

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

June 5th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock;  
present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Hines,  
Murphy, Finlay and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Jennings and Oxford Streets.  
Legislation - Children's Protection Act. *change*  
Ladder Truck Damaged by Tram Car - ~~Account~~ Rainnie & Keator.  
Nova Scotia Car Works indebtedness to City.  
Foster Lot Chebuoto Road.  
City Prison Monthly Report.  
Sherwood Street Water Pipe.  
Beech Street Sewer Extension  
Fleming Park Refreshment Privileges.  
Dilapidated Building - J. P. Mott & Co. - Hollis Street.  
#20 Charles Street - Dilapidated Building.  
Dilapidated Hardy Building - Granville Street.  
Oxford Street - Shop in Residential District.  
Stone Crusher - N. S. Tramways & Power Co.  
Windsor Street Street Line.  
Fire Alarm Box 39 - Ungar's Laundry.  
High Cost of Living.  
Street Traffic Regulations.  
Water Bill - W. E. Hebb.  
Filling in Head of Arm.  
Gottingen Street Street Line #180 - Godwin Property.  
Condition of Seaforth Street.  
Fire Chief's Car.  
Roadbed - Lockman and Granville Streets.  
~~Coal County Court House~~ *Turnovers in City Buildings*  
Fleming Park -  
Board of Fire Escapes Meeting.  
Accounts.

JENNINGS AND OXFORD STREETS.

*Engineer*  
Read petition residents of Jennings, Larch and Oxford Streets for a light at the corner of Jennings and Oxford Streets. They also petition for a bridge from Oxford to Jennings Street or some suitable means to allow teams to get from Oxford to Jennings Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

LEGISLATION - CHILDREN'S PROTECTION ACT.

Read report City Auditor, as follows:-

Office of City Auditor,  
June 1st, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

A state of affairs exists in connection with finances that is not only troublesome, but that causes citizen rate-

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payers and others unavoidable delay in receiving their just returns, for services rendered the City, at the proper period.

Under the provisions of the Children's Protection Act, the City knows nothing of bills contracted until same are rendered, and at the 1st of May, 1917, there come in bills as follows:-

St. Patrick's Home.....	\$259.63
Maritime Home for Girls.....	226.73
Industrial School .....	130.00
Infant Home, Tower Road.....	171.00
Girls' Home, College Street.....	88.57
Total....	\$ 875.93

*Controller Finlay  
City Auditor  
Solicitor*

There is to the credit of the appropriation only..... 281.90

Leaving an amount of.....\$594.03

yet unpaid, and which the City can only get paid by Act of Legislature, one year, after the bills are due.

Is it not possible to get Legislation to meet such an emergency in future and enable us to pay our bills promptly?

W. W. Foster,  
City Auditor.

Referred to Controller Finlay to confer with Mr. Foster and report.

LADDER TRUCK DAMAGED BY TRAM CAR - CHEQUE RAINNIE & KEATOR.

Read letter Rainnie & Keator, as follows:-

Halifax, May 31st, 1917.

L. Fred. Monaghan,  
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find our cheque for \$298.50 in settlement of the enclosed accounts. We also enclose release which we would ask you to kindly sign and return to us.

Rainnie & Keator,  
Per C. E. Hubley.

Referred to Controller Hines.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS TO CITY.

Read letter Canada Corporations, Limited, as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,  
May 31st, 1917.

To the Board of Control.  
Halifax.

Gentlemen:-  
We give below a list of the Policies of Insur-

*Cont Hines  
Chief Fire Dept  
City Treasurer*

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ance covering Buildings and Machinery at the Nova Scotia Car Works, in which the loss, if any, is made payable to the City of Halifax;--

North River,	\$20,000	expiring Oct.	19,	1917.
National Union	10,000	"	"	21,
Stuveysant	2,000	"	"	21
Richmond	25,000	"	"	29
North River	17,500	"	"	29
North River	16,500	"	Nov	18
Norwich Union	13,800	"	June	17
Commercial Un.	10,000	"	"	17
Canadian Fire,	5,000	"	"	17
Royal Insurance	15,000	"	"	17
Hartford Fire	5,000	"	"	17
Canada National	5,000	"	"	17
	\$144,800			

You will observe that in addition to the other policies which we are carrying we are carrying \$144,800 of Fire Insurance, all of which is payable to the City of Halifax. You will note that of this, a large amount aggregating in all \$53,800 expires on June 17th, next.

We are anxious in view of the fact that the plant is now idle and that we are deriving no revenue from it, to save any avoidable outlay for unnecessary fire insurance premiums or otherwise, and in view of the fact that by our last payment to the City on account of the Mortgage the amount thereof has been reduced to \$83,242, we beg respectfully to submit that the risks maturing on the 17th June might be permitted to lapse. If this is done there will still be \$91,000 of Fire Insurance payable to the City, in addition to which there is always the Land itself which is worth a large sum of money.

We venture to ask you to give this letter your favorable consideration, and with your approval and consent we propose to allow the risks maturing on the 17th June to expire without renewal.

Kindly let us hear from you.

Canada Corporations, Limited,  
J. Moorman, Manager.

Referred to Controller Finlay for report.

FOSTER LOT - CHEBUCTO ROAD.

Read opinion City Solicitor, as follows:--

Office of City Solicitor,  
June 1st, 1917.

Secretary Board of Control.  
Re Account of J.C.Harris.

Dear Sir:--

As I understand this case, the facts are as follows:--

It was proposed to widen Chebucto Road, and for that purpose to acquire a portion of the land of an adjoining proprietor. In order to ascertain the value of the land proposed to be taken arbitrators were appointed, one by the City one by the proprietor and an umpire by mutual agreement, When the award was made the amount determined

Cons. Finlay ✓  
Council ✓

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was in the judgment of the City too high, and it was decided not to proceed further in the matter. A Bill has been presented to the City for the services of one of the arbitrators and the question is whether or not it can be properly paid out of the moneys authorized to be borrowed for the purpose of street widening by Chapter 77 of 1914.

*Cons. Finlay.  
City Auditor*

As I am informed the difficulty raised as to payment is that no land has actually been acquired. I do not see how this objection can be considered sound. The purpose for which the expenditure was made was with a view to acquiring land under the statute. If the land had actually been acquired there could be no question that the expense of the arbitration would be properly payable out of the fund as part of the expenses incidental to acquiring the land. There can also be no question that the City had a right to stop the proceedings when it ascertained that the price would be more than the City felt justified in paying. It therefore appears clear to me that so long as the purpose for which the expenditure was incurred was within the statute and could properly have been paid if the land had been acquired, that the mere fact that the proceedings were stopped does not prevent the charge from being properly payable out of the fund. To hold otherwise would lead to some very extraordinary consequences, namely that either the City would have in all cases to proceed with a proposed expenditure no matter how extravagant it might eventually prove to be or would have no means of discharging the liability incurred in respect to a proceeding which it had in its discretion incurred decided to abandon.

F. H. Bell.

Referred to Controller Finlay to deal with the City Auditor in the matter.

CITY PRISON MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Governor of the City Prison for the month of May. Filed.

SHIRWOOD STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Mr. Power appeared before the Board asking that the water pipes be extended in Sherwood Street.

The Acting City Engineer states he could not recommend the extension because of the grading of the street. The water pipes would be laid after the property owners had graded the street..

*Engineer*

Controller Murphy asks that the Engineer be requested to make a report on putting this street in condition.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

BEECH STREET SEWER EXTENSION.

Read petition property owners Beech Street for sewer extension from Quinpool Road to Chebucto Road.

*Engineer*

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Referred to the City Engineer for report.

Fleming Park - Refreshment Privileges.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
June 5th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report that tenders were called for refreshment privileges at Fleming Park and the following were received -

- L. A Moreash & Co.- \$100 per annum for three years or for five years.
- James Haras \$80 per annum for three years.
- Nelson J. Riggs \$50 per annum for three years of \$100 for five years.

As it is impossible to foresee what changes may take place or be required at the end of three years, I would recommend that the contract be let for that period only. The specification on which tenders were called, provided that the successful bidder would have to erect a building costing not less than \$300; the plans to be approved by the City Engineer, and that during the term of the contract the contractor shall keep the building in a good state of repair and painted and that he shall be subject in any rules and regulations that may be made, and that at the end of the term the building shall become the property of the City.

*Mayor & Engineer*

Mr. Morash's tender being the highest for three years I would recommend that it be accepted.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Mr. Riggs addresses the Board in support of his application.

After discussion the report is referred to the Mayor and the Engineer to decide.

DILAPIDATED BUILDING - J. P. MOTT & CO.- HOLLIS ST.

Controller Taylor calls attention to the dilapidated condition of the J. P. Mott Building particularly in reference to the <sup>dangerous condition of the</sup> windows.

*Engineer*

The Building Inspector is instructed to notify the owners .

DILAPIDATED BUILDING #20 CHARLES STREET.

Read letter F. W. Curtis stating that it is impossible for him to attend the meeting of the Board of Control as

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requested in reference to dilapidated building in rear of #20 Charles Street. Mr Curtis promises that when time will permit the matter will be attended to.

Referred to the City Engineer to confer with Mr. Curtis.

GRANVILLE STREET - DILAPIDATED HARDY BUILDING.

Read letter T. W. Hardy stating that it is impossible for him to attend the meeting of the Board of Control as requested in reference to dilapidated building, Granville Street .

Referred to the City Engineer to confer with Mr. Hardy.

OXFORD STREET - SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
June 5th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to submit herewith an application for a shop and dwelling on the east side of Oxford Street between Quinpool Road and Chebucto Road. The owner of the property is K. McNab and the applicant C. M. Raine.

This is in the residential district and I have had the owner advertise that application had been made for permission to erect this shop. This morning I have received a protest against it, which I am attaching hereto.

H. W. Johnston.  
Acting City Engineer

Further consideration is deferred until the members of the Board view the locality.

STONE CRUSHER NOVA SCOTIA TRAMWAYS & POWER CO.

Read report Acting City Engineer re application from the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company for permission to instal a stone crusher on their property at the North West Arm, immediately south of the prister Property and adjoining Point Pleasant Park.

It is decided t o inform the Tram Company that the City does not feel called upon to grant any permit for this purpose.

*Engineer ✓*

*Engineer ✓*

*B/C ✓  
Members of C ✓*

*Engineer ✓  
Tram Co ✓*

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WINDSOR STREET STREET LINE.

Read report Acting City Engineer, covering plan, as follows:-

City Engineer's office,  
June 5th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I have had requests from some owners of the east side of Windsor Street between Willow and Charles Streets that the City allow the owners to extend their front fences to the official line of the street.

I have prepared a plan, which is submitted herewith, showing the area in front of the various properties lying between their existing lines and the new line. When the City requires a few feet, it always has to pay for it, and pay large sums. We have authority to dispose of land not required for street purposes, lying between the official line and the old line. I do not think the owners should be allowed to extend their fences to the new line without their acquiring this land.

I would recommend that the City sell to the various owners in this block, the land lying between the old and the new street lines at the rate of assessment for which their properties are assessed.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved and the owners to be notified of the decision of the board.

STRIKING BOX 39 OUT OF ORDER. - UNGAR'S LAUNDRY.

Read letter Ungar's Laundry and Dye Works stating that a fire alarm box installed in their works has got out of order.

Referred to the City Electrician for attention.

HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Controller Murphy submit the following resolution:-

RESOLVED that in the judgment of this board the marked reduction which has taken place, during the past few weeks, in the price of flour, does not justify the further continuance of the high price now asked for bread, and that the benefit of this reduction should be extended to the consumer immediately, by reducing prices accordingly.

The resolution is moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Taylor and passed unanimously.

A copy of the resolution is ordered to be forwarded to all the bakers in the City.

*Argued  
Council*

*City Electrician*

*Bakers from  
List of Bakers  
in 1916  
Directory  
Council*

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LOCKMAN AND GRANVILLE STREETS TRACK ALLOWANCE.

Controller Murphy calls attention to the condition of the tracks of the Tramway Company on Lockman and Granville Streets.

The Acting City Engineer stated that the Contractors would likely be here within the next ten days to proceed with the repairs involved.

The Tram Company is requested to report as to when their portion of the work on Granville Street can be taken up.

STREET TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

Read complaint of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company, Limited, re infraction of Traffic Laws.

Referred to Controller Taylor to notify the owner of the motor car named in the letter, of the complaint of the Tramway Company.

WATER BILL 41 EDWARD STREET - W. E. HEBB.

Controller Murphy submits water meter bill W. E. Hebb for premises 41 Edward Street, \$20.28, calimed to be excessive.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

FILLING IN HEAD OF ARM.

Controller Murphy brings to the attention of the Board the fact that a nice residence costing in the vicinity of \$10,000.00 is being erected near the head of the Arm and that the contractors might be willing to dump stone, etc. into the Arm for filling in the head of the Arm.

Referred to the City Engineer.

GOTTINGEN STREET STREET LINE #180 - GODWIN PROPERTY.

The question between Mr. James Godwin and the City re land on Gottingen Street was further discussed.

The City Solicitor explained fully to the Board the grounds taken by the City on same.

Several suggestions were made as to some method of

*Engineer  
Tram. Co.*

*Controller Taylor  
Tram. Co.*

*Engineer*

*Engineer*

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reaching an adjustment and after discussion it is thought advisable for the City to confirm the decision already taken and allow Mr. Godwin to take any further steps necessary to bring the matter to a close.

*Mr Godwin  
Engineer ✓*

The City Engineer is requested to have his report on the matter before the Board at Thursday's meeting.

CONDITION OF SEAFORTH STREET.

Controller Finlay asks what steps are being taken to remedy the condition of Seaforth Street.

*Engineer ✓*

The City Engineer states that they can<sup>not</sup> do anything on streets not taken over by the City, but that he will have some ashes put on the street.

~~CITY COURT HOUSE COAL.~~ — Furnaces in City Buildings

*Engineer ✓*

Controller Hines verably reported that all the City furnaces were suitable for soft coal with the exception of the two at City Hall which were in rather bad shape and would have to be replaced at an early date.

AUTOMOBILE FOR CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*Mayor ✓  
Cont. Hines ✓  
Council ✓*

It was decided to allow the selection of a car for the Chief of the Fire Department to rest with His Worship the Mayor and Controller Hines with power to purchase. Finlay  
Controller Hines dissents from this recommendation.

BOARD OF FIRE ESCAPES-MEETING.

*Members of C  
Engineer ✓  
Chief Fire Dept ✓  
and City Clerk ✓*

His Worship the Mayor instructs the City Clerk to cancel the notices for a meeting of the Board of Fire Escapes to be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock and to issue new notices for Friday afternoon at the same hour.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts are read and passed for payment: City Health Board, \$104.30; Library, \$14.09; City Prison, \$170.16.

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS.

*Council ✓*

Citizen's Free Library.

T. C. Allen	Books	\$14.09
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City Health Board.

E. M. McLeod.	Mennigitis Serum	\$ 5.00
John Starr & Co.	Batteries	1.35
Prov. Dept. Health,	anti-toxin	42.00
Halifax Wet Wash	Washing	13.80
Michael Day	Plumbing	1.10
T. C. Allen & Co.	Supplies	8.00
Kinlay's Ltd.	Chart forms, etc	15.30
R. N. McDonald	Groceries,	17.75
		<u>\$104.30</u>

City Prison.

J. J. Scriven & Sons	Bread	\$ 19.82
R. N. McDonald	Groceries	13.82
J. A. Leaman & Co.	Oxheads	6.65
G. C. Hartlen & Co.	Stew Beef	4.00
S. C. Thompson	Feed	46.91
A. L. Melvin & Co.	Supplies	1.75
Irvin & Sons	Drugs	1.50
Clayton & Sons	Uniforms	24.00
J. & M. Murphy	Oilcloth	
Halifax Herald	Advertising	6.27
Dept. City Works	Cement and sand	5.52
Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co.	Rental	4.50
N.S. Tramways Co.	Current	2.07
W. I. Hibley	Cask of Lime	3.25
Wm. Roche	Hard Coal	10.00
A. L. Melvin & Co.	Supplies	2.55
John White & Co.	Repairs	11.35
Acadian Recorder	Advertising	6.20
		<u>\$170.16</u>

*Council*

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*

M. F. Martin,  
MAYOR.

*Rathleen Monaghan*  
ACTING SECRETARY.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

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The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Hines, Murphy and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Billiard License - George P. Pillson.  
City Home Report for May.  
Fire Department - Islesville Engine House - Chemical Engine.  
Fire Insurance City Property.  
Fire Department Monthly Report.  
Queen Street - Automobile Repair Shop.  
Automobile Fire Engine.  
Cash Statement City Treasurer for May.  
Litigation - Miss Laybold Claim for Damages Allen Street.  
Boat Landing Inglis Street.  
Gasoline Storage Tanks.  
Preston Street Sewer.  
High Cost of Living - Price of Bread.  
Chestnut Street Sewer.  
Fleming Park Refreshment Privileges.  
Liquor vendors.  
Sewers at Richmond, Union, Richmond, Albert Streets, Campbell Road.  
Lower Water Street - Change of Grade.  
Billiard Room License.  
Sidewalks Funds.  
Plumbing in Dwelling Houses.  
Foster Lot Chebucto Road - J. C. Harris Account \$25.00.  
Children's Protection Act Accounts.  
Nova Scotia Car Works Fire Insurance.  
Loans for Various Purposes.  
Nova Scotia Car Works Indebtedness to City.  
City Engineer's work Inspection Car.  
Liquor Vendor Inspector Tracey.  
Daylight Saving Plebisite.  
Scattering of Rubbish on Streets.  
Exhibition Funds.  
Loan \$199,500.00.  
Loan \$29,120.06/  
Accounts.

BILLIARD LICENSE - GEORGE P. PILLSON.

Controller Taylor recommends that the application submitted the 31st May; by George P. Pillson for a license to conduct a billiard room at 185 Brunswick Street be granted.

Approved.

CITY HOME REPORT FOR MAY.

Read report City Home for the month of May.  
Referred to the City Council for its information.

*Ass. City Clerk*

*Council*

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FIRE DEPARTMENT - ISLESVILLE ENGINE HOUSE - CHEMICAL ENGINE.

Read report Chief of the Fire Department, as follows:-

Office of Chief Fire Department,  
June 6th, 1917.

Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

After looking into the change in which I recommended a combination hose wagon and chemical combined for the Islesville Engine House and being misinformed by the agent of this piece of apparatus, that is to say, I was given to understand that the chemical tank would carry thirty-five gallons of chemical but I have since been informed by the agent that the combination chemical and hose wagon carries only one twenty-five gallon tank of chemical which I do not consider sufficient. I would recommend the purchase of a motor chemical and which would carry two twenty-five gallon tanks of chemical and which, in my opinion, would do effective work. The cost of a motor chemical would be the same price as that of a combination chemical and hose wagon, which amounts to fifteen hundred and fifty dollars, (\$ 1550.00.).

E. Condon,  
Chief Halifax Fire Dept.

There being no funds out of which to carry out the recommendations of the Chief, further consideration of the report is deferred until next session of the Legislature.

*B/c  
Solicitor.*

FIRE INSURANCE CITY PROPERTY.

Read report Clerk of Works re fire insurance City property, as follows:-

City Works Office,  
June 7th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

In re insurance on City Property as instructed by your honorable Body, I arranged with Messrs. Rainnie & Keator, Ltd., to effect insurance per schedule, amounting to \$102,900.00, subject to approval of Council, and have their cover note, in effect from May 31st, placing the insurance in the following companies:-

Provincia 1 Insurance Co.	\$20,000.00
North Western National Ins. Co.	10,000.00
National Union Fire Ins. Co.	30,000.00
Mount Royal Assurance Co.	25,000.00
National Fire Ins. Co.	8,000.00
British Colonial Fire Ins. Co.	4,900.00
Dominion Fire Ins. Co.	5,000.00
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	\$102,900.00

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The two first named companies have been carrying the same amount for the past three years.

All the companies are conducting business under a Dominion License.

I also find that among others, one of our leading provincial industries has about \$1,500,000 insurance distributed among the above companies, and a prominent local firm has \$250,000.00 similarly placed.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clark of Works.

Ordered to be referred to City Council with the report of the Board on fire insurance.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Chief of the fire Department for the month of May, as follows:-

Office of Chief Fire Dept.,  
June 6th, 1917.

The Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

I beg leave to make the following report for the month of May.-

There have been thirteen alarms of fire from the following causes:- Lamp explosion, 1; chimneys, 4; fire-place, 3; unknown, 2; smoke backing down chimney, 1; dynamo overheating, 1; stove pipe, 1,

Insurance at risk	\$87,000.00
Loss by Insurance	\$18,000.00
Loss without Insurance	6,525.00
	<u>\$24,525.00</u>

Recommendations.

1. That Joseph Ryan be appointed callman on No. 2. Steamer.
2. That William Lownds be appointed driver on No. 1. Ladder Truck.
3. That Frank Killeen be appointed hoseman on Motor Engine Patricia.
4. That William Crump be appointed callman of No. 4 Steamer.
5. I would recommend the purchase of 2,000 feet of 2 1/2 inch cotton rubber lined fire hose and also the purchase of 22 pairs Fireman's uniform pants, 14 vests, 2 coats, 5 suits.

Injuries.

E. Strughan, driver of No. 4 Steamer waggon had one of his hands badly cut, on May 14th and did not report for duty until May 28th, while working at a fire in the premises of

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William Monab.

Michael Leahy, callman of No. 3 Steamer, received a severe cut on the forehead from broken glass, while working at the fire on the premises of John P. Mott & Co., and reported for duty on May 28th.

Mr. Oikle, an employee of the Cook Construction Co., was badly burnt about the face and arms, caused by a fire which took place at one of the dwellings owned by the Cook Construction Company.

E. Condon,  
Chief H. F. D/

Approved.

QUEEN STREET - AUTOMOBILE REPAIR SHOP.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
June 6th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I am attaching hereto a letter received from M. Scanlan dated May 30th, protesting against the use of a building adjoining his property #74 Queen Street, for an automobile repair shop.

Application was made at this office for alteration to the building complained of, the alteration consisting of cutting a door on the Queen Street front. In the application a statement was made that the building was to be used as a workshop.

The work was done, and from the information I can gather, the building is being used as a workshop and not as a garage. I may say that for some years this same building was used as a private garage.

While I can sympathize with Mr. Scanlan or any other householder in having a workshop placed adjoining his residence, still I do not think that the City can do anything in the matter. Under the Acts of 1915 a residential district was fixed within which no buildings could be erected except for dwelling purposes. Queen Street is not included in this district. While personally I think the definition of the boundaries of this district was made without sufficient study and investigation, (as in my opinion it would have been better to fix different areas within the City for residential, business and manufacturing purposes instead of enclosing one large area as a residential district and allowing the manufacturers to be placed anywhere outside of this area) still, we have to take the Act as we find it.

The matter of blocking the street in front of Mr. Scanlan's property, is one that the Police have power to remedy. As stated before, I do not think know of any power which would give the Board of Control authority to close this shop.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

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J. J. Power, K. C., solicitor for the objectors appears before and addresses the board.

The report of the Acting City Engineer is approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the Chief of Police for his attention.

*Engineer ✓  
Chief of Police ✓*

AUTOMOBILE FIRE ENGINE.

Read letter American LaFrance Fire Engine Co., Elmira, New York, acknowledging receipt of order for a 750 gallon motor pumping automobile fire engine at \$12,000.00 f.o.b. Halifax, and stating that the work has been put in hand.

*Council ✓*

Referred to the City Council for its information,

CASH STATEMENT CITY TREASURER FOR MAY.

Read cash statement City Treasurer for the month of May.

*Council ✓*

Forwarded to the City Council for its information.

LITIGATION - MISS LAYBOLD, CLAIM FOR DAMAGES, ALLEN ST.

