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The City has awarded a tender for construction of the Cogswell Street Interchange. Dineen Construction are now at work but this work will be delayed if re-location of all of the affected plant is not completed.

The temporary pole line from Prince Street to Cornwallis Street via Brunswick Street is intended primarily for the 23,000 k.v.a. cable. This is now located in an underground conduit and could conceivably remain there. It is, however, a high voltage line and if it remains in place would be buried by up to 26 feet of fill. Burying this cable could create a potentially dangerous situation and would complicate future maintenance or replacement. If it is buried, the City could at its option delete the \$24,000 conduit from the Dineen Construction contract. Alternatively, it could proceed with construction of this facility so that the Light and Power Company could abandon its buried line at a later date.

The main feeder for the trolley bus system is now carried overhead on Light and Power Company poles on the west side of Upper Water Street. This is the line which is creating the most immediate timing problem. It could be relocated on any of the existing pole lines off the site. It must be removed in order to permit work to proceed after the demolition of existing buildings.

1. The existing primary and secondary circuits are now serving the buildings which are to be demolished. The lines must connect to the buildings as long as buildings are occupied but can be removed when vacant possession is obtained. Unfortunately, however, the pole lines as they are now located are in the way of the construction programme and temporary arrangements have to be made to feed occupied buildings for some time after construction of the Interchange commences.

2. Cost Sharing.

The Nova Scotia Light and Power Company in its letter of March 12, 1968 indicated its desire to cooperate on the relocation of services. At the same time, it has made a request for issuance of a permit, which permit, if issued, would have the effect of binding the City to a contract to reimburse the Company. This, in the opinion of City Staff, is contrary to the legal situation as it now exists.

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Dear Sirs:  
City Staff in discussion with the Light and Power Company officials have maintained that there is no legal commitment on behalf of the City to reimburse the Company for relocation of its plant. While maintaining this position, Staff also indicated that it was prepared to deal as fairly as possible with the Company on the matter of costs and would be prepared to recommend that the City abide by any decision of such duly constituted authority as the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners.

In summary, there is the immediate need for decision and action on the physical relocation of the plant, but it appears that it will be some time before a financially equitable settlement can be determined. The City has the authority to order the Company to do certain things and it is the opinion of Staff that Council should authorize the immediate issuance of a letter to the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited which will state:

- a) The Company is instructed to proceed immediately with the relocation of the main trolley feeder line from its existing location on the west side of Water Street between Buckingham Street and Proctor Street.
- b) The Company is instructed to proceed with the immediate relocation of the primary and secondary circuits from the east side of Water Street between Buckingham Street to Proctor Street.
- c) The Company is informed that construction of the Cogswell Street Interchange will take place on and in the vicinity of the 23,000 k.v.a. underground cable and that the Company has the option of relocating this cable or having it buried to greater depth than is now the case.
- d) The Company is informed that the City made provision in the contract with Dineen Construction Company for construction of an underground conduit suitable for the permanent relocation of the 23,000 k.v.a. cable. The cost of this conduit will be \$24,000.

The Company should be asked if it wishes construction to proceed on this conduit or whether it wishes it to be deleted from the contract."

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His Worship the Mayor and Members  
of the Council of the City of  
Halifax,  
City Hall, Halifax, Nova Scotia.



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Dear Sirs:

Members of your Staff have advised us that you intend to proceed immediately with the construction of the Cogswell Street Interchange and a part of the Harbour Drive development. So that this may be done, we have been requested to abandon that portion of our underground duct system on Upper Water Street, generally between Buckingham and Proctor Streets, and to remove our overhead electrical circuits, poles and fixtures on Upper Water Street and Barrington Street between Buckingham and Proctor Streets.

In order to relocate these circuits so that they will not interfere with the City's development the Company desires to install poles and electrical conduits from the corner of Granville and Prince Streets to its Proctor Street sub-station by way of Prince, Brunswick, Cornwallis and Upper Water Streets. Three copies of an application for permission to carry out this work are enclosed. This application has been prepared bearing in mind Section 73 of the Public Utilities Act and Section 28 of the Act of Incorporation of Nova Scotia Light and Power Company, Limited.

We understand that it is important to the City that we abandon these portions of the underground duct system and remove our overhead circuits as soon as possible, so that the City's development can proceed without delay. We are anxious to cooperate with the City in every way and as soon as the enclosed application has been approved by Council, the Company is prepared and anxious to proceed immediately with this relocation. When the electrical circuits have been relocated and connected with the Company's electrical system, the Company will abandon these underground and overhead systems.

Yours very truly,

(SGD.)

