CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

> Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. January 13, 1972 8:00 P.M.

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

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

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Bell, Connolly, Hogan, MacKeen, Meagher, Moir, Stanbury, Stapells, Sullivan, and Wentzell.

Also present: City Manager, City Solicitor, City Clerk, and other staff members.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on December 30, 1972 were approved on motion of Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Wentzell.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

At the request of Alderman Sullivan, Council agreed to add the following item:

20 (a) - Reclassification system - Abbie J. Lane Memorial Hospital.

A staff report dated January 13th entitled "Spring Garden Road South Redevelopment Project -Proposed Improvements to No. 1479 Dresden Row" was submitted just prior to the meeting, and it was <u>MOVED by Alderman MacKeen</u>, <u>seconded by Alderman Connolly, since Council members had not had</u> an opportunity to study the report, that it not be added to the agenda. Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that the agenda, as amended, be approved. Motion passed.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on January 5, 1972, with respect to the following matters:

Restoration and Development - Historic Waterfront Buildings

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Stapells that the Agreement to Lease be approved by City Council for execution by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk subject to the prior approval of the City Manager and the City Solicitor and subject to the conditions attached to the approval by Committee of the Whole as follows:

THAT Council approve in principle entering into an Agreement to Lease in respect of the land and buildings comprising the Proposed Waterfront Restoration Area subject to:

 Satisfactory claification by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation of the terms under which the City will act as lessor of the premises on behalf of the partnership;

2. Approval of the agreement in its. final form by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation;

3. Execution of an agreement acceptable to City Council between the City and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development with respect to cost-sharing of restoration and to maintenance of the premises for 35 years.

MOTION PASSED.

Renewal - Pound Agreement - S.P.C.A.

MOVED by Alderman Stanbury, seconded by Alderman MacKeen, that the Agreement with the Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty for the operation of the animal pound be renewed for a further year under the same terms as the 1971 agreement, and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign such an agreement on behalf of the City of Halifax, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

Possible Sale of Land - Possible Acquisition of Land and Easement Rights - Service Road Lying to the West of Maritime Auto Supplies and the Citadel Inn

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Wentzell that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

 Area No. 2, consisting of 1,734 square feet and shown on Plan No. TT-16-19534 be sold to Maritime Realty Ltd. for \$3,468, this amount to go into the Sale of Land Account. The City release its right-of-way over Area No. 2, and the portion of service road presently under Maritime Realty ownership.

2. Area No. 4, consisting of 97 square feet and shown on the attached plan, be purchased from Maritime Realty Ltd. and in addition, the Company's rights in the right-of-way over the service road from the proposed northwestern boundary of Maritime Realty Limited's property to Cogswell Street, representing approximately 15,044 square feet;

The amount of \$3,468 be paid to Maritime Realty as settlement in full for all of Item No. 2, funds to be made available from Account No. 52-15.

Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting of January 5, 1972 with respect to the following matter:

Boulevard Closure - Tower Road and University Avenue

This matter was referred to the Council from the Committee on Works without a recommendation.

Alderman Connolly suggested that the matter be referred to the new Traffic Authority, and that in the meantime the City postpone any further work.

Alderman MacKeen asked that the City Manager let him know how much money had been spent thus far on this work.

After a short discussion it was <u>MOVED</u> by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the matter be referred to the new Traffic Authority for study and a report back to Council. Motion passed.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on January 5th,1972 with respect to the following matter:

Resignation, Traffic Authority

MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Safety Committee the resignation of the Traffic Authority, dated January 3, 1972, be accepted by City Council.

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

- For Aldermen Bell, Connolly, MacKeen, Stapells, Sullivan, and Wentzell 6
- Against Aldermen Hogan, Meagher, Moir, and Stanbury4

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Amendments to Ordinance No. 105, respecting "The Establishment of Standing Committees of Council" (SECOND READING)

MOVED by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Stapells that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, the amendments to Ordinance No. 105, respecting "The Establishment of Standing Committees of Council", as submitted, be read and passed a Second Time. Motion passed.

Amendments to Ordinance No. 116, respecting "Taxi Ordinance" (SECOND READING)

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, the amendment to Ordinance No. 116, "Taxi Ordinance" to repeal Subsection (3) of Section 5 of the Ordinance, be read and passed a Second Time. Motion passed.

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REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on January 5, 1972 with respect to the following matters:

Application for Subdivision - Lands of Francis E. MacDonald, Aldergrove Drive and Levis Street

MOVED by Alderman Wentzell, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, final approval be granted for Lots A and B, Lands of Francis E. MacDonald, Aldergrove Drive and Levis Street, as shown on Plan No. P200/4643 of Case No. 2442, subject to a building line setback of 30 feet being established from the existing street line for Lot 'A'. Motion passed.

Application for Resubdivision of Lands Surveyed for Daniel J. LeBlanc, Herring Cove Road

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for resubdivision of the properties located at Civic Nos. 51 and 53 Herring Cove Road, to create Lot A, as shown on Plan No. P200/4822 of Case No. 2542, be approved and a public hearing waived. Motion passed.

Application for Resubdivision - Portion of Wedgewood Subdivision - Robert Allen Drive

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for resubdivision of Lots RA21, RA22 and RA23, to create Lots RA21Y and RA23X, located in a portion of the Wedgewood Subdivision, Robert Allen Drive, as shown on Plan No. P200/4832 of Case No. 2550, be approved and a public hearing waived. Motion passed.

