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REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting of April 8, 1970 with respect to the following items:

Possible Expropriation Settlement - #1855 Upper Water Street,
Jas. Simmonds Limited

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the property of Jas. Simmonds Limited, known as Civic Number 1855 Upper Water Street, which property was acquired for the Cogswell Street/Harbour Drive Interchange, be purchased for \$208,000, plus interest of 5%, as settlement in full for all claims. Motion passed.

Appointment of Independent Auditors

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, H.R. Doane & Co. be appointed to make an independent audit of the books and finances of the City of Halifax for the year 1970. Motion passed.

Revised License Fees

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following list of license fees be approved and that the necessary amendments be prepared for the respective Ordinances and the necessary legislation be prepared to amend the City Charter accordingly:

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<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CURRENT FEE</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED FEE</u>
Auctioneers	\$ 80.00	\$ 150.00
Automatic Pinboard Machines (Plates)	75.00	125.00
Automatic Pinboard Transfers	1.00	1.00
Beverage Machine Stickers	1.00	2.00
Billboard Posters	50.00	50.00
Buyers of Old Gold	35.00	35.00
Canvassers for Advertising	50.00	50.00
Chimney Sweeps (badge)	25.00	25.00
Clothes Dealers from Abroad	100.00	100.00
Coal Hawkers	5.00	5.00
Dealers in Second-Hand Bottles	35.00	35.00
Garbage Collection	10.00	20.00
Junk Dealers	200.00	200.00
Magazine Salesman (badge) Resident.	7.50	25.00
Non-Resident...	75.00	75.00
Pedlars (badge & Plate)		
On Foot	15.00	15.00
Bicycle	25.00	25.00
Horse or Motor Vehicle: Resident.	40.00	50.00
Non-Resident ..	80.00	80.00
Photographers	100.00	100.00
Sale Under Ordinance #54 (Going out of business)	200.00	200.00
Sales from Offices (Sec.496)	500.00	500.00
Salesman (transient)	300.00	300.00
Second Hand Clothes	25.00	25.00
<u>Mobile Home Parks (County By-law):</u>		
1 Unit	-	5.00
2-10 Units	-	30.00
11-20 "	-	40.00
21-30 "	-	50.00
31-40 "	-	60.00
41-50 "	-	70.00
<u>Building Permits:</u>		
200-500	2.00	2.00
500-1,000	2.00	5.00
1000-10,000	2/1,000	5/1000
10,000-50,000	2/1,000	(\$50 on 1st \$10,000 4/1,000 on remainder)
50,000-200,000	2/1,000	(\$200 on 1st \$50,000 3/1,000 on remainder)
Over 200,000	2/1,000	2/1,000
<u>Ferries & Public Landing:</u>		
Under 30'	10.00	20.00
30' - 35'	15.00	30.00
35' - 45'	20.00	40.00
Over 45'	25.00	50.00
<u>City Market:</u>		
Table without rack (per year)	70.00	70.00
Table with rack (per year)	100.00	100.00
Table with or without rack (per week)	2.50	2.50
½ table with or without rack (per week)	1.50	1.50
Table Outside under Canopy (per week)	4.00	4.00

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<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CURRENT FEE</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED FEE</u>
Taxi Drivers	\$ 2.00	(Under study by
Plates	25.00	Taxi Sub-
Transfers	25.00	Committee)
Replacements	1.00	
Trucks - All Tonnage	25.00	25.00
Tax Certificates	5.00	5.00
Restaurant (not serving beverages)	5.00	10.00
(serving beverages) (new)	-	25.00
Sale of Hats (per day)	10.00	10.00
Juke Box	-	75.00
Kennel License	-	10.00
Lord's Day Act	3.00	50.00
Barber Shop - Beauty Parlors (per chair)	1.00	1.00
Bicycle License	2.00	2.00
Blasting Permits	5.00	5.00
High Pressure Steam Boilers	25.00	25.00
Sign License	5.00	5.00
Dog License Male/Female	3.00	6/10
Applications for Rezoning, Modifications, Subdivisions		
Under \$5,000.00	10.00	10.00
\$5,000-\$50,000.00	10.00	20.00
\$50,000-\$250,000.00	10.00	30.00
\$250,000-\$500,000.00	10.00	50.00
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	10.00	70.00
\$1,000,000-\$3,000,000	10.00	100.00
Over \$3,000,000	10.00	150.00

Motion passed.

Appointment to Jury Duty:

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Mr. J. F. Thomson, City Assessor, be appointed to represent the City of Halifax on the Jury Committee, and that Mr. W. Arthur Gray, Deputy City Assessor, be appointed to act in Mr. Thomson's absence. Motion passed.

