

of \$7,800,000.00 which expires December 31, 1971:

1. A Current Account Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$12,000,000 to be signed by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk authorizing the City Treasurer and the City Manager or Chief Accountant to sign Demand Notes on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Halifax.
2. Authorize the City Treasurer, subject to the approval of the City Manager, to select the source of the temporary borrowing.

Motion passed.

A Borrowing Resolution for \$12,000,000 giving effect to the foregoing motion of Council, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the Borrowing Resolution, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

Workmen's Compensation Coverage - City Employees

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, effective January 1, 1972, for an additional cost of \$10,659.00, Workmen's Compensation Coverage similar to that of the Police and Fire Departments and the Engineering and Works Department be extended to the remaining City employee groups, as listed on Appendix "A" attached to the Staff Report of November 25, 1971. Motion passed.

Development Permit - Cowie Hill Housing Project

The Finance and Executive Committee recommended that the Agreement be forwarded to the City Council for approval in principle and amended in accordance with the requests made by Mr. Medjuck, Alderman Moir voting against.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that a Development Permit be granted for this project as discussed at the Committee of the Whole, with the amendments and the technicalities as worked out by the City Solicitor with Centennial Properties, and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the covering agreement on behalf of the City of Halifax.

The City Solicitor then outlined the six points on which agreement had been reached between the City and the developer as follows:

Water Course - City to acquire Easement and Centennial Properties Limited is to pay the cost of any Construction.

Title - There appears to be no question as to the ownership of the land which will comprise of the road. If the City were compelled to Expropriate any land for road purposes, then Centennial Properties Limited will compensate the City for any monies so expended.

School Site - The school site may or may not be the land indicated on Plan No. TT-14-19181. . A degree of flexibility is to be left in the clause so that the City will receive 5 acres for a school site so nearly situated as indicated on the plan as construction considerations will permit.

Installation Water System - Centennial Properties Limited agrees to install the water system according to the terms and conditions agreed upon by the Public Service Commission.

Inspection Fees - Since it is presently not a legal requirement of the City, it was agreed that no inspection fee for municipal services installations will be payable by the Company.

Over-sized Sewers - Centennial Properties Limited agrees that the contribution by the City with respect to over-sized sewer pipes will be in accordance with the cost ratio method which was the Policy indicated to City Council on June 30, 1971.

After further discussion, the Motion was put and passed unanimously.

Mr. Medjuck addressed the Council thanking them for their decision and expressing his appreciation to staff for their efforts in the matter. He said it was expected the first units would be ready this coming summer.

Road Salt

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council approve the extension of the current contract with Canadian Salt for the supply of road salt at a price of \$13.75 per short ton, delivered City Field. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Amendment to Ordinance No. 109, respecting "Lord's Day Ordinance"
SECOND READING

MOVED by Alderman Stanbury, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, the Amendment to Ordinance No. 109 respecting "Lord's Day Ordinance" be read and passed a Second Time. Motion passed.

Amendment to Ordinance No. 121, respecting "Early Closing Ordinance" SECOND READING

MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, the Amendments to Ordinance No. 121, respecting "Early Closing Ordinance" be read and passed a Second Time.

REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on December 22, 1971 with respect to the following matters:

Extension to a Non-Conforming Building and Modification of the Lot Frontage and Lot Area Requirements - 5507 Atlantic Street

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Wentzell that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the extension to a non-conforming building and modification of the lot frontage and lot area requirements to permit the construction of a 13-foot by 14.66 foot second-storey bedroom at the rear of a single family dwelling at Civic No. 5507 Atlantic Street be approved. Motion passed.

Resubdivision of Lots 11, 13, and 15 to Create Lot "L" - Lands of John W. Lindsay, Bayne Street

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the resubdivision of Lots 11, 13 and 15 to create Lot "L", lands of John W. Lindsay, Bayne Street, as shown on Plan No. P200/4868 of Case No. 2551, be approved by City Council and that a Hearing into the matter be waived. Motion passed.