Read letter Dr. J. Johnstone Hunt, solicitor for Miss Laybold, claiming damages for/ <sup>alleged</sup> injuries said to have been received on Allen Street.

*Engineer ✓  
Dr. J. Hunt ✓*

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

BOAT LANDING INGLIS STREET.

Read application David Dixon for privileges of boat landing and ferrying at foot of Inglis Street, North West Arm, as follows:-

Halifax, June 6th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

*Engineer ✓  
Cont. Taylor ✓*

I beg leave to make application to your honorable Body for boat house and ferrying privileges at the west end of Inglis Street on the North West Arm. I am assured there is a necessity there for such public accommodation and ask your best consideration.

David Dixon.

Referred to the City Engineer and Controller Taylor for report.

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GASOLINE STORAGE TANKS.

Read report Acting City Engineer re applications C. Brister & Son. Ltd., 165 Lower Water Street and Canadian Oil Companies, Ltd., 45 Upper Water Street, for permission to install underground gasoline tanks.

It is decided to recommend to the City Council that permission to install tanks be given; the tanks to be placed underground within the private property of the applicants and not in the public street.

*Engineer  
Council ✓*

PRESTON STREET SEWER.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending the construction of a sewer in Preston Street, from Mott Street southerly.

Approved.

*Council ✓*

HIGH COST OF LIVING - PRICE OF BREAD.

Read resolution Building Trades Council commending the action of the Board of Control in their efforts to have the cost of bread reduced.

*Council ✓*

Filed.

CHESTNUT STREET SEWER.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
June 6th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

*Engineer ✓*

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering petition from I. Moser for extension of sewer on Chestnut Street. This sewer has already been ordered by the Council and is on the Order Paper to be done in its turn.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Filed.

FLEMING PARK REFRESHMENT PRIVILEGES.

His Worship the Mayor verbally informs the Board that the exclusive privilege of selling refreshments at Fleming Park had been awarded to Lorne A. Morash at \$100 per year for three years. The building to be erected according to plans and specifications on file in the City Engineer's

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Office and to become the property of the City at the end of the term.

( See Minutes Board of Control June 5th, p. 112)

LIQUOR VENDORS.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that he had been waited upon by Charles Bell and other representatives of the Halifax Temperance Alliance who stated that in an interview with Premier Murray they had been given to understand that the Premier entertained a different opinion from that of the City Solicitor in regard to the legislation providing for the appointment of Liquor Vendors; that whereas the City Solicitor was of opinion that the Vendors were debarred from selling liquor at a price above the invoice price he considered that the Act was intended to be effective and could legitimately be put into operation.

The Secretary is instructed to inform Mr. Bell that the Board of Vendor Commissioners and not the Board of Control is the proper body to be consulted in this matter.

SEWERS AT RICHMOND - UNION, RICHMOND, ALBERT STREETS, CAMPBELL ROAD.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending sewer construction Union Street, Richmond Street, Albert Street and Campbell Road.

( See Board of Control Minutes May 1st, 1916, p. 2; May 3rd, 1916, p. 9; March 20th, 1917, p. 788).

The report is approved.

LOWER WATER STREET CHANGE OF GRADE.

Read report Acting City Engineer re change of grade Lower Water Street, between Morris Street and Fawson St.

as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
June 7th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I have received another plan from the Asst.

Engineer ✓  
Clark's works ✓

His Honor ✓  
Justice Walker ✓  
Chas Bell ✓

Council ✓

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Chief Engineer of the Government Railways for lowering the grade of Water Street between Morris and Fawson Streets. This matter has been before the Board several times and protests were received from the owners of two houses on Fawson Street. whose property will be affected by the proposed change.

The change of grade on Water Street is rendered necessary by the level of the proposed new station, and in my judgment will be a great improvement over the existing street. The plan submitted, shows clearly how the three properties on Fawson Street will be affected.

I would recommend that the plan submitted, with some minor changes, be approved, provided the Department of Railways will give the City a guarantee, saving it harmless from any action for damages that may be brought by the property owners.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

BILLIARD ROOM LICENSE.

Read application N. G. Aliotis for billiard room license, four tables, 152 Hollis Street.

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

SIDEWALKS FUNDS.

Read recommendation Controller Murphy re funds for sidewalks construction, as follows:-

Halifax, June 7th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

As you are no doubt aware, we have been unable up to the present to start any work on above, for the reason that we have no funds available, it will be three to four weeks before the regular amounts to be borrowed will be at our disposal. We think it unfortunate to allow this part of our season to pass, and therefore ask that arrangements be made to borrow, either from some available fund or bank, an amount of at least ten thousand dollars, to enable us to start our work, and take advantage of this, the best part of our season. We therefore ask that the necessary arrangements be made to this end.

John Murphy,  
Controller Works Dept.

Approved and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council.

PLUMBING IN DWELLING HOUSES.

Read communication from the City Health Board, as follows:-

Council ✓

Cont. Taylor ✓

Council ✓

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Office of City Health Board,  
June 7th, 1917.

The Mayor and Members  
Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

I beg to notify you that Mrs. G. Whetsel Moore, agent for properties 162-164 Creighton and John Perrin, owner of 12 Fern Lane, have been notified under the provisions of the by-laws of the City Health Board to remove the privy buildings, empty, disinfect and close up the vault in the yard and construct proper sanitary W.C.'s connected with the sewer and have failed to comply with the orders of the Board to do so.

I am directed by the City Health board, at a meeting held on Wednesday, June 6th, to request that you have the necessary work done in accordance with section 864 of the City Charter, the owners of both places having requested to have the same done and pay for it on the instalment plan in accordance with the Act.

John A. Watters,  
Secretary.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Hines that the request of the City Health Board be complied with and the work done accordingly and that the City Engineer prepare specifications of the proposed work and be directed to obtain tenders for the same and report the same to this Board. Motion passed.

FOSTER LOT CHEBUCTO ROAD - J. C. HARRIS ACCOUNT, \$25.00

Controller Finlay verbally reports that agreeably to resolution of the Board he had interviewed W. W. Foster, City Auditor, in regard to his refusal to pay account of J. C. Harris, \$25.00, as arbitrator in connection with appraisement of jib lot of land Oxford Street, and that Mr. Foster had informed him that he had placed the matter in the hands of his solicitors McIlreith & Tremaine.

The Secretary is instructed to notify Mr. Foster to attend the next meeting of the Board.

CHILDREN'S PROTECTION ACT ACCOUNTS.

In connection with the report of the City Auditor submitted at meeting June 5th, respecting accounts due to various institutions under the Children's Protection Act, Controller Finlay is requested to consult with the City

*City Health Board  
engineer*

*W. W. Foster*

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Auditor ✓  
Solicitor ✓  
Cont. Finlay ✓  
  
Council ✓  
  
Council ✓

Auditor and City Solicitor and report to this Board in writing.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS FIRE INSURANCE.

On the application of the Canada Corporations Ltd., that in consequence of their having decreased the indebtedness to the city of the Nova Scotia Car Works, they be permitted to reduce their fire insurance policies to a total of \$91,000.00, Controller Finlay verbally reports recommending that the request of the Company be complied with.

(See Board of Control minutes June 5th, 1917)

LOANS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

Read report Controller Finlay re calling for tenders for loan for various purposes, both on the usual 34 year bonds and on the so-called "serial bonds", to run for 30 years, as follows:-

Council ✓

In re Loan for various purposes, I beg to report that there is no objection to asking for bids under the headings of our customary conditions for those of instalments.

The City Treasurer has written to the British American Bank Note Co. and the American Bank Note for an estimate of the cost of a plate for a specimen of an instalment bond and for an idea of the time necessary to have such printing ready. The information received will be submitted later.

A/ J. Finlay.

Approved.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS TO CITY .

Controller Finlay submits draft of a letter proposed to be forwarded by the City Treasurer to the Canada Corporations? Limited, in connection with the indebtedness of the Nova Scotia Car Works to the City, as follows:-

Halifax, June 8th, 1917.

Canada Corporations, Ltd.,  
James Moreman, Esq., Manager.  
Sir:-

Council ✓

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your cheque for \$8250. in payment of the sale of Shunting Locomotive as per your letter of the 25th inst. The contents of your second paragraph are carefully noted. In regard to the second, I may

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say that the approaching sale of our own Bonds will fix the rate at which your sinking funds balances will be invested and any advantage that may accrue therefrom will be duly placed to your credit.

James J. Hopewell,  
City Treasurer.

Approved.

CITY ENGINEER'S WORK INSPECTION CAR.

Read report Acting City Engineer re City Engineer's work inspection car, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
June 7th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor  
Sir:-

To put the City Engineer's automobile in proper condition for the work of the season, will cost probably about \$250 to \$300.

This is for fifth season for the car and it has run about 26,000 miles. I think it would be false economy to spend this amount of money on the car, as after it is spent we still have only an old car.

The agent for the Overland offers to allow \$300 in exchange, if another car is purchased from him.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

*Council ✓*  
It is decided to recommend to the City Council that Controller Murphy and the Acting City Engineer be authorized to deal with the matter of the procuring of a car for the City Engineer's department, the cost to be charged to the various services in behalf of which the machine is used.

The Board adjourns until 12 O'clock noon today.

At 12.45 o'clock p.m. the Board resumes its session, all the members being present.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR TRACEY.

Read report signed by His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Taylor, Hines and Murphy re investigation held on the 9th day of May into charges against Liquor Inspector Tracey in connection with his search for liquors at the King Edward Hotel on the evening of Tuesday, March 20th, 1917, as follows:-

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Halifax, N. S., May 30th, 1917.

To the City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

At the request of Liquor Inspector E. S. Tracey an investigation was held by our Board, under date of 9th, into charges made as to Mr. Tracey's conduct while making a search for liquors at the King Edward Hotel, on the evening of Tuesday, March 20th.

Evidence was taken from the following:- Mr. Wm. Wilson, Proprietor of King Edward Hotel; Mr. Rupert Kaulbach, Mr. Charles Curran, guests of said Hotel; Arthur Murphy, Clerk; Inspector E. S. Tracey, Sergt. Palmer and Officers Wren and Scott.

The only question before our Board is whether or not, in the discharge of his duties, the Inspector went to unnecessary extremes. Apparently no provision is made to exempt the rooms of private guests of a hotel from the usual search: it is natural, however to assume that the Inspector would be looked to to exercise sound judgment, as to just how far he should take advantage of this privilege.

The seizure made on this occasion was located previous to the Inspector commencing his search of the guests' rooms, and while some question might be raised as to the necessity of his continuing after having located these goods, it involves a question which has to be left entirely to the discretion of the Inspector. The same applies to his method of search, which according to his evidence was as follows:- First, to knock on door of room, and receiving no response he endeavored with the assistance of a flash lamp, shown over the transom of door, to see that the room was unoccupied after which he entered same.

We cannot help but question the necessity of his search of the personal effects of the occupants of these rooms and we feel same was going a little beyond the requirements. Any official is to be commended for the faithful discharge of the duties entrusted to him, but we do not feel that it is demanded that he should go to what might be considered unnecessary extremes.

Inspector  
E. S. Tracey ✓  
After carefully weighing the evidence taken, we cannot help expressing the view that under all the circumstances, the Inspector might have exercised a little more tact, and, in our judgment he could under similar circumstances fully discharge the duties of his office without going as far as his evidence in this case would indicate.

We would ask the Inspector to in future endeavor to exercise better judgment than on this particular occasion which we feel satisfied can be done without taking in the slightest from the duties of his office.

P. F. Martin,  
G. A. Taylor,  
J. J. Hines.  
John Murphy.

The report is approved, Controller Finlay who declined to sign the same, dissenting.

Being requested by the members of the Board to express

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his reasons for dissenting Controller Finlay states that the evidence given at the investigation did not warrant a public censure of Inspector Tracey and such being the case might tend to lessen the efficiency of his services and encourage laxity in the performance of his duty.

His opinion in this respect was intended to be of general application in regard to officials.

DAYLIGHT SAVING PLEBISCITE.

Read message his Worship the Mayor re plebiscite taken at the City Market Building on the 14th, 15th and 16th days of May on the question "Are you in favor of adoption of the so-called daylight saving scheme for the City of Halifax" showing the vote in favor of it to have been 1552 and the vote against, 1785; the majority against being 233.

The message is ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for its information.

SCATTERING OF RUBBISH ON STREETS.

On motion of Controller Hines, Controller Taylor is requested to have the police department see to the enforcement of the provisions of Ordinance No. 4 relating to the maintenance of and care of streets and see that the practice of persons scattering shavings and other rubbish on the streets is stopped.

EXHIBITION FUNDS.

On the application of the Nova Scotia provincial Exhibition Commission for authority to borrow the sum of \$40,000.00 for Exhibition purposes (See Minutes Board of Control May 31st, 1917) Controller Hines is requested to interview the Secretary of the Exhibition Commission and obtain from him a memorandum of repairs etc., absolutely necessary to be effected to Exhibition property in order that an Exhibition may be held this year and report the

*Council ✓*

*Cont Taylor ✓  
Chief of Police*

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same at a meeting of this board to be held this evening .

The Board disapproved of the granting of authority to the Commission for a loan of \$40,000.00 during the present year.

LOAN OF \$199,500.00.

Controller Finlay submits the following resolution:-

WHEREAS the City of Halifax will require the amounts as stated below to be borrowed on the Consolidated Fund 1905 viz:

Permanent Sidewalks	\$20,000.00
Purchase Motor Fire Engine (under Chap. 47 Acts 1915.)	12,500.00
Construction of Public Sewers Balance (under Chap. 38 Acts 1916)	90,000.00
Construction of Public Sewers (Part) " " " Comfort Station in addition to amounts previously authorized)	55,000.00 2,000.00
Construction & Equipment of Public Abattoir (under Acts 1917)	20,000.00
	<u>\$199,500.00</u>

Council ✓  
THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City Treasurer be instructed to advertise for tenders from persons willing to loan the city for said purposes on Stock or Debentures of the City of Halifax Consolidated Fund, 1905, a sum or sums sufficient to realize the sum of \$199,500.00; the same to bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum, and to be repayable on the date under whichever tender may be accepted. The tender to state the rate under the usual Sinking Fund terms for 34 years and also under an equal annual instalment payment for 30 years period.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Murphy and passed and ordered to be forwarded to the city Council for approval.

LOAN \$29,120.06 FROM SINKING FUNDS.

Controller Finlay submits the following resolution:-

WHEREAS the trustees of the Sinking Fund have offered to purchase City stock to an amount sufficient to produce said sum \$29,120.06 at a price such as will be obtained for the approaching City Loan. The rate of interest to be 5% from the July 1st, 1917.

AND WHEREAS the Board of Control have recommended to the City Council the acceptance of said offer of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund which recommendation has been by resolution adopted by the City Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the said sum of \$29,120.06 be borrowed for the purposes in the said resolution recited and that the said offer of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund be accepted and that Stock be delivered to the Trustees of the Sinking Fund to cover said loan.

And also that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby

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authorized to issue to the said Trustees of the Sinking Fund Debentures of the City of Halifax to cover said sum loaned at the rate to be named in the City Loan.

Council ✓

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines and passed and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for approval.

ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts are passed for payment:

City Home, \$7375.24; Police, \$106.09; Fire Dept. \$866.41; Works Dept., \$5611.93; Public Gardens, \$361.18; General Accounts, \$506.08.

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS.

City Home.

Interest	5% on \$80,000	\$4000.00
Gunn & Co.	Flour	323.65
Wentzell's Ltd.	Groceries	465.82
H. L. Williston	Meats	511.74
Davis & Fraser	Mess Pork	93.69
Smith & Proctor	Butter	176.58
Hames Watson	Milk	115.08
W. Y. Kennedy	Drygoods	220.58
A. Wilson & Son	Fresh fish	49.54
S. C. Thompson	Froage	49.87
The Fleischmann Co.	Yeast	4.50
A Fordham Co.	Leather	30.09
Nova S. Tram. Co.	Light	21.56
Mar. Tel & Tel. Co.	Exchange Service	3.75
Willis Bros.	Repairs	28.50
Hillis & Sons	Back for range	1.90
James Simmonds	Hardware	12.75
H. McFatrige	Horsehowing	5.25
Brookfield Bros.	Lime	3.00
A. & W. McKinlay	Books	23.10
Halifax Seed Co.	Garden Seed	12.68
T. C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	5.00
W. McFatrige	Rope	28.75
Dr. P. Weatherbe	Lunacy Certificate	5.00
B. J. Mulcahy	Cash expended	187.02
Salaries	May Pay Sheet	805.80
The Buckley Coal Co.	Coal	190.04
		<u>\$7375.24</u>

Chargeable to 1916-17 Account.

Dr. G. A. McIntosh	Lunacy Certificate	\$5.00
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Police Department.

Maxwell's Ltd.	Altering,	4.00
Chronicle Pub. Co.	Advertising	6.27
Howard McFatrige V.S.	Services	4.00
E. A. Burbidge	Drugs	2.70
Tel. & Tel. Co.	Monthly Accounts	13.88
T. C. Allen	Stationery	1.90
Neil Fox	Saddle, etc.	1.00
Kline & Mullins	Cap covers	1.50
Halifax Fire Dept.	Feed	32.12

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Police Dept. & Continued.

Halifax Herald	Advertising	6.27
Frank Colwell	Waterproof Coat	22.50
Hfx. Vulcanizing Works	33 rubber tubes	6.25
Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.	Supplies	2.70
Acting Chief of Police	Laundry	1.00
		<u>\$106.09</u>

Fire Dept.

Ungar's Laundry	Work	10.45
Imperial Oil Co.	Gasoline	1011.64
Wm. Roche	Coal	30.00
W. J. Regan	Harness	33.00
W. & A. Moir	Repairs	5.20
Jas. Taylor	Mason Work	1.25
Can. Rubber Co.	Coats	15.00
Chronicle Pub. Co.	Advertising	8.36
Neil Fox	Harness supplies	1.50
David Roche	Painting	12.30
A. H. Lamphier	Repairs	1.50
Melvin & Co.	Supplies	.82
F. W. McNally	Carriage Work	9.30
A. J. McNutt	Plumbing	2.25
John Davison	Lumber	2.93
John McInnes	Lumber	14.51
Edwards Furnishings	Furnishings	40.90
S. C. Thomson	Fodder	483.41
Dr. H. McFatridge	Veterinary Services	5.75
Jas. Simmonds, Ltd	Hardware	25.25
Tram. Co.	Light	33.87
Tel. & Tel. Co.	Rental	26.92
		<u>\$866.41</u>

Works Dept.

Internal Health	\$128.06
Sewerage	577.00
Teams & Stables	994.82
Streets	121.50
City Property & Market Maintenance	142.07
Cleaning Paved Streets	41.15
Permanent Sidewalks	28.13
Street Lighting	2360.91
Fleming Park	12.47
Telephones	40.19
Loan Widening Streets	1.50
City Hall Lighting	63.84
Insurance	12.47
Water Maintenance	532.33
Water Construction	548.47
Streets 1916-17	7.02
	<u>\$5611.93</u>

Public Gardens.

S. C. Thompson	Feed	70.50
S. Cunard & Co.	Coal	44.00
Mar. Tel & Tel. Co.	Light	27.59
Robinson's Ltd.	Shoeing	1.50
Fenwick Nurseries	Plants	18.00
Farquhar Bros.	Supplies	3.28
W. J. Regan	Supplies	19.20
Wm. Meyer	Provisions	6.55

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G. & H. Farquhar	Seeds	16.66
Stroud & Eveleigh	Baffrow Wheels	116.00
Steele & Briggs	Seeds	1.85
Cannon Floral Co.	200 trees, etc.	136.05
		<u>\$361.18</u>

General Accounts.

Dr. Finn, M.E.	Certificates of death	
	J.J. Kennedy \$4.	
	M.A. Keating 4.	
	R.M. Northrup 4.	
	H.C. Cleveland 4.	16.00
A. & W McKinlay	Books, etc	
	City Clerk 25.20	
	Collector 12.40	
	Assessors 52.80	90.40
T.C. Allen & Co.	Printing, etc	
	City Collector 59.05	
	Clerk 186.20	
	Auditor 3.65	
	Treasurer 10.75	
	Mayor .90	240.55
Dominion Express Co.	Per City Treasurer	.70
Registrar of Deeds	Copy Deed	1.50
E. M. Vieth	Information for Assessors	10.00
Office Speciality	Cards, etc.	1.50
London Rubber Stamp	Stamps, Treasurer 3.80	
	Clerk 2.25	
	Assessors 1.70	7.75
Blackadar Bros.	Advertising	6.95
Halifax Herald	Advertising	6.27
Chronicle Pub. Co.	Advertising	124.46
		<u>\$506.08</u>

*Council* ✓

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*

P. F. Martin.

MAYOR.

*L. Fred Monaghan*

City Clerk.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL,

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The Board of Control met this evening at 8 o'clock; present His worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Hines, Taylor and Murphy.

EXHIBITION FUNDS.

On application of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission for authority to borrow the sum of \$40,000.00 for exhibition purposes ( See Board of Control Minutes May 31st, 1917) is again considered.

It is decided to report to the City Council as follows:-

City Hall, June 7th, 1917.

The City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

The Board of Control is in receipt of a formal resolution passed by the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission under authority of the provincial Exhibition Act of 1900 as amended by the Legislature at the session of 1917 whereby authority is sought for the borrowing of a sum not to exceed \$40,000.00 for various purposes named in said resolution.

The Board is informed by the Secretary of the Exhibition Commission that it is not the intention of the Commission to borrow the whole amount of \$40,000.00 at the present time on bonds, and in order that advantage may be taken of the legislative authority it is deemed advisable that the City Council approve of the borrowing by the Exhibition of the total sum of \$20,000.00 for the present year.

The Board therefor concur in the resolution submitted by the Exhibition Commission to the extent only of the total sum of \$20,000.00 and submit the same for the approval of the Council, Controllers Murphy and Finlay dissenting.

L. Fred. Monaghan,  
Secretary Board of Control.

Controllers Murphy and Finlay dissent from the recommendation of the Board.

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*  
P. F/ Martin.

MAYOR.

*L. Fred. Monaghan*  
CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,  
June 12th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock;  
present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay,  
Hines, Murphy and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Children's Hospital.  
Policeman J. Patrick Dixon.  
City Home Cooking Range.  
Liquor Vendros.  
Fire Department.  
Refund of Liquor License Fees.  
Rentals of City Property.  
Preston Street Sidewalk - West end Baptist Church,  
Street Lines - Furnished by City Engineer - Letter Jas.  
Godwin.  
Temperance Law Enforcement - Legal Assistance - R. H.  
Murray Account.  
Boat Landing and Ferry - Charles Duggan.  
High Cost of Living - Price of Bread.  
Foster Lot - Chebucto Road - Account W. S. Rogers.  
City Home - Salary John H. Grant, Engineer.  
N. S. Car Works Fire Insurance.  
Bonds of City Officials.  
N. S. Car Works Indebtedness to City.  
Market Building Telephone  
Morris Boulevard.  
Ornamental Street Lighting "Whiteway".  
Theatres.  
Beech Street Sewer.  
Liden Street Water Extension.  
Albert Street Water Extension.  
Water Bill 276 1/2 Creighton Street - Charles Zwerling.  
Black Court, Claim H. McC. Hart.  
Water Bill 41 Edward Street - W. E. Hebb.  
Agricola Street Sidewalk - N.E. Corner North Street.  
Plumbing in Dwelling Houses.  
Sarah Street Extension.  
Preston Street Numbering.  
Pleasant, Barrington, Lockman and Campbell Road, Naming  
and Numbering.  
Streets - Name Plates.  
Building Laws Revision Committee.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

Read report Acting City Engineer re request of the  
Children's Hospital for a further grant of land of 100  
feet frontage on Morris Street running west from the pre-  
sent lot on the City Home property.