Application for Door-to-Door Canvass - Ward 7 Spryfield Youth Group

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Hogan, that as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, approval be granted to Ward 7 Spryfield Youth Group to hold a door-to-door canvass on April 17 and 18, 1970 in Ward 7 only. Motion passed.

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Endorsement - Halifax Transit Corporation Legislation

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council confirms to the Private and Local Bills Committee of the Legislature, the position of the City of Halifax as recorded in a Resolution of the City Council passed March 26, 1970, endorsing the legislation submitted by the Halifax Transit Corporation. Motion passed.

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The City Manager referred to a short Staff report which had been distributed to members of Council which recommended that the matter be referred back to the next Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Ivany that the matter of Saturday Parking meter charges be referred back to the Committee of the Whole Council for further consideration. Motion passed.

Overnight Parking Ban - Alternate Parking Restrictions

The report of the Committee reads as follows:

"It is recommended that the Committee approve the report in principle, pending a further report to be submitted as alternate parking ban on one side of the street for Monday, Wednesday and Friday; the other side of the street Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday throughout the City as required."

His Worship the Mayor said that there has appeared to be some misunderstanding on this item and that Council had not considered the continuation of the winter parking ban on all night parking on City streets.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Meagher that no change be made in the present parking regu-

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REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on April 8, 1970 with respect to the following matters:

Saturday Meter Parking - Downtown Area

The report of the Committee reads as follows:

"It is recommended that parking meter charges be made effective on Saturdays."

Alderman Meagher referred to a submission made by the Downtown Merchants and he asked if Mr. J. Dowell would be permitted to speak to it.

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lations but in those areas where there are problems in cleaning the streets, that the Director of Works and Engineering erect signs to facilitate the cleaning of the streets, also on the days of garbage collection.

Alderman Ivany said that he agreed with the motion of Alderman Meagher and felt that if the streets could be cleaned on the day of the garbage collection, the citizens could be asked to co-operate and keep their cars off the street.

His Worship the Mayor said that he had received a list of the persons who had phoned CHNS on this matter and this showed that many citizens are overwhelmingly opposed to the continuation of an overnight parking ban.

Alderman Abbott reported that he had received more calls on this particular item than on any other item considered by Council during his time as a member of the City Council. He felt that Council cannot say no change should be made, since it is the responsibility of the Traffic Authority but Council can recommend an action which the Traffic Authority can take into consideration when making his decision.

Alderman Sullivan said that he had received ten phone calls on the matter representing twelve people who were unanimous against a summer parking ban. He referred to the communication received by His Worship the Mayor from CHNS and reported that out of 392 phone calls, 95.7% were against the continuation of the overnight parking ban during the summer.

Alderman Hogan hoped that Council would not be swayed by CHNS, he felt that they had misconstrued the dis-

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cussions held in the Committee of the Whole and he emphasized the fact that the Committee had at no time considered the continuation of the all night parking ban. He said that he was very glad to hear Mr. Dodge on the radio clarifying the position. He suggested that perhaps the matter should be referred back to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Alderman MacKeen spoke briefly in favour of the motion.

After further discussion, Alderman Meagher, with the approval of his seconder, amended his motion to read

"THAT Council recommend to the Traffic Authority that no changes be made in the parking regulations and that the same procedure be continued as in past years."

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

For: Aldermen Abbott, MacKeen, Connolly,
Ivany, Meagher and Sullivan 6

Against: Aldermen Hogan, LeBlanc and Allen 3

Tenders - Uniform Clothing - Police Department

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the following tenders be accepted for the supply of Uniform Clothing for the Police Department:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED TENDER</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
3 piece uniform	Alex B. Chambers	\$77.84
2 piece uniform	G. B. Isnor Ltd.	64.45
Uniform Trousers	Alex B. Chambers	15.20
Uniform Overcoats	Tony the Tailor	60.20
Uniform Summer Hats	Morris Goldberg Ltd.	6.24
Uniform Winter Hats	Stokes Cap & Regalia*	8.25
Grey Uniform Shirts	Morris Goldberg Ltd.	4.24
Grey Uniforms 3 piece	Tony the Tailor	89.95
Police Boots	Morris Goldberg Ltd.	11.46
Winter Overshoes	Schooner Outfitting	4.25

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED TENDER</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Black Leather Gloves	Morris Goldberg Ltd.*	\$ 4.00
Black Wool Socks	Morris Goldberg Ltd.*	1.24
Black Ties	J. & M. Murphy	.65
Rainproof Cap Covers	Stokes Cap & Regalia	.50
Reversible Raincoats	K. & P. Atlantic Ltd.	32.50
Grey Uniform Trousers	Alex B. Chambers	15.25
Summer Hats (Grey)	K. & P. Atlantic Ltd.**	7.00
Winter Hats (Grey)	K. & P. Atlantic Ltd.**	7.95
Officer Style Frock Coats	Tony the Tailor	60.20
Officer Style Uniforms	Alex B. Chambers	80.75

* Selected on basis of quality

** Subject to inspection of the hat.

Motion passed.

