Development Permit - Hilden Heights

A Staff Report was submitted relating to the above matter to which was attached a copy of the proposed Development Permit covering the Hilden Heights Development.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute this Development Permit immediately upon receipt and approval of the engineering drawings. Motion passed.

Appointments

Appointment - Housing Authority of Halifax

His Worship the Mayor reported that the process has been started to have Mr. Douglas Skinner appointed to the Housing Authority as the representative of the Public Housing Tenants Association.

Appointments - Visitors and Convention Committee

His Worship the Mayor nominated the following for appointment to the Visitors and Convention Committee:

Alderman Margaret Stanbury Alderman Robert Stapells Alderman Darrell Wentzell Alderman M. D. Sullivan Alderman Leo C. Hogan Mr. J. B. Sawyer Mrs. Marie Nightingale Mr. Donald G. LeBlanc Mr. Gary McPherson

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Moir that the persons, as nominated by His Worship the Mayor, be appointed to the Visitors and Convention Committee. Motion passed.

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9:55 p.m. Council adjourned.

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R. H. STODDARD CITY CLERK CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

> Council Chamber City Hall Halifax, N. S. December 28, 1972 8:00 P. M.

A meeting of the City Council was held on the above

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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 Connolly, Meagher, Sullivan, Stanbury, Bell, Hogan, Moir, and Wentzell.

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

MINUTES

Minutes of the City Council meeting held on December 14, 1972, were approved on Motion of Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Connolly.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Council agreed with the request of the City Clerk to add:

14(a) - Report of the Halifax Downtown Committee.

Council agreed with the request of Alderman Wentzell to add:

20(a) - Domestic Water Services, Woodcrest Avenue.

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

DEFERRED ITEMS

Housing Authority Budget - 1973

At the last meeting of City Council held on December 14, 1972, approval of the Housing Authority Budget for 1973 was deferred, and a Committee comprising of His Worship the Mayor and Deputy Mayor MacKeen were to meet with the Housing Authority to discuss the Budget and various other matters of concern.

His Worship advised that such a meeting has not yet been arranged, and it was <u>MOVED</u> by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the matter be further deferred.

Motion passed.

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REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on December 20, 1972, with respect to the following matters:

Demolition - 2192 Barrington Street and Re-Use of Houses Slated for Demolition

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

- The City proceed with the demolition of the building at 2192 Barrington Street; and
- 2. The Metro Housing '72 Steering Committee be encouraged to direct its efforts to other areas of the City such as part of the Old Northern Suburb west of Gottingen Street, where the neighborhoods are still relatively intact and some prospect of a successful overall program is offered.

Motion passed.

Call for Tenders - Halifax West High School, Carson Street, and Cowie Hill Schools

MOVED by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council acknowledge the urgency for calling tenders at a very early date, and that the Council support His Worship the Mayor in his efforts to seek Provincial cost sharing on the capital costs of schools and to have the current DREE agreement amended and extended to provide for the Halifax West High School, as well as the Cowie Hill and Carson Street Schools.

Motion passed.

Police Headquarters - Communications/Records System

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Wentzell that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council authorize the allocation of an additional \$4,000 of the police headquarters capital budget for the services of A. H. Banani & Associates in extending their consultations to the Police Headquarters records system and the raised floor system, and that staff be requested to draw up the necessary agreement or an amendment to the existing agreement for the signature of His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk. Motion passed with Alderman Connolly against.

Purdy Bros. Limited - 1959 Upper Water Street - Possible Expropriation Settlement - Part Taking - Possible Acquisition of Land - Possible Sale of Partnership-Owned Land.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Bell

that:

a) Compensation for expropriation of a portion of Purdy Brothers Limited's property at 1959 Upper Water Street be \$224,867 less advance payments, plus 6% interest from January 1, 1969 to respective dates of payments, as settlement in full for all claims;

- b) Parcel "J" be purchased from Purdy Brothers Limited for \$1,668.75 as settlement in full for all claims;
- c) Parcel "E" be sold to Purdy Brothers Limited for \$45,412.50, subject to ratification by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation Executive Committee; and
- d) All items to be settled concurrently, each being contingent on the others.

Motion passed with Alderman Connolly and Meagher voting against.