O. E. Smith, H. L. Heatherington and Reg. A. Corbett  
appear before the Board representing the Children's Hos-  
pital.

The Board decided to meet on the sight at 10.30  
o'clock tomorrow morning with the Committee from the

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Children's Hospital.

POLICEMAN J. PATRICK DIXON.

Read resignation J. Patrick Dixon as a member of the Police Force.

Accepted.

CITY HOME COOKING RANGE.

Controller Hines calls attention to the immediate necessity of procuring a new cooking range for the City Home; the present range being beyond repair.

Controller Hines and the Superintendent of the City Home are authorized to purchase a new range.

LIQUOR VENDORS.

Read letter His Honor Judge Wallace, as follows:-

County Court, June 11th, 1917.

F. H. Bell, K. C.,  
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the question of the appointment of vendors I have no doubt that our Board has the right to appoint Vendors and to make regulations in relation to the mode of carrying on their business as Vendors, but it would seem useless for the Board to deal with this matter at the present time. Any regulations that we may make would be subject to the Statute which expressly states that no Vendor shall have any interest in the liquors sold by him or derive any profit therefrom. In order to overcome this difficulty an amendment was introduced at the last session of the Legislature but failed to be enacted, and there is no provision for the payment of any compensation to a Vendor in Halifax. I understand that it is contended that the Vendors might be permitted to sell liquor at a reasonable advance on the cost price and thereby pay all their office expenses and pay a fixed salary to themselves, but it seems to me that to obtain a salary in that way would be to derive a "profit" from the sale and therefore would be a violation of the Statute. I regret that I must come to this conclusion, as I believe that there should be Vendors in this city to meet the legitimate demand for liquor for medicinal, mechanical, manufacturing or sacramental purposes.

I can make no suggestion in the matter except that the Board of Control might submit the whole question to the Attorney-General's Department for solution.

W. B. Wallace.

The Secretary is instructed to acknowledge receipt of the letter and to inform Judge Wallace that this Board

*Chief of Police*

*Cont. Hines*  
*Jos. Bryan*

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Letter ✓  
Judge Wallace

has no jurisdiction in the matter and request that he may be pleased to refer the question as suggested to in his letter to the Attorney-General's Department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read application F. J. Lewin for reinstatement as a member of the Halifax Fire Department.

Referred to Controller Hines with power to act.

Cont. Hines ✓

REFUND OF LIQUOR LICENSE FEES.

Controller Finlay submits schedule of amount of liquor license fees to be returned under the Acts of 1917 to the individual ex-license holders and recommends that said refund be made in accordance with said schedule, as follows:-

No.	Names	Amount paid	Refunded
1	:Monaghan, Arthur	\$450.00	\$309.43
2	:Verdi G. (Jas. Scott & Co.)	450.00	309.43
3	:Major, Stephen	450.00	309.43
4	:Forrestal, W. J.	450.00	309.43
5	:Blank, William	450.00	309.43
6	:Norton, Charles	550.00	378.21
7	:Salterio, James	550.00	378.21
8	:James, George E.	450.00	309.43
9	:Hartry, P. J.	450.00	309.43
10	:Conway, William	550.00	378.21
11	:Fraser, Simon	450.00	309.43
12	:McDonald, Dougald	450.00	309.43
13	:Inglis, J. M.	450.00	309.43
14	:Hamm, Charles	450.00	309.43
15	:Duggan, William	450.00	309.43
16	:Mackassey, J. A.	450.00	309.43
17	:McDonald, J. W.	550.00	378.21
18	:Wells, J. F.	450.00	309.43
19	:Johnson, Robert	800.00	550.11
20	:Wilson, William	450.00	309.43
21	:Courtney, John	450.00	309.43
22	:Pearson, Emma B.	550.00	378.21
23	:Ryan, Patrick	700.00	481.35
24	:Doherty, Nathaniel	450.00	309.43
25	:Power, James M.	450.00	309.43
26	:Kehoe, Charles J.	850.00	584.50
27	:Aucuin, Charles	450.00	309.43
28	:Meaden, Simon	450.00	309.43
29	:Morrissey, L. D.	450.00	309.43
30	:Connors, Daniel	900.00	618.86
31	:Fairbanks, E. M.	450.00	309.43
32	:Handley, J. W.	450.00	309.43
33	:Walan, E.	450.00	309.43
34	:Foley, Thomas M.	550.00	378.21
35	:Robinson, G. S.	700.00	481.35
36	:Fiske, S. C.	700.00	481.35
37	:Relston, Ada	\$ 19200.00	\$13202.52

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No.	Names	Amount paid	Refunded.
		\$19200.00	\$13202.53
38	:Burns, E. K.	550.00	378.21
39	:Redmond, J. D.	550.00	378.21
40	:Dillon Bros.	850.00	584.50
41	:Cahil, Richard F.	450.00	309.43
42	:Courtney & Co. T. F.	850.00	584.50
43	:Bevis, Samuel	450.00	309.43
44	:Goulding, Michael	450.00	309.43
45	:Anderson, R. M.	450.00	309.43
46	:Hogan, Jas. J.	450.00	309.43
47	:Cahill, Richard	450.00	309.43
48	:Millane, John	900.00	618.86
49	:McDonald, E. E.	850.00	584.50
50	:Kelly & Glassey	850.00	584.50
51	:Grace & Gastonguay	850.00	584.50
52	:Tobin & Co., John,	600.00	412.58
53	: Keith & Son, A.	600.00	412.58
54	:Halifax Breweries, Ltd.	600.00	412.58
55	:Oland & Sons		
	:McGrath, Mrs (License not granted)	10.00	8.00
	:Wright, H. R. do	10.00	8.00
		<u>\$20420.00</u>	<u>\$20920.06</u>

Total Receipts

Expenditure

Mar. 15 to June 30/16, 3½ mos.  
 @ \$2535 per month.  
 4 mos. Salary Inspector  
 4 mos. " License Board  
 Advertising, etc

\$ 8872.50	
400.00	
133.34	9499.40
93.56	
	<u>\$20920.60</u>

James J. Hopewell,  
 CITY TREASURER.

Approved.

RENTALS OF CITY PROPERTY.

Read extract from minutes of City Council meeting June 7th, covering request of Alderman Kelly that the Council be furnished with a schedule showing the rentals charged for all City properties under lease and for a recommendation from the Board of Control re increase of rentals.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

PRESTON STREET SIDEWALK - WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH.

Read petition West end Baptist Church for a concrete sidewalk on the west side of Preston Street in front of the Church; the church agreeing to give the city a deed

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of land owned by them.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

STREET LINES FURNISHED BY CITY ENGINEER - LETTER

JAMES GODWIN.

Read letter James Godwin asking for information as to street lines as furnished by the City Engineer.

Referred to the City Solicitor for report.

TEMPERANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT - LEGAL ASSISTANCE - R. H.

MURRAY ACCOUNT.

Read letter R. H. Murray, K. C. requesting payment of his accounts for two months' services in the prosecution of cases under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act.

( See Minutes Board of Control April 5th, 1917, p.847; April 19th, 1917, p. 874; May 31st, 1917. p. 104 and Minutes City Council April 23rd, 1917)

Referred to Controller Finlay for report.

BOAT LANDING AND FERRY - CHARLES DUGGAN.

Read application Charles Duggan for a ten years' renewal lease of boat landing and ferry privileges at the foot of Hanover Street.

Referred to Controller Taylor and the City Engineer for report.

HIGH COST OF LIVING - PRICE OF BREAD.

The Secretary is instructed to request the bakers of the City to forward answers to the resolution recently passed by this Board and the City Council and communicate to them by the City Clerk.

Read letter on above subject from Donald Campbell, as follows:-

139 Göttingen Street, City.

L. Fred. Monaghan,  
City Clerk.

Sir:-

Your circular to hand re High Cost of Living. I beg to state that I do not make any bread now, but pay the same price as the grocers and sell it once cent cheaper, than they do, consequently I feel "doing my bit" to remedy the matter contained in resolution and know for a fact that bread is being sold in the City that weighs 15 oz. which

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓  
Solicitor ✓

Cont. Finlay ✓  
R# Murray ✓

Cont. Taylor ✓  
Engineer ✓

Bakers as per ✓  
list in ✓  
Directory ✓

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does not comply with any City by-law.

Donald Campbell.

The Secretary is instructed to request Mr. Campbell to furnish such information as will identify the bread bakers whom he charges are selling under the legal wiehgt.

FOSTER LOT CHEBUCTO ROAD - ACCOUNT W. S. ROGERS.

Read account W. Stetson Rogers, \$25.00 for fees as appraiser in the matter of the Foster jib lot, Oxford Street.

The account is ordered to be returned to Mr. Rogers the City not being liable for its payment.

Controllers Finlay and Taylor verbally report they had met R. T. McIlreith, solicitor for W. W. Foster, who informed them that Mr. Foster will not accept a less price than \$2250.00 for his jib lot of land Oxford Street, Chebucto Road and North Street, nor he is willing to have the price fixed by arbitration proceedings.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Taylor that Mr. Foster 's offer of \$2250.00 be accepted.

Consideration of the motion is deferred until Controller Finlay reports as to whether there are funds out of which Mr. Foster can be paid for his land.

CITY HOME - SALARY JOHN H. GRANT, ENGINEER.

Read extract from Minutes of City Council, June 7th requesting the board to consider the matter of increasing the salary of John H. Grant, engineer at the City Home.

Referred to Controller Hines for report.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS FIRE INSURANCE.

Read report City Auditor, as follows:-

Office of City Auditor,  
June 7th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

I have this day received Fire Insurance Policies on buildings and machinery at the Nova Scotia Car Works, as follow:-

Donald Campbell ✓

W S Rogers ✓  
W W Foster ✓

Pol C ✓  
Cont Finlay ✓

Cont Hines ✓  
Jas W Byron ✓  
als Macintosh ✓

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No. 3009047	North River,	\$20,000	Expiring	Oct. 19, 1917.
No. 13470	Natl. Union	10,000	"	Oct. 21, 1917.
No. 653158	Stuyvesant	2,000	"	Oct. 21, 1917.
No. 1702077	Richmond	25,000	"	Oct. 29, 1917.
No. 3008949	North River	17,500	"	Oct. 29, 1917.
No. 3008838	North River	16,500	"	Nov. 18, 1917.
		<u>\$91,000</u>		

W. W. Foster,  
City Auditor.

Referred to the City Council for approval.

BONDS OF CITY OFFICIALS.

Read joint report His Worship the Mayor and the City Auditor re bonds of City Officials, as follows:-

Office of City Auditor,  
June 7th, 1917.

To the City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

We beg to hand you herewith interim receipt for renewal bonds of City Officials for the year 1917-18, as follows:-

London Guarantee & Accident Co.	J. J. Hopewell, City Treasurer	\$8,000.00
do	Robert Theakston, City Collector	10,000.00
United States Fidelity & Guarantee Co.	A. F. Messervey, Clerk of Works	2,000.00
do	E. Condon, Chief Fire Dept.	1,500.00
do	L. Fred. Monaghan, City Clerk	1,000.00
do	Chas. W. Nickerson, City Marshal	1,000.00
do	Henry S. Rhind, Asst. City Clerk	1,000.00
do	Frank Hanrahan, Acting Chief of Police,	2,000.00
do	B. Mulcahy, Supt. City Home	1,000.00

Also receipt from the United States Fidelity & Guarantee Company for four sub-Collectors at \$1,000.00 each, as required by the Acts of 1911.

P. F. Martin,  
Mayor.

W. W. Foster,  
City Auditor.

Ordered to be forwarded to the City Council.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS TO CITY.

Read letter Canada Corporations Limited re indebtedness of the Nova Scotia Car Works to the City as follows:-

*Council ✓*

*Council ✓*

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OK*

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Halifax, June 9th, 1917.

James J. Hopewell, Esq.,  
City Treasurer.

Dear Sir:-

We beg to hand you herewith cheque for \$900.00 which represents the price of a Threading Machine sold to the Starr Manufacturing Company.

This Machine was part of the Plant of the Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited, and we are paying over the purchase price to you to be credited to the Sinking Fund, and in reduction of the amount due on the City's Mortgage, which by payments already made, latest being that of \$8,250. on May 25th, reducing the amount due on the mortgage to \$83,242.32, is further reduced by the present payment to the sum of \$82,342.32.

We have received no acknowledgment of our letter of May 25th. Kindly favor us with an acknowledgment of same and of this letter also, and oblige,

Canada Corporations, Limited,  
J. Moorman, Manager.

Approved.

MARKET BUILDING TELEPHONE.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending that a public toll telephone with coin box attachment be installed at the city Market Building.

Approved.

MORRIS BOULEVARD.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
June 12th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I have been asked by Controller Murphy to report on how the matter of the extension of Morris Boulevard, from Seymour Street to Dalhousie College, stands at present.

I have prepared the accompanying plan, which shows the property yet to be acquired for this extension. Under section 16 Chapter 36 of the Acts of 1916, the vacant lot belonging to Mrs. Morash, is exempt from assessment. The assessment value of the lands and buildings is shown on the plan.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Filed.

The City Engineer is instructed to notify Mrs. L. A. Morash that the city of Halifax will not be in a position to deal with the matter of the question of her property

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this year.

ORNAMENTAL STREET LIGHTING - "WHITEWAY".

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending that the City contribute the sum of \$320.00 towards the cost of the ornamental street lighting in the so-called "white-way", in final settlement of the arrangement between the Whiteway Committee and the City. The report being as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
June 8th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control covering letter from J. E. Roy, Secretary of the Whiteway Committee, that from April 1914 until May 1916 the City contributed towards the Whiteway Lighting the amount formerly paid for the old street lights which were removed, owing to the new lighting. This amounted to \$52.08 per month.

In May and June of last year, the committee of the Whiteway Lighting had difficulty in collecting the assessments and attempted to secure the necessary number of signatures of property owners, to a petition asking the City under the statute to take over the lighting. They were unable to obtain the necessary number, and they then asked the City to assist them. They obtained guarantors for the amount due the Tram Company with the exception of \$28 a month. They asked the City to assume this obligation which the Board of Control by resolution passed on the 15th of August 1916, agreed to do.

The Committee were paid at the rate of \$80. per month for the months of August and September, 1916. In October the lights were ordered out by the Military Authorities, and since that time the Tram Company has charged the Committee in a similar manner to the way they charged the City for their lighting while the lights were out, namely, each assume one-half the expense.

We have not paid anything to the Whiteway Committee since September and if the lights had been on, would have owed them at the rate of \$80. per month - \$640.00, to the 1st of June. If the Tram Company have released the Committee from paying one-half the cost of the lighting since the lights have been out, I do not think that the latter could ask the city to pay more than one-half of the above amount, or \$320.00.

There is a balance to the credit of the 1916-17 appropriation for street lighting, of \$1075.88.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to J. E. Roy, Secretary of the Whiteway Committee.

The matter of the providing of lights in Barrington,  
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*Council  
Engineer  
J. E. Roy.*

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Carl Murphy ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Electrician ✓

and Granville Streets in place of the ornamental or "whiteway" lights is referred to Controller Murphy, the City Engineer and City Electrician for report.

THEATRES.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-  
City Engineer's Office,  
June 11th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

In accordance with the accompanying resolution of the Board of Control I have had the Asst. Building Inspector inspect the different theatres in town, and beg to report as follows:-

Academy of Music ✓

Academy of Music.

The seating capacity on the ground floor is for 510 persons, which calls for 102 inches aisle space. At present there is 93 inches. In other respects the Academy of Music complies with the law.

Canada Corporation ✓

Ackers.

The seating capacity of the ground floor is 450 persons, and the aisle space is 64 inches. It should be 90 inches. There are no panic bolts on any of the outside doors. The paint room and operating room are in front of the building and are considered dangerous. The stage fittings and dressings rooms and partitions separating the stage and auditorium, are of wood. The exits are (1) part of the main entrance and (2) exit from the auditorium 4'6" wide. The gallery is partly supported by iron tie rods which are carried by timbers on the outside of the roof. These timbers have evidently sagged from four to six inches since the original construction. There is a room under the auditorium used as a storage room by another tenant of the building.

Casino.

The Casino complies with the Act.

John F Kelly ✓

Empire.

The seating capacity is 675 persons, and the aisle space require, 135 inches. At present there is 110 inches. The furnace room and space in rear of stage is filled with lumber and should be cleared up. There are no panic bolts on any of the doors.

Imperial.

The seating capacity of the ground floor is 400 persons. The aisle space required is 80 inches and at present there are 70 inches. On the side next the outside wall there is a narrow space which would be closed up. The exits from the ground floor are one door 3 feet wide and one 2 feet wide, which goes through an office. The exits from the gallery are not considered satisfactory. The

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operating room is congested. The furnace is situated under the front of the auditorium and the room is not properly protected with metal. There is an accumulation of lumber and rubbish in the furnace room.

King Edward.

The aisle space is sufficient. The exits from the gallery consist of two flights of 26 steps, with winders in them, meeting at the main entrance in a narrow space. A double-acting door in the centre of the steps, acts as an obstruction. There is a closet under the stairs which is used for rubbish. The furnace is situated on the auditorium floor next the stage, and is considered unsafe.

Orpheus.

This theatre complies with the Act.

Strand.

The seating capacity of the ground floor is 490. This requires an aisle space of 89 inches. There is 78 inches. The two side aisles are less than 2 feet wide, and in front of the boxes on both sides there is a narrow space which would make it dangerous in case of a panic. The exits are on the sides, one through a second-class building, and the other outside fire escape. There are no panic bolts on any of the doors.

I reported on these theatres on December 15, 1916 and the Academy of Music, Casino and Orpheus are the only ones in which the suggestions for improving conditions have been carried out. I am attaching hereto a copy of the report of that date.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Copies of the paragraphs of the report referring to the different theatres are ordered to be forwarded to the theatres to which they refer, with instructions to forthwith carry out the requirements of the law.

BEECH STREET SEWER.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending sewer extension Beech Street, from Quinpool Road to Chebucto Road.

Approved.

LINDEN STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending water extension Linden Street.

Approved.

ALBERT STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending water

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revising*

*good with  
✓*

*show theory  
to SES.*

*Engineer  
Chief Fire Dept*

*Council*

*Council*

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*Council ✓*

extension North Albert Street near Richmond Street.

Approved.

WATER BILL 276½ CREIGHTON STREET - CHARLES ZWERLING.

Read report Acting City Engineer re water meter bill Charles Zwerling 276½ Creighton Street, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
June 8th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the water bill for the premises #276½ Creighton Street during the period from Sept. 1916 to March 1917, claimed to be excessive. The following is a record of the consumption for the past fifteen months.

<u>1915.</u>		<u>1916.</u>	
Dec.	1000 gals.	July	6400 gals.
		Aug.	9000 " W.C.
		Sept.	9600 "wasting
		Oct.	10100 "
		Nov.	14800 "
		Dec.	31700 " Do.
		<u>1917.</u>	
Jan.	no reading	Jan.	31700 " Do.
Feb.	1800 "		
Mar.	2500 "		
April	7200 "		
May	9300 "		
June	4900 "		

1917.

Feb. 43,900 w.c. wasting - tap let run  
Mar. 31,800 do.

It will be seen that from December 1916 to March 1917 a closet has been reported wasting and the meter reader reports that the water was allowed to run to waste.

Under these circumstances I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

H. W. Johnston  
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to Controller Murphy for report.

BLACK COURT - CLAIM H. McC. HART.

Read report Acting City Engineer re claim of H. McC. Hart in connection with stoppage of water service pipe in Black Court, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
June 11th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I have received the accompanying letter from Mr. H. McC. Hart enclosing bill amounting to \$27.72 which amount he claims was paid for removing an eel from the water service pipe in Black Court, and for which he asks the City to reimburse him.

*Cont. Murphy ✓*

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The first intimation which the Department had of any trouble in this pipe, was Mr. Hart's letter of June 5th, and apparently the stoppage in the pipe was in the latter part of April. This pipe leads to #3 and #4 Black Court is about 125 feet east of the line of Lockman Street, and is a private service pipe.

The City disclaims any liability for an accident of this description, but if the Department had been notified at the time of the trouble we would have rendered Mr. Hart such assistance as would probably have made the cost of clearing the pipe, very much less. I am attaching hereto a copy of the City Solicitor's opinion.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

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Office of City Solicitor,  
June 11th, 1917.

H. W. Johnston, Esq.,  
Acting City Engineer.

Sir:-

I agree with your view of the law in this matter, that the City is under no obligation to remove obstructions in a private service water pipe. Section 671 of the Charter makes it clear that the water pipe beyond the street line is the property of the owner, and it is therefore his duty to maintain it in good condition.

F. H. Bell,  
City Solicitor.

The report is approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Hart.

WATER BILL 41 EDWARD STREET - W. E. HEBB.

Reqd report Acting City Engineer re water meter bill W. E. Hebb, 41 Edward Street, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
June 11th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering meter bill at #41 Edward Street. The following is a record of the readings and consumption at this property since January 1916-

<u>1916.</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Consumption.</u>
January 29	293,500 gals.	11,400 gals.
March 3	301,200	7,700
April 6	307,600	6,400
May 11	314,100	4,900
June 7	319,000	6,100
July 10	325,100	5,600
August 10	330,700	
September - away		7,700
October 16	338,400	3,900
November 11	342,300	

Engineer ✓  
H. W. Johnston ✓

June 12th, 1917.

<u>1917.</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Consumption</u>
January 2	355,000	12,700 w.c. wasting
February 5	367,600	12,600
March 5	475,600	8,000

It will be noticed that the large consumption took place during January and February 1917 and was due to a closet wasting, I have had the meter tested and find that it registers correctly. The ofreman reports that when he inspected the premises last week, there was a drip from a tap on the upper floor, and the flush to the closet sometimes catches and wastes for some time before the valve closes.

Under the circumstances I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to Controller Murphy for report.

AGRICOLA STREET SIDEWALK - NEE. CORNER NORTH STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer re concrete sidewalk at the north east corner of Agricola and North Streets, as follows:-

City Engineer's office,  
June 12th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control covering request from Andrew Habley that the concrete sidewalk on Agricola Street in front of the property of the Estate of J. Habley at the north east corner of North Street be covered for its full width with concrete. These premises are used as a shop and it is impossible to keep the sod in good condition between the curb and the existing concrete.

I would recommend that the walk be extended to the curb provided the property owner agrees to pay one-half the cost. The estimated cost is \$100.00.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Andrew Habley/

PLUMBING IN DWELLING HOUSES.

Tenders are received and opened for plumbing under City Health Board regulations in dwelling house 105-107 Room Street, as follows:-

*W. S. Habley ✓  
and Murphy ✓*

*Engineer ✓  
Andrew Habley ✓*

June 12th, 1917.

James W. Martin - \$695.00  
George H. Kinsman - 683.00

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

SARAH STREET EXTENSION.

The City Engineer is requested to report as to the assessed value of property involved in the application for the extension of Sarah Street to June Street.

PRESTON STREET NUMBERING.

The matter of the numbering of the buildings Preston Street in the neighborhood of Watt Street is referred to the City Engineer for report.

PLEASANT, BARRINGTON, LOCKMAN STREETS AND CAMPBELL

ROAD-NAMING AND NUMBERING.

Read report Controller Murphy, as follows:-

Halifax, June 11th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

In view of the general changes involved in the re-numbering of the above streets, it would seem that to follow the regular procedure of waiting on the property owners to call and obtain these numbers is hardly a satisfactory method, and is liable to leave the matter in a more or less unsettled condition for a considerable time.

I would recommend that in view of the special circumstances making necessary these changes that the city undertake the work and in doing so arrangements be made for the removal of the old name plates to be replaced with new ones to meet the change.

John Murphy,  
Controller.

Approved.

STREETS - NAME PLATES.

Read report Controller Murphy, as follows:-

Halifax, June 11th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

We have throughout the city a number of Streets particularly new streets opened during recent years on which no names have yet been placed.