Street Acceptance - Ursula and Frances Courts

MOVED by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Wentzell that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the streets known as Ursula Court and Frances Court, as shown on City of Halifax Plan No. 00-10-18120, be accepted. Motion passed.

Proposed Expansion to the Citadel Inn Motel - Land Transactions and Modification of the Height Setback

The recommendation from the meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council held on January 10, 1972 reads as follows:

"It is recommended that the modification of the height setback to permit an 11 storey extension to the Citadel Inn be approved, subject to the following conditions:

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- (a) Land transactions and relinquishing of all rights on the existing right-of-way between Citadel Properties Limited and the City of Halifax be concluded;
- The retaining wall to be constructed on lands (b) belonging to the Citadel Inn be negotiated between City Staff and the Developer;
- (c) Signing of an agreement releasing the City of Halifax from claims for damages in case of sewer ruptures;
- (d) Proper disposal of storm water from the overall Hotel development and land owned or occupied by Citadel Properties Limited;
- (e) The final positioning of electrical, telephone and water lines which are now on the right-ofway presently owned by the City of Halifax and Citadel Properties Limited be indicated;
- A statement of materials which are to be used in (f) the construction of the addition, such as brick, porcelain-enamel, etc. be prepared."

Alderman Moir referred to a letter submitted from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development expressing concern over the possible detrimental effect of the additional height on the view from, and of, the Halifax Citadel National Historic Park.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the matter be referred to the next meeting of the City Planning Committee when interested persons will be given an opportunity to speak on the proposed addition.

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

- Aldermen Hogan, MacKeen, Meagher, Moir, For: Stanbury and Wentzell
- Aldermen Bell, Connolly, Stapells and Against: Sullivan

Subdivision Regulations & By-law

The City Planning Committee referred this matter back to Staff at its last meeting with a request that a meeting be arranged with Mr. Shaw of U.D.I. to negotiate a satisfactory agreement on the Inspection Services question and that the Agreement be submitted to City Council at this meeting.

A report was submitted from Staff which recommended that:

the amount of the inspection fee deposit be set, (1)

initially, at 2.5% of the approved estimated cost for the services.

(2) this rate be subject to review and if necessary, revision, in two (2) years time.

The report pointed out that approval of the above recommendations will require some changes to be made to the regulations.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the recommendations contained in the Staff Report dated January 7, 1972 be approved and that the Subdivision Regulations and By-law, amended in accordance with the Staff Report, be accepted by City Council and forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Local Initiative Program

A Staff Report was submitted listing all the applications made by the City under the Local Initiatives Programme and the present status of each.

The City Manager briefly reviewed the Staff Report.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Hogan that City Council authorize His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute all additional agreements covering the Local Initiatives Programme, submitted to the City by the Federal Government. Motion passed.

Extension to Federal Fisheries Research Laboratories, 1707 Lower Water Street

A report was submitted from Staff relating to the above matter for the information of Council.

After some discussion on this matter and viewing a sketch plan showing the present official street line and the 98' street width which was approved in principle by City Council in March, 1968, it was agreed that no action be taken on the matter.

Appointments - School Board

His Worship the Mayor nominated Mr. J. V. Maynard and Mr. Reginald J. Allen for appointment to the School Board.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman

Connolly that Mr. J. V. Maynard and Mr. Reginald J. Allen be appointed to the Board of School Commissioners for three year terms expiring December 31, 1974. Motion passed.

Appointments - Special Committee to Study Weaknesses of Ordinance No. 135 and to Recommend Changes to Strengthen Same

His Worship the Mayor nominated the following for appointment to the above-named Committee:

- 1. His Worship the Mayor (Chairman)
- Alderman H. D. MacKeen 2.
- 3. Alderman Robert Stapells
- 4. Mr. Harold Crowell, Social Planner, City of Halifax
- 5. Mr. D. F. Murphy, City Solicitor, or a representative from his Department
- Mr. G. B. Jefferson, Building Inspector, or a 6. representative from his Department
- 7. Representative from Urban Development Institute
- Representative from Welfare Rights 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- Representative, Black United Front Representative, Tenants Association Mr. Ken Mounce, Halifax County Residential 11. Tenancies Board.

Alderman MacKeen contended that No. 10 should read Halifax Tenants Association and it was agreed to make this amendment.

After some discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Moir that the appointments, as recommended by His Worship the Mayor, be approved.

In reply to a question from Alderman Stapells, His Worship the Mayor said that he had no objection to other persons being invited to attend the meetings of the Committee if they can provide assistance.

The motion was then put and passed with Aldermen MacKeen and Connolly voting against.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Hogan Re: Control of Noise

Alderman Hogan asked if the City has any portable device which can measure noise.

The City Manager replied that to his knowledge it has.

Alderman Hogan went on to ask if the City has any method of controlling noise on private property and referred to complaints received of two snowmobiles which were driven all day long round and round a house causing considerable annoyance to surrounding residents.

The City Solicitor said he would answer the Alderman's question at a later date but to his recollection the Noise sections of the City Charter were designed to control industrial noise.

Alderman MacKeen commented that perhaps the Noise Ordinance needs some amendment.

Question Alderman Moir Re: Article in Newspaper by Ronald Wallace M.L.A.