Write-Offs - Rents, Poll Tax, and Bad Debts

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee:

 under section 184 of the City Charter 1963, City Council excuse the Treasurer from collecting the monies due the City, as listed below, and authorize the write-off of \$90,451,28.

Business Taxes	\$53,185.22	Subject to General Reserve
Other Taxes	749.66	Subject to General Reserve
Private Work	7.12	Subject to General Reserve
Paving & Sewers	7,149.67	Subject to Specific Reserve
Childrens Hospital	2,526.67	Subject to Specific Reserve
Welfare Accounts	634.31	Subject to Specific Reserve
Eyeglasses	768.50	Subject to Specific Reserve
V. G. Hospital Accommodation	8,280.25	Subject to Specific Reserve
V. G. Hospital Ambulance	4,578.18	Subject to Specific Reserve
V. G. Hospital Drugs	12,571.70	Subject to Specific Reserve
	\$90,451.28	

- 2) under section 184 of the City Charter 1963, City Council excuse the Treasurer from collecting the monies due the City termed "Poll Tax" and authorize the write-off of \$155,048 or the lesser figure outstanding at December 31, 1972;
- 3)<u>a</u> under Section 184 of the City Charter 1963, the Treasurer be excused from collecting the rent arrears of those accounts in the hands of a collection agency over 6 months, as scheduled in the staff report of December 18, 1972 entitled "Write-off of rents receivable", amounting to \$31,343.74, and be authorized to write off against the specific rent reserve, the sum of \$31,343.74; and
 - bThat authorization be granted to sue past tenants for rent arrears when conditions appear appropriate.

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After questioning of staff with respect to the various write-offs, the Motion was put and passed.

Authorization to Negotiate Purchase - 6273-75 Young Street

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, City Council authorize resumption of negotiations with a view to acquiring 6273-75 Young Street.

Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on December 20, 1972, with respect to the following:

Private Fire Alarm Charges

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the Committee on Works:

- a) each new fire alarm connection shall be charged at the rate of \$75.00 per new connection which is an increase from \$50.00 effective January 1, 1973; and
- b) the yearly fee shall be increased from \$120.00 per year to \$180.00 per year effective January 1, 1973, with a further increase of \$250.00 per year to become effective on January 1, 1974.

Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

A report dated December 28, 1972 was submitted resulting from a meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council held on December 27, 1972, at which time a presentation was given by Mr. Vernon MacFawn, Co-Chairman of the Halifax Downtown Committee respecting the work of the Committee to date, the Economic, Social, and Environmental Design Objectives of the Committee, and a proposed plan of development for a viable Downtown Area.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council, the first report of the Downtown Committee, as set out on the attachment to the Staff Report of December 21, 1972, be accepted by City Council.

It was pointed out that if the Motion is approved, it means Council is accepting the report only and does not indicate any form of approval.

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The Motion was then put and passed.

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REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on December 20, 1972 with respect to the following matters:

Possible Acquisition - 558-686 Bedford Highway - Hemlock Ravine, Prince's Lodge - For Park Purposes

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, City Council approve in principle the idea of trying to acquire the land in the area of Hemlock Ravine, Prince's Lodge for park purposes, either through the National Historic Sites Branch of the Federal Government or in conjunction with the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

Alderman Moir reported that he had received a number of letters from citizens with respect to this item, all of which think favourably of the future acquisition of this land for park purposes.

The motion was then put and passed.

Zoning of Former Portions of Main Avenue and Titus Street -Date for Hearing

MOVED by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, a date be set for a Public Hearing into the zoning of former portions of Main Avenue and Titus Street, as follows:

- Parcel "A" situated on the west side of Titus Street near Main Avenue, and containing 503.1 square feet, be zoned R-4 Residential;
- Parcel "B" situated on the southwest corner of Main Avenue and Titus Street, and containing 940.6 square feet, be zoned R-4 Residential;
- Parcel "C" situated on the southeast corner of Main Avenue and Maple Street, and containing 122.9 square feet, be zoned R-4 Residential;
- 4. Parcel "D" situated on the north side of Main Avenue between Bert's Drive and Titus Street, and containing 42.5 square feet, be zoned R-4 Residential;
- Parcel "E" situated on the north side of Main Avenue between Bert's Drive and Titus Street, and containing 295.6 square feet, be zoned R-4 Residential;

 Parcel "F" situated on the northwest corner of Main Avenue and Titus Street, and containing 142.6 square feet, be zoned C-l Local Business. and that the persons living within the area affected be notified of the date of the Public Hearing. Motion passed.