Engineer ✓  
Board of Control ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

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I think it would be advisable that immediate steps be taken to secure a sufficient number of these names to take care of the requirements in this respect, as it is very misleading to the public as the situation exists at present.

In the same connection it would be well to also look after the numbering of such streets. I would therefore recommend that this work be attended to at once.

*Engineer*

John Murphy,  
Controller.

Approved.

BUILDING LAWS REVISION COMMITTEE.

Read report Controller Murphy, as follows:-

Halifax, June 11th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

For practically two years we have been endeavoring to have a revision made of the Building Regulations. The work, during this period, has been entrusted to a committee consisting of representatives of the following:-

N. S. Board of Fire Underwriters, Masters Builders' Association, Civic Improvement League, Board of Trade, Canadian Manufacturers' Association, and City of Halifax.

The revision at the hands of this Committee has made little if any progress and as I consider the work very necessary I would recommend that a smaller Committee, of, say not more than five, be named to take this work up and bring it to a head.

John Murphy,  
Controller.

*Polc  
Cont Murphy*

Controller Murphy and other Members of the Board of Control are requested to submit to the Board names of citizens to form a committee of five, recommended.

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*  
P. F. Martin.

MAYOR:

*J. J. Moraghan*  
CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

June 14th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock  
present Deputy Mayor, Alderman H. S. Colwell Chairman,  
and Controllers Murphy, Taylor, Finlay and Hines.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Albert Street #91 - Sewerage Frontage Richard Tuffts.  
City Home Cooking Range.  
Street Funds.  
Nova Scotia Gas Works Indebtedness to City.  
Sidewalks Loan of \$10,000.00.  
Manufacturing Industries Concessions - Oxygen Manufacture  
City Park Near North West Arm Bridge.  
Ashes and Garbage Collection.  
Saturday Night Cleaning of Streets.  
Street Railway Improvements.  
Queen Street Right of Way - Margaret Buckley.  
Coal Weighers Monthly Report.  
High Cost of Living - Price of Bread, Moir's Ltd.  
Policeman Raymond Swinamer.  
Morris Street Sidewalk.  
Fire Risk - Wharves in Dangerous Condition.  
Weights and Measures of Pedlers.  
Assessment Plan.  
Stone Contract.  
Water Bills - Thos. Stokes, 4 Cabot Street.  
Children's Hospital/

ALBERT STREET #91 - SEWERAGE FRONTAGE RICHARD TUFFTS

Richard Tuffts, 91 Albert Street, appeared  
before the Board claiming that he had paid to the city an  
amount of sewerage frontage fees on property which he did  
not own and that the City has declined to refund him the  
money until they ascertain the name of the true owner of  
the land.

Referred to the City Solicitor, the City Engineer and  
the City Assessor for report.

CITY HOME COOKING RANGER

Read report Controller Hines and Acting Superintendent  
of the City Home recommending the installation of a new  
cooking range by Hillis & Sons, Ltd., at \$212.00, the  
other tenderer being Gordon & Keith at \$239.00.

Approved.

STREET FUNDS.

Read report Controller Finlay re street funds, as

*Solicitor  
Engineer  
Solicitor*

*Council  
Jas. W. Boyer  
City Home*

June 14th, 1917.

follows:-

Halifax, June 13th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

By the Acts of 1917, the matter of the borrowing of the extra \$3,000.00 for the Street Fund, in conjunction with the \$5,000.00 already provided, has been finally settled in these words - "in the civic year next ensuing the civic year in which the same was borrowed."

*J. J. Macpherson ✓  
Sinking Funds*

I would therefore recommend that the Trustees of the Sinking Fund be instructed to arrange for the provision of the said \$3,000.00, in accordance with the original Act 1914, Chapter 74, Sec. 31, in so far as it relates thereto.

A. J. Finlay,  
Controller.

Approved.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS TO CITY.

James Moorman representing the Canada Corporations Limited appeared before the Board requesting authorization from the City to dispose of certain machinery of the Nova Scotia Car Works and to turn the proceeds over to the City to go towards reduction of the Companies indebtedness to the City.

The City Solicitor informs the Board that there is no objection to this procedure, but that an undertaking should be given by the Company that such sales are to be without prejudice to the City's mortgage.

*James Moorman ✓  
Canada Corporation ✓  
Treasurer ✓  
Council ✓*

Mr. Moorman is to be notified accordingly and to be requested to furnish this Board with a list of chattels proposed to be sold, which the Board will consider when presented.

SIDEWALKS LOAN OF \$10,000.00.

Read report Controller Finlay, as follows:-

Halifax, June 14th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members Board of Control.

Gentlemen:- With reference to the borrowing of \$10,000.

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from some available fund or bank for the immediate construction of Permanent Sidewalks, I called upon the City Auditor and City Solicitor for the purpose of finding out if we had the necessary authority to do either, and I was informed there was no such authority.

When, however, on the receipt of the tender or tenders for our advertised loan, to be opened June 28th, at noon, it was found necessary to decline the offer, then we can under Section 35 Chapter 36. Acts 1916, pledge or hypothecate the stock or debentures as security for a temporary loan of money to the City.

A. J. Finlay,  
Controller.

Controller Finlay's report is discussed by the Board and the City Solicitor and City Auditor.

The City Solicitor said as his opinion that there is no objection to the City effecting the proposed temporary loan of \$10,000.00 through the hypothecation of City debentures.

Further consideration of the report is deferred until Tuesday's meeting of the Board, the City Solicitor to then submit his opinion in writing.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES CONCESSIONS - OXYGEN MANUFACTURE.

Read correspondence, as follows:-

Halifax, June 12th, 1917.

P. Martin, Esq.,  
Mayor, Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith application from L'Air Liquide Societe addressed to the Board of Control, requesting exemption from taxation for a limited period and granting of a water rate at cost, provided said Company proceeds with the construction and operation of a factory in Halifax. Mr. Royer the general Canadian agent of the Company has returned to Montreal but has requested me to ask that the decision of the Board of Control be sent to me so that I can forward same to him. I would be very greatly obliged if the matter could be given as early attention as possible.

L. E. Lovett.

+ + + +  
L'Air Liquide Society,  
Halifax, Hotel, June 12, 1917.

To the Board of Control,  
City of Halifax.

Gentlemen:-

We have bought a factory site on the corner of

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Kane and Agricola Streets and are considering the erection on it of a factory for the manufacture of OXYGEN by the Claude Liquid air process and also of DISSOLVED ACETYLENE and the handling of WELDING & CUTTING apparatus and supplies and will at the start employ about ten or twelve people.

We have been informed that the City of Halifax is anxious to help manufacturers who contemplate starting industries in the City and we respectfully request your Board to recommend to the City Council that we be exempted from taxes for a period of five years and also be granted a water rate at cost if we proceed with the industry. We require about 1500 gallons per hour while running.

Trusting that you will give this matter early consideration, we beg to remain,

L'AIR LIQUIDE SOCIETY,  
Per Canadian Manager.

The communications are ordered to be acknowledged and Mr. Lovett to be informed that in the judgment of the Board of Control they would be unable to justify making any recommendations for special concessions to the industry suggested.

*Letter ✓  
to Lovett.*

CITY PARK NEAR NORTH WEST ARM BRIDGE.

Alderman Kelly appeared before the Board and requested that the City property or small park at the foot of Quin-pool Road near the Arm Bridge be cleaned up and a few benches placed.

*Engineer ✓*

The City Engineer states that the benches have been already ordered and that an effort will be made to do some little cleaning up of the lot.

ASHES AND GARBAGE COLLECTION.

Alderman Kelly complained of the manner in which ashes and garbage are placed upon the streets by citizens and of the manner of collecting same by the City. Much of the material is not placed in proper receptacles and frequently dumped and scattered about the streets. He would like to see more co-operation in regard to this matter between the Works Department and the police Department.

*Engineer ✓  
Cont. Taylor ✓  
Chief Palmer ✓*

Referred to Controller Taylor and the City Engineer to effect such improvements as they may be able.

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SATURDAY NIGHT CLEANING OF STREETS.

*Engineer ✓*

In reply to questions Controller Murphy informs the Board that the Works Department plans to do the best they can following the custom of last year as to cleaning the principle business streets of the City of scattered rubbish on Saturday night, so that they may be more presentable on Sunday.

STREET RAILWAY IMPROVEMENTS.

Read letter Nova Scotia Tramway Company, as follows:-

Halifax, June 13th, 1917.

L. Fred. Monaghan,  
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the extract from the Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Control held on the 5th day of June, relative to the track allowance on Granville Street.

In this extract this company is requested to report as to when its portion of the work on Granville Street can be taken up. In compliance I beg to report that the repairs to Granville Street have been delayed in the hope that permission would be granted by the Board to make some very necessary changes in the track layout on Granville Street. You will recall that last year a request was made to the Board for permission to change the track and divert one track to Hollis Street. This matter was under consideration for some considerable time, and I understand that our request was refused, although I have no official advice from you to that effect. Acting upon this assumption, we have presented to the Board for approval plans for the laying of double track curves at the corner of Buckingham and Granville Streets, and at the corner of Granville and George Streets. If permission to lay double track curves is granted to the Company, it would be much more economical and also very much less inconvenient to the general public to have the work of installing the intersections and the repairs to the trackway all proceed at the one time. Once permission is received from your Board every effort will be made by this Company to complete the work on Granville Street without delay, as this Company realizes the work on necessity of repairs to the tracked area on Granville Street.

Reference is made in the extract to the condition of this Company's tracks on Lockman Street. I beg to advise that this Company's tracks on Lockman Streets are in a good condition, and so far as I am aware, no repairs thereto are necessary at this time, and, in fact, we consider that both the tracks and the paving on Lockman Street are in excellent condition.

I have the honor to be,

H. R. Mallison,  
Managing Director.

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Referred to the City Engineer.

Read report Acting City Engineer re street railway improvements, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
June 14th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I have requests for double tracking from the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company at various locations in the City for the purpose of improving the service.

Some time ago, the Company asked for permission to lay a track on Hollis Street from George to Buckingham Street and west along Buckingham, to connect with the existing track. There were several objections to this, not only from the property owners on Granville and Hollis Streets, but also from the general public, as it would mean laying a track in a street on which there is a large amount of vehicular traffic. At that time, I was opposed to double tracking the curves at George and Buckingham Streets. Since then, the Tramways Company has had an expert track-man go over the situation, and after careful study, he has submitted the accompanying plans. I have gone into the matter with him thoroughly and find that the double curves at the corner of George and Hollis and George and Granville Streets can be laid on the lines shown without interfering with the existing grades of the street.

The only objection that I can see would be in the operation as it is necessary to lay the inner track of the curve only 2'3" from the curb line. However, this is ample clearance for the running board of the open cars.

At the corner of Buckingham and Granville Streets, it will be necessary to flatten the radius of the existing curb and to narrow the sidewalk at the curb to about eight feet in order to allow the same amount of clearance. As the cars do not stop on the hill after rounding the curve, but take on passengers on Granville Street, I think that the benefit gained through the increased efficiency of the car service, would more than compensate for this narrowing.

Coburg Road and Oxford Street - The only objection to the plan submitted for this intersection is the same as mentioned for the others, that there is only 2'3" clearance at the curb.

Buckingham and Barrington Streets - The company propose to lay a double track at the corner of Buckingham and Barrington Streets, this will necessitate the flattening of the existing curb and narrowing the sidewalk. As there is a very large amount of traffic at this corner, and it is also crowded by people awaiting to board the west bound car, I would like a little more time to consider the matter and to see if some other solution of the question could not be arrived at.

Inglis and Pleasant Streets - The plan submitted for the completion of a double track on Inglis Street and a double track curve at the corner of Inglis and Pleasant Streets. There is no objection to the construction of the curve, but if a double track is laid, it will mean there will

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be no room for a team to stand between the track and the curb from the Berkeley House to Pleasant Street when a car is on the track. Our experience on narrow streets has been that in winter time a double track is a advantage rather than a detriment as in case of a heavy snowfall, the single track makes a deep gully through the middle of the street and with the high banks on either side, it is practically impossible for a team to turn off when meeting a car, With the double track, the street is cleared for practically its whole width.

In connection with this matter, I wrote the Tramway Company, asking if they would bear a portion of the expense of flattening the curb at the Park at the north-west corner of Inglis and Pleasant Streets. The estimated cost of doing this work is about \$800. The Company do not feel that they would be justified in spending money for this work on account of the precedent which might be established. There is no doubt that it would make an improvement at this corner, to move the sidewalk back about ten feet, and as the Company will gain an advantage by having more room for vehicles and thus avoid blocks on their track, I think that a further effort should be made to induce them to pay a portion of the expense, and that work should be done.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for approval; a copy to be sent to H. R. Mallison for the Tramway Company.

*Council ✓  
H. R. Mallison ✓  
H. S. Dray Co*

QUEEN STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY - MARGARET BUCKLEY.

Read letter Margaret Buckley re right-of-way Queen Street to her property Victoria Road.

*Engineer ✓*

Referred to the City Engineer for report and as to the assessed value of the property.

COAL WEIGHERS' MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Coal weighers for the month of May showing each man to have received \$70.97.

*Council ✓*

Filed.

HIGH COST OF LIVING - PRICE OF BREAD, MOIRS LTD.

Read letter Moirs Limited re the price of bread, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., June 13th, 1917.

Mr. L. Fred. Mcnaghany  
City Clerk.

Sir:-

Replying to the request of the Board of Control as conveyed in yours of the 13th instant we would say our present price for bread is fully justified by the price of

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flour ruling on the 5th instant the day on which the Board of Control passed the resolution referring to the price of Bread, since which date flour has advanced 40¢ per bbl.

Our present price for bread was not based on the extreme high price reached by flour this Spring, but on a very much lower.

Allow us to point out that the cost of other ingredients besides flour, and of fuel with the general expenses of the bread manufacturing business, have within a short time greatly increased. If the bread bakers of Halifax attempted to extort an unreasonable profit from their customers they would soon lose most of their trade. The consumers would largely make their own bread. No such remedy could be generally applied to the other principal items which make up the cost of living.

MOIRS LIMITED,  
J. W. M.

During the discussion of the matter Alderman Godwin retires from the meeting and returns with two loaves of bread which he purchased in a City store for twelve cents a loaf and which he had weighed in the shop in which he purchased them. The weight marked on the bread was one and one-half pounds. One of the loaves actually weighed one and one-half pounds - the other ~~seventeen~~ <sup>1 lb 7 oz</sup> ounces. *27*

The matter of bakers selling bread short weight is referred to Controller Taylor and the Chief of Police for report at the next meeting.

POLICEMAN RAYMOND SWINAMER.

On motion of Controller Taylor, Raymond Swinamer, temporary policeman is permanently appointed to the Force in place of William Palmer promoted to Sergeant.

MORRIS STREET SIDEWALK.

Read petition for a concrete sidewalk Morris Street south side, from Henry Street. to Seymour Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

FIRE RISK - WHARVES IN DANGEROUS CONDITION.

Controller Hines called attention to the dangerous condition of a number of wharves and stated that it is impossible to <sup>take</sup> ~~pack~~ heavy fire apparatus upon some of them in case of fire.

*Cont Taylor ✓  
Chief of Police ✓*

*Chief of Police ✓*

*Engineer ✓*

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Members of the Board state that the most effective way of having the wharves strengthened so that they would carry the load of fire apparatus in case of fire would be to bring the matter to the attention of the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters, who no doubt would take steps by increasing the insurance rates <sup>or</sup> otherwise to have the complaint remedied.

*E. J. Falaris ✓  
Secy. of Board  
of Fire Underwriters*

The Secretary is instructed to notify the Board of Fire Underwriters accordingly.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OF PEDLERS.

*Carl Taylor ✓  
Chief of Police*

On request of Alderman Godwin the Police are instructed to again take up the matter of the weights and measures used by hawkers and pedlars whilst plying their business.

ASSESSMENT PLAN.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
June 14th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to H. B. Pickings of the sum of sixteen hundred and twenty dollars (\$1620) on account on his contract for an assessment plan of the City of Halifax.

*Clark & works ✓*

Value of work done	\$2025.00
20% retained	405.00
Bal. recommended	\$1620.00

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

STONE CONTRACT.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
June 13th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to Heber Hartlen of the sum of one hundred and seventy three dollars and ninety one cents (\$173.91) on account on his contract for delivery of stone -

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7,246 bushels	@ 3¢	\$217.38
20% retained		43.47
Bal. recommended		\$173.91

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

WATER BILLS - THOMAS STOKES - 4 CABOT STREET.

Read letter Thomas Stokes, 4 Cabot Street asking to be relieved of payment of water rates under bond for water extension Cabot Street, signed about fifteen years ago.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

Read report Controller Murphy, as follows:-

Halifax, June 14th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

At our meeting held on Tuesday last, an application was made by the Trustees of the Children's Hospital for a grant of 100 feet of land adjoining their present building on the west side, to take care of a proposed extension. Action was deferred until the Board looked into the same and visit the site.

Accordingly in company with Messrs. O. E. Smith, J. L. Heatherington and R. Corbett, the City Engineer, Controller Finlay and writer visited the site.

We deem it unnecessary to make any reference to the very worthy work which this institution is doing, as all citizens realize and appreciate same; and further, that any assistance possible should be rendered those who are conducting this very humane work.

It is necessary that some open space surround such an institution and I feel under the circumstances that this Board should favorably consider the application for the 100 feet additional asked and recommend to Council that the same be granted accordingly.

John Murphy,  
Controller.

The report is unanimously approved and recommended to the City Council for concurrence.

The Board adjourned.

*W. S. Calwell*

*D. M. [unclear]*  
CHAIRMAN.

*L. Fred [unclear]*

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*Club of works ✓*

*Engineer ✓*

*Council ✓*

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

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The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Finlay, Hines, Taylor and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Street Lines - Report City Engineer on Letter Jas. Godwin  
Boat Landing Inglis Street.  
Ocean Terminals Railway Bridges.  
Hatchway #649 Barrington Street - Guildford & Sons Ltd.  
Sarah Street Extension.  
Preston Street Sidewalk - West End Baptist Church.  
Automobiles Fast Driving.  
Fountains on Common.  
Temperance Law Enforcement - Methodist Social Union.  
Preston Street Concrete Sidewalk.  
High Cost of Living - Price of Bread.  
Gasoline Tank Furness, Withy & Co. Ltd.  
Sidewalks Loan \$10,000.00 - Temporary Loans on Debentures  
War - Policeman John O'Leary leave of absence.  
Police Patrol Waggon and City Prison Van.  
Oiling of Streets - Jubilee Road.  
Fire Department - Amity U. E. C. and V. F. A.  
Purity of Water Supply - Property Catherine Harris and  
Elizabeth Munro, Beech Hill.  
N. S. Car Works Indebtedness to City - Inventors of  
Machinery.  
Early Closing of Shops.  
Market Superintendent.  
Building Laws Committee.

STREET LINES - REPORT CITY ENGINEER ON LETTER

JAMES GODWIN.

Read report Acting City Engineer on letter from  
James Godwin re street lines, as follows:-

City Engineer's office,  
June 19th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering letter from James Godwin asking what the practice is when the owner of a lot applies for a permit to repair his property as to giving him the street line when the line as laid down on the Official Plan does not correspond to the old line.

Should the buildings encroach over the official line the official line is given, should the official line be outside the existing line, the existing line of the street is given as the property line, but ordinarily the official line is pointed out and the owner told that he may acquire by purchase, the property between the two lines.

In some cases, it may be inadvisable to allow the property owner to build to the official line, and each

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Case is treated on its merits.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Godwin.

BOAT LANDING INGLIS STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer on application of David Dixon for boat landing privileges at the foot of Inglis Street at the North West Arm, as follows:-

City Engineer's office,  
June 18th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering application from David Dixon for permission to erect a boat house and for ferrying privileges at the west end of Inglis Street on the North West Arm.

While Inglis Street is laid down on the official Plan extending through to the Arm, it is at present only open to Marlborough Woods, and the City has no rights to the shores of the Arm at the proposed extension of the street, neither is there a bridge at present across the railway on the line of this street.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Dixon.

OCEAN TERMINALS RAILWAY BRIDGES.

The Acting City Engineer is requested to report on the probable necessity for the construction of bridges across the Ocean Terminals Railway cutting at any streets laid down on the Official Plan.

HATCHWAY #649 BARRINGTON STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending that permission be granted Guildford & Sons, Ltd., for the construction of a coal hole in front of their property #649 Barrington Street on the usual conditions.

Approved.

SARAH STREET EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer re Sarah Street

*Jos Godwin ✓*

*David Dixon*

*Engineer*

*Engineer*

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extension, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
June 19th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that the area of the property claimed by the Eastern Trust Company as belonging to the Moren Estate at the west end of Sarah Street is approximately 2400 square feet. This lot is not assessed as it has been considered by the Assessors as part of Sarah Street. They value the land adjoining this lot, at 10¢ a square foot, which would make the assessed value of the lot, \$240.00.

This whole question was last before the board at their meeting on April 5th, when my report was referred to the City Solicitor for report as to whether or not the public had acquired a title to the street. After that meeting Mr. Minshull of the Eastern Trust Company agreed, in view of all circumstances, to take one-half the assessed value of the lot for the sake of clearing the matter up.

If there is any question as to the public's right to use this portion of the street, I consider that the above amount would be a satisfactory settlement.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

The Secretary is instructed to again request the City Solicitor for his report in writing on this matter.

PRESTON STREET SIDEWALK - WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
June 19th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering letter from the West end Baptist Church offering to deed the City the land between the old and new street lines on the west side of Preston Street if the City will construct a concrete sidewalk and curb and gutter.

The sidewalk was ordered around the church property on Preston Street and Quinpool Road some time ago, and the portion of Quinpool Road constructed. Correspondence was had with the Church authorities in connection with the land on Preston Street at the time, but no agreement could be reached.

I have forwarded a description of the land required by the City to the Church, and notified them that on the completion of the deed, the work would be proceeded with immediately.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

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AUTOMOBILES AND MOTOR CYCLES FAST DRIVING.

Read letter M. E. Keefe calling attention to the furious driving of automobiles and motor cycles on Quinpool Road.

Referred to Controller Taylor and the Chief of Police for attention.

The Chief of Police is instructed to request the Military Authorities to caution their chauffeurs in regard to fast driving of military automobiles.

At suggestion of Alderman Kelly, Controller Murphy and the City Engineer are requested to place warning signs at St. Andrew's Cross and at the Willow Tree, "Children's Playground, go slowly" -- the Common in this vicinity being about to be used as a Children's playground during the summer.

DRINKING FOUNTAINS ON COMMON.

At request of Alderman Kelly the City Engineer is instructed to erect a drinking bubble/fountain on the centre Common near the corner of North Park and Cogswell Streets.

TEMPERANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT - RESOLUTION METHODIST

SOCIAL UNION.

Read letter Halifax Methodist Social Union re Temperance Law enforcements, as follows:-

Grafton St. Methodist Church  
Halifax, June 14th, 1917.

Mayor and Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

At the quarterly meeting of the "Halifax Methodist Social Union" held at the time and place above noted, the following resolution was adopted and according to instruction I am sending copy of same.

"Resolved that this Methodist Social Union composed of representatives of all the Methodist Churches of Halifax and Dartmouth express their entire confidence in Mr. Tracey as Inspector for Halifax under the N. S. Temperance Act; and that we express to the Controllers and City Council our earnest desire and expectation that they shall give the Inspector all possible assistance in the strict enforcement of the law and particularly in the matter of legal advice in the conduct of second conviction cases in the courts."

R. J. Phillips-

*Mr. E. Keefe ✓  
Cont. Taylor ✓  
Chief of Police ✓  
Cont. Murphy ✓  
Engineer ✓*

*Engineer*

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The Secretary is instructed to inform the Halifax Methodist Social Union that the civic authorities are rendering every possible assistance to the Liquor Inspector in the performance of his duty and strictly enforcing the temperance law.