Alderman Moir asked members of Council if they had read the article in this evening's newspaper written by Mr. Ronald Wallace, if not he recommended that they do so.

His Worship the Mayor felt that Council should adopt a policy along the lines recommended in the article.

Question Alderman Stanbury Re: Salting and Snow Plowing -Ward 6

Alderman Stanbury referred to the following streets in Ward 6 and asked that they receive some attention if there should be another snow storm. Dublin Street, Liverpool Street, High Street and Robie Street. She said that these streets have a high residential density and saw neither salt nor plow during or after the last storm.

Question Alderman Stapells Re: Obstructed View - Intersection of Mumford Road and Olivet Street

Alderman Stapells referred to the above intersection and asked if any improvements can be made as cars driving south on Mumford Road cannot be seen by those exiting from Olivet Street, the view being blocked by the stone wall surrounding the cemetery and a birch tree. He asked Staff to take a look at the dangerous situation.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Assistance to Home Owners Who Suffered Damage During the August Storm

Alderman Sullivan asked His Worship the Mayor if any meetings are scheduled with the Provincial Government in an attempt to obtain some financial assistance for those home owners who suffered considerable damage to their properties during the August storm.

His Worship the Mayor advised that four meetings had been scheduled but for one reason or another were cancelled and he hoped that another meeting will be arranged shortly.

Question Alderman Wentzell Re: Billing Problems - Local Improvement Charges - Ward 7

Alderman Wentzell referred to a number of telephone calls he has received and an expected delegation to City Hall by persons who claim they have never received a bill from the City since annexation for trunk sewers and laterals

and who have now received a notice relating to a proposed Tax Sale of the property. He said many of the persons involved are elderly and living on a fixed income. He understood that the City of Dartmouth bills for 1/20 of the cost of such improvements each year. He asked for a report on the procedures followed by the City and for some information to assist these persons.

His Worship the Mayor said he is aware of the problem and that a report will be forthcoming from Staff.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Proposed Truck Routes

Alderman Connolly asked if Staff are ready to proceed with further consideration of the proposed Truck Routes.

The City Clerk advised that a Public Hearing into the matter has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 1, 1972 at 7:30 p.m.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Special Grant from Province

Alderman Connolly referred to the fact that the Provincial Government gave the City a special grant last year in the light of the financial situation and the rising tax rate and he wondered whether any meetings are scheduled this year in an attempt to obtain a similar grant.

His Worship the Mayor said that a number of informal meetings have been scheduled with the Provincial Government on this matter.

The City Manager pointed out that the grant was made to the City last year only upon evidence of hard facts which were presented along with the City's budget position and such a submission has not been put together as yet.

Question Alderman MacKeen Re: Brunswick Street - One-way

Alderman MacKeen asked for a Staff Report to explain the necessity of making Brunswick Street one-way south from North Street to Artz Street.

Question Alderman MacKeen Re: Salting of Streets

Alderman MacKeen asked if the City is putting down less salt this year than last.

The Director of Engineering and Works said that the City is in fact using less salt because the precipitation is less this year.

Alderman MacKeen said that with the moisture on the pavement and a drop in temperatures icy conditions have prevailed in some areas and he asked that salting be increased.

Question Alderman Moir Re: Meeting on Taxation Situation

Alderman Moir referred to the election promises that many members of Council made to attempt to broaden the tax base and alleviate in part the fast rising tax situation and he asked if a meeting could be arranged as a matter of some priority to thoroughly discuss the whole problem.

His Worship the Mayor felt that a meeting should be arranged as quickly as possible after receiving a report from Staff which could outline the direction of discussions. He suggested that it might be possible to schedule a meeting next week or the week after.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Alderman Connolly Re: Introduction of Ordinance No. 153 - Sewer Development Charge

Alderman Connolly gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of the City Council to be held on Thursday, January 27th, 1972, he will introduce Ordinance Number 153, respecting a Sewer Development Charge. This Ordinance is made under the authority of Section 376B of the Halifax City Charter, as enacted by Section 20 of Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1971, and the purpose of the Ordinance is to levy a charge or charges on buildings to be erected or enlarged according to the varying load which they impose on the sewer system, to pay for the additional sewer capacity required to accommodate the effluent from such buildings.

ADDED ITEMS

Reclassification of Patients - Abbie J. Lane Hospital

Alderman Sullivan spoke to this matter and referred to a situation which has occurred making it necessary for an elderly patient at the above hospital to be transferred to alternative accommodation some good few miles outside the City, thus preventing her elderly relatives from visiting every Saturday. He felt that reclassification must be done humanely and consideration given to the effect on such persons of moving them out of the City which they have known all their lives and the hardship and unhappiness imposed on relatives who have no means of transportation to visit so far away.

Alderman Moir outlined the system of certification or de-certification as conducted by the medical staff and psychiatric staff of the hospital.

Alderman Sullivan said that there are a number of vacant beds in the Hospital and he questioned why they could not be used for a different type of patient to those who are mentally ill.

Alderman Connolly understood that patients who are unable to be helped further by treatment at the Hospital

are considered ineligible to remain and must be relocated.

The Social Planner explained the way the system works to members of Council and stated that there is a lack of nursing homes for mentally ill patients in the Halifax area. He said that the persons who, though mentally ill, cannot benefit from further psychiatric treatment at the Lane Memorial Hospital have to be accommodated in one of three homes in the Province either Berwick, Lunenburg or Beaverbank. These homes, he said, provide additional care over and above that available in local nursing homes. He agreed that representation should be made in an attempt to make use of vacant space in the Hospital for those mentally ill persons who will not benefit from more psychiatric treatment. He felt that Council should be very concerned about the mental health programmes in the City.