Resubdivision of Lands owned by Olands Breweries 1971 Limited,
Agricola Street

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for resubdivision of lands owned by Olands Breweries, 1971 Limited, Agricola Street, in order to create Lot "B" as shown on Plan No. P200/4719 of Case No. 2489, be approved, and that a Hearing into the matter be waived. Motion passed.

Rezoning of Lot "B" Connaught Avenue, lands of Irving Oil
Company Ltd. from R-2 to C-2

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for rezoning of Lot "B", Connaught Avenue, as shown on Plan Nos. P200/4703-4705 and P200/4825-4829, lands of Irving Oil Company Ltd. be approved, subject to the outcome of a Public Hearing and on the following conditions; agreement to be entered into within a reasonably short period of time after the granting of rezoning approval:

1. Lot B as indicated on said Plan No. P200/4828 shall be used solely for the purpose of providing access to the entrance to the car wash facilities located on the service station property.
2. The Oil Company will not use, nor permit to be used, Lot B for the parking of any vehicles except for casual parking which will be used in connection with the operation of the car wash and service station.
3. The Company will request of the City no further curb cuts on the east side of Connaught Avenue.
4. The Company will grass, and keep in a neat and tidy condition, the entire lot B (Plan No. P200/4828) excepting only the paved driveway which will provide access to the car wash facility located on the service station property.
5. The Company will slope the lot in such a manner as to restrict any reasonable run-off of surface water to the lands of the Edgewood United Church.
6. Should the Company use the said Lot B for any other commercial purpose other than to provide access to the entrance to the car wash facilities located on the service station property, it will make no objection to the City of Halifax rezoning the said land from C-2 zone to R-2 zone.

MOTION PASSED.

The City Clerk advised that the Public Hearing would be held on January 19, 1972.

Amendment to the Zoning By-law - Hotel Parking Requirements

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, a Public Hearing be held into the matter of Amendment to the Zoning By-Law respecting Hotel Parking Requirements. Motion passed.

The City Clerk advised the Public Hearing would be held on January 19, 1972.

In reply to a question from Alderman Stapells, the City Clerk confirmed that the Inn-Keepers Guild and other interested hotel keepers in the City would be advised of the Public Hearing in addition to the usual newspaper advertisement.

Roy Street Project

This project involved construction of 118 units in the Roy Street area. After discussing the matter the City Planning Committee referred it to the Council without a recommendation.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Bell that consideration of the project be deferred for the present time.

His Worship the Mayor ruled that the deferral time should be more specific and on the suggestion of Alderman Stapells, the motion was changed to read "be deferred for one year".

Alderman Stapells said that the reason for his suggesting the matter be deferred was that staff reports had quoted figures of One Million or \$750,000 being incurred by the City if the project were approved, and he simply did not feel this additional burden could be put on the shoulders of the tax payers at this time.

After further discussion on the deferral time, it was agreed the motion should read "that consideration of the project be deferred until the Spryfield Sewer Study has been completed."

Alderman Moir referred to the considerable work which had already gone into the project and what this would mean to the developer, and felt that the Council should at least hear from the developer before approving the motion.

Mr. William Kelleher addressed the Council on behalf of the applicant, and said that a year's deferral could mean the end of the project. He felt that the matter should be deferred for a shorter period to allow the costs involved to be worked out more accurately.

Alderman Wentzell said he had opposed the project at the Committee of the Whole because of the increase in traffic it would generate in the area. He said he would also like more information as to just what type of development was planned.

Alderman Stapells repeated a question he had brought up at the Committee of the Whole, as to whether or not staff had given the developer an indication that approval would be forthcoming.

After further discussion it was MOVED in Amendment by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Wentzell, that the matter be deferred until the January 19, 1972 meeting of the City Planning Committee for further consideration, at which time both staff and the developer can submit their pros and cons concerning the proposed project. Motion passed.