*R J Phillips ✓*

PRESTON STREET SIDEWALK.

Read petition for a concrete sidewalk on the east side of Preston Street between Quinpool Road and Pepperell Street.

*Engineer ✓*

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

HIGH COST OF LIVING - PRICE OF BREAD.

Read letters in reply to resolution of this Board re the price of bread from Ben's Ltd, G. U. Rafuse, Moire Ltd. (second letter), Women's Work Exchange, Mrs. E/ J. Fenton and Misgraves Bakery.

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GASOLINE TANK FURNESS, WITHY & CO. WHARF.

Read application Furness, Withy & Co., Ltd., for permission to install an underground gasoline tank at <sup>west</sup> the/end of their concrete wharf.

*Engineer ✓*

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

SIDEWALKS LOAN \$10,000.00 - TEMPORARY LOAN ON DEBENTURES.

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Read opinion City Solicitor re temporary loan on debentures as follows:-

Office of City Solicitor,  
June 14th, 1917.

The Secretary,  
Board of Control.  
Dear Sir:-

The situation I understand on which my opinion is required is as follows:-

The City has authority by legislation to borrow money to proceed with sidewalk construction and has decided to advertise for tenders for bonds, under that legislation As some time will elapse before it will be possible to effect a sale of the bonds it is decided to obtain moneu for the purpose specified, in advance of a sale being effected and the question is whether or not the city can avail itself of the authority conferred by the amendment to the Consolidated Fund Act made by Section 35, Chapter 36 of the Acts of 1916, That Section reads as follows:-

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"Whenever under the authority of this Act of any enactment the City is authorized to borrow money and to secure the same by the issue of stock or debentures therefore, the City may, instead of selling such stock or debentures pledge or hypothecate the same as security for a temporary loan of money to the City."

This section it will be observed is perfectly general in its terms. It has been suggested that before availing itself of this section, the City must endeavor to sell the bonds, but in my opinion, that would be to read into the section language not called for. It is also suggested that section cannot be made use of pending the reply to the City's advertisement, but that also would be to read a limit into the section not contained in it, and not necessarily implied.

There might be practical difficulties involved in making a hypothecation for a short period while advertising is outstanding, but that is in my opinion not a matter of law but a question of policy and business, to be considered by the Council, and which will probably also be considered by the bank and any probable tenderers for the loan.

I am therefore of opinion that no legal difficulty exists in the way of procuring money by hypothecation in the manner suggested.

F.H. Bell,  
City Solicitor.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Hines that Controller Finlay and the City Treasurer be authorized under the resolution passed by the City Council June 7th, 1917, to negotiate with the Royal Bank of Canada for a temporary loan on the credit of the city of \$10,000.00 for the carrying on of sidewalk work pending receipt of funds from proposed bond issue. Motion passed Controller Finlay dissenting.

*Cont Finlay ✓  
Treasurer ✓  
Royal Bank of Canada ✓*

WAR - POLICEMAN JOHN O'LEARY, LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Read application Policeman John O'Leary for leave of absence to join the Canadian Expeditionary Force for the continuation of the war.

*Chief of Police ✓*

Granted.

POLICE PATROL WAGON AND CITY PRISON VAN.

Controller Taylor is requested to report in writing at next meeting on the procuring of a suitable police patrol wagon and City Prison van and as to whether such should be an automobile.

*Cont Taylor ✓  
Chief of Police ✓*

OILING OF STREETS - JUBILEE ROAD.

It was reported that W. E. Schwartz informed

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him the residents of Jubilee Road desired that the street be oiled and expressed their willingness to pay half the cost.

The City Engineer is requested to report on the estimated cost of the oiling of streets.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - AMITY U. E. C. AND V. F. A.

Read letter from the Union Engine Company and Veteran Fireman's Association, as follows:-

Halifax, June 14th, 1917.

We the officers and members of the Union Engine Company and Veteran Firemen's Association, regularly convened, have unanimously, Resolved:- That this Association numbering fifty three members do place themselves as a body, at the disposal of the Chief of the Halifax Fire Department and his officers, to assist in fighting the dread enemy FIRE at any serious conflagration at which our services are required.

M. R. Houlihan, President.  
J. R. Hennigan, Secretary.

The letter is ordered to be forwarded to the City Council with the recommendation that the thanks of the Council be tendered the Officers and Members of the Union Engine Company and the Veteran Firemen's Association for their generous offer of assistance to the Fire Department in case of need.

PURITY OF WATER SUPPLY - EXPROPRIATION OF PROPERTY OF CATHERINE HARRIS AND ELIZABETH MUNRO., AT BEECH HILL.

Read certificate of Acting City Engineer recommending payment to Catherine Harris and Elizabeth Munro of \$100.00 each as additional compensation for property taken at Beech Hill for the preservation of the City's water supply.

The amounts are ordered to be paid.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS TO CITY - INVENTORY OF MACHINERY.

Submitted: inventory of machinery of the Nova Scotia Car Works covering twenty-six pages of typewriting. The said inventory being a list of machinery proposed to be sold and the proceeds turned over to the City in liquid-

W & Schwarz  
Engines

Council ✓

Club works ✓

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ation of the Company's indebtedness to the City.

The inventory is ordered to be filed with the City Treasurer and the Canada Corporations Limited instructed that the City approves of the continuance of the sale of machinery on the conditions previously agreed to.

EARLY CLOSING OF SHOPS.

Read petitions from a number of retail merchants for and against the early closing of their stores during the months of June, July and August at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

The Secretary is instructed to forward to Mosher Jacobson, 188 Upper Water Street, on behalf of the petitioners for the early closing, a copy of the Ordinance which provides for the early closing of shops on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week at 6.30 o'clock, except during the month of December.

SUPERINTENDENT CITY MARKET.

It is decided to recommend to Council the appointment of Walter E. Messervey as Superintendent of the Public Market at a salary of \$800.00 per annum. The appointment to date from May 1st, 1917.

BUILDING LAWS REVISING COMMITTEE.

It is decided to defer for a couple of months the proposition submitted at a meeting of the Board June 12th, 1917, by Controller Murphy for reducing the number of members on the Building Laws Revising Committee to five instead of at present constituted.

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*  
P. F. Martin.

MAYOR.

*L. J. Moraghan*  
CITY CLERK.

Treasurer ✓  
James Ansonman ✓  
Auditor ✓  
Council ✓

Mosher Jacobson ✓

Council ✓

B/c ✓

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

June 26th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Murphy, Hines and Finlay.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Richmond School Improvement.  
Hydro Electric Power - Plebiscite.  
Ornamental Street Lighting - "Whiteway".  
Young Street School Site Building Lots.  
Shop in Residential District - N. W. Arm Bridge.  
Oxford Street - Shop in Residential District.  
Wharves in dangerous condition.  
Superannuation Assessments Margaret B. Milcahy.  
Temperance Law Enforcement - Legal Assistance - R. H. Murray Account.  
Pole Lines, Overhead Lines and Equipment.  
Allen Street - Miss Leybold's Claim for Damages.  
Preston Street Numbering.  
North West Arm Trunk Sewer.  
Fire Alarm System and Water Service.  
Foster Lot Oxford Street and Chebucto Road.  
Children's Protection Act.  
Mill Owners Chain Lakes.  
Acadian School Property Insurance.  
Street Sprinkling.  
Ocean Terminals Railway Bridges.  
Fire Department, Gratuity to James Myers.  
Catchpits.  
Water Bill G. A. McKenzie, 22 Kaye Street.  
Windsor Street East Street Line.  
North West Arm Trunk Sewer.  
City Health Board Accounts.  
Larch Street Grading.

RICHMOND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT .

Read letter Board of School Commissioners, as follows

Halifax, June 23rd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I am directed by the Board of School Commissioners to submit for your information the following:-

That, at a meeting of the Board on Friday afternoon the Board accepted the tender of Messrs. Rhodes, Curry & Co Ltd for addition and alterations to Richmond School according to plans and specification prepared by Messrs. Harris and Horton, for the sum of \$17,746.80, subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council, to whom the tender has been submitted.

S. J. Wilson,  
Secretary.

Read letter Deputy Provincial Secretary, as follows-

June 26th, 1917.

Halifax, 25th June, 1917.

The City Clerk,  
Halifax.

Sir:-

I am directed to inform you that the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax has applied to the Governor in Council to approve of the tender of Rhodes Curry Co. Limited, to build an addition to two classrooms and basement to Richmond School for the sum of \$17,746.80 according to plans and specifications prepared by Messrs. Harris & Horton, architects.

I am to notify you that the matter of the application will be heard in the Executive Council Room at 11 A. M. on Wednesday next.

Fred. F. Mathers,  
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

The Secretary is instructed to acknowledge receipt of the communications and to inform the Provincial Secretary that the Board of School Commissioners in making application to the Governor in Council direct before first presenting the matter to the Board of Control is not acting in harmony with an understanding arrived at some time ago at a conference before the Governor in Council when it was mutually agreed that matters of this nature should be presented for the consideration of the Board of Control before formal application is made to the Governor in Council.

The Secretary is further instructed to inform the Provincial Secretary that the City will offer no objection to the application for approval of contract with Rhodes, Curry Co., Ltd. for improvements to Richmond School.

HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER - PLEBISCITE.

Read letter Board of Trade, as follows:-

Halifax, June 22nd, 1917.

To His Worship the Mayor and  
Members Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The matter of supplying Halifax with Hydro electric power by the Halifax Power Co., Ltd. has been discussed at a number of Meetings of the Council of this Board of Trade, and at session on Tuesday last, a Resolution was passed indorsing same and asking that the Plebiscite, under conditions stated in Bill #216, passed at the recent sitting of the Legislature, be put into effect.

*Council ✓  
Secretary School ✓  
Board.  
Hon. Sec. & Mun. ✓  
Provincial Secretary.*

June 26th, 1917.

Trusting you will favorably consider same,

E. A. Saunders,  
Secretary.

Filed.

ORNAMENTAL STREET LIGHTING - "WHITEWAY".

Read letter J. E. Roy re termination of contract between the Merchants and the Tramway Company in connection with the "whitew ay" lighting of Barrington and Granville Streets, as follows:-

Halifax, June 20, 1917.

To:  
His Worship, Mayor P. Martin,  
Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

On behalf of the committee of the White Way I am authorized to acknowledge receipt from the City of \$320. and to accept this in full payment of the City's proportion of the White Way Street Lighting, and as a final payment in terminating the contract with the Halifax Electric Tramway Company.

J. E. Roy,  
Treasurer of "Whiteway  
Committee".

Approved and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council.

The City Engineer is requested to report as to the replacing of the lights on Granville and Barrington Streets removed at the time of the installation of the so-called "whiteway" lights.

YOUNG STREET SCHOOL SITE BUILDING LOTS.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners, as follows:-

Halifax, June 22nd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

Regarding the proceeds of sale of Young Street School site, which the Board of Control did the Board of School Commissioners the courtesy to refer, the Board of School Commissioners is of the opinion that with the approval of the City Solicitor, this amount be appropriated to the redemption of Acadian School Bonds; any balance to be placed in the City Sinking Fund.

-172- S. J. Wilson, Secretary.

*E.A. Saunders ✓  
Secy B/S.*

*Council ✓  
Engineer ✓*

June 26th, 1917.

Referred to Controller Finlay for report.

SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT - N. W. ARM BRIDGE.

Read application George T. Murray to add a verandah to the building occupied by him as a shop on Quinpool Road near the North West Arm Bridge.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

LARCH STREET GRADING.

Read petition for the grading of Larch Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT - OXFORD STREET.

K. MacNab and C. M. Rainne appear before and address the Board in the matter of the application of Mr. MacNab for permission to erect a shop and dwelling on the east side of Oxford Street between Quinpool Road and Cebusto Road and the petition against such permit being given.

Deferred until Thursday's meeting.

WHARVES IN DANGEROUS CONDITION.

Read letter Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters, as follows:-

Halifax, June 20th, 1917.

L. Fred. Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk, City.

Dear Sir:-

I have to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 19th instant enclosing extract from Minutes of Board of Control meeting of the 14th inst. in reference to a number of wharves in such a dangerous condition that it is impossible to take heavy fire apparatus thereon.

I doubt very much that the suggestion of your Board of control that the increasing of the insurance rates in such a case will bring about the improvements desired and feel that such results can be better obtained by the Civic Authorities effectively dealing with the matter themselves.

I will, however, bring your letter before the Board at the earliest opportunity and will thank you in the meantime to kindly let me have a memo showing the wharves which your Board considers are in this dangerous condition.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Edward J. Fahie,  
Secretary.

Cont Finlay ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

M/c ✓

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Referred to Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department for report.

SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENTS MARGARET B. MULCAHY.

Read application heirs of Margaret B. Mulcahy for refund of \$177.60 superannuation assessments paid by the late Mrs. Margaret B. Mulcahy while matron of the City Home.

Referred to the Trustees of the Superannuation Fund for report.

TEMPERANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT - LEGAL ASSISTANCE -

R. H. MURRAY ACCOUNT.

Controller Finlay verbally reports recommending that the account of R. H. Murray, K. C. to April 30th, 1917, totalling \$154.50 for legal assistance rendered the Liquor Inspector in the enforcement of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, be paid out of *City fund and fees for violations of the Temperance Act.*  
Approved.

POLE LINES, OVERHEAD LINES AND EQUIPMENT.

Read notification that the Board of Public Utilities will hold public sittings at the Technical College on Thursday, July 5th, at 10 o'clock for the purpose of finally considering with certain amendments the National Electrical Safety Code issued by the Bureau of Standards at Washington, relating to pole lines, overhead lines and equipment.

The Acting City Engineer is instructed to attend the hearings, on behalf of the City.

ALLEN STREET, MISS LEYBOLD'S CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
June 20th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering letter from J. J. Hunt, threatening to take proceedings against the City for damages on account of an accident sustained by Miss Leybold on Allen Street.

*Cont - Hines ✓  
Chief Fire Dept ✓  
E J Fahie ✓*

*J J Macfarlane ✓  
Cty Treasurer ✓  
Miss Mary Mulcahy ✓  
Cty Home.*

*Council ✓*

*Engineer ✓*

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In have enquired into the matter and find that the excavation was in front of a new house on the north side of Allen Street two doors from Harvard Street. It was made by the builder for the purpose of building a concrete step, and was spanned by a ladder the night of the accident.

As far as I can find out, Miss Leybold, accompanied by a young boy, was going from the sidewalks towards the house when the accident happened, and the latter really happened on private property and not on the street. As I understand it, she had no permission from the owner of builder to go on the private property, and I do not see how the City can be in any way liable for the accident.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to Dr. J. J. Hunt, solicitor for Miss Leybold.

PRESTON STREET NUMBERING.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
June 22nd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control asking for a report on the number of the buildings on Preston Street in the neighborhood of Watt Street, that the directory has been printed and is nearly ready for distribution and I do not think it advisable to alter the numbers as with numbers different from the Directory numbers, there would be worse confusion than at present. I shall have the street re-numbered and listed in next year's directory.

H. W. Johnston  
Acting City Engineer.

Filed.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER.

Read message from His Worship the Mayor re the appointment by property owners of Henry Roper to represent them in connection with the expropriation of right of way for the North west Arm trunk sewer.

Referred to the City Council for its information.

On motion of Controller Harris it is decided to recommend to the City Council the appointment of J. Clifford Harris as arbitrator on behalf of the city in connection with the expropriation of rights for the construction of the

eastern sewer near the shore of the North West Arm between Oakland

Dr J J Hunt ✓

Engineer ✓

Council ✓

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Road and Chain Rock.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AND WATER SERVICE.

Read letter Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters  
as follows:-

Halifax, June 22nd, 1917.

L. Fred. Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:-

Your esteemd favor of the 2nd instant came duly to hand enclosing extract from minutes of Board of Control meeting of the 31st ult. regarding the alarm strikers in towers of fire engine houses. I am also today in receipt of copy of City Electrician's report of the 31st ult. regarding failure of the fire alarm system at the recent fire at the Home for the Aged Men on Gottingen St.

I am obliged for same and will communicate their contents to my Board at the earliest opportunity. I will thank you, kindly advise me what steps, if any, have been taken to remedy the unsatisfactory condition of the alarm strikers as admitted by the City Electrician. I have also to call your attention to the fact that we have as yet no report regarding the complained of condition of the water service at this same fire (Home for Aged Men) and I will thank you to kindly let me have this informatb n as soon as possible.

Thanking you in anticipation, I remain,

Edward J. Fahie,  
Secretary.

Referred to Controller Hines, the City Engineer and the City Electrician for report.

FOSTER LOT CHEBUCTO ROAD AND OXFORD STREET.

Read extract from minutes of Board of Control meeting August 22nd, 1916, re the cost of appraisement of valuation of the Foster lot Chebucto Road and Oxford St.

Mr. Foster, (City Auditor), and the City Solicitor being sent for appear before the Board.

In answer to questions Mr. Foster says that he did not comply with the instructions of the City Council to pay the fees of J. C. Harris as arbitrator out of street Widening Account because no street widening had been done and because other bills are still to come in. "It is usually all done at once. There is nothing wrong with the City Solicitor's opinion!"

*Cont- Hines ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Electrician ✓*

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Controller Murphy: "Well we will send Mr. Harris in for his account."

Mr. Foster: "Alright, send him in."

CHILDREN'S PROTECTION ACT.

In respect to the letter of the City Auditor submitted at a meeting of the Board June 5th, 1917, relating to accounts against the City for maintenance of children under the Children's Protection Act, Controller Finlay verbally reports that nothing can be done in the way of settling the accounts or dealing with the matter in any other way until the Legislature meets next year.

*Solicitor ✓  
Auditor ✓*

MILL OWNERS, CHAIN LAKES.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
June 26th, 1917

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I have a letter from E. L. Fennerty, renewing his request of last year, that the City let down from the Chain Lakes daily, only the amount required by him to run his mill, and store any balance there may be, in the Chain Lakes and deliver the water to him as required.

When this request was preferred before, I reported strongly against it pointing out the objections to granting it. These objections still hold good but owing to the extreme scarcity of coal in our market just now, and to the fact that it is necessary to conserve resources in every possible way at the present time, I am inclined to view that the City should waive the technical objections temporarily, and do its share toward improving the general situation and help out this manufacturing company.

*Engineer ✓  
Solicitor ✓  
Council ✓*

I would suggest that the matter be left to the City Engineer and City Solicitor to draw an agreement to conserve the interests of the City and that we meet Mr. Fenerty's views as far as considered advisable, for a period of say six months, on trial.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

ACADIAN SCHOOL PROPERTY INSURANCE.

Read report Clerk of Works, as follows:-

City Works Office,  
June 26th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to advise that policy No. 57088 in

June 26th, 1917.

Fire  
Acadia Insurance Company for five thousand (\$5000.00)  
dollars on Outhit Building, Barrington Street expires  
July 4th next.

The former rate was \$1.45 or a total premium of  
\$72.50. The above Company having joined the N. S. Board  
of Fire Underwriters, to continue the policy in said  
Company tarriff rate will have to be paid, viz -- \$1.60  
which will make premium \$80.00.

Shall I continue the policy or make other arrange-  
ments?

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.  
report in

The Clerk of Works is instructed to/writing at the  
next meeting the names of the Companies amongst which  
Rainnie & Keator propose to distribute the risk if the  
insurance is awarded to them.

STREET SPRINKLING.

Read letters Sydney Locke dated June 20th and  
June 21st and June 23rd re street sprinkling.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

OCEAN TERMINALS RAILWAY BRIDGES.

Read letter G. C. Campbell re Ocean Terminals Railwa y  
Bridges, as follows:-

Halifax, June 25th, 1917.

Mr. P. F. Martin,  
Mayor of Halifax.  
Dear Mr. Mayor.

I have a letter from the Acting City Engineer, en-  
closing some correspondence and a resolution of the Board  
of Control with reference to the Terminal Railway Bridges.

Two questions were raised by the City Improvement  
Leatue. The first dealt with the width of Young Avenue  
Bridge, and the second with the architectu ral details of  
all the bridges. With regard to the width of the Young  
Avenue bridge, the resolution of the Board of Control is  
inaccurate. It states that the Committee of the City  
Improvement League urged the construction of a bridge 60  
feet wide instead of 80 feet wide. There has been no  
question of a 60 ft. bridge, but there has been a suggest-  
ion that the bridge be 65 ft. wide instead of 80 ft. as  
decided by the Board, the difference being in the side-  
walks only. The suggestion did not come orriginally  
from the Committee of the League but from well known ex-  
perts who have been onsulted and who have personally in-  
spected the site, namely, Messers. Ross & McDohald of Mont-  
real, the architects of the whole Terminal scheme; and Mr.  
Thomas Adams, the Town Planning Adviser of the Commission  
of Conservaion, Ottawa. The difference between the City  
and these experts refers solely to the width of the side-  
walks. Both agree that the traffic way of the bridge shall  
be the full width of the Avenue from gutter to gutter,

Council ✓

Engineer ✓

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48 ft. but the experts say that as the grass boulevarding should not be carried across the bridge the sidewalks should be narrower to that extent, which would make them 8 ft. 6 in. instead of 16 ft. wide. Their opinion is that instead of trying to conceal the fact that there is a bridge, the bridge should be made an attractive feature of the Avenue, and that architecturally the narrower bridge would look better, and still provide ample room for foot traffic. The question of cost does not come in, because the Railway Dept. agreed to abide by the decision of the City in the matter.

The second and more important point referred to the architectural details of the bridges. The League felt that as the Railway Dept. would naturally design the bridges from the engineering and traffic standpoint some competent authority should be engaged to see that they were at the same time made an adornment to the City. At the suggestion of our Committee, the Railway Dept. agreed that Messrs. Ross & McDonald should be consulted about the material, the surface finish and the architectural details of the bridges. We asked the Board of Control to act on that suggestion, but they have not seen fit to do so. The result is that under the authority of the City, these bridges are being erected not only without the benefit of expert architectural advice, but actually in opposition to such advice as has been obtained. In view of the fact that the Railway Dept. agreed that expert advice should be employed without cost to the City our Committee considers that the attitude of the Board of Control is both unwise and unbusinesslike, and cannot be defended in the interest of the City.

When the Terminal scheme was decided upon, the Government promised to do everything possible to minimize the injury to the residential districts of the City. Apparently the Railway Dept. is ready to adhere to that promise, it is the City authorities that are showing indifference.

The one object of the City Improvement League in pressing this matter upon the Board of Control is to make the bridges more attractive architectural feature of the scheme, and thus make up to some extent for the disfigurement of the landscape caused by the new Terminals. Having failed to influence your Board of Control there is nothing left for us to do but to publish the facts for the information of the citizens.

G. S. Campbell,  
Chairman of Committee.

Controller Murphy and the Acting City Engineer are requested to draft and submit at the next meeting of the Board a reply to Mr. Campbell's letter showing in what respects some of the remarks made by him are unwarranted and informing him that he and other members of the Civic Improvement League are themselves to blame if any blame is attachable in connection with the character of bridges to be constructed.

*Cont. Murphy ✓  
Engineer ✓*

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FIRE DEPARTMENT - GRATUITY TO JAMES MYERS.

Controller Hines submits certificate as to cause of death from Dr. T. Armstrong, as follows:-

Halifax, June 25th, 1917.

I attended the late Mr. James Myers in his last sickness and beg to report the case as follows:-

After the fire in the Old Man's Home, Mr. Myers complained of chills and rigors. He was seen by Dr. O' rien at the Dispensary but as no improvement followed I was sent to him at his home. I found him very weak and for a time he complained of "always feeling cold" He developed some Brain trouble and in my opinion his death was hastened if not actually caused by the severe wetting and chill he sustained at the fire.

Thos. Armstrong, M. B.

Controller Hines verbally reports that James Myers had been in the service of the Fire Department for 45 years; that at the recent fire at the Old Man's Home Gottingen Street he got very wet, took sick and never left his home again, and that the case was deserving of consideration by the City in the way of the granting of a civic gratuity.