A.R. Harrington,  
President & General Manager"

"NOVA SCOTIA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT POLES AND LOCATE WIRE  
CONDUITS

March 12, 1968

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the Council of  
the City of Halifax,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

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Sirs:

We hereby request permission to erect poles and locate wire conduits on Prince, Brunswick, Cornwallis and Water Streets, Halifax Nova Scotia in accordance with Drawing No. 1-G-1948 attached. If this request is granted, we agree to abide by the provisions of Ordinance 7 and 7A of the City of Halifax, except as to removal or relocation of any such poles or wire conduits or some one or more of them; and we require the Agreement of the City that if at any time during a period of twenty-nine years from the date that such poles or wire conduits are first erected, we are ordered by or on behalf of the City to remove or relocate the same, the City will pay the full costs of such relocation or removal.

Yours very truly,

NOVA SCOTIA LIGHT AND POWER  
COMPANY, LIMITED

By (Sgn'd) A. R. Harrington  
President

By (Sgn'd) E. A. LeBlanc  
Secretary

It was agreed to permit Mr. H. B. Rhude, Solicitor for Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited to address Council.

Mr. Rhude displayed a sketch showing the area bounded by Prince, Brunswick, Cornwallis and Water Streets and he explained that the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company presently have an underground conduit running generally along the line of Water Street; also they have some overhead wires running along Barrington Street and generally through the area in question; also, they have some other overhead wires in the Proctor Street area as well as a sub-station at Proctor Street into which runs the underground conduits.

He pointed out that as can be seen from the drawing the Cogswell Street/Harbour Drive Interchange covers



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the area through which part of the underground wiring runs; and, in addition, some of the overhead lines stretch through the Interchange.

Mr. Rhude said that it is clear that something has to be done to these facilities if the construction of the Interchange is to be proceeded with and the Company recognizes the necessity that the facilities be removed.

Accordingly, the Company representatives and City Staff have worked out a method of relocating the installations and this involves putting all these wires, conduits and overhead poles up Prince Street, along Brunswick Street, down Cornwallis Street, along Water Street and into the Proctor Street sub-station in order to clear these facilities out of the Interchange site.

With the foregoing as a background, Mr. Rhude then proceeded to make the following submission:

"Nova Scotia Light and Power Company, Limited presently has electric transmission and distribution wires running through the Interchange area and the Proctor Street area. Some of these are underground and others above ground. The City has requested that these wires be relocated. In a very large measure, relocation can only be effected by scrapping many of the wires and by abandoning a portion of the underground duct bank system.

The second thing that the City has requested is that the Company relocate these electrical wires on a temporary overhead system which run around the Interchange site. The cost of this temporary relocation will be approximately \$70,000.

The third thing that the City has requested is that following construction of the Interchange the Company abandon the temporary facilities and relocate its lines underground in the Interchange area and in the Proctor Street area. The cost of this second permanent relocation would be approximately \$144,000.

To put it another way, the City has requested the Company to do three things:

- (1) abandon its present facilities in the

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Interchange area;

(2) erect a temporary line around the Interchange area at a cost of approximately \$70,000; and

(3) following construction of the Interchange to re-establish its lines under the Interchange and underground in the Proctor Street area at a cost of approximately \$144,000.

Thus, the total cost of the City's proposal would be \$213,000.

For the purpose of its discussions with the City, the company has acknowledged that its facilities in the Interchange and Proctor Street areas must be relocated. The Company does not recognize an obligation to bear the cost of \$69,000 for the temporary relocation around the Interchange area during the construction period plus an obligation to pay the cost of \$144,000 for a second relocation of the line when construction is completed. If the Company is to bear the costs of relocation then it wants to relocate once and not twice. That is the reason the Company wrote to Council on March 12th, requesting, in effect, that the proposed overhead line around the Interchange area be considered permanent and not temporary. If this application were granted by the City, it would mean that while the Company would have to abandon underground and overhead facilities, it could replace them by overhead facilities having a cost of approximately \$70,000. In essence, the Company wants to be assured that when this expenditure of \$70,000 is made and the overhead facilities erected, that the City will not call upon it to relocate them again when the Interchange has been completed. Yet this is the very thing that staff intend. They wish the Company to erect the overhead facilities for \$70,000 and then as soon as the Interchange is constructed to relocate them underground at a further cost of \$144,000.

If the Council cannot see its way clear to treat this line as permanent then the Company will reluctantly request the Public Utilities Board to permit the Company to treat the line as a permanent one. In the Company's opinion the Public Utilities Board has the jurisdiction to take this step.

In the manager's report at the bottom of page three, it is recommended that Council instruct the Company to "proceed immediately with the relocation" of certain of its wires in the Interchange area. This the Company is prepared to do. All it is asking the City Council to do is to assure the Company that this relocation will be a permanent one made once and for all.