The report of the Committee advised that the specifications for 3/4 length nylon jackets were being revised and that a separate tender would be called at a later date.

REPORT - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Public Health and Welfare Committee from its meeting held on April 8, 1970 with respect to the following matter:

Appointment - Nova Scotia Trust Company - Guardian for Miss Bella MacDonald

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Public Health and Welfare Committee, Council authorize the City Solicitor to petition the Supreme Court to appoint the Nova Scotia Trust Company as guardian for Bella MacDonald so that the City may make a claim against the money due Miss MacDonald under the estate. Motion passed.

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the Town Planning Board from its meeting held on April 8, 1970, with respect

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to the following matters:

Alteration to Subdivision - Lots 6-10 and Portion of Lot 11,
Cunard Street & Lots 13-17 Princess Place

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for an alteration to a subdivision to combine Lots No. 6-10 and a portion of Lot 11 Cunard Street and Lots No. 13-17 Princess Place into one new Lot "A", as shown in Case No. 2024 on Plan No. P200/3652 be approved and a public hearing waived. Motion passed.

Alteration to Subdivision, Modification of Front Yard, Side
Yard, Lot Frontage and Lot Area Requirements - #5405-5407
Spring Garden Road

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for an alteration to a subdivision to combine the two lots at Civic Nos. 5405-5407 Spring Garden Road into new Lot "A" and modification of the front yard, side yard, lot frontage and lot area requirements permitting two, one-bedroom units be approved, subject to a portion of the building being removed so that lot coverage does not exceed 35 per cent, and that a public hearing into the matter be waived. Motion passed.

Alteration to Subdivision and Modification of the Height
Requirements - Lots 19-28 Gottingen Street

MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for an alteration to a subdivision and modification of the height requirements at Lots 19-28 Gottingen Street, which will:

1. Combine the existing lots into new Lot "A";

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2. Modify the height requirements to permit a section of the building to be joined to the existing Northwood Towers and be used as a walkway for the occupants of such dwelling;

as shown in Case No. 2037 on Plan No. P200/3575, be approved and a public hearing waived. Motion passed.

Modification of the Lot Frontage, Lot Area and Front Yard Requirements - #5 Auburn Avenue

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of the lot area, lot frontage and front yard requirements at #5 Auburn Avenue, Spryfield, to permit a duplex use, as shown on Plans No. P200/3658 to P200/3661 of Case No. 2068, be refused. Motion passed.

Modification of the Lot Frontage Requirement - 287 Spencer Avenue

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of the lot frontage requirement to permit the construction of a four-unit apartment building at Civic No. 287 Spencer Avenue, as shown in Case No. 1778, be approved. Motion passed.

Modification of Lot Frontage and Lot Area Requirements - #112 Old Sambro Road

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Allen that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of the lot frontage and lot area requirements at Lot No. 112 Old Sambro Road to permit the construction of a two-unit apartment building, as shown in Case No. 1779, be approved. Motion passed.

Modification of the Lot Frontage Requirement - 11 Drysdale Avenue

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman

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Hogan that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of lot frontage requirements at Lot No. 11 Drysdale Avenue, to permit the construction of a four-unit apartment building, as shown in Case No. 2015, be approved. Motion passed.

Alteration to Subdivision - Lots 68 & 69 LeMarchant Farm
Subdivision - Layton Road, Spryfield

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for an alteration to a subdivision to combine Lots 68 & 69, LeMarchant Farm Subdivision into Lot 68-A and permit the construction of an 8-unit apartment building be approved, subject to a more desirable layout being prepared to the satisfaction of City Staff and that a public hearing into the matter be waived. Motion passed.

Modification of Side Yard, Lot Frontage and Lot Area Re-
quirements - 6137 Jubilee Road

MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of the side yard, lot frontage and lot area requirements at 6137 Jubilee Road, to permit the conversion of a single family dwelling to a three-unit apartment building, as shown in Case No. 2019 on Plan No. P200/3495, be approved, on condition that the existing two-car garage at the rear is removed. Motion passed with Alderman LeBlanc voting against.

MOTIONS

Motion - Alderman Allen - Time of Adjournment and Continuation
of City Council Meetings

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Hogan that at all regular meetings of Council, adjournment

will take place at 11:00 p.m., unless by a 2/3 vote it is agreed to continue, and that the meetings be concluded the following Monday, at 4:00 p.m. Motion passed.