Referred to Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department for report in writing.

q CATCHPITS.

Controller Murphy requested the installation of a catchpit at the corner of Creighton Street and Stairs Street and one at the corner of Oak Street and Kline St.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

WATER BILL G. A. MCKENZIE - 22 KAYE STREET.

Controller Murphy submits water meter bill G. A. McKenzie, 22 Kaye Street, claimed to be excessive.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

WINDSOR STREET EAST STREET LINE.

His Worship the Mayor verbally reports in connection with the proposed sale of property not needed by the City on the east side of Windsor Street between Charles Street and Willow Street that the property owners adjacent do

Cont. Hines ✓  
Chief Fire Dept. ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

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*Engineer ✓*

not desire to purchase the land but are willing to lease the same from the city.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER.

Tenders for construction of the portion of the North West Arm Trunk Sewer from Oakland Road to Chain Rock are received and opened from the Cook Construction Company & Wheaton Bros. and from E. R. Orlando.

*Engineer ✓*

The tenders are referred to the City Engineer for report.

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Accounts chargeable to City Health Board are passed for payment, as follows:-

*Council ✓*

City Health Board.

John Starr Son & Co.	Battery	\$ .45
Halifax Wet Wash	Washing	13.20
Tel. Company.	Service	16.14
Tram. Co.	Service	12.02
		<u>\$41.81</u>

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

*L. J. McLaughlin*

CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

June 28th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock, present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Hines, Murphy and Finlay.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Street Sprinkling  
Acadian School Fire Insurance.  
Oxford Street - Shop in Residential District.  
North West Arm Trunk Sewer.  
Water Supply at Fire Old Men's Home.  
Gasoline Tank, Furness, Withy Wharf.  
City Works Auto.  
Progress Payment on Stone Contract.  
Hose for Works Department.  
Oiling of Streets Jubilee Road.  
Jubilee Road Catchpit.  
Queen Street, City Lot.  
Wooden Ship Building Site.  
Debentures \$60,000.00 Converted to Sinking Funds Bonds.  
Dogs.  
Tenders for Loan \$199,500.00  
Fire Escapes.  
Tramway Across Common.

STREET SPRINKLING.

Read letter Sydney Locke, June 26th, 1917, re street sprinkling.

Referred to City Engineer for report.

Controllers Finlay and Hines and His Worship the Mayor called attention to complaints of neglectfulness on the part of street sprinklers drivers, particularly in the early mornings in different parts of the City. The Acting City Engineer stated that all complaints are followed up and remedied as far as possible.

ACADIAN SCHOOL FIRE INSURANCE.

Read report Clerk of Works, as follows:-

City Works Office,  
June 28th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

In re insurance on Outhit Building, expiring on the 4th prox. Messrs Rainnie & Keator, Limited are agreeing to underwriting the same at \$1.45, or total premium of \$72.50, that being the rate now paid, and would place

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the same in the following companies:

National Union Fire Insurance Co. of Pittsburg Pa. \$3000.  
National Fire Insurance Co. of Paris, France, 2000.

Both of above companies are licensed to do business in Canada.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

Approved.

OXFORD STREET - SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Read report Acting City Engineer submitted June 5th, 1917, re application King McNab for permit to construct shop and dwelling on lot No. 31 on the east side of Oxford Street north of Quinpool Road, covering petition against the granting of the permit.

Also read petition in favor of the application.

It is decided to grant the permit and the City Engineer is instructed accordingly.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER.

Read report Acting City Engineer re tenders for construction of North West Arm Trunk sewer from Oakland Road to Chain Rock, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
June 28, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report that two tenders were received for the construction of the section of the North West Arm intercepting sewer between Oakland Road and Chain Rock. The specifications called for alternative methods of construction of a portion of the sewer, one a concrete invert with vitrified tile arch, and the other concrete throughout.

The tenders are on schedule rates, and on comparison them by the estimated quantities, I find that for constructing the sewer on the first plan, the Cook Construction Company and Wheaton Bros., the tender amounts to \$154,180 and that of E/ R. Orlando to \$156,117. The tenders on the second plan are, the Cook Construction Co. \$137,380 and E. R. Orlando \$137,757.

I would recommend that the tender of the Cook Construction Company and Wheaton Bros. be accepted. It will probably be necessary to use the first method of construction on some portions of the sewer, and the second method on others.

Council ✓  
Clerk of Works ✓

Engineer ✓

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I am attaching hereto the detailed statement of the bids.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Consideration of the report is deferred until after the opening of tenders for City loan.

WATER SUPPLY AT FIRE AT OLD MEN'S HOME.

Read report Acting City Engineer in answer to letter from Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters complaining of condition of water service at recent fire at Old Men's Home, Gottingen Street, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
June 28th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering letter from the Secretary of the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters, in which the following paragraph appears - "Yesterday's fire also amply demonstrated the very inefficient state of the water service for fire department purposes."

I have investigated this matter by interviewing the Foreman of the Water Department and the Chief of the Fire Department both of whom were at the fire throughout, and also some other persons who were there. From the statements made by them, it would appear that there was more than the ample supply at this fire. The Chief of the Fire Department informs me that there were seven streams, which was all that he required. As I was not present personally, I am obliged to take the evidence of those who were.

While the letter of the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters is signed by its Secretary, I think in future that statements such as are contained therein, which are utterly in variance with the facts, as proved by the men in charge of the water service and the fire Department at the fire, should be accompanied by the names of those present complaining, as I do not think it is in the interests of the City of Halifax whenever a fire takes place that statements with regard to the inefficiency of the water supply should be recklessly made without adequate reason.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to the Board of Fire Underwriters.

GASOLINE TANKS, FURNESS, WHITY COMPANY WARE.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending that permission be given Furness, Withy Company to install a

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gasoline tank on their wharf, as follows:-

City Engineer's office,  
June 28th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering application from Furness, Withy Co., Ltd. for permission to install an underground gasoline tank at the west end of their concrete wharf.

They propose to put in a 300 gal. tank for supplying gasoline to steamers, at the inner end of their wharf. The proposed location is at least 75 feet from the nearest building, and the method of construction proposed is to bury the tank at least three feet below the surface to the top of the same and to enclose it in concrete.

I can see no objections to the location or method of construction, and would recommend that a permit be granted.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer .

Approved.

CITY WORKS AUTO.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's office  
June 28th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to W. L. Kane of the sum of nine hundred and twenty five dollars (\$925.00) for an automobile for the City Engineer's department: \$600 of this to be charged to Maintenance Account and the \$325.00 to Sewerage.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

The account is passed for payment.

PROGRESS PAYMENT ON STONE CONTRACT.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office  
June 26, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to Heber Hartlen of the sum of two hundred and thirty three dollars and thirty three cents (\$233.33) on account on his contract for stone-

9722 bushels @ 3¢      \$291.66  
20% retained            58.33  
\$233.33

H. W. Johnston  
Acting City Engineer.

*Engineer ✓*

*Council ✓*

*Club works ✓*

June 28th, 1917.

The account is passed for payment.

HOSE FOR WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending the purchase of 200 feet of Crescent rubber hose at \$1.05 per foot for flushing streets, cleaning sewers, etc. from Austin Bros.

Approved.

OILING OF JUBILEE ROAD.

Controller Hines again informed the Board that residents are asking for the oiling of Jubilee Road.

The City Engineer states that he is preparing a report on the oiling of streets.

JUBILEE ROAD CATCHPIT.

Controller Hines requested that a catchpit be construction or other means employed to carry off surface water near No. 7 Jubilee Road.

QUEEN STREET , CITY LOT.

Read letter Mrs. Margaret Buckley, as follows:-

Halifax, June 28th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I am purchasing from S. M. Brookfield Ltd. the property owned by them on the south west end of Queen St.

Kindly let me know the price I would be required to pay for the property owned by the City some 62 ft. front on Queen Street in order that I may acquire a right of way to my property on Victoria Road.

Margaret Buckley.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

WOODEN SHIP BUILDING SITE.

Read letter W. K. McKean, as follows:-

Halifax, June 28th, 1917

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Controllers.  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sirs:-

In connection with the programme of building Wooden Ships in Nova Scotia.

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

June 28th, 1917.

I along with associates looked at a piece of land which we understood belongs to the City in the South end of Africville known as the Tulley Lot.

We think this piece of land could be suitably used for the purpose of constructing small ships. Providing we could get it from the City along with the Water Lot which they own in front of this Land.

If the City would let us know under what conditions we could have it, we would have a survey made of the Water in front of the land, so that we would be sure there was sufficient depth of water to launch the ships without going to too great expense preparing launch ways.

Our idea would be to commence immediately the construction of some ships and in all probability would be able to give employment to fifty or sixty hands including the necessary number of ship carpenters if we could get them and we know of no reason why this should not be possible in Halifax.

We trust you will give us an early answer as we would like to get to work.

W. K. McKean.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

DEBENTURES \$60,000.00 CONVERTED TO SINKING FUNDS BONDS.

Read letter City Treasurer, as follows:-

Office of City Treasurer,  
June 25th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

I am instructed by the Trustees of the Sinking Funds to offer to loan the City of Halifax an amount to produce the sum of \$60,000.00, required for the purpose of retiring the bonds for that amount, falling due on July 1st, 1917. The said loan to bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum and the date shall be July 1, 1917. The rate payable for said loan, the form, and term of payment, to be that considered the most advantageous to be derived from the tenders received for the City Loan of \$199,500.00 on June 28th, 1917.

James J. Hopewell, City Treasurer

It is decided to recommend to the City Council the acceptance of the offer of the Trustees of the Sinking Funds and the adoption of the following resolution which was accompanied therewith, viz:-

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Sinking Funds have agreed to loan the City of Halifax an amount to produce the sum of \$60,000.00, required for the purpose of retiring the bonds for that amount due July 1, 1917,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue to the Trustees of the Sinking Funds stock of the City of Halifax, 1905, to an amount

June 28th, 1917.

sufficient to produce the sum of \$60,000.00;

The rate of interest to be 5% per annum, and the date July 1, 1917.

Council ✓

The rate payable for said loan, the form and term of payment, to be that considered the most advantageous to be derived from the tenders received for the City Loan of \$199,500.00, on June 28th, 1917.

DOGS.

Alderman Kelly stated that he had been informed that an impression had gone abroad this year that the dog tax law was not to be enforced this year and that the collections to date were not up to the usual amount notwithstanding that the amount of estimated revenue had been increased. He had been informed that the police were told not to enforce the law in regard to dog tax in the extreme north-end of the City. There should not only be a round up of stray dogs but the law should be vigorously enforced.

His Worship the Mayor states that the Dog Ordinance and all other ordinances will be enforced.

The Board adjourns until 12 o'clock noon.

At 12 o'clock the Board again meets: Present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Murphy and Hines.

TENDERS FOR LOAN \$199,500.00.

Tenders for loan of \$199,500.00 were advertised as follows:-

SEPARATE Tenders for Loan.

So marked will be received at this office up to 12 noon on the 28th day of June next, from parties disposed to purchase Debentures or Stock of the City of Halifax, in whole or in part, as below described, sufficient to produce at this price offered the sum of \$199,500, to be used by the City for the following purposes:

Redemption of Consolidated Fund Debentures due July 1st 1917.....	\$60,000
Provided by General Sinking Fund.....	60,000

Particulars of Present Issue

Construction of Permanent Sidewalks (Part).....	\$20,000
Purchase Motor Fire Engine.....	12,500
(under Chap. 47 Acts 1915)	

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Construction of Public Sewers (Balance).....\$90,000  
(under Chap. 38, Acts 1916)  
Construction of Public Sewers (Part) ..... 55,000  
" " # Comfort Station in  
addition to amount prev-  
iously authorized not exceed  
ing..... 2,000  
Construction and Quipement of a Public Abattoir  
in addition to amount previously authorized  
not exceeding..... 20,000  
(under Acts 1917)

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Terms under Tender for Loan with Sinking Fund provided

Term to run 34 years from 1st July, 1917. Rate of interest 5 per cent per annum, Coupon Debentures for \$1000.00 each or Stock Certificates of multiples of \$100.00 will be given, payable in lawful money of Canada or in gold of the present standard weight and fineness.

Debentures can be registered as to principal.

Interest payable half-yearly, in lawfull money of Canada, or in gold of the present weight and fineness on the 1st day of January and July. Principal payable 1st July, 1951.

Engraver's plate ready, but Debentures are not printed. Delivery within one month.

A general Sinking Fund is provided by law (Sec.11, Chap. 5a, Acts 1902) for the redemption of the Funded Debt of the City.

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Terms under tender of 30 Equal Annual Instalments.

Period 30 years to date from July 1st, 1917  
Rate of Interest 5 per cent per annum.

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In either case plane of payment for principal and interest. The Office of the City Treasurer or at the Agencies of the Royal Bank of Canada at Montreal, Toronto or New York.

Parties loaning the money will be required to pay the accrued interest to the time of paying over the amount loaned. The loan to be paid in Halifax Funds, and the securities to be delivered in Halifax at the Office of the City Treasurer.

The Board of Control subject to the approval of the City Council will award the tender.

The City does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender, and reserves the right to accept from any tenderer such portion of the whole as it deems necessary.

There has never been any default on the part of the City on payment of its obligations; nor has there ever been any litigation affecting the validity of its bonds.

JAMES J. HOPEWELL,  
City Treasurer.

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In response to the above, letters were received from The Dominion Securities Corporation Ltd., Montreal and from Brent, Noxen & Co., Toronto, declining to tender.

Tenders were received and opened as follows;-the tender of Harris, Forbes & Co., being a telegram:

Tender Harris, Forbes & Co.

Montreal, June 28th, 1917.

James J. Hopewell,  
City Treasurer,  
Halifax, N.S.

In reference you call for tenders for one hundred ninety nine thousand five hundred thirty four year five percent bonds to be dated July first, nineteen seventeen due July first, nineteen fifty one, we will make you the following proposition. For fifty five thousand sewer bonds described in your circular, we will bid you eighty three decimal fifty seven, which is at the rate of eight hundred thirty five dollars seventy cents per thousand dollar bond, with interest added to date of delivery, provided you will grant us option on remainder of one hundred ninety nine thousand five hundred dollars offered for sale at same price, option to be good until August first, nineteen seventeen. Further provided that bonds are in coupon form of thousand dollar denomination bearing interest at rate of five percent payable half yearly January first and July first and that principal and interest be payable in gold coin of present standard weight and fineness in Canada or New York City at option of holder: That bonds be direct and binding obligation of City of Halifax at large: that we be furnished prior to delivery of same with legal papers providing legality of issue to complete satisfaction of our solicitors, this bid is made for immediate acceptance or rejection by you. If you require any deposit we will have Merchant Bank of Halifax pay you such amount as is satisfactory to guarantee our purchase. Kindly send complete list of bids and bidders.

Harris, Forbes and Company Inc.

Tender J. C/ MacKintosh & Co.

Halifax, June 28th, 1917.

City Treasurer,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your request for tenders for City of Halifax Debentures we beg to offer for such an amount of 5% Debentures, maturing 1951, as would provide Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) and would pay Eighty-seven point twenty seven per cent (87.27%) and accrued interest, provided we are given an option on the balance at the rate for a period of thirty days, or provided you will undertake not to offer them elsewhere during that period.

J. C. MACKINTOSH & CO.

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*Cont Finlay  
Treasurer*

On motion of Controller Murphy it is decided to take no action on the tenders and Controller Finlay and the City Treasurer are authorized to negotiate with the Royal Bank of Canada, the City's Bankers, for an agreement for the making of such advances as the City's necessities may require for a period up to say twelve months and to report to the Board the best arrangement that can be made.

The City Clerk is instructed to cancel the City Council meeting called for this evening to consider tenders for loan.

FIRE ESCAPES.

*Building Inspector  
Chief Fire Dept  
Cont Hines*

On motion of Controller Hines, the Building Inspector and the Chief of the Fire Department are instructed to make a survey of the City as soon as possible and to report in detail, in writing, from time to time as to buildings which in their judgment should be provided with fire escapes etc., the members of the Board to visit the premises reported upon after receipt of recommendation from the officials.

TRAMWAY ACROSS COMMON.

*H R Mallison  
Engineer*

At suggestion of His Worship the Mayor, the City Clerk is instructed to write H. R. Mallison, Managing Director of the Tramway Company, asking when the citizens may expect the rails to be laid from Gottingen Street to Windsor Street, through Cogswell Street, for the extension of the street railway across the Common, as promised.

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*  
P. F. Martin,  
MAYOR.

*L. J. McLaughlin*  
CITY CLERK.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL,

July 3rd, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Hines, Taylor, Murphy and Finlay.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

- Street Sprinkling - Letter Sydney Locke.
- City Prison Monthly Report.
- Ocean Terminals Railway Bridges - Letter G. S. Campbell.
- War - Lights Out.
- Richmond School Improvement.
- Fire Department - Motor Car for Chief.
- Fire Department - Motor Pumping Engine.
- Albert Street #91 - Sewerage Frontage Richard Tuffts. Policemen.
- Duffus and Lynch Streets Electric Light.
- Willow Street Curb and Gutter.
- Water Bill 41 Edward Street - W. E. Hebb.
- Camp Hill Cemetery.
- City Prison Accounts.

STREET SPRINKLING - LETTER SYDNEY LOCKE.

Read letter Sydney Locke re street sprinkling.

Referred to the City Engineer.

CITY PRISON MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Governor of the City Prison for the month of June. Filed.

OCEAN TERMINALS RAILWAY BRIDGES - LETTER G. S. CAMPBELL.

CAMPBELL.

Read letter G. S. Campbell asking for a reply to his letter of 25th prox. re Ocean Terminals Railway Bridges.

The Secretary is instructed to inform Mr. Campbell that a copy of the reply will be sent him when it has been submitted to the Board.

WAR - LIGHTS OUT.

Read communications Military Authorities re Lights Out, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., June 27th, 1917.

The Mayor,  
Corporation of Halifax.  
Your Worship,-

This Department has been instructed by

*Engineer*

*G. S. Campbell  
Engineer  
Cont. Murphy*

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Headquarters to make notes of persons not carrying out instructions as to the curtailment of lights, in accordance with restrictions within the Fortress.

We are directed to supply to you, from time to time copies of such compiled reports for your information and necessary action.

Herewith, please find first compilation of data, with comments of the N. C. O. in charge.

May the necessary steps be taken, please, in the several cases.

A. R. MacCleave, Capt.  
F.I.O. (Halifax)

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Halifax, June 25, 1917.

From:- J.W.Rodgers, Sergt.  
Intell. Service.

To:- F. I. O.  
Halifax Fortress.

Re Curtailment  
of Lights.

Sir:-

I beg to report that a compilation of the reports of the two N. C. O'S detailed to cover the District of Halifax and report upon all lights not coming within the regulations governing same, are attached hereto.

"A" report sheet deals with Arc lights . Any of these having a number prefixed, - in fact the from #1 to #36 have - are lights that quite obviously show upon the harbour.- or seaward. The balance are ones which from their location are hard to pass judgment on, but are brilliant and show seaward indirectly. Those having numbers affixed show the number of times that these particular lights have been previously reported.

"B" report sheet deals with Private and house lights Lights referred to therein should, on account of their positions and liability to show seaward or out on the harbor- have the necessary shading.

I may state that great care was taken by the N.C.O's on this duty, and the attached reports are the result of careful observations, which were later discussed with myself and in some cases re-checked.

J. W. Rodgers, Sergt.  
Intelligence Service.

A copy of report "A" dealing with Arc lights is ordered to be forwarded to the Tramway Company.

A copy of report "B" dealing with Private and house lights is ordered to be forwarded to the Chief

*H. R. Wallerstein  
Incom. Co. ✓  
Evergreen ✓  
Chief of Police ✓  
Capt. Taylor ✓*

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of Police.

RICHMOND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT.

Read letter Deputy Provincial Secretary, as follows:

Office of Provincial Secretary,  
28th June, 1917.

The City Clerk,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Sir:-

I beg to inform you that on the 27th instant the Governor in Council under Section 893 of the Halifax City Charter was pleased to approve of the Contract proposed to be entered into by the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax and Rhodes, Curry, Company, Limited, for the making of by the latter of alterations and additions to Richmond School for the sum of Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-six Dollars and Eighty Cents, and according to plans and specifications prepared by Harris & Horton, Architects.

Fred. F. Mathers,  
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

Filed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - MOTOR CAR FOR CHIEF.

Read account Chas. Brister & Son, Limited, \$1480.00, for a D-44 McLaughlin with spare tire, for the Chief of the Fire Department.

The account is passed for payment.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - MOTOR PUMPING ENGINE.

Read agreement between the American LaFrance Fire Engine Company of Canada and the City of Halifax for the sale of a motor fire engine at \$12000.00 for the Halifax Fire Department.

Referred to the City Solicitor to look over and report.

ALBERT STREET #91 - SEWERAGE FRONTAGE FRONTAGE RICHMOND

ARD TUFFTS.

Read report City Assessor re sewerage frontage Albert Street, Richard Tuffts, as follows:-

Office of City Assessor  
June 22nd, 1917.

To His Worship the Mayor and  
Members Board of Control:-  
Gentlemen:-

As far as I can get from our Records, Richard

*Council ✓*

*Council ✓  
(accounts)*

*Solicitor ✓*

July 3rd, 1917.

Tuffts has never been assessed for the piece of land in question.

It had been included in the Assessment of Wm. Moore and it was not until last fall that we discovered any error in this, and when ex-Controller Harris, acting for Mr. Moore produced the evidence showing that 30 feet of this land did not belong to him. We have been for some time endeavoring to locate an owner for it, but up to the present we have not been successful.

P. J. McManus,  
City Assessor.

The City Collector is instructed to refund to Mr. Tuffts the amount of sewerage frontage fees, paid to the City, on property which he did not own.

POLICEMEN.

Controller Taylor verbally reports recommending the appointment of Clarence Andrew Johnston and Jeremiah LaMont Power as policemen. Accepted.

DUFFUS AND LUNCH STREETS ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Read petition for an electric light at the corner of Lunch and Duffus Streets.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

WILLOW STREET CURB AND GUTTER.

Read petition for a curbing and gutter on the south side of Willow Street, between Cliften and Gladstone Streets.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

WATER BILL 41 EDWARD STREET - W. E. HEBB.

Controller Murphy verbally reports recommending that the water meter bill of W. E. Hebb, 41 Edward Street, be reduced from \$20.25 to \$10.00, with the usual caution.

Approved.

CAMP HILL CEMETERY.

Controller Hines calls attention to the fact that complaints had been made to him by citizens for the necessity of more watchfulness to prevent boys from running over graves, etc. at Camp Hill Cemetery.

His Worship the Mayor informed the board that a spec-

City Collector ✓

Chief of Police ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

Council ✓

H. D. Halloway ✓

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ial constable had recently been sworn in for duty at  
the Cemetery

The complaints are referred to the Chairman of the  
Cemetery for attention.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

Accounts chargeable to the City Prison amounting to  
\$193.62 are submitted and passed for payment, as follows:-

City Prison.

