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paid for at the rate of $18.63 per cubic yard. This contract would only be awarded with the concurrence of the Province and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

G. F. West,
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Macdonald, that the recommendation of staff be approved and that His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary contract on behalf of the City.

Alderman Trainor expressed disagreement with the statement in the report submitted by the Commissioner of Works to the effect that the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited is the only company permitted to install electric power and distribution cables in the City, and he contended that there are a number of contractors in this area who make similar installations.

The City Manager was directed to confer with the Commissioner of Works to make a further study to resolve the conflict of opinions and to report at a subsequent meeting.

The motion was then put and passed.

Borrowing Resolutions:
(1) Africville
(2) Uniacke Square Project
(3) Maritime Museum of Canada
(4) Waterfront Development

It is recommended that funds be provided for the following capital projects by Borrowing Resolutions:

(1) $60,000.00 - Acquisition of Properties - Africville;  
(2) $300,000.00 - Acquisition of Properties - Uniacke Square Project;  
(3) $100,000.00 - Maritime Museum of Canada;  
(4) $100,000.00 - Acquisition of Properties - Waterfront Development.

It was agreed to consider the items separately.

(1) $60,000.00 - Acquisition of Properties - Africville

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that the recommendation be approved, but that no action be taken to proceed with the general application of the proposed program for Africville until the report of the study of Africville approved by Council earlier at this meeting is received. Motion passed.
A meeting of the City Council was held on the above date.

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

There were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Breen, Haddock, Butler, Magher, LeBlanc, Trainor, Healy, Wyman and O'Brien.


MOVED by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Wolf, that the minutes of meetings held on August 18 and 29, 1963, be approved. Notion passed.

SUBMISSION OF THE HALIFAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS RELATIVE TO AFRICVILLE

His Worship the Mayor advised that the Halifax Advisory Committee on Human Rights had prepared a submission in the interests of the residents of Africville. He asked if Council wished to consider this matter at this time and if they wished to hear Mr. H. A. J. Wedderburn, Chairman of the Advisory Committee. (Copies of the submission were circulated prior to the meeting and a copy of same is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the matter be now considered and that Mr. Wedderburn be permitted to address Council. Notion passed.

Mr. Wedderburn addressed Council briefly and asked that Council favorably consider the recommendation contained in the submission respecting the engagement of a qualified person to make a study in depth of the Africville problem and to recommend certain ways and means of solving the housing problem, the first step towards implementing this recommendation being the engagement of a specialist to make a preliminary survey of Africville and after discussion...
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with City staff, the Halifax Advisory Committee on Human Rights and other resources to determine whether a study in depth is indicated. The report intimated that Dr. Albert Rose, Professor of Social Work at the University of Toronto, author of a report on Canada's first extensive experiment in slum clearance and urban redevelopment would be qualified to carry out the preliminary survey.

MOVED by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Macdonald, that the recommendation of the Halifax Advisory Committee on Human Rights be approved and that the City Manager be directed to: (a) invite Dr. Rose to come to Halifax to make a preliminary survey of Africville; and (b) to report to Council the terms and conditions under which the study would be undertaken if the need for same is indicated. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING AS: AMENDMENT TO PART I - DEFINITIONS, Halifax Zoning By-Law

A Public Hearing was held at this time to consider the following proposed amendment to the Halifax Zoning By-Law:

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Halifax under the authority of the Town Planning Act, being Chapter 292 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1914, as follows:

1. Part I - Definitions, of the Zoning By-Law of the City of Halifax, is amended by

(a) deleting the definition of "basement" as it now appears and substituting therefor the following definition:

"basement" means, for the purposes of this by-law, that storey which is partly under ground but having not more than half of its clear floor to ceiling height below the average of the finished grade of the land outside the building in which such basement is located, such grade being taken at the foundation walls;

(b) deleting the definition of "cellar" as it now appears and substituting therefor the following definition:

"cellar" means, for the purposes of this by-law, that storey of a building which has more than half of its clear floor to ceiling height below the average of the finished grade of the land outside the building in which such cellar is situated, such grade being taken at the foundation walls;
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His Worship the Mayor
and Aldermen
City of Halifax
Nova Scotia

Your Worship,
Fellow Aldermen:

The Halifax Advisory Committee on
Human Rights is a volunteer non-denominational group consisting
of residents of Africville and citizens living elsewhere
in Halifax and its vicinity. The Committee was formed in
August 1962, as the invitation of several residents of
Africville, to advise in matters related to an anticipated
discussion of the Africville land use for industrial use.
A list of the Committee’s twenty members was amended.