The Company understands that staff do not wish the relocation to be a permanent one largely for esthetic purposes. Staff believe that the overhead system which is necessary on a temporary basis would be undesirable on a permanent basis because of its unsightliness. The Company agrees that the proposal of staff is as esthetically sound and that it is desirable to have a double relocation as proposed by staff so that the wires are eventually placed underground. It cannot agree that the Company should bear the full cost of \$213,000 for this double relocation.



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If on the other hand, the City were prepared to enter into some cost sharing arrangement in order to solve this problem, the Company would do its very best to reach an agreement which was satisfactory to all parties. In its report, the City Manager has stated that the Company has not cited any instances outside of the City of Halifax where it has asked a Municipality to share in the cost of relocation of its plant. The Company is certainly remiss in not calling such examples to the City's attention. Two examples are the following:

(1) Recently the Town of Wolfville wished to clear the overhead wires off of its main street as a Centennial project. It advised the Company and Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Company Limited that it was prepared to share in the costs of placing the overhead wires underground. Estimates of the costs were obtained, but the Town felt that because of their size, it would not go ahead with the project. However, there is no suggestion that the Company and Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Company Limited place the wires underground at their sole cost.

(2) The Company is presently negotiating with the City of Dartmouth to put overhead wires located in the new City Hall area underground. While these negotiations have not been concluded, the City of Dartmouth has recognized that in principle it is obligated to share in the cost. The Company understands that the City's share of the cost will be paid by C.M.H.C. - City Partnership.

The very fact that these negotiations are going on with the City of Dartmouth and in view of the negotiations between the Company and the Town of Wolfville referred to above, makes it impossible for the Company to pay the full cost of the double relocation. As you know, the Public Utilities Act expressly prohibits the public utility from discriminating amongst various classes of customers. Accordingly, the Company believes that it would not be acting lawfully to pay the full cost of the City of Halifax's proposal and at the same time accept a contribution for the same kind of work from the City of Dartmouth.

The Company appreciates that time is important but is confident that representatives of the City and the Company could achieve a solution quickly if Council instructed staff to achieve one.

Accordingly, the Company respectfully requests Council to refer this matter either to the Finance Committee or to Staff to consider the desirability of a cost sharing arrangement with the Company and to recommend to Council what contribution, if any, the City should make to the cost of this double relocation."

After considerable discussion, it was MOVED by  
Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that:

1. In accordance with the provisions of Ordinances

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7 and 7A of the City of Halifax the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company be instructed to:

(a) proceed immediately with the relocation of the main trolley feeder line from its existing location on the west side of Water Street between Buckingham Street and Proctor Street;

(b) to proceed with the immediate relocation of the primary and secondary circuits from the east side of Water Street between Buckingham Street and Proctor Street;

2. Also, that the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company be informed that:

(a) construction of the Cogswell Street Interchange will take place on and in the vicinity of the 23,000 k.v.a. underground cable and that the Company has the option of relocating this cable or having it buried to greater depth than is now the case;

(b) the City made provision in the contract with Dineen Construction Company for construction of an underground conduit suitable for the permanent relocation of the 23,000 k.v.a. cable. The cost of this conduit will be \$24,000.

3. That the City Staff be instructed to continue negotiations with representatives of the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited for a satisfactory cost sharing arrangement on the work to be undertaken and to report to the next meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee.  
Motion passed.



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REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee of its meeting held on March 14, 1968 with respect to the following matters:

Possible Acquisition - 2 Proctor Street

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$1,900.00 be paid to the Estate of John Stonley as settlement in full for all claims in connection with the acquisition by the City of the property at 2 Proctor Street required for the construction of the Cogswell Street-Harbour Drive Interchange. Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition No. 246-248 Upper Water Street

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$3,200.00 be paid to the Estate of Patrick Power as settlement in full for all claims in connection with the acquisition by the City of the property at 246-248 Upper Water Street required for the Cogswell Street-Harbour Drive Interchange. Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - No. 5216-18 Cornwallis Street

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$21,000.00 be paid to Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Brown of <sup>#119</sup> ~~129~~ Melrose Avenue, Fairview, Nova Scotia as settlement in full for all claims in connection with the acquisition by the City of their property at 5216-18 Cornwallis Street located within the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Area but outside the boundaries for cost sharing with Central Mortgage and Housing

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Corporation; and that the sum of \$24,000.00 be provided for this purpose from the Sale of Land Account. Motion passed.

A formal Resolution as prepared by the City Solicitor authorizing the withdrawal of the sum of \$24,000.00 from the Sale of Land Account was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the Resolution as submitted be approved.

Motion passed unanimously.

Civic Holiday - Easter Monday

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Easter Monday, April 15, 1968 be declared a Civic Holiday. Motion passed.