J. J. Scriven & Sons	Bread	\$19.43
Bauld Bros. Ltd.	Groceries	69.70
G. C. Hartlen & Co.	Oxheads	8.60
S.C. Thompson	Feed	36.72
Robt. Taylor, Co.	Slippers, etc.	6.73
J. & M. Murphy Ltd.	Drygoods	11.69
Halifax Seed Store	Farm Seeds	9.07
Morton & Thompson	Hardware	7.60
N.S. Fertilizing Co.	Fertilizer	8.50
Irwin & Sons	Drugs	3.00
Maritime Tel. Co.	Rental	4.50
N.s. Tramways	Current	1.44
D.J. McIntosh	Horseshoeing	8.65
		<u>\$193.62</u>

Council

Fire Department  
Chas. Bush & Son      Chief's Automobile      \$ 1480.00

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*

P. F. Martin.  
MAYOR.

*Kathleen Monaghan*  
ACTING SECRETARY.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

July 5th, 1917. -

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Hines, Murphy and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Nova Scotia Temperance Act Enforcement.  
Fire Department - Report of Chief for June.  
Dangerous Wharves.  
Chemical Engine for Islesville Fire Station.  
Superannuation Assessments Margaret B. Mulcahy.  
Traffic Regulations - Complaint from Tram Company.  
Mott and Oxford Streets Electric Light.  
City Home - Tenders for Mason Work.  
City Home - Report for June.  
Police department Waggon.  
Cunard Street Drainage at #77 - R. A. Guildford.  
Hollis Street Sidewalk.- Government House Wall.  
City Engineer's Annual Report.  
Annual Civic Report.  
Imperial Oil Company Oil Tanks.  
Plumbing in Janitor's Quarters, City Hall.  
City Hall Plumbing - City Health Board Report.  
Water Bills 259 Brunswick Street - Real Estate, Limited.  
Works Department Horses.  
Abattoir - Architect's Fees.  
Contract for Granite.  
Plumbing in Dwelling Houses - 16-18-20 May Street.  
Harvard Street - Shop in Residential District.  
Refund to Street Paving Company.  
Quinpool Road - Shop in Residential District.  
Cash Statement City Treasurer for June, 1917.  
Windsor Street East Street Line.  
Young Street School Site Building Lots.  
Water Bill #51 Russell Street - Estate W. McLeod, James M. Donovan, Agent.  
Water Bill #276 1/2 Creighton Street - Charles Zwerling.  
North west Arm Intercepting Sewer - Progress Payment.  
Halifax Ocean Terminals Railway Bridges.  
Wooden Shipbuilding Site.  
Coburg Road Road Bed.  
Mumford Road.  
Accounts.

NOVA SCOTIA TEMPERANCE ACT ENFORCEMENT.

Read account E. S. Tracey, Inspector under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, \$26.55, for expenses of analyses, express charges, truckage, etc.

Also read opinion of the City Solicitor endorsed on said account, as follows:-

The above charges appear to be incurred in prosecutions under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, and as such

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payable out of the amount received in fines.

F. H. Bell,  
City Solicitor.

The account is passed for payment.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - REPORT OF CHIEF FOR JUNE.

Read report Chief of Fire Department for June, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., July 5th, 1917.

The Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

I beg to make the following report for the month of June:-

1. There were nine alarms of fire from the following causes:- woods 2; chimneys 2; hot ashes 1; oil stove upsetting 1; false 1; clothing 1.

Insurance at risk..... \$6500.00  
Insurance loss..... 1750.00

2. Lieut. James Myers of No. 2 Ladder Truck died on June 13th, 1917, after a service of about thirty-five years in the Dept.

3. Norman Tobin, relief driver, resigned on July 1st.

4. Albert Taylor, hoseman on Motor Engine "Patricia", resigned on June 30th.

Recommendations.

5. That Capt. Howley of No. 1 Steamer be appointed District Chief, vice District Chief Brunt appointed Assistant Chief.

6. That Lieut. Broderick of No. 6 Hose be appointed Captain of No. 1 Steamer, vice Captain Howley appointed District Chief.

7. That John Pelham, callman No. 6 Hose, be appointed Lieut. of No. 6 Hose, vice Lieut. Broderick appointed Captain of No. 1 Steamer.

8. I wish to state in making the above recommendations that Captain Howley has been connected with the Fire Department for the past twenty years; Lieut. Broderick for the past fourteen years, and callman John Pellham for the past nine years.

E. Condon,  
Chief H. F. D.

Also read report from Controller Hines as to the reinstating of Frank Lewin as a member of the call force, as follows:-

Halifax, June 19th, 1917.

The Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

In reference to reinstating Mr. Frank Lewin to the call force of the Halifax Fire Department. I find

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that this is impossible without breaking the charter rules of the Department, as Rule 7 distinctly states that any member joining the Department must be between the ages of twenty-one and thirty years.

Hoping this information will be satisfactory to you,

J. J. Hines,  
Controller.

Consideration of above reports is deferred.

DANGEROUS WHARVES.

Read report Chief of the Fire Department re dangerous wharves, as follows:-

Halifax, July 5th, 1917.

The Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

After making a thorough inspection of the wharves on the water front, I wish to make the following report, there being only six wharves on which a steam fire engine can be satisfactorily put to work, viz.-

Halifax Tram Co. Wharf.  
G. S. Campbell Co. Wharf.  
Plant Wharf.  
Pickford & Black's Wharf.  
Furness Withy Co. Wharf.  
Deep Water Terminus

I would also say that the Motor "Patricia" can be put to work on the following wharves:-

Hart's Wharf.  
McKenzie Coal Co. Wharf.  
Robin, Jones & Whitman Wharf.  
Neville's Wharf.  
Mitchell's Wharf.  
Bissett's Wharf.  
N. & M. Smith's Wharf.  
City Landing.  
Grant's Wharf.  
John Tobin & Co. Wharf.  
Imperial Oil Co. Wharf.  
Henry's Ltd. Wharf.  
Cronan's North Wharf. (Mackey Bennett).  
Dominion Molasses Co. Wharf.  
De Wolfe's Wharf.

This is the only engine that could be put to work on wharves above mentioned. There are also ten wharves on which it would be impossible to put either a steam fire engine or motor engine to work, viz.-

Dominion Coa. Co. Wharf.  
Cunard Coal Wharf.  
A. N. Whitman's Wharf.  
George Boak's Wharf.  
McFatrige's Wharf.  
Cronan's South Wharf.  
Brookfield's Wharf.  
Liverpool Wharf.  
Roache's Coal Wharf.  
Black & Flinn's Wharf.

E. Condon,  
Chief H. F. D.

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*MSB 7 June ✓  
Underwriting.*

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters.

CHEMICAL ENGINE FOR ISLESVILLE FIRE STATION.

Read report Chief of Fire Department relating to cost of procuring and cost of maintenance of a motor chemical engine for Islesville Fire Station, as follows:-

Halifax, July 3rd, 1917.

The Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

In reference to the upkeep of a double tank motor chemical engine, I wish to state that it would cost fifteen hundred and sixty dollars a year to put the reserved chemical now at West Street Engine House in commission at Islesville. It would cost twenty-eight hundred and ten dollars, which would be a saving to the City by the keeping of a double tank motor chemical engine, which would amount to twelve hundred and fifty dollars.

Upkeep of chemical engine now in reserve at West Street, per year	\$2810.00
Upkeep of double tank motor chemical, per year	1560.00
Difference in upkeep of those two pieces of apparatus would be	1250.00

per year in favor of a motor chemical.

E. Condon,  
Chief H. F. D.

Moved by Controller Hines that the City purchase from the Americal LaFrance Fire Engine Co. for \$3810.00 a double tank chemical motor car, under an agreement with said Company that they will await payment for the same until legislative authority is obtained at the next session of the Local Legislature.

*Cont-Hines ✓*

The matter is referred to Controller Hines to consult with the City Solicitor and further report.

SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENTS MARGARET B. MULCAHY.

Read report Trustees of the Superannuation Fund, as follows:-

Halifax, July 4th, 1917.

His Worship Mayor Martin and  
Members of the Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

*Miss Mary Mulcahy ✓*

The application for the refund of monies paid into the superannuation fund of officials by the late Mrs. Mulcahy is approved.

A resolution of Council is requested by the Board

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of Trustees ordering the payment of \$177.60 to her legal representative.

James J. Hopewell,  
City Treasurer.

Approved.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS - COMPLAINT FROM TRAM COMPANY.

Read complaint from the Tramway Company of obstruction of a street car by Heber Hartlen's auto on June 29th.

Referred to Controller Taylor for investigation.

The Secretary is instructed to forward to Controller Taylor a copy of the petition from the motormen and conductors of the Tramway Company re street traffic regulations, submitted at meeting of the Board of Control April 12th, 1917, and Controller Taylor and the City Solicitor are requested to prepare such ordinances as may be required in line with the suggestions made.

*Cont - Taylor  
Solicitor ✓*

MOTT AND OXFORD STREETS ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Read petition residents of Seldon and Mott Streets for an electric light at junction of Oxford and Mott Streets.

Referred to Controller Murphy and the City Engineer for report.

*Cont - Murphy  
Engineer ✓*

Controller Murphy informed the Board that he is dealing with the Tramway Company in regard to the installation of additional lights.

CITY HOME - TENDERS FOR MASON WORK.

Tenders for pointing chimneys and mason work at the City Home are received and opened as follows:-

John Foley                    \$130.00  
S.A. Marshall & Son        119.00

*Jos. Bryson  
Council ✓*

It is decided to recommend to Council the acceptance of the tender of S. A. Marshall & Son.

CITY HOME - REPORT FOR JUNE.

Read report City Home for the month of June, showing the number of inmates to have been 272, and informing the Board that the contract of Wentzell's Limited for supplying groceries to the institution will expire July 31st.

*Council ✓*

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It is decided to recommend to Council that the Acting Superintendent be authorized to obtain from the previous tenderers quotations for groceries supplies for three months from August 1st.

POLICE PATROL WAGGON.

Controller Taylor submits tender from A. J. McNutt, \$100.00, for repairs to police patrol waggon, the only tender received.

It is decided to recommend to Council the acceptance of the tender.

CUNARD STREET - DRAINAGE AT #77, R. A. GUILDFORD.

Read complaint of defective drainage at property of R. A. Guildford, 77 Cunard Street.

Referred to the City Engineer.

HOLLIS STREET SIDEWALK - GOVERNMENT HOUSE WALL.

Controller Binlay called attention of the Board to the dangerous condition of the stone wall surrounding the Government House property on the east side of Hollis Street, and also the stone flag sidewalk in that block.

Referred to Controller Murphy and the City Engineer to take up with the Hon. the Commissioner of Works and Mines.

CITY ENGINEER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Controller Murphy called attention to the cost of printing the City Engineer's annual report because of the large quantity of matter contained in it and the number of copies printed.

Referred to Controller Binlay for report.

ANNUAL CIVIC REPORT.

Controbler Finlay is requested to report as to the advisability of reducing the quantity of matter contained in the annual civic report and as to the advisability of making it a purely financial statement.

IMPERIAL OIL COMPANY OIL TANKS.

Read report Acting City Engineer and letter from the

Council ✓

Engineer ✓

Cont. Murphy ✓  
Engineer ✓

Cont. Finlay ✓  
Engineer ✓

Cont. Finlay ✓  
Auditor ✓

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Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters re petition of Imperial Oil Co. to instal underground oil tanks at their wharf, as follows:-

Halifax, June 30th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

Acting under instructions of your Board, I wrote to the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters as to whether there would be any objection to the Imperial Oil Company locating two underground tanks at their wharf, and I have received a reply from them, copy of which is attached.

It will be noticed that the Board of Fire Underwriters object to the location of these tanks, and state that if the proposition is carried out, the insurance rates along the water front will be increased.

The method of construction proposed appears to me to be a safe one and danger from fire would appear to be less than if the Oil Company stored their oil and gasoline in barrels. However, in view of the fact that the insurance companies will raise the rates on surrounding property, it is questionable whether it would be wise for the Board to grant the request of the Oil Co.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

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Halifax, June 28th, 1917.

H. W. Johnston, Esq.,  
Acting City Engineer,  
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

Again referring to your favors of the 2nd and 3th inst., I now have to advise you that at the regular meeting of my Board held on the 26th inst., the Imperial Oil Co.'s proposal to instal these tanks was dealt with, and it was decided that the Board reaffirms the position taken in connection with this matter in the year 1914, viz.- that it does not approve of the proposition and that it go on record as being absolutely opposed to the introduction of this system in the above named locality where there are such heavy valves, so much wooden construction and such congestion, and that it is felt that if the proposition is carried out as outlined, that it will call for increased insurance rates along the water front, if not forcing some companies to refrain entirely from writing the Halifax water front business.

In arriving at this decision, the regulations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters in connection with the installation of Containers for Hazardous Liquids (Storing and handling) were consulted, and which are that "On tide water, tanks should be located well away from shipping districts." And again require that "Steamers, barges or vessels loading or discharging oil in bulk shall not load or discharge at wharves, other than those used by the Oil Company, and such wharves shall be well isolated from all

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burnable property or wharfage".

Edward J. Fahie,  
Secretary.

Also read telegram from S. S. Shatford of the Imperial Oil Co., as follows:-

City Engineer,  
Halifax, N. S.

Believing reply Underwriters does not represent best insurance opinion in Canada or United States would like discuss matter with Board Control before they finally consider our proposition.

*Engineer ✓  
Shatford ✓*

S. S. Shatford.

Consideration of the matter is deferred until Mr. Shatford has an opportunity to appear before the Board.

PLUMBING IN JANITOR'S QUARTERS, CITY HALL.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, July 5th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

The plumbing in the janitor's quarters in the City Hall is in a very dilapidated and insanitary condition, and requires renewal. I have had the plumbing inspector prepare a specification for the work required and have asked for tenders for same.

*Council ✓*

M. F. Burns	tenders to do the work for	\$152.00.
J. W. Martin		165.00
Geo. H. Kinsman		207.00

Mr. Burns' tender is, in the opinion of the plumbing inspector, a reasonable one for the work required, and I would recommend that the contract be awarded to him to instal the necessary plumbing.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

CITY HALL PLUMBING - CITY HEALTH BOARD REPORT.

Read reports City Health Board and Plumbing Inspector re plumbing in City Hall, as follows:-

Halifax, July 5th, 1917.

The Mayor and Members Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

Attached is a copy of a letter from the Plumbing Inspector, as requested by you, on the condition of the plumbing in the whole of the City Hall, with particular referende to the plumbing in the police department and the lock-up.

At a meeting of the Board of Health yesterday I was instructed to forward a copy of the report to you

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with a request that the recommendations contained therein, viz., that the entire plumbing in the City Hall be renewed with modern plumbing and fixtures throughout, be carried out.

J. A. Watters,  
Secretary.

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Halifax, June 25th, 1917.

Chairman and Members Board of Health.  
Gentlemen:-

In compliance with instructions from your Board, I beg to report as to the sanitary condition of the whole of the City Hall and particularly with reference to the police quarters and lock-up.

Upon inspection I found the plumbing in the City Hall in a very unsanitary state, due to numerous defects. Among these include urinals draining through pot traps without vents; basins and sinks, no vents; w. c.'s leaking at floor joints; basins wasting into vent horns of w. c.'s; fixtures in dark and unventilated places; poor water supply and flush to fixtures; crock drains in basement leaking and all vent pipes to roof are leaking. All the main vent pipes to roof are of sheet metal material, which should be of cast iron.

In regard to the plumbing arrangements and conditions in the police department, I wish to report that some slight improvements are being made. The plumbing in this department has been in bad shape and the present improvements, while not bringing it up to standard, will help to improve matters some.

Slight improvements are to be made in the janitor's department, but these will not be sufficient to make the plumbing arrangements near perfect.

In view of the very unsanitary conditions of the whole of the plumbing arrangements in the City Hall, I would recommend that the entire plumbing be renewed with modern plumbing work and fixtures throughout.

W. P. Morrissey,  
Plumbing Inspector.

Referred to the City Engineer for general report and for an estimate of cost.

WATER BILL 259 BRUNSWICK STREET - REAL ESTATE, LTD.

Read report Acting City Engineer re water bill Real Estate, Ltd., at #259 Brunswick Street, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 5th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering letter from Real Estate Ltd., asking for a reduction in water bills at #259 Brunswick Street.

*City Hall Board  
Engineer*

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The period for which reduction is claimed extends from the year ending May 1915 to May 1917. For the period from June 22nd 1914 until November 1st 1915, the water was turned off the property, and the company is entitled to a reduction in its bills for this period of the amount of the domestic rate.

From this date until April 1916 the premises were occupied. On this latter date, the claim is made that the water pipes were cut and water was used only in the basement of the house serving one toilet until February 1st, 1917.

It has never been the practice of the Department to make a reduction in a bill on the ground that any of the fixtures in the property were not in use, unless the same were removed entirely. This, I think, is the only proper course to pursue, as we have no means of knowing whether water is used in the fixtures or not between inspections.

I would recommend that the bill be reduced by the amount of the domestic rate from June 22nd, 1914, to November 1st, 1915, and that the remainder of the bill stand as submitted.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

WORKS DEPARTMENT HORSES.

Read report Acting City Engineer re purchase of a pair of horses for the Works Department, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 4th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

Owing to the increased area of the district from which ashes and garbage are removed, and the larger amount of the same in the outlying districts, it is necessary to purchase another pair of working horses for the Department. I have tried out several horses and would recommend that a pair belonging to James Nolen be purchased for \$525.00. The veterinary surgeon has inspected these horses and certified them sound, and he also has reported that he considers them suitable for our work.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

ABATTOIR - ARCHITECT'S FEES.

Read report Acting City Engineer re payment to W. E. Barrett, architect for the Public Abattoir, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 5th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to Wm. E. Barrett of the sum of six hundred and seventy-two dollars (\$672.00) being the balance in full due him for designing the abattoir.

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The amount of Mr. Barrett's bill was \$1572.00, being 5% of the estimated cost of the building, \$31,440.00.

The original agreement with Mr. Barrett provided for this amount for the designs, and he has agreed, in addition, to have his assistant superintend the construction without any extra charge.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

CONTRACT FOR GRANITE.

Read certificates Acting City Engineer re progress payments to Andrew W. Yeadon on contract for granite, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 4th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to Andrew W. Yeadon of the sum of two hundred and ninety-two dollars and ninety six cents (\$292.96) on account of his contract for delivery of granite -

94.50 ft. circ. curb @ \$1.75	\$165.38
94.50 " " gutter @ \$1.35	127.58
	<u>\$292.96</u>

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

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City Engineer's Office,  
July 4th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to Andrew W. Yeadon of the sum of two hundred and forth dollars (\$240.00) on account of his contract for delivery of granite -

24 manhole tops @ \$10                      \$240.00.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

PLUMBING IN DWELLING HOUSES - 16, 18, 20 MAY STREET

Read certificate Acting City Engineer recommending payment to W. S. Craig of \$298.00, being the amount in full for plumbing work at 16, 18, 20 May Street, under City Health Board regulations. Approved.

*Council ✓*

HARVARD STREET - SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 4th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

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I beg to submit herewith application for a building on the east side of Harvard Street between Duncan Street and Chebuoto Road, proposed to be used as a shop. The owner is H. A. Negis; estimated value of shop \$350; size 13 x 13, one storey high. Notice of the application was published by three insertions in the Echo and Mail, the last on the 29th of June. No objections have as yet been filed in this office.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer,

The Acting City Engineer is instructed to issue the permit applied for.

REFUND TO STREET PAVING COMPANY.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 5th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

The guarantee period of the paving laid by the Warren Bituminous Paving Company of Ontario, Limited, expired last April, and under the terms of their contract they are entitled to a refund of the deposit made when the contract was entered into.

I would recommend that the City Treasurer be instructed to refund this to them.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Recommended to the City Council for approval.

QUINPOOL ROAD - SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 4th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering application from George T. Murray for permission to add a verandah to the building occupied by him as a shop on Quinpool Road near the North West Arm Bridge.

I do not think it advisable that any addition be made to this building. The City, by purchasing Mr. Dickson's land and refusing him a permit to build, has settled on a policy that the shore of the Arm on the west side of Quinpool Road from the Arm Bridge to the Flynn property shall not be built upon, and it will probably be necessary at some time in the future to buy Mr. Murray's house and remove the same.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

On motion of Controller Murphy, it is decided to request Mr. Murray to appear before the Board at any

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of its regular meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays to discuss his application, and consideration of the report is deferred in the meantime.

CASH STATEMENTS CITY TREASURER FOR JUNE, 1917.

Read cash statements City Treasurer for the month of June.

Referred to the City Council for its information.

WINDSOR STREET EAST STREET LINE.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
June 30th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that the question of leasing the land between the old and new street lines on the east side of Windsor Street between Willow and Charles Streets is a matter of policy for the Board to decide.

There is no doubt that it will improve the appearance of the street to have the fences built to the new line rather than the way they are at present. The objection I see to leasing the property instead of selling, is, that whenever the City requires a small strip for street widening, it has to pay a good price for it, and it would appear to me to be desirable for street purposes that where we have a portion of the street not required for street purposes, to sell, the abutting owners should be compelled to pay for the same.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines that the City Engineer prepare and submit to the Board a lease of the properties referred to in his report, the lease to be for a nominal rental, and to contain the usual conditions.

YOUNG STREET SCHOOL SITE BUILDING LOTS.

Read report Acting City Engineer re sale of Young Street school site building lots, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 4th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I have an application from James R. Harris for the purchase of lot #3 of the Young Street school site. He

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states he is willing to pay therefor the same as has been paid for the other lots. I have also a letter of the same date from E. S. Giffin, offering to purchase lot #3 and asking if he could get #4 also, on instalments.

*Engineer*

These are the only two lots remaining unsold on the old school property. We have sold the others at the rate of \$325 each. I would recommend that lot #3 be sold to James R. Harris, who has already purchased lots #5 and #6, for this sum, and that lot #4 be sold to E.S. Giffin for the same price.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

The report is approved on condition that Mr. Giffin pays cash for lot #4.

WATER BILL 51 RUSSELL STREET - ESTATE W. McLEOD,  
JAMES M. DONOVAN, AGENT.

Read report Acting City Engineer submitted at meeting May 3rd, 1917, re water bill at #51 Russell Street, Estate W. McLeod, James M. Donovan, agent, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
April 18th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering complaint of James M. Donovan, agent Estate W. McLeod, that the water bills for the half years ending September 1914 and March 1915 are excessive. The following statement shows the half-yearly bills for the periods mentioned.

½-year ending March 1914	\$7.27
" " Sept. 1914	15.57
" " Mar. 1915	23.00
" " Sept. 1915	6.00

At this late date it is impossible to say exactly the cause of these bills, but I have had the premises examined and the inspector informs me that from the look of the plumbing, the cause of the large amount of the bills is evident. The pipes have been repaired in a great number of places, which shows that there must have been a great deal of leakage from this cause. The present occupant of the premises told him that a closet had to be kept running all winter to keep from freezing and that until a short time ago, water was leaking and wasting continually. The meter was tested and found correct. Under these circumstances, I cannot recommend any reduction and do not think any reduction should be made.

*Council*

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

On motion of Controller Murphy, it is decided to recommend to Council that the bill, \$23.00, be reduced to \$10.00, and that Mr. Donovan be given the usual caution

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in regard to waste of water.

WATER BILL 267½ CREIGHTON STREET - CHARLES ZWERLING.

Controller Murphy verbally reports recommending that the water bill charged against property of Charles Zwerling at 276½ Creighton Street, \$23.02, be reduced to \$10.00. Approved. (See report Acting City Engineer in Board of Control minutes, June 12th, 1917.)

Council ✓

NORTH WEST ARM INTERCEPTING SEWER - PROGRESS PAYMENT.

Read certificate Acting City Engineer for progress payment on contract for North West Arm intercepting sewer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 3rd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir:-

Certificate #2.

I beg to recommend payment to the Cook Construction Co. & Wheaton Bros. of the sum of fourteen thousand two hundred and fifty-one dollars and one cent (\$14,251.01) on account of their contract for constructing the North West Arm intercepting sewer -

Estimated value of work done to June 30th	\$36,217.77
15% retained	5,432.66
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	30,785.11
Paid on certificate #1	16,534.10
Bal. recommended	<hr/>
	\$14,251.01

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

It is decided to recommend to the city Council that the certificate be approved and the proper officials authorized to pay the amount, \$14,251.01, as soon as the City is duly placed in funds for the purpose.

Council ✓

HALIFAX OCEAN TERMINALS RAILWAY BRIDGES.