The Committee has not approximately
eighteen months on its own, including two meetings, of which
city staff members were present; one at City Hall, with
representatives of City Council and City of St. John and five
minutes at Africville, where public hearings were conducted
by the Chairman of the Committee and at which, on one
occasion, City of St. John staff were present.

It is clear that residents of Africville have changed their sense of security. A survey
which the Committee conducted, through personal interviews with one adult member in 27 of sixty-nineteen of the
approximately eighty-five families living in Africville, indicated that 60 or so adult had lived in Africville
for thirty-five years. In reply to the question, if Africville is overcrowded, what kind of housing would you
like to have, one respondent indicated that they would prefer to live in the north end of the city and
definitely in single-family dwellings with low down payments and low monthly payments.

It is clear, too, that residents of Africville have in their ability to provide acceptable
housing accommodations for themselves. The Committee

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rubmitn Vh?..t there are at least two possible courses by which acceptable housing might be made available,

(1) by the formation of a limited-dividend housing company on a non-profit basis (under Section 10 of the National Housing Act) for the benefit of Africville residents financially able to benefit from such a company;

(2) by the construction of high-density housing on the upper slopes of Africville, provided by the City of Halifax in agreement with a corporate body (under provisions of the Municipal Corporation Amendment Act, 1954) to be made available to persons directly through the redevelopment program itself for the Africville area and, regardless of race, to other citizens of Halifax.

The Committee has concluded, in view of its numerous meetings and consultations, that

(1) the complexity of property tenure in Africville,
(2) the strong sense of community in Africville,
(3) the probable high cost of relocation for persons likely to be re-located financially to Africville residents and the City of Halifax, and the apparent need for special financial arrangements, and
(4) the depressed condition of housing in Africville, could warrant the City's taking extraordinary measures.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND, therefore, that City Council consider a program of outstanding qualifications, in training and experience, to study Africville in depth and for the purpose of formulating specific recommendations of sound type and scope of solving problems in housing.

The Committee wishes that, as a first step toward implementation of this recommendation, City Council bring to Halifax a consultant who could be requested (after an ordinary survey of Africville) and discussion with City staff, with the Halifax Advisory Committee on Human Rights, and with other resources) to fit to whether, in his judgment, a study in depth is indicated.

The Committee's recommendation is submitted for the serious interest here and, also, in the knowledge of an outstanding report published in 1958 by Dr. Albert Hare, Professor of Social Work, University of Toronto, of Canada's first extensive experiment in slum clearance and urban redevelopment, Runt in a City. Dr. Hare reports a record of social and administrative significance, demonstrating the Committee that a study of little utility would yield similar preventive solutions for Africville. A biographical statement about Dr. Hare is appended.
Yours very truly,

THE VITALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF H.R. R. RIGHTS

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Dr. Albert Ron produced in 1939 as a gold medallist in the Honours Political Science and Economics course at the University of Toronto, and he received his Ph.D three years later from the University of Illinois. From 1943 to 1945 he served with the Canadian Army, after which he held the post of Research Director of the Welfare Council of Toronto until 1948, when he joined the staff of the School of Social Work, University of Toronto, where he is now Professor of Social Work.

Dr. Ron has been associated with the Civic Advisory Council of Toronto, the Canadian Welfare Council, the Central Housing Corporation, the Department of Citizenship and Immigration, and the Community Planning Association of Canada.

Dr. Ron has published a number of significant reports on various aspects of housing and metropolitan planning, including an Experimental Study of Local Housing Conditions and Needs submitted to Control Corporation and Housing Corporation in 1953, and his principal study, Regent Park, a Study in Slum Clearance, published in 1958.