Motion passed.

Motion - Alderman Moir: Re: Amendments to Ordinance No. 116, "The Taxi Ordinance" - First Reading

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the following amendment to Ordinance No. 116, the Taxi Ordinance, be read and passed a First Time:

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AS IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Halifax, that Ordinance Number 116, the Taxi Ordinance, as approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 26th day of September, A.D., 1968, and ratified

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MOTIONS

Motion - Alderman Moir Re: Amendments to Ordinance No. 105,
"The Committee Ordinance" - First Reading

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the following amendment to Ordinance No. 105, respecting The Establishment of Standing Committees of Council, be read and passed a First Time:

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Halifax, that Ordinance Number 105, respecting The Establishment of Standing Committees of Council, as approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 27th day of January, A.D., 1966, and subsequently amended and approved, is hereby amended as follows:

1. Subsection (1) of Section 9 of said Ordinance 105, is amended by deleting the word "Deputy" in the second line thereof.
2. Subsection (1) of Section 10 is amended by deleting the word "Deputy" in the third line thereof.
3. Subclause (vi) of clause (e) of subsection (4) of Section 10, is amended by striking out the words "the Town Planning Board" in the first line thereof and substituting therefor the words "the City Planning Committee".
4. Subsection (1) of Section 11 is amended by deleting the word "Deputy" in the second line thereof.
5. Subsection (1) of Section 12 is amended by deleting the word "Deputy" in the second line thereof.
6. Subsection (1) of Section 14 is amended by striking out the words "Town Planning Board" in the last line thereof and substituting therefor the words "City Planning Committee".
7. Subsection (5) of Section 14 is amended by striking out the words "Town Planning Board" in the fifth line thereof and substituting therefor the words "City Planning Committee".

Motion passed.

Motion - Alderman Moir Re: Amendments to Ordinance No. 116,
"The Taxi Ordinance" - First Reading

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the following amendment to Ordinance No. 116, the Taxi Ordinance, be read and passed a First Time:

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Halifax, that Ordinance Number 116, the Taxi Ordinance, as approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 26th day of September, A.D., 1968, and ratified

by the City Council on the 18th day of October, A.D., 1968, and amended and approved on the 1st day of September, A.D., 1971 and the 8th day of December, A.D., 1971, is further amended as follows:

1. Subsection (3) of Section 5 of said Ordinance Number 116, is hereby repealed.

Motion passed.

Motion - Alderman Moir Re: Amendments to Ordinance No. 147, Respecting "Licensing of Dogs" - First Reading

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that the following amendments to Ordinance No. 147, respecting The Licensing of Dogs, be read and passed a First Time:

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Halifax, that Ordinance Number 147, respecting The Licensing of Dogs, as approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 25th day of May, A.D., 1971, is hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 9 of said Ordinance Number 147 is repealed.
2. Section 15 of said Ordinance Number 147 is amended by striking out the words "a fine of two dollars" in the fourth and fifth lines thereof and substituting therefor the words "the sum of five dollars".
3. Sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 are re-numbered as Sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 respectively.

Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Tower Road - University Avenue Boulevard Closure

Alderman Connolly informed members of Council that he has compiled quite a file on this matter and that contrary to the content of a newspaper article stating that he is unhappy about the matter, he is a great deal more than unhappy. He briefly reviewed the correspondence relating to the boulevard closure and stated that he has received about 50 calls and letters from concerned citizens. He quoted from Section 77 of the Motor Vehicle Act and contended that the Traffic Authority does not have the amount of power that Council thinks he does. He suggested that Council can instruct the Traffic Authority to do certain things. He spoke at some length of the concern of citizens from all parts of the City and the nuisance factor to those ambulance drivers attempting to make their way to the V.G. Hospital Emergency unit. He said that the actual closure was not spelled out in the Budget except by a Plan number which, he contended, meant nothing to Council members at the time. He said that when the 1972 Budget is considered he

will expect to see the traffic improvements proposed listed item by item. He concluded his remarks by asking for a report on this particular matter and setting out the powers of the Traffic Authority. He felt that the latter report should be prepared by the Legal Department. He also asked that the report contain a statement as to whether or not the Traffic Authority exceeded his authority in the matter. He also suggested that perhaps in the future a boulevard closure should be treated in a similar manner to a street closure. 10:00 p.m. Alderman Hogan retires.