Alderman Moir said that the Health Council of the Province is presently discussing the mental health programme and he suggested that His Worship the Mayor along with Mr. Crowell should pursue the matter of the multiple use of the Lane Memorial Hospital with the Health Council, the Provincial Government and the Hospital itself.

His Worship the Mayor assured Alderman Sullivan that every effort will be made to prevent a similar situation from occurring and that he will be in touch with Mr. Crowell to formulate a plan of action.

Alderman Sullivan asked that he be included in any discussions and representations made.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the Alderman call at his office and both would discuss the matter with Mr. Crowell.

At this time, it was <u>MOVED by Alderman MacKeen</u>, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the item relating to Spring Garden Road South Redevelopment Project - Proposed Improvements to No. 1479 Dresden Row, be added to the Council Order of Business.

The motion was put and passed and the item added to the Order of Business

Spring Garden South Redevelopment Project - Proposed Improvements to No. 1479 Dresden Row

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

After some discussion, it was agreed that Council should meet privately on the matter for a short time.

9:25 p.m. Council adjourned for short recess to discuss the matter in private.

9:55 p.m. Council reconvened, the same members being present.

MoveD by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Moir that Council take no action on the matter. Motion passed with Alderman Sullivan voting against and Alderman Wentzell abstaining.

9:58 p.m. Council adjourned.

HEADLINES

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> WALTER R. FITZGERALD MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD CITY CLERK

City Council January 13, 1972

TO: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Planning Committee

FROM: C. McC. Henderson, City Manager

DATE: January 7, 1972

SUBJECT: Staff Report - Subdivision Regulations and By-Law (Inspection Fee policy recommendation)

Further to Council discussion in the past week on the policy for Inspection Fee for the installation of services in new subdivision developments, it has been agreed by Council that:

- (a) the developer will be responsible for all costs incurred by the City for the inspection of services;
- (b) the developer be charged at a rate as outlined under the current "Schedule of Minimum Fees for Consulting Engineering Services";
- (c) the developer deposit with the City prior to construction, an initial inspection fee deposit based on the estimated cost for the installation of each service;
- (d) the actual inspection costs would then be charged against this deposit with any surplus being returned to the developer and any outstanding balance being billed to, and paid by the developer.

It is recommended that:

- the amount of the inspection fee deposit be set, initially, at 2.5% of the approved estimated cost for the services.
- (2) this rate be subject to review and if necessary, revision, in two (2) years time.

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If this recommendation is approved, it will be neces-

sary to:

(a) revise Section 66(1)(k) and 67(1)(k) of the proposed By-Law document; and

(b) add to Subsection 2(a)(1) of Agreement "A" & "B" to read:

"The applicant shall be responsible for the reimbursement to the City of its' costs of inspection of services, and shall deposit with the City along with other deposits required, prior to tentative plan approval, an amount based on a percentage, as may be determined from time to time by Council, of the approved estimated costs for services as required in Section 57".

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C. McC. HENDERSON CITY MANAGER

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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING PUBLIC HEARINGS M I N U T E S

Mayor, the following p

Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N. S., January 19, 1972 8:20 p.m.

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held on the above date.

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

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman, Aldermen Bell, Connolly, Hogan, MacKeen, Meagher, Moir, Stapells, Sullivan and Wentzell.

Also Present: City Manager, City Solicitor, City Clerk and other Staff members.

The City Clerk advised that the meeting was called to hold four public hearings as follows:

- Public Hearing Re: Rezoning of land on the north side of Clyde Street from "P" (Park and Institutional Zone) to C-2 Zone (Commercial Zone)
- Public Hearing Re: Rezoning of Lot "B", Connaught Avenue from R-2 Residential Zone to C-2 General Business
- 3. Public Hearing Re: Zoning to R-3 Zone (Multiple Family Residential) of a parcel of land owned by the City of Halifax which was formerly a portion of street in the Alma Crescent and Dutch Village Road Area
 - 4. Public Hearing Re: Amendments to the Zoning By-law of the City of Halifax by Repealing Sections 8 and 10 of Part 15 relating to "Permits", Occupancy and Building

His Worship the Mayor regretted the delay in getting this meeting under way and apologized to those persons in the gallery saying that the previous meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council had not concluded until almost 7:45 p.m.

Public Hearing Re: Rezoning of land on the north side of Clyde Street from "P" (Park & Institutional Zone) to C-2 Zone (Commercial Zone)

A public hearing was held at this time into the above matter.

8:28 p.m. Alderman Stanbury arrives.

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The City Clerk advised that the matter has been duly advertised and that two letters have been received, one in favour and one against the rezoning.

In response to a question from His Worship the Mayor, the following persons addressed Council against the rezoning application.

Mr. Doug Bryden spoke on behalf of Halifax Developments Limited and submitted a brief entitled "Brief Regarding Importance of a Strong Downtown Business Core for Halifax".

Mr. Matthew Scanlon, resident of Brenton Street.

Mr. Fletcher Smith, private citizen who endorsed the remarks of Mr. Bryden.

Mr. Fred Dickson, representing Centennial Properties Limited.