Renewal - Band Concert Agreement

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, an agreement be entered into with the Halifax Musicians' Union under the usual terms and conditions covering eight (8) Band Concerts to be given in the City during the summer of 1968 at a cost to the City of \$2,610.00 and that His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the same on behalf of the City. Motion passed.

Applications for Tag Days, Door-to-Door Canvasses, etc.

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following applications for tag days, door-to-door canvasses be approved

1. Halifax Minor Baseball Association - Tag Day - July 12 & 13, 1968
2. Halifax Police Boys' Club - Door-to-Door Canvass - June 10 - 30, 1968 (3 days only)
3. Halifax Coloured Citizens Improvement League - Tag Day - June 15, 1968.



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and that the City Clerk be directed to assign three (3) days to the Halifax Police Boys' Club in accordance with the present policy. Motion passed.

Regional Highway Transportation Study

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City agree to share in the cost of the Regional Highway Transportation Study on the basis of the joint expenditure formula for 1969 and that funds in the amount of \$18,104.00 be provided in the 1969 Budget for this purpose. Motion passed.

Resolutions to Mayors' Conference

A report of the Committee reads as follows:

"The Committee considered the following resolution received from Alderman Ivany with the request that it be submitted to the annual conference of the Canadian Federation of Mayors' and Municipalities.

WHEREAS the financial situation of the Nation at the Federal, Provincial and Municipal level is in a state of concern to all people;

AND WHEREAS many avenues of medical services exist for the benefit of the people;

AND WHEREAS many avenues of services such as education, welfare, housing, transportation, employment, industrial build-up, etc., require action, especially in depressed areas;

AND WHEREAS housing is in a critical state and many people in a Nation of great resources cannot find a way to fulfill their ambitions of living in a decent accommodation;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Mayors and Municipalities request the Federal Government to reconsider its position on Medicare and direct its financial resources to the housing crisis.'

It was the concensus of the Members of the Committee

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that, whereas the decision as to whether or not the Province of Nova Scotia is to participate in the Medicare Program is the responsibility of the Government of Nova Scotia, that such a resolution should be referred to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities for consideration as to whether or not it would be presented to the Provincial Government."

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the resolution be referred to the Union of Municipalities for consideration as to whether or not it should be presented to the Provincial Government. Motion passed.

A report of the Committee reads as follows:

"It is recommended that the following resolution, received from Alderman Ivany with the request that it be submitted to the annual conference of the Canadian Federation of Mayors' and Municipalities, be referred to the Port of Halifax Commission requesting their views as to whether or not the resolution should be brought before the annual conference of the Canadian Federation of Mayors' and Municipalities.

'WHEREAS the containers concept of transportation is projected as a major idea for the future;

AND WHEREAS Canada is competing with the United States to establish the first land bridge concept from Pacific to Atlantic areas;

AND WHEREAS this concept would travel through Canadian territory, passing through Canadian cities;

AND WHEREAS foreign interests have expressed views that Canada is a logical routing country, but can lose out to the United States;

AND WHEREAS the land bridge concept should be studied by the Federal Government in the interests of the country;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Federation of Mayors and Municipalities recommend immediate and quick action to bring Canada in the lead position for the land bridge concept.' "



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After discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the recommendation of the Finance and Executive Committee be approved and the Port of Halifax Commission be requested to make their views known in time for presentation at the next meeting of City Council. Motion passed.

Repeal of Sections, 1931 Charter, Necessary for Introduction of New Building and Electrical Codes

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Governor-in-Council be requested to proclaim Part XIII of the Halifax City Charter 1963; and to repeal the following Sections of the Halifax City Charter, 1931:

578, 585; the definition of "Inspector of Buildings" in Section 724; 727, 727B to 732 incl; 734 to 746 incl; 749 to 755 incl; 756A to 763 incl; 764 to 791 incl; 793 to 814 incl; 825 to 828 incl. Motion passed.

Leasing of Office Space from Maritime Auto Supply Company Limited

The report of the Committee reads as follows:

"It is recommended that the 1,664 square feet of office space in the premises at 5441 Rainnie Drive be leased from Maritime Auto Supply Company Limited for the period of April 1, 1968 to March 1, 1970 at an annual rate of \$6,240.00 to house the Staff of the Building Inspection of the Development Department including the Electrical and Plumbing Inspection; and that His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the lease on behalf of the City; such recommendation is subject to a Staff report as to the feasibility of using the premises at 2319-2323 Brunswick Street for the required purpose.

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The following report dated March 22, 1968 was submitted from Staff:

"The Finance and Executive Committee March 21, 1968 requested further information on alternatives to the proposal for rental of the second floor of the Maritime Auto Supply Co. building.

