one of the directors of Halifax Developments Limited that had it not been for the interest, the competence, the integrity and the respect that the people involved in Scotia Square had for him, it is unlikely that that project would have come to life.

He said that all the people associated with the Scotia Square had a very sincere appreciation of the co-operation and assistance that Mr. Byars gave throughout the difficult days when the negotiations were being carried on with regard to the Project.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that Council show its unanimous approval of the resolution by standing for a few moments in silence in memory of the Late Mr. Byars.

Council then observed two minutes silence.

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MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of Council held on May 18 and 25 and June 6, 1967, were approved on motion of Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Abbott.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS - ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

His Worship the Mayor stated that Item 5(b) on the Order of Business could be deleted since it is covered in the report of the Finance and Executive Committee under Item 10(dd).

Alderman Connolly asked that Item 10(cc)(6) be deleted from the Order of Business as further information has come to life since the meeting of the Committee and the matter will be considered in the Committee.

Alderman Abbott asked that Item 14(f) be moved up on the Order of Business and be considered as Item 9(c).

Alderman Black asked that Item 9(b) be deleted from the Order of Business and placed on the Order of Business of the next meeting of Council.

Alderman Meagher asked that an item be added to the Order of Business as 20(a) entitled "C. N. R. Property".

It was agreed to amend the Order of Business in accordance with the foregoing requests.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ivany that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. Motion passed.

DEFERRED ITEMS

All Night Parking Ban - Street Cleaning Program

His Worship the Mayor said that this matter had been

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deferred in the Committee on Works and the item could be deleted from the Order of Business of Council as a report will be forthcoming from the Committee on Works subsequently.

Alderman Ivany expressed his appreciation to the members of Staff for the kind of work which is now being done with regard to the cleaning of streets.

He lauded the practice of placing signs indicating that street cleaning is in force on various streets and he said that this should be made known to the citizens because their co-operation is needed if a satisfactory job is to be done.

It was agreed to await the report of the Committee on Works.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND HEARINGS

Public Hearing Re: Closing Portion of James Street

A public hearing was held at this time in connection with the closing of a portion of James Street as shown on Plan No. TT-7-16978.

At the direction of His Worship the Mayor, a member of the Planning Staff displayed the plan showing the site of the proposed Fire Department Headquarters and the portion of James Street which is the subject of the public hearing.

He explained the effect of the proposal on the abutting properties.

No person wished to be heard either for or against the proposed closing of the portion of James Street involved.

Alderman Ahern said that the Meehan Family, a portion

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of whose property is being taken for the Fire Department Headquarters site, will have no access to their rearyard for fuel deliveries and for the parking of their vehicles used in the trucking business; and he felt that the family who have been living on the property for many years, should be given further consideration and the matter deferred until an independent appraisal of the site has been made.

Alderman Connolly also referred to the fact that the Meehan family has been living on the site for many years and have operated a trucking business and paying business taxes for many years and he said that it is his understanding that they would be quite satisfied if the City could devise some way whereby they could use the property for the parking of their trucks and he asked that consideration be given to this proposal.

The Fire Chief stated that originally the Meehan family had asked for access to the rear of the property and the plans for the Headquarters had been changed in order to accommodate the Meehan family's request but that subsequently they had made an additional request with respect to the parking of their trucks.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Black that the portion of James Street, showned hatched in red on Plan No. TT-7-16978, be closed to public use.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Ahern that action on the closing of a portion of James Street, as shown hatched in red on Plan No. TT-7-16978, be deferred.

His Worship the Mayor asked Alderman Sullivan if

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there is a time limit on his motion to defer.

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Alderman Sullivan stated that the deferral would be until the Fire Chief and a member of the Planning Staff have had a thorough understanding with the Meehan family and come to some arrangement whereby the Meehan family will be satisfied.

After further discussion, the Fire Chief said that he would be in a position to report to Council within two weeks.