In response to a question from His Worship the Mayor, Mr. George Robertson, solicitor for the Spring Garden Road Merchants, addressed Council in favour of the rezoning.

After some discussion, it was <u>MOVED by Alderman</u> <u>Connolly, seconded by Alderman Moir that the matter be</u> <u>forwarded to City Council without recommendation</u>. Motion passed.

Public Hearing Re: Rezoning of Lot "B", Connaught Avenue from R-2 Residential Zone to C-2 General Business

A public hearing was held at this time into the above matter.

The City Clerk advised that the matter has been duly advertised and that one letter of objection has been received from Mrs. Marguerite Boutilier of Young Street.

In response to a question from His Worship the Mayor, no person indicated a wish to address Council against the rezoning.

His Worship the Mayor referred to some concern expressed by Rev. Riggs of Edgewood United Church when the matter first came to the attention of Council and advised that the problems have been resolved to the satisfaction of the Church.

In response to a question from His Worship the Mayor, Mr. James MacGowan addressed the Council on behalf of Irving Oil Co. Ltd. in favour of the rezoning.

In reply to a question from Alderman Stanbury, Mr. MacGowan advised that there will be no additional curb cuts made.

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MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the matter be forwarded to City Council without recommendation. Motion passed.

Public Hearing Re: Zoning to R-3 Zone (Multiple Family Residential) of a parcel of land owned by the City of Halifax which was formerly a portion of street in the Alma Crescent and Dutch Village Road Area

A public hearing was held at this time into the above matter.

The City Clerk advised that the matter has been duly advertised and that one letter of objection has been received from Mr. Eric O. Bezanson of 6 Titus Street.

In response to a question from His Worship the Mayor, Mrs. Frances Little addressed the Council and expressed some concern about the traffic conditions in the area and the dangers of trying to cross Dutch Village Road on foot. Mrs. Little asked if any building is anticipated on the land.

It was ascertained that no plans for building on the land have been prepared at this time.

Mrs. Little asked that she be kept informed of any proposals connected with the area.

His Worship the Mayor said that Alderman Hogan would be advised of any future plans and he would keep Mrs. Little informed.

No other persons wished to speak against or in favour of the rezoning.

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Moir that the matter be forwarded to City Council without recommendation. Motion passed.

Public Hearing Re: Amendments to the Zoning By-law of the City of Halifax by Repealing Sections 8 and 10 of Part 15 Relating to "Permits", Occupancy and Building

A public hearing was held at this time into the above matter.

The City Clerk advised that the matter has been duly advertised and that no correspondence has been received.

His Worship the Mayor ascertained that no persons wished to speak for or against the Zoning By-law amendments.

The City Solicitor pointed out that these sections of the Zoning By-law are now covered in an Ordinance and relate to permits for partial occupancy of a building.

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Alderman Stapells asked Staff to make sure that the new procedures are streamlined so that the amendments are a boon to a developer and not a detriment.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that the matter be forwarded to City Council without recommendation. Motion passed.

9:35 p.m. Council adjourned.

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WALTER R. FITZGERALD MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD CITY CLERK CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. January 27, 1972 8:00 P.M.

A meeting of the City Council was held on

the above date.

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

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Bell, Connolly, MacKeen, Hogan, Meagher, Moir, Stanbury, Stapells, Sullivan, and Wentzell.

Also present: City Manager, Acting City Solicitor, City Clerk, and other staff members.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meetings held on January 13 and 19, 1972 were approved on motion of Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Stanbury.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Council approved the City Clerk's request

to add:

20 (a) - Staff Report - Tenders for Demolition of the Halifax Mental Hospital

20 (b) - Expropriation - 64 Withrod Drive

Council approved Alderman MacKeen's

request to add:

20 (c) - Unemployment Insurance Commission

DEFERRED ITEMS

REZONING - 8 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY INTER-SUPPLY LIMITED - LOT "B" KEARNEY LAKE AREA FROM G-ZONE TO R-2 ZONE

At its meeting held on December 30, 1971 City Council appoved a resolution rezoning Lot "B" as shown Plan No. TT-14-19164, with the exception of 8 acres of land owned by Inter Supply Limited, a decision with regard to this eight acres being deferred for thirty days.

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by

Alderman Moir, that the eight acres of land owned by Inter-Supply Limited included in Lot "B" as shown on Plan No. TT-14-19164, Kearney Lake Area, be rezoned from "G" Zone to R-2 Residential Zone.

Alderman Connolly felt the City had a moral obligation to businesses which located in an area appropriately zoned, only to be faced with the City rezoning it Residential after they were well established. He felt such a practice could have a profound effect on businesses establishing in the City in the future.

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

For	-	Aldermen Hogan, Meagher, Moir, Stanbury, and Wentzell	;
Against	<u>d</u> a	Aldermen Bell, Connolly, MacKeen, Stapells,	

and Sullivan 5

The motion was then passed on His Worship's vote in favour of the motion.

A formal resolution was submitted, giving effect to the foregoing motion of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Stanbury, that the formal resolution, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

REZONING - LAND ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CLYDE STREET FROM "P" (PARK AND INSTITUTIONAL ZONE) TO C-2 (COMMERCIAL ZONE)

A Public Hearing was held on January 19th into the subject matter, following which Council referred it to this meeting for a decision.