The following alternatives were considered and rejected:

(a) A portion of the office and display space on the main floor of the Trade Mart building Scotia Square. The rental was \$4.00 per square foot and high costs would be involved in partitioning. This was rejected because:

- (i) rental too high
- (ii) further from City Hall than Maritime Auto Supply
- (iii) cost of fitting up higher than Maritime Auto Supply.

(b) Approximately 1300 square feet of office space at \$2.50 per square foot on the third floor of the Marble building at 1672 Barrington Street (west side of Barrington between Prince and Sackville Street):

This space was rejected because:

- (i) the available area was about 20% below the current requirements of Building Inspection Division and would have been completely inadequate after annexation.
- (ii) access to this space by citizens dealing with Inspection Division would be most difficult since the majority are contractors using self-driven vehicles. Parking is prohibited on both sides of Barrington Street in this area and there is no parking available within one block of the proposed location.

A suggestion to use one of the "historic" buildings on Brunswick Street has been investigated. At this time there are only two vacant buildings, 2309 Brunswick Street and 2319-23 Brunswick Street. Twenty-four hour Commissionaire watchman service is now maintained on these two buildings. This costs \$42.00 per day and is necessary until both buildings are occupied.



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Although sufficiently large and with parking space available for customers, extensive essential repairs are necessary plus alterations to make either suitable for use by the Building Inspection Division. The scope of work involved includes such items as a complete overhaul of the plumbing, heating and electrical systems which have been extensively damaged by fire and by vandals. Use of either of these buildings by Building Inspection Division is not recommended because:

(1) Essential repairs and alterations to 2309 Brunswick Street amount to \$6,000.00. Expenditures of this amount on this very old wood frame building is not recommended unless it can be immediately related to a profitable long term use for the structure.

(2) The cost of essential repairs and alterations to 2319-2323 Brunswick Street (West House) are estimated at approximately \$20,000.00 for the whole of this duplex building. Building Inspection Division would only require the equivalent of one-half of the total floor area available and if renovated an additional tenant or tenants should be found to occupy the remaining space. On this basis, one-half of repair and alteration costs (\$10,000.00) should be charged to the Building Inspection Division occupancy. This expenditure should be related to continued use of the building and the long term cost to the City. This building is of masonry construction and is much more suitable for renovation than 2309 Brunswick Street.

(3) An economic comparison between the private rental on Rainnie Drive and the use of the City-owned building on Brunswick Street should include the cost of taxes and maintenance. These are:

	Rainnie Drive (1)	West House (2)
Taxes (1968)	\$800.00	\$480.00
Maintenance	150.00	200.00
Heat	200.00	300.00
Power		200.00
	<u>\$ 1,150.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,180.00</u>

(1) - Included in Lease - paid by owner.

(2) - Loss or expense to City. (one-half of costs for whole building).

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- (4) The location on Brunswick Street is beyond reasonable walking distance from City Hall.
- (5) Repair work would take a minimum of three months. Extreme congestion would occur at City Hall because of this delay."

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the recommendation of the Finance and Executive Committee be approved.

MOVED in amendment by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the necessary repairs and alterations be carried out at 2319-2323 Brunswick Street (West House) and the property be used to house the Staff of the Building Inspection Division of the Development Department.

His Worship the Mayor ruled that Alderman Connolly's motion is contrary to the original motion and can only be considered if the original motion is defeated.

Alderman LeBlanc contended that the two (2) reasons given in the staff report for not renting the Marble Building at 1672 Barrington Street are not valid.

The City Manager stated that Staff were of the opinion that a minimum of 1,600 square feet is required at the present time and if and when annexation takes place more space will be required so that the Marble Building will not be suitable. The motion was put and passed as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: Aldermen Black, Abbott, Moir, Matheson,  
A. M. Butler, Meagher, Sullivan, Fitzgerald  
and H. W. Butler

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AGAINST IT: Aldermen Ivany, LeBlanc, Ahern and  
Connolly

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REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on March 19, 1968, with respect to the following matters:

Tenders for Bulbs

MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of Deans Nursery Limited for the supply of bulbs to the Public Gardens, Parks and Parade and to Fairview Cemetery in the total amount of \$2,380.00 be accepted, funds having been provided in Current Account 9409-202 and 9415-202 in the 1968 Current Budget. Motion passed.

Demolition of Buildings

MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of G. A. Redmond Ltd., in the amount of \$675.00, be accepted for the demolition of the property at 6255-57 Chebucto Road, funds having been provided in Capital Account No. 63-41. Motion passed.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on March 19, 1968, with respect to the following matter:

Tender - 3/4 Length Nylon Jackets - Police Department

MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the

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contract for 160 nylon jackets for the Police Department, be awarded to Morris Goldberg Limited, at a unit price of \$48.50.

After a short discussion on the matter, the motion was put and passed.