Motion - Alderman Abbott - Amendments to Ordinance Number 110, Respecting "A Tax for the Transfer of Real Property" - First Reading

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the following Amendment to Ordinance Number 110 Respecting "A Tax for the Transfer of Real Property" be read and passed a First Time:

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

1. Section 3 of Ordinance Number 110, Respecting A Tax for the Transfer of Real Property, as that Ordinance was approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 22nd day of October, A.D., 1964 and subsequently amended and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 14th day of September, A.D., 1967, is amended by striking out the word "one-half" in the third line thereof and substituting therefor the words "three quarters".

Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accounts Over \$5000

No Accounts Over \$5,000.00 were submitted for approval at this time.

Dilapidated Building - #6255-59 Coburg Road

The following report was submitted from Staff:

"RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council order civic No. 6255-6259 Coburg Road be repaired on both the interior and exterior to make the premises habitable. Further, if these repairs are not carried out within a specified time the Council order the building demolished and removed.

BACKGROUND:

This building was extensively damaged by fire on the morning of June 5, 1968 and has been unoccupied since that time. The owners have been requested by the Building Inspector to make good the fire damage and have not complied.

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The photographs submitted herewith indicate the extent of the damage and the general condition of the exterior of the building.

In the opinion of the Building Inspector the building is repairable.

The Council may under Section 438 of the Charter order the owner to repair or destroy a building within a fixed time by reason of its ruinous or dilapidated condition. The three specific grounds given in Section 438 for such an Order are:

- (a) Seriously detrimental to the amenities of the neighbourhood; or
- (b) Seriously depreciates the value of land or buildings in the vicinity; or
- (c) Is in such state of non-repair as to be no longer suitable for human habitation or business purposes.

The Building Inspector reports that in his opinion the building seriously depreciates the value of land and buildings in the vicinity."

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Abbott that in accordance with the Staff Report that this building be placed in order, the owner be given a time of 90 days to have the building repaired.

Alderman Ivany said that he is open to a different length of time if the Building Inspector so advises.

The Building Inspector felt that perhaps a starting date should be included in the motion, he considered that the repairs to the building could take up to four months to complete. He reported that in talking to the Lawyer representing the owner of the building, he understood that it was the owner's intention to demolish the building.

After further discussion, Alderman Ivany, with the approval of his seconder amended his motion to read:

"THAT the owner of the dilapidated building at 6255-6259 Coburg Road be ordered to start the repairs to the property within twenty-one days, such repairs to be completed within 90 days, but if the repairs are not started within 21 days, Council will then consider

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an order to demolish the building."

The motion was then put and passed.

Conditions of Appointment - City Manager

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that Mr. Cyril McC Henderson be employed as City Manager as of June 1st, 1970 at a salary of \$31,500.00 per annum with a renewable contract for 3½ years in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in a letter to Mr. Henderson dated March 28, 1970. Motion passed.

Appointments - Recreation & Playgrounds Commission

His Worship the Mayor nominated the following persons as members of the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission:

Alderman Allen
Mr. H. W. Butler

both appointments to expire on April 30, 1973.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the nominations of His Worship the Mayor be accepted and the appointments to the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission be confirmed. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Hogan Re: Cigars Placed on Aldermen's Desks

Alderman Hogan asked why members of Council have been given cigars at this meeting.

His Worship the Mayor presumed that Alderman McGuire had sent them to make up for his absence and to celebrate the new addition to his family.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Condition of Roadway - Kempt Road to Railway Cut - Extension of Barrington Street

Alderman Connolly referred to the condition of the portion of Barrington Street which passes the Nova Scotia

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Abattoir from Kempt Road to the Railway Cut and he asked when something is going to be done to improve it.

His Worship the Mayor said that he had received a memorandum from Mr. Mader which indicates that as soon as the weather conditions permit, certain action will be taken to put that portion of the roadway in better shape.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Fly Ash from Incinerator

Alderman Connolly referred to the fact that this is the time of year when residents in the North End start to paint the outside of their houses and he asked if something is going to be done soon to stop the fly ash from the incinerator which ruins some of the painting work done.

His Worship the Mayor felt that this is an important matter and said that he would appreciate a statement from the Director of Works and Engineering.

The Director of Works and Engineering said that Staff have been looking at the problem of the fly ash from the incinerator. He said that there are some limitations due to the design of the incinerator but that staff now have some estimates on a more permanent type of fly ash collector which will not do a complete job but will be sufficient until the City can get enough money to do a complete job.

Alderman Connolly asked if the residents of the area would be entitled to any type of compensation if their work is ruined.

The Director of Works and Engineering said that he understood that the City has paid compensation to people in the past.