<u>MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by</u> <u>Alderman Connolly that approval be given to the rezoning of</u> <u>Land on the North Side of Clyde Street from "P" (Park and</u> <u>Institutional Zone) to C-2 (Commercial Zone).</u>

There was some discussion on the use of the land after the rezoning, but the City Solicitor pointed out that the matter of the rezoning itself was all that was before Council this evening.

His Worship the Mayor said that the rezoning would then pave the way for the discussion of the proposed Federal building.

The motion was put and passed.

A formal resolution was submitted giving effect to the foregoing motion of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the formal resolution, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

LOT "B", CONNAUGHT AVENUE FROM R-2 (RESIDENTIAL ZONE) TO C-2 (GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE)

A Public Hearing was held into the subject matter on January 19th, at which time/referred it to this meeting for decision. Council

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman MacKeen, that approval be given to the rezoning of Lot "B" Connaught Avenue, as shown on Plans No. P200/4703 and 4705 and P200/4825-4829, on the following conditions:

- 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.

A formal resolution was submitted giving effect to the foregoing motion of City Council.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Wentzell that the formal resolution, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

ZONING - R-3 (MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE) OF A PARCEL OF LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF HALIFAX WHICH WAS FORMERLY A PORTION OF STREET IN THE ALMA CRESCENT AND DUTCH VILLAGE ROAD AREA

A Public Hearing was held into the subject matter on January 19, 1972, following which Council forwarded it to this meeting for decision.

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Wentzell, that the parcel of land owned by the City of Halifax as shown on Plan No. P200.4842 of Case No. 2552 be zoned R-3 (Multiple Family Residential). Motion passed.

A formal resolution was submitted giving effect to the foregoing motion of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Bell that the formal resolution, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

AMENDMENTS - ZONING BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX BY REPEALING SECTIONS 8 AND 10 OF PART 15 RELATING TO "PERMITS - OCCUPANCY AND BUILDING".

A Public Hearing was held on January 19 into the subject matter, following which Council forwarded it to this meeting for decision.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by

Alderman Hogan that Sections 8 and 10 of Part XV, Permits, of the Zoning By-law, City of Halifax, as approved by City Council May 11, 1950, be repealed. Motion passed, Alderman Stapells against.

A formal resolution was submitted giving effect to the foregoing motion of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the formal resolution, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & HEARINGS

Hearing - Appeal Re: Reduction of Setback Requirements - 33 Wyndrock Drive

The City Clerk advised that he had received three appeals against the decision of the Development Officer to permit a minor variance of the front yard requirement to permit construction of a portico to within 22 feetof the official street line at No. 33 Wyndrock Drive.

His Worship the Mayor asked if there were persons present who wished to speak against the decision of the Development Officer.

Mr. D. Tonning of 39 Wyndrock Drive, Mr. John Creeper of 29 Wyndrock Drive, and Dr. Alexander T. Roger of 23 Wyndrock Drive, who had written the appeals against the decision, all came forward, and stated in their opinions they

did not consider a reduction from 30 feet to 22 feet to be a "minor" variance. They all felt that it would affect the appearance of the street.

Alderman Stanbury felt that since these people had taken the time to come to the meeting to register their protests, they must feel very strongly about it:

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the decision of the Development Officer to grant a minor variance of the front yard requirement at Civic No. 33 Wyndrock Drive be upheld.

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

For - Aldermen Connolly, Meagher, Moir, and Stapells

MOVED by Alderman Wentzell, seconded by Alderman Stanbury, that the appeal against the decision of the Development Officer to grant a minor variance of the front yard requirement at No. 33 Wyndrock Drive, be granted.

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

For - Aldermen Bell, Connolly, Hogan, MacKeen, Stanbury, Sullivan, and Wentzell 7

Against- Aldermen MacKeen, Moir, Stapells 3

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on January 19, 1972 with respect to the following matters:

Possible Expropriation Settlement - 44 Withrod Drive - Kline Heights

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Stapells, that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the expropriation of the property formerly owned by Carolyn Dunn, and known as 44 Withrod Drive, be settled for the sum of \$10,161.75 as settlement in full for all claims, including the advance payment of \$4,250 made in November, 1971 funds to be made available from Account No. 54-33. Motion passed with Alderman Hogan abstaining from the vote.

C.B.C. Lands - Bell Road - Old Tourist Bureau Building

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the building on the land of the C.B.C. property on Bell Road, the land being an irregular shaped, four-sided section having a frontage on the south side of Bell Road of 125 feet, a mean depth of approximately 180 feet, and containing approximately 37,334 square feet, be offered for sale and be removed from the site, and that the land be reinstated in the assessment of the lands owned by the C.B.C. Motion passed.

Proposed Legislation, Reinstatement of Leased Property Provision Business Tax Lien

This matter was referred to Council from the Committee without recommendation with the request that the City Solicitor provide the answers to questions raised during the discussion. A staff report dated January 27, 1972 was submitted in response to this request by the City Solicitor.

Alderman Moir felt that the action whereby the City would have claim on all property, over and above all others, including the actual owner of equipment being leased to a party from whom the City was endeavouring to collect delinquent business taxes, might have a detrimental effect on the way that business was carried out with regard to renting or leasing of equipment. A lessor of equipment would have to charge more to cover the possible loss of his equipment, and it could mean, he said, that a small business would not be able to rent the necessary equipment to allow it to go into operation, such as a shoe-repairer. For these reasons he felt the implications should be carefully considered.