REPORT - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Public Health and Welfare Committee from its meeting held on March 21, 1968 with respect to the following matters:

Nursing Service Regional Vocational School

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Public Health and Welfare Committee, the Halifax City Department of Public Health provide the Public Health Nursing Services to the Halifax Regional Vocational School for three one-half days per week and that the City be reimbursed on the actual cost of providing such services. Motion passed.

Adoption of National Building Code Part 7 - Plumbing

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Public Health and Welfare Committee, the City of Halifax adopt Part 7 of the National Building Code respecting Plumbing Services, effective as of January 1, 1969. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Amendments to Ordinance No. 55 - "Tag Days" etc. Second Reading

Deferred.



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REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the Town Planning Board from its meeting held on March 19, 1968 with respect to the following matters:

Modification of Lot Area - 3466-3468 Claremont Street

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of lot area requirements at 3466-3468 Claremont Street, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2351, to permit the conversion of an existing duplex dwelling into a three-unit apartment building, be approved.

At the request of Council, the Acting Chief Planner explained the application and the views of Staff.

After a short discussion, the motion was put and passed, eight voting for the same and five against it as

follows:

For: Aldermen Ivany, Matheson, A. M. Butler,  
Meagher, Ahern, Connolly, Sullivan and  
H. W. Butler 8

Against: Aldermen Abbott, Moir, LeBlanc, Fitzgerald  
and Black 5

Rezoning C-1 to C-2 - 5990 Spring Garden Road

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the rezoning of 5990 Spring Garden Road from C-1 Zone to C-2 Zone, to construct a two-storey addition at the rear of the building, as shown on Drawings No. P200/2303 and P200/2361, be approved, a date for a public hearing set and the plan

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outlined in black, attached to the Staff Report, be established as the affected area in which the property owners will be notified. Motion passed.

Alteration to a Subdivision - Gorsebrook Avenue and Tower Road

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Ahern that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for an alteration to a subdivision at Lot "D" Gorsebrook Avenue and Tower Road, as shown on Drawing Nos. P200/2367 - 00-10-17214, be approved and a public hearing waived. Motion passed.

Modification of Front and Side Yards - 3413 Gottingen Street

The City Clerk advised that the applicant has requested Council to defer this matter.

Council agreed that it be deferred to the next regular meeting.

Modification of Front and Side Yards, Lot Frontage, Lot Coverage and Lot Area - 6268 Shirley Street

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Black that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of front yard, side yard, lot frontage, lot coverage and lot area requirements at 6268 Shirley Street, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2362, to permit the conversion from a duplex dwelling to a three-unit apartment building, be rejected. Motion passed.

Alteration to a Subdivision - 6184 and 6196 Jubilee Road

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board,



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the application for an alteration to a subdivision at 6184 and 6196 Jubilee Road, as shown on Drawing Nos. P200/2366 - 00-10-17213, be approved and that a public hearing be waived.

Mr. Arthur Speed, at the request of Council, explained the proposal.

After a short discussion, the motion was put and passed.

Board of Appeals - Regional Planning Commission

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, Staff be directed to prepare a submission to the Department of Municipal Affairs relating to the inclusion of provisions in the Town Planning Act for the formation of a Board of Appeals and that City Council urge the Province to include such provisions in the Act. Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accounts Over \$1,000.00

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

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Lawrence Sandford	Annexation Report	\$1,821.25
G. A. Hardie & Co. Ltd.	Bed sheets and draw sheets	1,117.60
		<u>\$2,938.85</u>

Motion passed.

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Report - Housing Committee - Brunswick Street Housing

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Housing Committee, the area to be set aside for the Brunswick Street Housing Project shall be bounded by Gerrish Street, Barrington Street, a line north of St. Patrick's Church and a line to be drawn at the rear of the properties on Brunswick Street, this line to be recommended to City Council by Staff after consultation with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Nova Scotia Housing Commission and members of the Advisory Committee for the Preservation of Historic Buildings.

The Acting Chief Planner displayed a plan of the area and indicated a line 115 feet back from Brunswick Street which was set after discussions with the Nova Scotia Housing Commission, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and members of the Advisory Committee for the Preservation of Historic Buildings. He advised that the line is extended to Cornwallis Street and that the whole area to the east could be planned for public housing, with the exception of the small portion occupied by St. Patrick's Church. He said that the line drawn 115 feet from Brunswick Street will permit any development on the Brunswick Street frontage, if after a survey is completed, some of the buildings on that frontage are demolished because they are not capable of being restored or rehabilitated.

Alderman Matheson gave a resume of the discussions



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which took place during the Housing Committee meeting.

Alderman LeBlanc felt that there should be a limit put on the percentage of public housing that will be constructed in the City.