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Question Alderman Meagher Re: Abandoned Cars Around the City

Alderman Meagher referred to the many abandoned cars on property around the City and he asked which City Department is responsible for having them removed. He referred specifically to an area opposite Ideal Aluminum.

The Building Inspector advised that it is the responsibility of his department under the unsightly premises section of the City Charter and said that his staff are working on the problem throughout the year. He said that if the Aldermen are concerned with any particular area he would be glad to hear about it so that action can be started.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Crosswalks

Alderman Sullivan asked whether there is any possibility of the Traffic Authority looking into the placing of crosswalks between Young and Gottingen and Duffus and Gottingen. He said that the Police Department have apprehended a number of speeders on this stretch of street and he felt that crosswalks at the two locations suggested are a necessity.

Alderman LeBlanc said that a crosswalk is required between Herring Cove Road and Withrod Drive.

His Worship the Mayor asked the Traffic Authority to take note of the question.

Question Alderman LeBlanc Re: Policemen on Duty at Schools

Alderman LeBlanc asked a question relating to Policemen on duty at schools in the City.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the Alderman ask the question of the Chief of Police and have him come prepared to speak on it at the next meeting of the Committee

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of the Whole Council.

Question Alderman LeBlanc Re: London Life Insurance Company -
Investment of Funds

Alderman LeBlanc referred to a question he had asked at a previous meeting of Council relating to a rumour he had heard that the London Life Insurance Company is not prepared to invest any monies outside Metropolitan Toronto and he wondered if the City had heard anything further on the matter.

The City Clerk advised that an extract of the Alderman's question had been forwarded to the Insurance Company but no reply had been received.

Alderman LeBlanc asked if the matter could be followed up.

Question Alderman LeBlanc Re: Demolition of Building Next
to Morses Tea

Alderman LeBlanc referred to the fact that there has been little or no action taken yet on the demolition of the property next to Morses Tea which Council ordered demolished some time ago and he said that it is looking more dangerous every day.

The Building Inspector advised that the progress of the contractor demolishing the building is extremely slow and unsatisfactory and his Department has talked with the owner of the property who has promised to do a quicker job. He understood that the contractor awarded the demolition contract has been threatened with the loss of his contract but he did not know how the City can hurry the demolition up.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the Building Inspector consult with the City Solicitor on the matter

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and report to the Committee of the Whole Council next week on the powers the City has to do something.

Question Alderman Ivany Re: Report from His Worship the Mayor on His Visit to Ottawa

Alderman Ivany asked His Worship the Mayor if he is in a position to report on his visit to Ottawa today.

His Worship the Mayor said that he would like to report to Council on the whole situation involving the programme of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion though perhaps his remarks would not be as well organized as they would have been if he had written them but the report could take a few minutes. He said that he had some notes and could comment on certain points which he felt Council should be made aware of.

He said that Council members will recall that informally last October, it was asked to approve a list of projects in Halifax, Dartmouth and in the County which would form the basis of a Provincial approach to the Federal Government for funds under the new policy of the Federal Government for providing municipal infrastructure in growth centres of which Halifax-Dartmouth area is one. He reported that Council was told last October that it was extremely urgent. The Minister of Finance and Economics, Dr. McKeough tabled it in the Legislature sometime within the last couple of weeks. A copy of the Provincial plan which includes this programme, dated December 8, which he presumed is the date it went to the Federal Government. The municipalities of Halifax and Dartmouth have been seeking an opportunity to sit down with the Federal and Provincial people so that the municipalities could be sure to have their needs followed, but the only three level meetings

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prior to today have been meetings of civil servants and it would appear that in some cases that representatives of the Federal and Provincial Government have asked City Staff for information as to such things as what would be the next phase of Harbour Drive after Gerrish Street going north and they have been given the information and somebody at one of the other levels of Government makes an assumption that that has a high priority which has not been assigned to it by the City Council. City Staff have not indicated priority they have simply given information based on reports and studies that have been done. When Alderman Allen and he attended a meeting of the Steering Committee yesterday, copies were given them of what the Province said was the Federal Government's offer for a programme for this fiscal year. Earlier he had been told that it had to be settled months ago so that the construction could begin on the 1st of April. The Federal Government today, through the Deputy Minister Mr. Kent, pointed out that what was presented at the Federal Government's offer was not their offer but was their response to the Provincial Government's proposals. There have been quite a few amendments made in the overall programme about which no members of Council have been informed. The Steering Committee which was to guide the development of the programme through regular meetings receiving reports from the Core Committee, did not meet from October to March and during that time very substantial changes were made. There were added into the programme as part of this Metropolitan Area, important highway works none of which were in the City of Halifax, they were out beyond Hammonds Plains and they include the Lakeview Drive to the