After a short discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the City Charter provisions respecting the exercise of liens for business tax be extended to apply to leased chattels in the possession of the taxpayer.

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

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Against - Aldermen MacKeen, Moir, Stapells, and Sullivan 4

Wedgewood Subdivision, Laurie Dri-24- 0 order to

REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on January 19, 1972 with respect to the following matters:

Rezoning - R-2 Residential to C-2 General Business - Civic No. 6264 (Lot 128A) YaleStreet - Date for Hearing

MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee:

- The rezoning of Civic No. 6264 (Lot 128A) Yale Street from R-2 Residential to C-2 General Business, as shown on Plan No. P200/4922 of Case No. 2567, be approved, subject to the outcome of a public hearing;
- 2. A date for a Public Hearing be set;
- 3. The area outlined on the plan attached to the staff report be designated as the area within which persons are to be notified of the public hearing.

Motion passed.

The City Clerk advised that the Public Hearing would be held on February 23, 1972.

Application for Resubdivision - Lands of GMN Construction Limited, Old Sambro Road

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Stapells that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for resubdivision of Lots B, C, and X to create Lot BCX, Lands of GMN Construction Ltd., Old Sambro Road, as shown on Plan No. P200/4854 of Case No. 2558, be approved, and a Hearing into the matter be waived. Motion passed.

Application for Final Approval of Lot E-1 - Subdivision of Lands J. Rex Burgess - Herring Cove Road

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, final approval of Lot E-1, Subdivision of Lands of J. Rex Burgess, Herring Cove Road, as shown on Plan No. P200.4887 of Case No. 2571, be granted. Motion passed.

Application for Resubdivision - Lot H-17 of the Wedgewood Subdivision Laurie Drive

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee the application for the resubdivision of Lot H-17 of the Wedgewood Subdivision, Laurie Drive, in order to correct the

Northeast and Southeast boundary dimensions, as shown on Plan No. P200.4883 of Case No. 2568, be approved and a Public Hearing into the matter waived. Motion passed.

Application for Subdivision of Lot No. 592 - Brookdale Subdivision - Lane Avenue

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, final approval be granted for the subdivision of Lot 592, Brookdale Subdivision, Lane Avenue, to create Lots 592A and 592B, as shown on Plan No. P200/4886 of Case No. 2570. Motion passed.

Application for Resubdivision of Lots 1 and 2 - Lands of Richard A. Dobbin - Old Sambro Road

MOVED by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for the resubdivision to combine Lots 1 and 2, Lands of Richard A. Dobbin - Old Sambro Road, to create Lot F, as shown on Plan No. P200/4889 of Case No. 2573, be approved and hearing into the matter waived. Motion passed.

Application for Resubdivision of Lots 13 and 14 - Maplehill Subdivision - Jennings Street

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for the resubdivision of Lots 13 and 14, Maplehill Subdivision, Jennings Street, in order to create Lot B, as shown on Plan No. P200/4891 of Case No. 2557, be approved and a Hearing into the matter be waived. Motion passed.

Modification of the Lot Frontage - Civic No. 6255-59 Coburg Road

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Stapells that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for modification of the lot frontage requirement to permit the construction of a three-storey, 20-unit apartment building at Civic No. 6255-59 Coburg Road, as shown on Plans No. P200/4910-4911, of Case No. 2581, be approved. Motion passed, Aldermen Bell and Moir against.

Extension to a Non-Conforming Building - Civic No. 5752 Ogilvie Street

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for an extension to a non-conforming building to permit the construction of a 17 ft. x 21 ft. twostorey addition at the rear of an existing single-family dwelling at No. 5752 Ogilvie Street, as shown on Plan No. P200/4914 of Case No. 2584, be approved. Motion passed.

Extension to a Non-Conforming Building and Modification of the Lot Area Requirements - Civic No. 18 Flint Street

MOVED by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the extension to a non-conforming building and modification of the lot area requirements to permit the extension and conversion of a single-family dwelling to a duplex use at Civic No. 18 Flint Street, as shown on Plan No. P200/4918 of Case No. 2529, be refused.

The motion was lost, three voting for the same and seven against it, as follows:

For - Aldermen Bell, Hogan, and Moir 3

Against - Aldermen Connolly, MacKeen, Meagher, Stanbury, Stapells, Sullivan, and Wentzell.. 7

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the extension to a non-conforming building and modification of the lot area requirements to permit the extension and conversion of a single-family dwelling to a duplex use at Civic No. 18 Flint Street, as shown on Plan No. P200/4918, be approved. Motion passed with Aldermen Bell, Hogan, and Moir against.

Roy Street Project

This matter was referred to Council from the Planning Committee which requested staff to meet with the developer to further discuss the drainage question and to report the estimated cost the City would be incurring if it approved the project.

A staff report dated January 27, 1972, and one of the same date from the developer for the proposed project, reporting the outcome of the meeting between staff and the developer, were submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Wentzell, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the request for a Development Permit to permit the construction of 118 units in the Roy Street area, to be financed under the Limited Dividend Section of the National Housing Act, be refused.

Alderman Wentzell said the proposed project was another example of overcrowding of the Spryfield area and would place further traffic on the already overtaxed Herring Cove Road. Furthermore, he said, although the matter was before Council for approval, he had not seen any plans or specifications as to the type of development planned by the developer.