The City Manager said that the Traffic Authority is in no way responsible for what has happened as an Authority. He said it was a recommendation from the Traffic Department which was processed through the Director of Engineering and Works and through Council and was approved by Council as a traffic improvement or dis-improvement at the time of the Budget discussions. He said that he had previously misinformed Council with respect to the barricades. He suggested that a meeting be held between members of Council and the Traffic Authority to thoroughly discuss the powers of the Authority and said that this was one of two areas which were not covered during the briefing sessions.

Alderman MacKeen contended that it is unthinkable that members of Council made their desires known on this matter and without any further information or discussion were presented with a permanent closure. He asked what the City Council can now do to correct the situation.

His Worship the Mayor suggested two methods of proceeding, either to make a boulevard closure a similar kind of action to a street closure or to make a motion to open up the boulevard again.

Alderman Meagher referred to a similar closure on Robie Street which has taken place and which forces the traffic to use only three streets instead of four causing more congestion.

Alderman Moir felt that it was most necessary to have a report from the Legal Department on the powers of the Traffic Authority and the role of the Province and the City in this regard. He said that he had received two communications with respect to the matter, one opposing it and the other, although not happy about the situation, realizing that it was necessary from a safety point of view.

Considerable discussion ensued and it was MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Connolly that:

WHEREAS there is now only one direct thoroughfare in the South End of the City;

AND WHEREAS it is difficult for ambulances to reach the hospitals;

BE IT RESOLVED that this boulevard be removed.

The City Solicitor advised that he would like

time to study the legality of the motion as it does involve the expenditure of money.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Moir that the matter be deferred and considered at the next meeting of the Committee on Works.

The motion was put and passed with Alderman MacKeen voting against.

Rezoning 5740-46 Spring Garden Road and 1462-88 Tower Road from R-3 Zone to C-2 Zone

Alderman Connolly read the following:

The City Council, upon motion passed at a meeting of the Council held on the 28th day of October, 1971, resolved to rezone properties known as 5740-46 Spring Garden Road and 1462-1488 Tower Road in the City of Halifax, from R-3 Zone to C-2 Zone, subject to the holding of a public hearing on the matter;

At the same time, the previous City Council expressed dissatisfaction with the principle that an appointed Board could reverse the decision of an elected body, which dissatisfaction is endorsed by this Council;

Since it is felt that City Council should be autonomous in the matter of zoning in the City of Halifax, IT IS THEREFORE MOVED that the public hearing required under the provisions of the Planning Act prior to the rezoning of 5740-46 Spring Garden Road and 1462-88 Tower Road from R-3 Zone to C-2 Zone, as the site for the Hotel on the Park, be postponed to a time subsequent to an application by the City of Halifax to the Province of Nova Scotia for an amendment to the Planning Act which permits the Provincial Planning Appeal Board to review a decision of the City Council.

Alderman Connolly MOVED the motion and Alderman Meagher seconded the same.

After some discussion, the motion was put and passed.

Appointments - Committees, Boards and Commissions

Bridge Commission

His Worship the Mayor recommended the appointment of Alderman Hogan and himself to the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Moir that Alderman Hogan and His Worship the Mayor be appointed to the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission for a three year term expiring December 31, 1974. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman MacKeen Re: Status of Frank Hendsbee

Alderman MacKeen asked the City Manager to report on the status of Frank Hendsbee with respect to his application for re-employment with the City.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Holiday Next Monday

Alderman Meagher said that many people are being given a holiday from work next Monday and he asked if the City Manager has had any change of mind and would now recommend that City employees be given the day off too.