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Airport from Dartmouth on which tenders have been called by the Provincial Department of Public Works. The amounts of money to be spent in the County were substantially increased in the programme presented and re-presented in March by the Provincial Government. The amounts to be spent in the City of Halifax were substantially reduced and those in Dartmouth were increased and the basis for the changes is still somewhat obscure. Yesterday when Alderman Allen and he saw the Federal Government's response to the Provincial proposals, they were much disturbed because the Federal Government document, which was called Schedule "B", said nothing for the Kline Heights Project, that was ruled out, nothing for implementation of the MacLaren Study, approximately 50% grant and 50% loan with respect to the St. Pat's School or the Brunswick Street School, Duc D'Anville Addition, Lacewood Sewer, they were going to provide the whole cost of bus bays and Harbour Drive was in for a very high proportion of the total for the City but 2/3 was to be a loan, which the City could not afford. The City could not afford to take the grant because it could not afford the loan. Alderman Allen and he reacted consistently with the decisions made by the Council that the City does not give that kind of priority to Harbour Drive, so that it is going to be done while Kline Heights is not, or while the City cannot afford the 50% of the cost of the Brunswick Street School. They reacted strongly enough that they proposed they would have to go to see Mr. Marchand if possible. It was not possible to see him but an appointment was set up for today to see Mr. Kent, the Deputy Minister of the Department. Dr. McKeough and three of his advisers, Mr. R. B. Grant and he from the City of Halifax, Mayor Thornhill, Mr.

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Moir and Alderman Weldon and Warden Settle went to Ottawa this morning and had a meeting at 8:15 a.m. of the, so called Expediting Committee that has to do with Pockwock, which, he said he would come back to afterwards. There was a Provincial-Municipal meeting at about 9:15 a.m. and about 11:30 a.m. the group met with Mr. Kent and four of his officials from the Department of Regional Economic Expansion. It appeared that there had been some failures in communication between the civil servants of the Province and Federal Governments and he said that he was not prepared to assess any blame. The discussions this morning, which lasted until about 2:00 p.m. were, he thought, fruitful. The Federal Government has revised its position with respect to Kline Heights and has indicated that in the phase that could be done this year they will participate. He considered this a very welcome change. Furthermore, the Federal Government is now open to some projects which are the beginning of implementation of the MacLaren Report; they will consider, if the City can consider the projects being designed in time for construction this year, Fairview Interceptor, estimated at \$500,000.00 carrying the flow from Fairview Cove around towards the Narrows on the strategy that the City is going to move as far away from the Bedford Basin with sewage going into salt water, they will consider, in the interest of housing, some other projects like the Lacewood Sewer which are consistent with the MacLaren Report which could, according to Mr. Dodge, be designed within a couple of months, as many as five small projects of \$225,000.00 each. This will put some pressure on City Staff to do this within a week, with the object of reaching the Treasury Board within two weeks from today.

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He said that he argued that Harbour Drive was the last priority on the list of items being considered. Gorsebrook School Addition and Bloomfield School Replacement which were in the revised programme recently given by City Staff to the Province, were deleted by the Province and the Federal Government had not heard of them. He hoped that it will be possible in the revisions to take place within the next week, to get these included, particularly on the basis that the City says it cannot afford the Harbour Drive and it wants the money diverted from Harbour Drive to schools and sewers basically, with Kline Heights as a top priority. When he put it to Mr. Kent that Kline Heights was No. 1 priority with St. Pat's or Brunswick Street School at the top as well, Dr. McKeough when asked to confirm this gave a flat "yes" without any hesitation and he appreciated the support. Assuming that Harbour Drive is not built and the City does get the Kline Heights in and additional sewer works and possibly the extra schools with Lacewood Sewer and Brunswick Street School and Duc D'Anville addition approved in the programme as it came down from Ottawa on the basis of 50% grant and 50% loan, the City still, because it is stretched to the limit with projects under construction, will have a terrible problem about its share and so he has asked Dr. McKeough to present to the Government of Nova Scotia the need for Provincial participation in the part that is not going to be a Federal Grant in these projects. One should be aware that if a school is to be built under this programme in Dartmouth, or sewer works, the Provincial Government will pay 36% of the cost but in Halifax zero.