Considerable discussion took place on the cost of sewer work in the general area, with the City Engineer recommending that a start on a permanent solution might be sufficient to overcome existing problems and to permit both the Roy Street and Hilden Heights projects to proceed, at a cost of \$285,000.00.

In reply to a question from Deputy Mayor Moir, Mr. Dodge agreed that the need for this work existed whether or not the Roy Street project went ahead, because of flooding conditions in the area. Mr. Dodge suggested that the improvement of the existing ditches over private property to eliminate the flooding problems presently occuring would in the long run be a waste of time and effort, for which reason he felt the money should be part of a more permanent solution.

In view of these comments, Alderman Moir felt that the sewer costs should not be a consideration of whether or not the Roy Street project was approved, since it appeared the problem and the cost of solving it existed with or without the Roy Street project.

Alderman MacKeen said he would vote against the proposed project, simply because he did not feel projects like Carson Street and others showed any appearance of benefitting from mistakes made in projects like Mulgrave Park or Uniacke Square. Also, he referred to an earlier staff recommendation that no further work be done on sewers in Spryfield until the Spryfield Feasibility Study is available.

After further discussion the motion was put and passed, eight voting for the same and two against, as follows:

Against - Aldermen Moir and Sullivan 2

Proposed Expansion of the Citadel Inn Motel - Land Transaction and Modification of the Height Setback

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the modification of the height set-back to permit an 11-storey extension to the Citadel Inn be approved, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Land transactions and relinguishing of all rights on the existing right-of-way between Citadel Properties Limited and the City of Halifax be concluded;
- (b) The retaining wall to be constructed on lands belonging to the Citadel Inn be negotiated between City staff and the Developer;
- (c) Signing of an agreement releasing the City of Halifax from claims for damages in case of sewer ruptures;
- (d) Proper disposal of storm water from the overall Hotel development and land owned or occupied by Citadel Properties Limited;
- (e) The final positioning of electrical, telephone and water lines which are now on the right-of-way presently owned by the City of Halifax and Citadel Properties Limited be indicated;
- (f) A statement of materials which are to be used in the construction of the addition, such as brick porcelainenamel, etc. be prepared.

MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Hogan, that the matter be deferred until the staff study on height control has been completed and a recommendation brought to Council.

The motion to defer was put and lost.

The main motion was put and passed, Aldermen Moir, Hogan, and MacKeen voting against.

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MOTION

Motion Alderman Connolly Re: Ordinance Number 153 Respecting "Sewer Development Charge" - First Reading

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that Ordinance Number 153, Respecting A Sewer Development Charge be read and passed a First Time. Motion passed with Alderman Stapells voting against.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Salary Scales - Social Workers - 1972

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

MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Bell that employees holding permanent full-time positions as Social Worker I, Social Worker II and Social Worker III be awarded salary advances in accordance with the scales outlined on Schedule "A" attached to the Staff Report of January 21, 1972. Motion passed.

(A copy of Schedule "A" is attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting)

Award of Contract - Fairview Storm Sewer

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

MOVED by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Connolly that a contract be awarded for DREE Project #2.9 Fairview Area Sewers to Waverley Construction Company Limited, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$1,092,488, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Approval of the DREE Liaison Committee for the award of the contract.
- Approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs of \$175,000 of additional funding, \$287,500 less than the amount forcast in the 1972 Capital Budget Estimates submitted to Council.

Motion passed.

Tender Call - New Police Station

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council, authority be granted to issue the tender call for the new Police Station immediately. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman MacKeen Re: Unemployment Insurance Commission

Alderman MacKeen asked the City's Social Planner if he could advise approximately how many people are being looked after by the City of Halifax because of the delay of payment of Unemployment Insurance claims.

The Social Planner advised that it is difficult to give a figure which will give a clear picture. He said that it is not possible to separate those persons who come to the Social Assistance Office because of the delay in receiving claims or because they did not fill in their forms properly thus delaying processing. He spoke of a meeting with executive staff of the Unemployment Insurance Commission who had outlined plans for relieving the situation and he said that indeed he had hoped something would have developed before this time. He said that the Commission had outlined the difficulties involved in the number of claims which have been filed. He spoke of the difficulties his Branch Offices have encountered in not being able to contact the Commission by telephone and said that a direct line has now been installed for the exclusive use of the Social Assistance Offices and he hoped that this would assist his Staff.

In reply to a further question from Alderman MacKeen, he went on to say that there has been a considerable increase in workload during the months of December and January with a great many people applying for assistance. He said that the City of Dartmouth and the County of Halifax have been surprised by a similar increase. He said that the increase in the number of applicants has and still is causing additional workload in processing the applications for assistance and is effectively lessening the other services of the Department.

Alderman Bell suggested that a more simple application form be drawn up by the Unemployment Insurance Commission.

The Social Planner said that the City has suggested an extensive campaign by the Unemployment Insurance Commission to explain how the forms should be completed rather than a change in the form. This suggestion, he said, has been forwarded to the Minister.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Parking - Southwood and Harbourview Drives

Alderman Connolly referred to a question he had asked some time ago relating to the fact that residents of the above-mentioned streets have, for the past 20 years, been parking their cars during the Winter Parking Ban months off the street opposite their homes on an unpaved area. He said that recently the cars have been ticketed by the Police Department and in response to his earlier enquiry, he was advised by the Traffic Engineering Depart-