His Worship the Mayor said that the time limit on the motion to defer would be two weeks.

The motion to defer was then put and passed as follows: <u>For the Motion</u>: Aldermen Abbott, Matheson, Meagher, LeBlanc, Ahern, Connolly and Sullivan - 7 -

Against the Motion: Aldermen Moir, Ivany, A. M. Butler, Fitzgerald and Black - 5 -

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Presentation to Halifax Junior Canadiens

At this time, His Worship the Mayor called upon Alderman LeBlanc, Chairman of the Halifax Forum Commission, to assist him in the presentation of gifts to the members of the Canadien Junior Hockey Team who had advanced to the quarter finals of the Memorial Cup Playdowns.

He commended the members of the team and the members of the executive for their fine showing and expressed appreciation of the City Council for the outstanding contribution they have made to the hockey scene in Halifax during the last few years.

NARROWS BRIDGE APPROACHES

His Worship the Mayor referred to his memo dated

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June 14, 1967, addressed to the members of City Council Re: Narrows Bridge, in which he stated that Premier Stanfield has asked, in a letter dated June 9, 1967, "whether or not the City is prepared to give an unequivocal assurance that the City will discharge commitments made to the Province concerning the Nova Scotia Museum of Science and the Narrows Bridge", and that he had confirmed to the Premier the City's intention to proceed with the City Field re-location as soon as the required borrowing has been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and on the assumption of some positive Provincial action to assist in the arranging of borrowings; but with respect to the Narrows Bridge, the conditions placed on the City's consent will require careful examination.

The memo then proceeded to give in chronological order, a short history of the Council action and negotiations with the Bridge Commission with respect to the Narrows and North West Arm Bridges. The report concluded with the following paragraphs

"The failure of the Bridge Commission to bring about simultaneous construction was reported to the Commission on June 2, 1967. This would seem to reopen the whole question of the respective commitments of the City to the Bridge Commission and the Bridge Commission to the City.

The thought may be in the minds of some that, if the Arm Bridge is cancelled, the Bridge Commission could finance approach roads for the Narrows Bridge.

For the City, the difficulty with this idea is that the Arm Bridge has been seen as essential to the development of the City on the western side of the Harbour, however, its municipal government may be established. The City Council has given the Arm Bridge priority over the Narrows Bridge (Council Minutes May 7, 1965). The Narrows Bridge may be seen as primarily benefitting Dartmouth and having as many disadvantages as advantages for Halifax. Both bridges would undoubtedly benefit the combined metro area.

"A further complication has arisen with the action of the Regional Planning Commission on June 14, 1967, in accepting advice favouring deferment of the construction of an Arm Bridge. A copy of that undated, unsigned advice is attached, and a copy of the resolution of the Planning Commission will be available for Council's information.

Members of Council are asked the following questions:

- (1) Does City Council recognize a specific commitment with respect to the Narrows Bridge in the absence of simultaneous construction of the Arm Bridge?
- (2) In view of planning, financial, and political considerations, is City Council open to informal discussions with the Province and the Bridge Commission without having its representatives tied to an inflexible position?"

His Worship the Mayor said that he chaired the meeting of the Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Planning Commission held on June 14, 1967, and was incorrectly reported in the local Press as having suggested that the construction of the Arm Bridge be deferred until the proposed transportion study indicated where the priority exists.

He said that as Chairman, he had played a relatively neutral role and asked questions from the Chair but did not suggest that it be postponed but merely tried to interpret what the members of the Commission were saying to clarify the discussion.

Alderman Matheson expressed disappointment at the action taken by the Regional Planning Commission in adopting a resolution respecting the deferment of the construction of the North West Arm Bridge, and he MOVED the adoption of the following resolution:

"WHEREAS the resolution of this Council approving the location of the Narrows Bridge and the commitments of Council relating to approach roads and which will cost the taxpayers of this City several million dollars, were on the express

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