After considerable discussion, Alderman Matheson, with the approval of Alderman Meagher, amended his motion to read as follows:

That the area to be set aside for the Brunswick Street Housing Project shall be bounded by Gerrish Street, Barrington Street, Cornwallis Street and a line drawn 115 feet east of Brunswick Street.

After further discussion, the motion was put and passed with Alderman LeBlanc voting against.

#### 1968 Legislation

The following draft legislation was submitted and the intent of same was explained by the City Solicitor:

#### An Act Respecting Areas Annexed to the City of Halifax

Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

1 The Council of the City of Halifax may, in respect of any area annexed to the City on January 1, 1969 in accordance with an Order of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, for the purpose of paying sewer installation costs, levy and collect area rates, of so much on the dollar of assessed value of the property, in any area which prior to the date of annexation was paying for sewer installation costs by area rates.

2 The Council of the City of Halifax may, in the years 1969 to 1973 inclusive, in respect of the areas annexed to the City on January 1, 1969, and in accordance with the Order of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, levy and collect an area rate, of so much on the dollar of assessed value of the property, in the annexed areas.

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3 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other enactment, the taxes on any property of a residential character or nature, in an area annexed to the City of Halifax on January 1, 1969 pursuant to an Order of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, shall be the greater of:

- (a) the amount of taxes and area rates rated against the property by the Municipality of the County of Halifax in 1968; or
- (b) the amount of taxes, including fire protection rates, which, except for this Act, would be rated against the property under the Halifax City Charter;

provided however that on properties in respect of which no assessment for a building of a residential character or nature is levied for the year 1968, and on which subsequently a building of a residential character or nature is erected, the taxes will be the greater of:

- (a) the amount of taxes and area rates which would have been rated against the property, had the building been in existence in the year 1968 and been rated by the Municipality of the County of Halifax in that year; or
- (b) the amount of taxes, including fire protection rates, which, except for this Act, would have been rated against the property under the Halifax City Charter in 1968.

4 This Act or any part thereof will come into force and effect on and not before a day to be fixed by proclamation of the Governor in Council.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Black that the draft legislation, as submitted, be approved.  
Motion passed.

Administrative Order No. 6 "GRANTS" - Second Reading

MOVED by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Black that the following amendments to Administrative Order #6 be read and passed a Second Time:

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Halifax, as follows:



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1. Sections 2, 3 and 4 of Administrative Order Number 6, Respecting the Determination of Various Grants to be Paid by the City of Halifax, approved by the City Council on the 30th day of June, 1966 and the 14th day of July, 1966, respectively, and amended, are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

2. The City Council of the City of Halifax hereby determined that the amounts contained in the 1968 Budget and items subsequently approved by City Council, shall be paid as grants to the following organizations as defined in clauses (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of Section 202 of the Halifax City Charter, 1963, namely:

Nova Scotia Association for Retarded Children	\$ 800.00
Canadian Cancer Fund	1,000.00
St. John Ambulance	750.00
Canadian Paraplegic Association	1,500.00
Canadian Arthritis & Rheumatism Society	250.00
Nova Scotia Branch, Canadian Mental Health	2,000.00
Metropolitan Drug Dispensary	15,800.00
Grace Maternity Hospital Out-Patients	3,250.00
Atlantic Child Guidance Centre	26,539.00
Victorian Order of Nurses	11,000.00
Family Service Bureau	3,500.00
Salvation Army, Tower Road	500.00
Salvation Army, 1965-1969	1,000.00
Salvation Army	2,000.00
Halifax-Dartmouth United Appeal	20,500.00
Maritime School for Social Work	500.00
John Howard Society	1,500.00
Children's Aid Society	2,500.00
Walter Callow Wheelchair Coach Fund	500.00
Canadian Red Cross Homemaker's Service	2,000.00
Welfare Council	5,000.00
Rector, Wardens & Vestry, St. George's Church	400.00
Nova Scotia College of Art	6,500.00
Nova Scotia College of Art, 1965-1969	2,200.00
Army Museum	6,000.00
Halifax Symphony Society	5,000.00
Nova Scotia Talent Trust	500.00
Halifax Musical Festival	750.00
Maritime Conservatory of Music	5,000.00
Y. M. C. A.	2,000.00
Neptune Theatre	15,000.00
Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame	6,000.00
Bengal Lancers	1,000.00
Dalhousie University (re land University Avenue)	1,725.00
Nova Scotia Museum of Fine Arts	3,000.00
	<u>\$157,464.00</u>

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3. The City Council of the City of Halifax hereby certifies that the sums contained in the 1968 Budget and items subsequently approved by City Council, for grants contained in Section 2 of this Administrative Order, aggregate the sum of \$157,464.00 and do not exceed the maximum amount of \$250,000.00, as provided in subsection (2) of Section 202 of the Halifax City Charter, 1963.