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Halifax would be the only one of the three municipalities, under present Provincial regulations that could not afford to accept the grant from Ottawa because it could not afford to pay back the loan which went with the grant. Dr. McKeough has indicated that he is willing to take up with the Provincial Government the need to contribute possibly 25% of the total cost which would bring the City's cost down to 25% and that is assuming no Harbour Drive. There will be further discussions at the Staff level between City Staff and Federal Government and Provincial Government people within the next week on both the Federal commitment and a possible commitment from the Province. The group is working on a deadline where there would be an agreement on the commitments within a week and it would then have to be put in a form to go through the Treasury Board in Ottawa, hopefully one week later and then, of course, agreements have to be signed. Once an agreement is reached among the Province and the Federal Government the works can go ahead within the spirit of the agreement as he sees it. Dr. McKeough asked Mr. Kent if he had any objection to the municipal representatives being involved in future negotiations and Mr. Kent said he would be delighted if they were. It was his view that if the two senior levels of government had agreed to this some time ago, agreement might have been reached at a much earlier date and with the municipal priorities taken into account better. It was his view that Provincial civil servants do not understand all the details of the City's projects and the relevance. He felt that it was fair to say that the City cannot afford for reasons of today's political climate, to build the Lacewood sewer if it is not doing anything in Kline Heights. It is

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impossible, he said, to spend money on a Harbour Drive and taking down housing in which live people of lower income, one would not be doing anything to provide sewers to permit open land to be used for housing construction. He felt that bus bays should come ahead of expressways, such as Harbour Drive.

With respect to water, for a long time the City had informal promises from the Staff of the Province that they would have settled by March 31st the source of the City's long term water supply so that it could get some money from the Federal Government under this programme to be spent in this fiscal year to get started on the scheme. At the last meeting of the Steering Committee, three weeks ago, it was indicated that the Working Committee on Water and Sewer was much longer getting established than was indicated to the Committee before, was on a programme which would not determine the source of the water until early Fall or late Summer. This puts the City in a position where it will not get Federal Government money on a Pockwock scheme or some alternative major water supply for Halifax in this fiscal year. Instead there is money to provide a temporary or interim solution, there is in the programme \$1,100,000.00 to bring water over the Angus L. Macdonald Bridge from Lake Major with extra pipes going into the ground in Dartmouth and which is in the long term interest of Dartmouth and in the short term interest of Halifax in the absence of any other additional water supply because the City is getting so low and that is supposed to be done by December and the water available to Halifax at that time. There are problems about who owns the system and who charges what for what and so on

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and those are being worked on. At the request of the City of Halifax, about three weeks ago, the Premier met with a City delegation and he was asked that the decision be expedited because of the date coming up for a decision with respect to an industrial park on that land. The Premier set up another Committee called informally, the Expediting Committee which is composed of Dr. McKeough, Mayor Thornhill, Warden Settle and himself and that Committee met over breakfast this morning and decided that it should endeavour to expedite in two ways, (1) the Provincial Department of Public Health which is doing a sanitary survey of alternative watersheds from which the City might draw water be given some extra staff so that it might complete that job more quickly ending in June instead of August or September, and (2) that some proposals about determining the standards and quality of water. The consideration of this by the particular provincial agency would be expedited by putting before the Water Resources Commission a proposal which had to do with the quality of water to be used, whereas the Water Resources Commission has been talking about the level of treatment, without taking account of how good the water was to begin with. Pockwock is good to begin with is known to the City, and it has been argued that to put in expensive treatment works there that are not required would be a mistake. The work on tying down those Provincial policies will be speeded up and there will be a report coming through the Steering Committee to the three municipal Councils and the Provincial Government on this shortly. There is

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a slight possibility that if a decision is made in June or July that it is Pockwock or Kinsac or some other source for a long term supply and the Dartmouth source indicated to be sufficient for three years, that the City might be able to get some amendment into the Federal Government's programme through the year which would allow some work to go ahead on this. It would depend on whether all the money has been used up or whether perhaps some other project that is planned has not gotten started and might be given a lower priority for a later date, though in all the Federal Government programmes from the Department of Regional Economic Expansion the total the Province has to work out so that there is 50% grant and 50% loan. There is no leeway there since agreement has been reached with a number of Provinces on that basis. The City has to be careful that it does not get a large slice of the loans while another municipality gets a large slice of the grants. The proposal that the Province was working on showed the City of Halifax with 42% of the grants and Dartmouth 56% grants in relation to loans, but those are details that will have to be worked out.

In reply to a question from Alderman Abbott, His Worship the Mayor said the interest on the loan would be 1/8th of 1% above its own borrowing rate.

Alderman Ivany said that once the City gets this year over with, was there any discussion on the long range planning such as how the City might tackle the Arm Bridge and other requirements the City might need.

His Worship the Mayor said that the Alderman is really raising the question about subsequent years and it is

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indicated that as soon as this agreement is tied down, informal discussions will begin immediately about the programme for the years ahead. That is supposed to be a four year programme and the City must get Pockwock or an equivalent alternative and the Arm Bridge and its connector roads into that four year programme, although the City has obviously got to give implementation of the MacLaren Report rather high priority as well, in the interest of housing.