The City Manager replied in the negative.

Question Alderman Moir Re: French Consulate - Connaught Avenue

Alderman Moir asked the City Solicitor to report sometime about the "international incident" that is existing on Connaught Avenue respecting the French Consulate.

Question Alderman Stanbury Re: Saunders Park

Alderman Stanbury referred to the damage that is taking place in Saunders Park and she said that the guides which have been installed to assist snow plowing operations are being removed and used to break the lights in the Park. She said that many people have asked if it is really necessary to plow the paths through the park as the adjacent residents do have alternative access to their homes. She considered the plowing a waste of money and asked the Director of Engineering and Works to report.

His Worship the Mayor felt that the Chief of Police should be informed about the damage which is taking place.

Question Alderman Stapells Re: Parking Meters - Bedford Row

Alderman Stapells asked if any further report has been prepared with respect to his questions relating to the installation of parking meters on Bedford Row.

It was pointed out that a report has been distributed to members of Council at this meeting.

Alderman Stapells, after reading the report, asked if his understanding that the Loading Zone was not to be rigidly enforced was correct.

The City Manager explained that parking meter violations are generally attended to by Commissionaires but parking in Loading Zones is dealt with by the Police Department who do not usually patrol the areas quite so frequently as the Commissionaires due to a heavier workload.

Alderman MacKeen asked if it is true that the Traffic Board only met after the parking meters were installed.

His Worship the Mayor advised that, according to the report, this statement is true.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: North End Rink

Alderman Sullivan asked if His Worship the Mayor has any further information on the North End Rink.

His Worship the Mayor advised that he has not heard any more but he understands that the Provincial Government will deal directly with the Ward 5 Resources Council in this regard. He also understood that a local service club is interested in getting involved in the project and he is expecting them to make a submission to Council in the near future.

Question Alderman Wentzell Re: Snow Plowing and Salting - Streets in Spryfield Area Not Owned by the City

Alderman Wentzell referred to the fact that there are a number of streets in his Ward which are not owned by the City and which were not salted recently. He asked what the situation is with respect to these streets and what services are provided.

The City Manager said that this is a very complex problem which was dealt with at some length by the previous Council and he said that he would re-issue a report prepared by Staff relative to the matter.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Parking - Southwood Drive

Alderman Connolly said that he has received a complaint from a resident of Southwood Drive who, during the winter months for the past six years, has been parking his car on some vacant land opposite his residence. He understood that the land is owned by the City. The resident has recently received a letter from the Police Department informing him that he will be ticketed or have his car towed away if he continues to park on the land. Alderman Connolly asked if Staff could report on the policy relating to this matter and he said that he was sure the gentleman would have been prepared to pay a monthly fee for such parking if requested. He questioned the necessity of making a change in the policy at this time, without some warning.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: 4-Way Stops at Young Avenue and Inglis Street

Alderman Connolly asked Staff to prepare a report on the possibility of installing 4-way stop signs at the intersection of Young Avenue and Inglis Street.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Intersection of Morris and Queen Streets

Alderman Connolly asked Staff to report on the traffic situation at the intersection of Morris and Queen Streets.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Composition of Traffic Board

Alderman Sullivan asked if Mr. Dodge is a member of the three man Traffic Board.

He was advised that the Board consists of Mr. Chaboyer, Mr. Fullerton and Inspector Flynn. Mr. Dodge is the Deputy Traffic Authority and acts only in the absence of Mr. Chaboyer.

The City Manager said that the Board is an informal group of people who give assistance to the Traffic Authority in certain matters.

His Worship the Mayor said that this question can be dealt with in greater detail when members of City Council meet with the Traffic Authority in a briefing session still to be scheduled.

NOTICES OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion were given at this time.