Motion passed.

Celebration - "Halifax Natal Day" - July 24, 1968

The following report was submitted from the Natal Day Committee:

"At a meeting of the Natal Day Committee held on March 6, 1968, consideration was given to various suggestions as to the day on which to celebrate Halifax Natal Day.

Your Committee decided that Halifax Natal Day should be held on Wednesday, July 24, 1968; and it is recommended that City Council declare that day a civic holiday; also, that Wednesday August 7, 1968 (Dartmouth Natal Day) be declared a half-holiday."

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that:

1. Halifax Natal Day should be celebrated on a Monday;
2. That the Provincial Government should be requested to declare the first Monday in August a Provincial holiday every year.

After some discussion, His Worship the Mayor suggested that the second part of Alderman Black's motion should be brought forward to Council as a Notice of Motion.

Alderman Black agreed with His Worship the Mayor, and, with the approval of Alderman Fitzgerald withdrew that part of his motion.

It was then MOVED in Amendment by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Meagher that Halifax Natal Day be



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celebrated on Wednesday, July 24, 1968, in accordance with the recommendation of the Natal Day Committee.

After further discussion, the Amendment was put and passed with Aldermen Black and Fitzgerald voting against.

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Moir that Wednesday, August 7, 1968 be declared a half-holiday for the citizens of Halifax to celebrate Dartmouth Natal Day. Motion passed with Alderman Black voting against.

Appeal - Against Granting of an Occupancy Permit for a Taxi Dispatching Office at No. 3292 Isleville Street

The following appeal was submitted, signed by 155 persons, against the occupancy permit for a taxi dispatching office at 3292 Isleville Street:

SIR:

We, the undersigned, being real property owners or residents in the City of Halifax with properties located around or about the real property more commonly known as Civic Number 3292 Isleville Street, bounded on the corner of Columbus Street; in the City of Halifax; which is located in a C-2 Residential Zone; do hereby protest the granting of an occupancy permit in accordance with Section 739A, Paragraph 4A, to permit the operation of a taxi stand on this property commonly known as Civic No. 3292 Isleville Street.

Our explicit reasons are as follows:

- (1) It is felt that the operation of a business of this nature will devalue our properties.
- (2) The operation of this business will increase traffic on our immediate streets thereby increasing traffic congestion in our area.
- (3) The increased traffic to be generated by this business located in an area where there are three public schools located nearby could bring harm to school children.

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- (4) Whereas, Columbus Street has been designated as an artery for the Narrows Bridge, the expected increase in traffic on Columbus Street will be more than the district will be able to accommodate.
- (5) Whereas, it is envisaged that this business will be operated on a 24-hour daily routine, the activity and commotion associated with this type of operation will not be commensurate with the pleasurable present surroundings we now enjoy.
- (6) There are at present five taxi stands and or call boxes located in a 1¼ mile radius of the district.
- (7) Our neighborhood has been a quiet residential district for almost fifty-years or more -- please leave it this way.

The Deputy Building Inspector informed Council that he saw no reason to hold up an occupancy permit for a taxi dispatch office at this location.

Alderman Sullivan felt that the matter should be deferred until such time as all the information is presented to Council.

Alderman Meagher suggested that the Safety Committee might look into the matter.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the appeal is one for City Council to consider and not a matter for the Safety Committee.

Mr. W. E. Spicer, the applicant for the occupancy permit, addressed Council and advised that it is not his intention to have a taxi stand at this location, only a dispatching office and this would not generate any additional traffic.

After a short discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman



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Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the matter be deferred until the next regular meeting of City Council.

The motion was put and resulted in a tie vote, six voting for the same and six against it as follows:

For: Aldermen Meagher, Ahern, Connolly, Sullivan,  
Fitzgerald and H. W. Butler 6

Against: Aldermen Moir, Matheson, A. M. Butler, LeBlanc,  
Black and Abbott 6

His Worship the Mayor cast his vote against the motion and declared same lost.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the appeal against the issuance of an occupancy permit for a taxi dispatch office at 3292 Isleville Street be rejected. Motion passed.

#### Lord's Day Permit

An application for a Lord's Day Permit was submitted on behalf of Mr. Ronald W. Lewis and Mr. John Lloy for a Billiard Hall at 3381 Desmond Avenue.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Moir that the Lord's Day Permit be granted. Motion passed with Alderman Fitzgerald voting against.

#### Appointment - Council Representative to Welfare Council

His Worship the Mayor nominated Deputy Mayor Meagher as Council's representative on the Board of Directors of the Welfare Council for the year 1968.

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Ivany that His Worship the Mayor's nomination be approved. Motion passed.