In reply to a further question from Alderman Ivany, His Worship the Mayor said that the group did not discuss funds available from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation since the Department is not in a position to deal with such items.

Alderman Sullivan asked what is the definite amount of money allowed to the Province for this year and also whether it would be the same for the four years.

His Worship the Mayor said that he had no idea what the picture will be for subsequent years, he felt that that would depend on whether inflation has been licked and whether the Federal Government is ready to spend more money in total and in this case he would think that they would increase the funds available for this programme but the proposal that came back from the Federal Government suggested that they were prepared to put into Nova Scotia this year, a total of approximately \$18,000,000.00 of which one-half would be grants and one-half loans and of the \$18,000,000.00, \$4,000,000.00 has to do with roads in this area of which \$2.3 Million is for the Lakeview Connector to the Airport from Dartmouth the rest is for roadways beyond Hammonds Plains. The amounts of money proposed to be spend in Halifax

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County about \$3,000,000.00, in Halifax City \$4.7 Million and Dartmouth \$2,000,000.00 and in addition to the roads which are called to be in the Metropolitan region, there is \$1,000,000.00 for bringing water over the Angus L. Macdonald Bridge. Then there is about \$3,000,000.00 in the Canso Strait area.

Alderman Hogan congratulated His Worship the Mayor on his report and he suggested that if there is any further discussion it can be carried on at a later date.

Alderman LeBlanc asked what the cost sharing arrangement would be on the Kline Heights project.

His Worship the Mayor said that it is not yet worked out, but he would anticipate that the Federal Government would grant about 50% and that the City would be endeavouring to get confirmed from the Province 25%, but he thought that this should be underlined that this Council has to make a decision about the abutters charges in the Kline Heights area and that the public funds from the Federal Government, the Provincial Government and the City will be what is left to be paid for after the abutters' charges. He hoped that there will be a report from Staff fairly soon because that might be an essential part of tying down the details of the agreement.

After a short discussion, several members of Council congratulated His Worship the Mayor on his report.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Progress of the Nursing Home
Villa in Fairview

Alderman Sullivan asked if Staff could report on the status of the Nursing Home Villa presently being con-

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structed in Fairview and he wanted to be re-assured that 100% fire protection is provided in the building.

His Worship the Mayor asked Staff to prepare a report on this matter.

Question Alderman MacKeen Re: Health Hazard and Fire Protection in Schools

Alderman MacKeen referred to a meeting held in St. Patrick's Church Hall last Friday night when the health hazard caused by rodents in schools in the area was brought up, also a matter relating to adequate fire protection in the schools. He asked the City Manager if he would have a report prepared for members of Council.

His Worship the Mayor felt that the Fire Chief and Health Department should be asked to report on these matters to the Committee of the Whole.

Question Alderman Ivany Re: Headlines in Fourth Estate - Drummond Case

Alderman Ivany referred to headlines in the Fourth Estate which indicated that the Drummond family will be suing the City and the Police Department relative to a recent unfortunate occurrence and he asked if there is any truth to the statement.

His Worship the Mayor said that he was served notice to the effect that there would be a civil suit against the former policeman involved and against the City of Halifax for damages.

Question Alderman Ivany Re: Collection of Taxes

Alderman Ivany asked if the Tax Collection was proceeding more quickly than last year.

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The City Manager advised that the Tax Collections are very good this year and the money is coming in at a reasonably fast rate.

ADDED ITEMS

Revised Costs - Uniacke Square Project

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a proposed amendment to the agreement relating to an increase in the approved costs of the Uniacke Square acquisition and clearance programme from \$3,625,000.00 to \$4,107,300.00. Motion passed.

Modification of Lot Frontage and Lot Area Requirements -
Lot 36, Mayor Avenue

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Allen that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of the lot frontage and lot area requirements at Lot No. 36, Mayor Avenue to permit the construction of a triplex dwelling, as shown in Case No. 2054 on Plans No. P200/3613 to P200/3616, be refused. Motion passed.

Appointments to the Landmarks Commission

His Worship the Mayor nominated the following to the Landmarks Commission:

	<u>Expiry date</u>
Mr. L. W. Collins	April 30, 1973
Mr. Alan Duffus	April 30, 1972
Mr. Gilbert Hutton	April 30, 1971
Mr. James Roy	April 30, 1972
Mrs. Marjorie Major	April 30, 1971
Professor E. Lindgren	April 30, 1971
Professor P. Waite	April 30, 1973
Alderman McGuire	April 30, 1972
Mr. A. Gordon Archibald	April 30, 1972
Mr. Lynton Martin	April 30, 1973