Application for Resubdivision - Clayton Park Subdivision, Forestside Crescent and Glenforest Drive

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for resubdivision, Clayton Park Subdivision, Forestside Crescent and Glenforest Drive, to:

- add Lot G-lH to Lot G-2, and to add Lot G-5B to Lot G-4, as shown on Plan No. P200/5477 of Case No. 2791, be approved by City Council, and
- approve Lot G-5A as a separate lot, as shown on Plan No. P200/5477 of Case No. 2791, be refused by City Council.

Motion passed.

8:40 p.m. Alderman Moir left the meeting.

Application for Resubdivision (Alteration) of Lots 191, 192 and 196 - Northeast Corner of Greenwood Avenue and Inglis Street

MOVED by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Wentzell that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for resubdivision of Lots 191, 192 and 196, Northeast Corner of Greenwood Avenue and Inglis Street, as shown on Plan No, P200/5475 of Case No. 2789, be approved by City Council, subject to the removal of a garage located on the new boundary between Lots 191 and 196. Motion passed.

Extension to a Non-conforming Building - Civic No. 294 Dutch Village Road

MOVED by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for an extension to a non-conforming building at Civic No. 294 Dutch Village Road, as shown on Plan No. P200/5505 of Case No. 2803, be approved by City Council. Motion passed.

Salter Street Rezoning - Downtown Committee

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the report from the Halifax Downtown Committee containing a resolution adopted by that Committee relating to the rezoning of a portion of Salter Street on the waterfront be received by City Council. Motion passed.

8:42 p.m. Alderman Moir returns.

Application for Resubdivision (Alteration) - Lands of the Public Service Commission, Spryfield

MOVED by Alderman Wentzell, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for resubdivision (Alteration), the Lands of the Public Service Commission, Spryfield, to:

- include Lots B, C and F as part of the lands required to establish the Water Transmission Line Right-of-way, and;
- add Lot J to the lands of Didier Theriault Et Ux, all as shown on Plan No. P200/5476 of Case No. 2790,

be approved by City Council. Motion passed.

Possible Amendments to Proposed Municipal Development Plan

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, an Amendment be made to the Proposed Municipal Development Plan by the inclusion of the following paragraph on Page 1:-

"On sites in excess of five acres located in areas designated on the overall Development Policy Plan for particular uses (e.g. "residential development" or "industrial, defence and port-related facilities, inter-related mixed uses may be sanctioned in accordance with specific comprehensive development schemes when approved by Council, after due notice and Public Hearing").

Motion passed.

MOTIONS

Motion - Alderman MacKeen - Introduction of Ordinance No. 157, Respecting Minimum Standards for Existing Buildings and Housing Accommodation (First Reading)

In the absence of Alderman MacKeen, it was MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Hogan that Ordinance Number 157, Respecting Minimum Standards for Existing Buildings and Housing Accommodation be read and passed a First Time. Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Administrative Order No. 8 (Second Reading)

MOVED by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the following amendments to Administrative Order Number 8 be read and passed a Second Time:-

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Halifax, that Schedule "A" to Administrative Order Number 8, Respecting Real Property of a Character or Nature other than Residential or Business, as passed by the City Council on the 12th and 30th days of December 1968, and subsequently amended, is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

SCHEDULE "A" (to Admin. Order Number 8)

Location of Property

Assessed Owner

2623 Agricola Street 2629 Agricola Street 22 Ashdale Avenue 1253 Barrington Street

1580 Barrington Street 5553 Bloomfield Street

Coburg Road Coburg Road 6033 Coburg Road

6414 Coburg Road 6533 Coburg Road 6549 Coburg Road 5527 Cogswell Street Connolly Street 5435 Cornwallis Street

5523 Cornwallis Street 5568 Cunard Street

5837 Cunard Street

Devonshire Avenue Devonshire Avenue Drysdale Road Dutch Village Road 106 Dutch Village Road 1641 Fairfield Road