ADDED ITEMS

DREE Agreement 1970-71 - 1971 Amendment

A report was submitted from Staff relating to the above matter, to which was attached a copy of the proposed 1971 amendment to the 1970/71 Provincial/Municipal Agreement in the DREE Programme.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Meagher that authority be granted to His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the final agreement between the City and the Province providing the agreement is amended to contain a specific list of City of Halifax projects. Motion passed.

Authorization to Execute Collective Agreement with Union #143 for 1972-73

The following report was submitted from Staff:

Collective bargaining between the City and representatives of Local 143, Canadian Union of Public Employees, for renewal of the Collective Agreement due to expire December 31, 1971, has now been concluded and agreement reached.

Major changes relate to a salary scale advance of 8.6 percent for 1972 and a further 6.4 percent for 1973. Other changes include some minor adjustments in fringe

benefits and a new clause relating to technological changes. Working hours 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. lunch period reduced to 1 hour.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT, by adoption of this report, His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign the Agreement renewal on behalf of City Council.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Bell that the report be adopted and His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Collective Agreement with Union #143 for 1972-73, on behalf of the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

Delayed Payments - Unemployment Insurance

A report was submitted from Staff relating to an investigation undertaken into the above matter.

Some discussion ensued with respect to the report that phones were taken off the hooks at the local office of the Unemployment Insurance Commission.

It was MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that City Council forward a letter to the Honourable Bryce Mackasey, Minister of Labour, Minister responsible for the Unemployment Insurance Act, with the following suggestions:

1. That the policies and procedures pursuant to the Act be changed so that a person eligible for Unemployment Insurance would receive the first cheque at the end of a period not to exceed three weeks following the initial claim for benefits.
2. That since it would appear that a high percentage of claimants are having difficulty in properly filling out the claim forms, there be a public information program launched acquainting people filing for Unemployment Insurance with the proper method of filling out the forms.
3. (a) That the Director for the district office of Unemployment Insurance be provided with an emergency account out of which he could make payments to persons whose claims had been unduly delayed.

OR

- (b) If (a) is not possible, that a policy and program be adopted under which municipalities through their social assistance offices could advance payments to claimants with the assurance that they would be adequately and promptly re-imbursed both for monies paid to claimants and for additional administrative costs involved.

Motion passed.

Alderman Meagher suggested that perhaps a request could be made that the cheques be mailed from Halifax rather than from Moncton, if they couldn't actually be prepared locally.

Alderman MacKeen suggested that an additional request be made to the Minister asking him to severely reprimand the civil servants responsible for the phones being off the hooks.

This suggestion did not meet with favourable response from some members of Council.

It was then MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Stapells that the Minister be informed that the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company reported that telephones in the Halifax Office of the Unemployment Insurance Commission were removed from their hooks preventing calls from being answered and urging the Minister to take some corrective action.

The motion was put and lost, four voting for the same and five against it as follows:

For:	Aldermen Connolly, MacKeen, Stapells and Sullivan	4
Against:	Aldermen Bell, Meagher, Moir, Stanbury and Wentzell	5

It was MOVED by Alderman Stanbury, seconded by Alderman Moir that the Minister be asked to ensure a more efficient and sympathetic handling of telephone calls from claimants in the Halifax Office of the Unemployment Insurance Commission.

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

For:	Aldermen Meagher, Moir, Stanbury, Sullivan and Wentzell	5
Against:	Aldermen Bell, Connolly, MacKeen, Stapells	4

Appropriation of Funds for Local Initiative Programme

A report was submitted from Staff relating to the above matter.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Stapells that City Council appropriate surplus funds in the amount of \$105,000 to cover the City's share of the projects approved under the Local Initiatives Programme; funds to be taken from surplus funds available in the 1971 Debt Service Account and will allow the majority of the projects to be undertaken without affecting the 1972 tax rate. Motion passed.

11:00 p. m. - Meeting adjourned

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