5521 Gerrish Street

2740-42 Gottingen Street

1871 Granville Street 289 Herring Cove Road 50 Hillside Avenue

1445-51 Hollis Street

Naval Civil Service Assn. of Halifax and District Manchester Unity Building Company Limited Armdale Masonic Hall Ltd. Mission to Seamen, Maritimes City Club Trustees of Halifax Civic Workers' Union Local 108 Dalhousie College and University University of Kings College Registered Nurses' Assn. of Nova Scotia Maritime School of Social Work Waegwaltic Limited Waegwaltic Limited Halifax Branch, N. S. #27 R.C.L. C.F.B. Curling Club Rector, Wardens & Vestry of St. George's Church Mayflower Social & Benefit Club I.O.O.F. Building and Joint Stock Assoc'n Limited Scotia Branch No. 25 of Canadian Legion of British Empire, Service League Ward 5 Resources Council Halifax Police Boys' Club Spryfield Lions Club Arena Ashburn Golf Club Nova Scotia Teachers' Union Roman Catholic Episcopal Corp. of Halifax c/o St. Mary's Recreation Club Loyal Wilberforce Lodge, I.O.O.F. Manchester Unity No. 7336 Trustees of White Ensign Branch Naval 129, Royal Canadian Legion Girl Guides of Canada Duke of Kent Masonic Bldg. Co.Ltd. Royal Canadian Legion Fairview Branch 142 Trustees of International Longshoremen's Assn. Local 269

1459 Hollis Street 1682 Hollis Street 1811 Hollis Street 5739 Inglis Street

2788-90 Isleville Street

5737 McCully Street

3000 Monaghan Drive 5530 North Street

2029 North Park Street 40 Purcell's Cove Road Armdale Yacht Club Robie Street 5244 South Street

1485 South Park Street 7 Sussex Avenue

949 Young Avenue

Elk's Club (Halifax) Ltd. Halifax Club Boy Scouts of Canada Nova Scotia Division, Canadian Mental Health Assn. Loyal True Blue Assn. Defence Lodge Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Mayflower Curling Club Maple Leaf Lodge No. 3814 of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes City Firefighters' Club Bldg. Ltd. 360 Purcell's Cove RoadSaraguay €lub376 Purcell's Cove RoadRoyal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron Saint Mary's University The Atlantic Institute of Education 6680 South StreetHalifax Police Association948 South Bland StreetHalifax Curling Club Ltd. Canadian Cancer Society Royal Canadian Legion, Spryfield Branch South End Lawn Tennis Club

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

For: Aldermen Bell, Hogan, Meagher, Moir, Stanbury, Sullivan and Wentzell

Against: Alderman Connolly

Local Improvement Policy

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

The City Manager briefly reviewed the report for members of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Wentzell, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council for further consideration. Motion passed.

Non-Union Salaries

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A Staff Report was submitted relating to the above matter.

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Wentzell that City Council formally approve the following:

Effective January 1st, 1973, salary ranges for non-Union positions would be increased by 6.5%.

2. Following completion of the Job Evaluation Study, approved adjustments in salary ranges for specific positions would take effect as of July 1st, 1973.

Motion passed unanimously.

Award of Tender - Building Maintenance

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

MOVED by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Moir that the following tenders for electrical, plumbing and oil burner services be accepted in respect of the building maintenance contracts for 1973:

Electrical - Pelham Electric & Refrigeration, 18 Battery Drive, Halifax

Skilled Labour	\$6.80 per hour	
Unskilled Labour	\$3.85 per hour	
Skilled Man & Helper	\$10.65 per hour	
Overtime	\$13.60 per hour	

Plumbing & Heating - W. S. Redmond, 1489 Carleton Street, Halifax

Skilled Labour\$6.00 per hourUnskilled Labour\$1.25 per hour Unskilled Labour\$1.25 per nourSkilled Man & Helper\$7.25 per hour Overtime \$12.00 per hour

Oil Burners & Furnace Repairs - A. C. Gough

2420 Westmount St. Halifax

Skilled Labour\$5.00 per hourUnskilled Labour\$3.00 per hourSkilled Man & Helper\$8.00 per hour Overtime

\$8.00 per hour

After a short discussion, the motion was put and

passed.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Hogan Re: Clearing Snow and Ice from Sidewalks

Alderman Hogan referred to a situation where he had called the Police Department to advise them of a location where the sidewalk had not been cleared in front of a private property and which was very dangerous for pedestrians who were afraid to walk across it. He said that he was told a summons had been issued and that there was no more that could be done. He was concerned that the owner of the property would, sometime in the future, pay a \$2.00 fine and still not clear his property. If this is the law, he said, it is ridiculous. He asked if something can be done to improve the situation and perhaps

a new Ordinance be drafted with much stiffer penalties.

The City Manager said that there is nothing more that can be done in accordance with the law as at present, but he said that it is possible new legislation could be drafted for presentation to City Council.

His Worship the Mayor asked the City Solicitor to check into the present law, consider any ways of improvement and report back to City Council at a later date.

Question Alderman Stanbury Re: Streets in London and Dublin Area

Alderman Stanbury asked whether the City could enforce the law with respect to the clearing of sidewalks when it does such a poor job on the streets. She referred to the area of London and Dublin Streets where people were unable to get into or out of their driveways because of the ice conditions. She asked if some special attention could be given to the salting of this area.

His Worship the Mayor asked the City Manager to take this under advisement and pointed out to the Alderman that two wrongs do not make a right and it is essential that the sidewalks be cleared.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Sidewalks Around Fort Needham

Alderman Sullivan asked that some special attention be given to the sidewalks around Fort Needham, where water runs across them and freezes and they become just a glare of ice causing hazards to all pedestrians. He also asked that more salting take place on the streets in that area since a similar problem occurs and the ice is sometimes 9" to 10" deep with great ruts in it.

Question Alderman Wentzell Re: Salting or Sanding of Streets in Spryfield Area

Alderman Wentzell referred to a situation which occurred in his area on December 22, when calls were made on many occasions to City Field requesting salt or sand to be spread on certain streets which were impassable. He said that the people were told that a truck would be out that evening, but were annoyed to find out that it still had not arrived by 9:30 a.m. the following day. He asked that the persons at City Field not give out false information.

The City Manager said it is a matter of public relations and he would look into it.

Question Alderman Wentzell Re: Non-Collection of Garbage

Alderman Wentzell reported a situation where garbage on three or four streets in Spryfield was put out

for collection on Friday, December 23 and by 2:00 p.m. Saturday the 24th it was still not collected and by that time had been strewn around and broken open by dogs and was in fact an ungodly mess. He asked that the people at least be informed through the media if delays of this nature are going to occur.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Collection of Garbage -Holidays

Alderman Connolly asked that all members of Council be informed in advance of any special garbage collection arrangements, such as double collection days. He said that he was not aware that the Monday collection was to be done on Saturday and nor were a lot of other people who consequently missed it. He agreed that perhaps not all people would hear such an announcement on the radio or read it in the newspaper but if he had known he could have passed on the message.

The City Manager said that he himself was not aware of the double collection day either but he would look into the situation and make certain that the members of Council are fully informed of any changes in routine collections.

NOTICE OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion were given at this time.

ADDED ITEMS

Domestic Water System - Woodcrest Avenue

Alderman Wentzell referred to a petition that he had endorsed some months ago and submitted relating to the water system on Woodcrest Avenue. He reported that it is a private system which is continually breaking down and it appears to be almost impossible for the residents of this street to contact the owner of the system to have him make repairs. He said that presently some 13 families are without water and are afraid that this situation will prevail throughout the holiday week-end. He asked if there is anything the City can do at this time and he also asked when he can expect a report on the petition.

Alderman Hogan suggested that the City sell water to these persons at the usual rates if the owner cannot be contacted.

Alderman Wentzell said that the people are well aware that they would have to pay for any water delivered by the City but are more concerned that they can look forward to having City water services installed in the near future.

The City Manager said that if it is decided that water services should be installed, they could not be completed before the latter part of next year.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the Alderman meet early tomorrow morning with the City Solicitor to receive some advice so that he can inform the residents of the best approach to the problem. He also suggested that the City Manager arrange to have water delivered to these people for the week-end if it is necessary.

9:20 p.m. Council adjourned.

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