Read report Acting City Engineer in answer to letter from G. S. Campbell, re Halifax Ocean Terminals railway bridges, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 4th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering letter from Mr. G. S. Campbell, containing certain statements with regard to design of

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the bridges carrying the streets over the Halifax Ocean Terminals Railways.

The whole question of the bridges crossing the terminal railway was originally taken up by Mr. McGregor, the then superintending engineer of the Halifax Ocean Terminal Railways with Mr. Doane, your City Engineer, in 1915, when the question of the width of bridges was agreed to, and at this conference the width of the Young Avenue Bridge was agreed upon to be the full width of the street. I have Mr. Doane's original memoranda of this meeting at which I was present.

Early in 1916 the completed plans of the bridges were submitted to the City for approval. There were several changes and additions asked for by your engineer in the various plans submitted, including one that the young Avenue bridge should be built as agreed upon, the full width of the street and not 65 feet as shown on the plan. After several interviews with Mr. McGregor, a meeting was held in the Mayor's Office at which were present Mr. McGregor, and Mr. Brown, the chief engineer of the railways, Mr. Gutelius, Mr. Doane and myself, when the whole question of bridges was threshed out and the width of the Young Avenue bridge was agreed to at 80 feet. Subsequently, throughout the summer and fall there seemed to be a disposition on the part of the railway authorities to build this bridge of the narrower width. In January of this year it developed that a committee of the Civic Improvement League, of which Mr. Campbell was President, had been taking this matter up directly with Moncton, without any reference to your Board of Control or any department of the City, and it was then thought that this was the cause of the difficulty in the railway being unwilling to carry out its agreement.

At a meeting held in the Mayor's Office, Mr. Campbell acknowledged that the proper course to have pursued would have been to consult with the authorities elected to represent the citizens, rather than to have gone over their heads in dealing directly with Moncton. Subsequently, the Board of Control told Mr. Campbell that it would have no objections to him writing a letter to Messrs. Ross & McDonald, Montreal, asking for their opinion as to the merits of the two designs. The latter submitted an opinion dated Feb. 7th, which was sent to the City by Mr. Campbell on the 26th of Feb. 1917. The architects' letter was the subject of a report by me on March 16th, which may be referred to in the minutes of the Board of Control. In this report it was stated that while the opinion of the firm of architects was undoubtedly due to a large measure of consideration, it would appear that there were certain points in the history of the street that had not been recognized by them in arriving at their judgment, and also that it was a question whether they were in as good a position to judge of the requirements of traffic as your own Board and officials.

The second point in Mr. Campbell's letter refers to the architectural details of the bridges, in which he states that at the suggestion of his Committee, the railway department agreed that Messrs. Ross & McDonald should be consulted about the material, surface finish and architectural details of the bridges. He asked the Board of Control to act on that suggestion. He is in error when he says that they have not seen fit to do so, as the Board agreed that there was absolutely no objection to the Railway Department doing this, but that they considered it would be very proper to have such advice. If this has

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not been done, the fault is with the Railway Department and not with the City. When he speaks of the bridges being erected not only without the benefit of expert architectural advice, but actually in opposition to such advice, he is again introducing the question of the width of the Young Avenue Bridge, as this is the only point on which any difference of opinion had arisen.

As Your Worship known, the City authorities have not shown indifference towards minimizing the injury that the terminal scheme inflicts on the residential districts of the City, as the records of correspondence and meetings with the manager and engineers of the railway abundantly prove. The design of the bridges as adopted had received the sanction and approval of the railway department and the City, and if the Civic Improvement League considered that these designs were not sufficient, I beg to submit, with all due deference, that the proper course was to have approached the Board of Control or City Council and discussed the matter with them and arrived at some understanding, instead of waiting until at least two of the bridges were under construction before coming to the City, and in the meantime dealing with the railway department direct, thus hampering the City in making its arrangements with the department.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Campbell.

WOODEN SHIP BUILDING SITE.

Read report Acting City Engineer on offer of W. K. McKean to acquire a portion of the Tully property on Bedford Basin owned by the City as a site for a wooden ship building plant, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 4th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that I have prepared the accompanying plan showing the portion of the Tully lot applied for by Mr. McKean.

The Tully property, so called, was originally acquired in 1907 and consisted of two pieces of land, one with a water lot in front and the other with a water lot granted to the City on March 11th, 1851, in front of it. The price paid by the City for the whole property was \$2000.00.

Legislation was asked for at the same time to purchase the whole of the Africville property, so called, lying between Gottingen Street and the City property near Longard Road, the intention being to have this property for sites for manufacturing purposes. The latter scheme did not materialize, but the Tully property was purchased.

Mr. McKean's proposition is that if he can obtain this lot he will make a survey of the water in front of the land and if sufficient depth to launch ships can be

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got, without too great expense in preparing launchways, to start the construction of small ships. He states that in all probability he would be able to start immediately and give employment to fifty or sixty hands, including the necessary number of ship carpenters.

This was one of the purposes for which the property was originally purchased, and the question is whether the benefits to be derived from the proposed plant are sufficient to warrant the dividing of the property in two. Should it be decided to sell this portion of the property for the purpose suggested, it would appear to be advisable to make a proviso that if at any time the plant ceased to operate or some specified number of men to be employed, were not, the purchaser to be compelled to re-sell the land to the City for the purchase price. This should insure the site being used for its original purpose.

The lot asked for is somewhat larger than the whole of the original Tully lot, owing to the fact that the water lot in front of it was already owned by the City when the Tully property was purchased. I am unable to fix a fair price for the site required, and if it is decided to sell, would recommend that the Assessors be asked to put a value on it. In any case, the land in front of Gottingen Street should not be sold.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to the City Assessor and City Engineer for report as to the approximate value of the land required by Mr. McKean.

COBURG ROAD ROADBED.

Controller Taylor called attention to the bad state of the roadway on Coburg Road.

Controller Murphy states that Coburg Road will be reached in its turn for repairs.

MUMFORD ROAD.

On motion of Controller Murphy, the City Engineer is instructed to make some permanent repairs to Mumford Road.

ACCOUNTS.

Accounts chargeable to various departments are passed for payment, as follows:-

City Home \$3901.26; Health Board \$41.81; Police Department \$380.80; Fire Department \$2943.50; General Accounts \$1224.27; Works Department \$7351.59.

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City Home.

Gunn & Co.	Flour	322.75
Wentzell's Ltd.	Groceries	631.93
H.L. Williston	Meats	510.35
Davis & Fraser	Pork	112.50
Smith & Proctor	Butter	179.99
A. Wilson & Son	fresh fish	38.34
W. Y. Kennedy	Drygoods	160.85
S. C. Thompson	Forage	140.60
James Watson	Milk	111.37
A. Fordham	Leather	2.67
David Dunlap	Leather Building fence	83.00
Chronicle Pub. Co.	Advertising	2.09
Blackadar Bros.	"	3.10
Halifax Herald	"	2.09
Fleischmann & Co.	Yeast	3.90
Hillis & Sons, Ltd.	Range	212.00
N.S. Tram Co., Ltd.	Light	17.51
H. McFatrige	Horseshoeing	3.44
Buckley Coal Co.	Coal	134.16
C.G. Putner	Dispensing	50.00
Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.	Hardware	6.64
John Starr, Son & Co.	Electric lamps	.90
Baldwin & Co.	Crockeryware	5.90
Brander, Morris & Co.	Oilcloth	22.67
Willis Bros.	Repairs	10.15
W.S. Munnis	Clothing	66.50
J. McD. Taylor	Insect powder	2.50
Black & Flinn	Lime	2.75
H.H. Banks	Potatoes	60.00
J.F. Outhit & Son	Cabbage	5.00
B.J. Mulcahy	Cash expended	187.81
Salaries	Junepaysheet	807.80
		<u>\$3901.26</u>

Health Board.

John Starr Son & Co.	Battery	.45
Halifax Wet Wash	washing	13.20
Telephone Co.	Phones	16.20
N.S. Tramways	service	12.02
		<u>\$41.87</u>

Police Department.

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H. McFatrige	Shoeing	3.75
Kline & Mullins	Uniform, capt	6.00
City Taxi Service	Hire	6.00
Alden S. Lavers	Repairs	21.31
T.H. & T. Francis	Furniture	66.25
G. A. Burbidge	Gauze bandages, etc.	8.50
Blackadar Bros.	Advertising	4.65
Maritime Tel. Co.	Monthly acct.	18.59
T.C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	16.25
Robt. Taylor Co.	Rubber boots	229.50
		<u>\$380.80</u>

Fire Department.

N.S. Tramways & Power Co.	Light and power	30.02
Ungar's Laundry	Work	9.26
Acadian Recorder	Advertising	10.07
Wm. Roche	Coal	5.00
T.C. Allen & Co.	stationery	3.10
John Davison & Son	Lumber	1.75
Maritime Tel. Co.	Phones	26.92
Robt. Taylor Co., Ltd.		160.20
Burns & Kelliher	Supplies	.50
S.C. Thompson	Fodder	378.75
Isnor Bros.	Oil coats	30.60
Edmondson & Petch	Waterproof coats	153.00
Canadian Rubber Co.	Washers	2.70

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John McInnes & Son	Lumber	23.07
Dr. H. McPartridge	Shoeing	18.50
S. Cunard & Co.	Coal	92.75
Coates Electro Plating Plant	Nickel plating	12.00
Herald	Advertising	6.27
J. M. Collins	Painting	108.00
Imperial Oil Co.	Gasoline	56.93
John Starr, Son & Co.	Electrical supplies	8.00
David Roche	Ele Paints	16.30
Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.	Hardware	31.22
Chas. Brister & Son	Chief's car	1480.00
F. W. McNally	Plumbing	14.75
Hfx. Vulcanizing Works	Repairs	3.60
Freeman & Col	Blinds	7.50
C.H. Jordan	Shoeing	15.25
S. Cunard & Co.	Coal	133.00
J. Starr Son & Co.	Supplies	99.69
Neil Fox	Saddlery	4.80
		<u>\$2943.50</u>

General Accounts.

Ross Print	Printing	22.50
T.C. Allen & Co.	Printing, etc.	
	City Assessors....	138.40
	do.....	1.40
	Mayor.....	4.75
	City Clerk.....	129.70
	City Treasurer....	7.50
		<u>281.75</u>
E.H. Blais	Support Violet Ward	
	Nov. 25/16 to June 30/17	62.00
Hazelwood Hospital	Maintenance patients qr.	
	ending May 1/17	567.86
Halifax Herald	Advertising	54.26
Blackadar Bros.	do	18.65
Can. Law Book Co.	Subscription	8.00
S.H. Holmes	Prothonotary fees	14.00
London Rubber Stamp Co.	1 Rubber stamp	.15
United Typewriter Co.	Ribbon	1.00
A.M. Fraser	Rent typewriter	30.00
The Bond Buyer	Advertising	23.10
McLean Pub. Co.	Subscription	3.00
British American Bank		
Note Co.		35.00
King's Printer	Printing City Bills	75.00
Dr. W.D. Finn	Certificates of death	
	W.W. Wilson.....	4.00
	C. Fellows.....	4.00
	M.C. White .....	4.00
	E.R. Kimble.....	4.00
	Male child, Annie	
	Newton.....	<u>12.00</u>
		28.00

Works Department.

		<u>\$1224.27</u>
Telephones		40.19
Fuel		66.50
Street Lighting		2360.81
Insurance		612.53
Loan Widening Streets		1.50
Electric wiring inspection		8.98
Sewerage		617.91
Streets		509.61
City Hall Lighting		39.00
Teams & Stables		72.40
Internal Health		119.80
Cleaning Paved Streets		8.75
Fleming Park		32.60
City Property & Market Maintenance		292.83

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Water Maintenance  
Water Construction  
Abattoir

996.73  
579.45  
672.00  

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\$7031.59  
320.00

Street Lighting, 1916-17

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

*L. J. McLaughlin*

CITY CLERK.

*Control*

WATER BILL Mrs. DANA TAYLOR, 130 SPRING GARDEN ROAD.

Controller Murphy verbally reports recommending that a water meter bill charged Mrs. Dana Taylor, 130 Spring Garden Road, \$15.17, be reduced to \$4.00.

It is decided to recommend Controller Murphy's report to the Council for adoption. Mrs. Taylor to be given the usual caution in regard to waste of water. (See report Acting City Engineer to Board of Control minutes May 29th, 1917.)

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

*L. J. McLaughlin*

CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

July 5th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this evening at 8.30 o'clock; Present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Hines, Murphy and Taylor.

WATER BILL MRS. EMMA NAYLOR, 130 SPRING GARDEN ROAD.

Controller Murphy verbally reports recommending that a water meter bill charged Mrs. Emma Naylor, 130 Spring Garden Road, \$13.17, be reduced to \$6.00.

It is decided to recommend Controller Murphy's report to the Council for adoption, Mrs. Naylor to be given the usual caution in regard to waste of water. (See report Acting City Engineer in Board of Control minutes May 29th, 1917.)

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*  
P. F. Martin  
MAYOR.

*L. Fred Moraghan*  
CITY CLERK.

*Council*

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

July 10th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Hines, Murphy and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Schools - Richmond School.  
Telephone Rates.  
Street Railway Improvement.  
Street Railway Fares for School Children.  
Street Railway Across the Common.  
Fire Department - Motor Chemical for Islesville Station.  
Fire Department - Motor Pumping Engine No. 2.  
Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.  
Fire Department.  
Fire Department - Reinstating of Frank Lewin.  
Ferry Licenses.  
Willow Park Round House Drainage at Kempt Road.  
Theatres - Fire Escapes.  
Early Closing of Shops.  
Hanover Street Ferry.  
Sarah Street.  
Water Bill 21-3 Cunard Street, John Connolly.  
Shipbuilding Plant, Africville - Tully Property.  
Water Bill No. 4 Cabot Street - Thomas Stokes.  
Water Bill No. 22 Kaye Street - Geo. A. McKenzie.  
Shop in Residential District, Quinpool Road.  
Plumbing in Dwelling Houses, 105-107 Roome Street.  
Morris Street Street Sprinkling - Sydney Locke.  
Loan from Sinking Funds, \$89,120.06.  
Loan \$200,000.00 from Royal Bank of Canada.  
Contract for Sewer Construction.  
Public Gardens Accounts.

SCHOOLS - RICHMOND SCHOOL.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners re improvements to Richmond School, (see minutes June 26th, p. 171) as follows:-

Halifax, July 6th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

*Council ✓*  
We beg to acknowledge your letter of June 30th, and referring to last paragraph, may say it was not the intention of the Board to approach the Government until such time as we had received a reply from the Board of Control, and that the letter was sent to the Government in error.

H. E. Pyke,  
Chairman Board School Commissioners.

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TELEPHONE RATES.

Read letter Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, re public hearing on telephone rates, as follows:-

July 10th, 1917.

Halifax, July 7th, 1917.

City Clerk,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

For a considerable time the Board has been investigating the matter of the telephone service being furnished by the Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co. Ltd., as well as the fairness, or otherwise, of the rate schedules of the company. In connection with such inquiry the firm of Messrs. D. C. & W. B. Jackson, consulting engineers of Boston and Chicago, were retained.

In general such an investigation naturally divides itself into two main Questions -

1st. What are the fair and reasonable telephone "needs" of the Province and wherein, if at all, does the existing service fail to meet such needs, and

2nd. Are the service rates fair and reasonable and properly distributed and what amount must be allowed to cover the cost of any additional service required to be furnished.

After careful study and after conferences with the engineering experts certain proposals for service were settled upon tentatively, the more important of which are included in the report of Messrs. Jackson to the Board.

The rate schedules worked out by Messrs. Jackson are to yield to the company a fair return on the capital invested.

A copy of the report of Messrs. Jackson is being sent to you in the hope that your City may study the same, and if you have any suggestions to offer as to service, to submit them to the Board at the public hearing to be held at the Assembly Chamber, Provincial Building, Halifax, commencing on Tuesday, July 17th at 10 o'clock, a. m.

John U. Ross.  
Chairman.

Referred to Controller Murphy, the City Engineer and the City Solicitor, with authority to attend the meetings of the Public Utilities Commission, to represent the City.

STREET RAILWAY IMPROVEMENT.

The City Engineer is requested to take up with the Tramway Company the suggestion that double curves should be laid on the Belt Line at the corner of Windsor and Almon Streets and Almon and Agricola Streets.

STREET RAILWAY FARES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

His Worship the Mayor reported that he had written yesterday to the Tramway Company, asking for cheaper

*Cont. Murphy ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Solicitor ✓*

*Engineer ✓*

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rates for school children returning from school.

STREET RAILWAY ACROSS THE COMMON.

Read letter Tramway Company, as follows:-

Halifax, July 4th, 1917.

L. Fred. Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your favor of the 4th instant, being an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Control held on the 28th day of June, in which minute inquiry is made from this Company as to when rails will be laid on the proposed tramway extension across the Common.

In reply thereto, I beg to advise that order for the rails necessary for this extension was placed in April last, and delivery of same is promised by the steel mill during the second quarter of the year 1918, which is the best delivery obtainable. Immediately upon receipt of these rails, the Company will be prepared to put this construction in hand. In the meantime an alternative study of the route across the Common, as suggested by the City engineer, is being made by the Company's Engineers, and the plans thereof will be duly submitted to the City authorities for their approval in ample time to permit of the construction being carried through.

H. R. Mallison,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT - MOTOR CHEMICAL FOR ISLESVILLE  
STATION.

In connection with the suggested purchase of a motor chemical engine for Islesville fire station, Controller Hines submits a form of letter drafted by the City Solicitor proposed to be forwarded to the agent of the American LaFrance Fire Engine Co., as follows:-

Halifax, July 5th, 1917.

E. P. Meagher, Esq.,  
Agent American LaFrance Fire Engine Co.,  
C i t y.

Sir:-

In reference to the purchase of the Ford car referred to in yours of the 27th of June, I am instructed by the Board of Control to call to your attention the position of the City so that there may be no misunderstanding.

At present the City has no money with which to purchase the engine, and will not until legislation has been obtained authorizing it to be procured either by assessment or borrowing. This cannot be done until next spring. It is practically certain that the Legislature

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will give the requisite authority, but in the meantime the City cannot make a binding contract, and the members of the Board of Control and City Council who undertook to make such a contract would be personally liable upon it.

If your Company is willing to sell the engine on the understanding that it is not to be paid for until the necessary legislation is obtained, and also that in no event it will look to the members of the Council personally, the City may be able to do business with your Company, but not otherwise.

J. J. Hines,  
Controller.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT - MOTOR PUMPING ENGINE NO. 2.

Read letter American LaFrance Fire Engine Co., stating that they will be unable to supply the motor fire engine they are now building for the City with multiple point ignition system or with gasoline tank with space for lubricating oil, and that in accordance with their letter accompanying their tender, an allowance will be made of \$250.00.

Referred to Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department for report.

UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA MUNICIPALITIES.

Read letter Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities re convention at Truro August 29, 30, 31, as follows:-

Bridgewater, N.S., July 9th, 1917.

L. Fred. Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk,  
Halifax, N. S.

My Dear Sir:-

The 12th annual convention of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities will be held at Truro, N.S., on August 29-30-31 next. Will you please communicate this to your Council and ask them to appoint ~~edit~~ their delegates thereto.

A program of practical interest and excellence is already assured that will be fully up to the standard of past conventions, and we trust that your Council will be well represented. I shall later send the members of your Council a copy of the program as soon as it is out.

If there is any matter by way of resolution or otherwise that your Council wishes to place before the convention, will you please notify me of the same at an early date as possible.

Remind your delegates to purchase only a single one way ticket to Truro and at the same time get a standard certificate from the ticket agent and to hand in the same at the convention.

*Cont. Hines  
Chief Fire Dept.*

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Will you please also report to me the names of your delegates, and oblige,

Arthur Roberts,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

Referred to City Council.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read report Chief Fire Department for the month of June. (see minutes July 5th, 1917, p. 198).

Read recommendation that Capt. Howley be appointed District Chief.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Taylor that the recommendation be approved.

Motion passed, His Worship the Mayor dissenting.

The balance of the report is adopted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - REINSTATING OF FRANK LEWIN.

Read report Controller Hines (see minutes July 5th, p. 198) against the reinstating of Frank Lewin as a member of the call force.

It is decided to recommend to Chief Condon that Frank Lewin be reinstated as a member of the call force of the Fire Department.

FERRY LICENSES.

Controller Taylor verbally reports recommending that ferry licenses be granted as follows:-

- Chas. Duggan, at foot of Hanover Street.
- G. A. Holmes, between Tuft's Cove and the Acadia Sugar Refinery.
- Edward W. Barry, from Hanover Street to Dumaresq's Wharf, Dartmouth.
- Holmes, at Plant Wharf.

Controllers Murphy and Finlay dissent.

The foregoing licenses not to be issued until the applicants present satisfactory certificates from the Harbor Master.

WILLOW PARK ROUND HOUSE DRAINAGE AT KEMPT ROAD.

The City Engineer is instructed to write to Supt. Hayes of the Canadian Government Railways, relating to the drainage from the railway round house at Willow Park into a swamp on private property, Kempt Road, near the

*Council. ✓*

*Council. ✓*

*Chief Fire Dept. ✓*

*Asst. City Clerk ✓  
Chief of Police ✓  
Harbor Master ✓  
Cont. Taylor ✓*

*Engineer ✓*

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Three Mile House.

THEATRES - FIRE ESCAPES.

Read report Acting City Engineer re safety to life in theatres, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 9th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report that in accordance with your instructions I have notified the owners and lessees of the following theatres - Ackers, Empire, Imperial, King Edward and Strand, of the alterations required to make the buildings comply with the Building Act. I have also notified them that if the alterations necessary are not carried out before the 4th day of August, 1917, the license to operate a place of amusement in said premises will be cancelled.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

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EARLY CLOSING OF SHOPS.

Agreeably to question asked by Alderman Hart at meeting of Council July 5th, the City Solicitor informs the Board that the City Ordinance relating to early closing of shops is in due form, is legally effective, and can be enforced.

*Solicitor ✓*  
The Secretary is instructed to furnish the city Solicitor with references in the city Council minutes of litigation in regard to the early closing act some years ago. (See printed minutes of Council June 9th, 1904, page 42.)

HANOVER STREET FERRY.

Read joint report Acting City Engineer and Controller Taylor re lease of land and ferry privileges to William Duggan at the foot of Hanover Street, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 10th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering letter from William Duggan asking for an extension of the lease of the landing and privileges at the foot of Hanover Street. In view of the fact that the licenses for ferry privileges have to be taken out annually and conditions may materially alter from year to year, I consider it inadvisable to grant a lease of these privileges for a longer period than one year, the lease to contain the usual conditions

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for cancellation if the lessee does not fulfil its provisions.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.  
G. A. Taylor,  
Controller.

Approved.

SARAH STREET.

Read opinion City Solicitor re claim of the Eastern Trust Co., representing the Moren Estate, for payment for land for the extension of Sarah Street through to June Street, stating that the street is a public highway and that the owners cannot close it against the public, and is therefore of practically no value to them. (See City Engineer's report June 19th, 1917, p. 164).

A copy of the City Solicitor's opinion is ordered to be forwarded to the Eastern Trust Co.

WATER BILL 21-23 CUNARD STREET - JOHN CONNOLLY.

Read report Acting City Engineer re water meter bill 21-23 Cunard Street, John Connolly, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
April 26th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that I have had the meter and plumbing examined at 21-3 Cunard Street, and the foreman reports that he can find nothing wrong with either. The consumption for recent months at these premises, is as follows:-

<u>1915.</u>		
May	14,500 gals.	June 12,800 gals.
July	15,000	Sept. 23,700
Nov.	33,600	Dec. 12,900
<u>1916.</u>		
Jan.	11,900	Mar. 10,100
Apr.	12,500	June 161,700
July	20,200	Aug. 11,800
Sept.	14,400	Oct. 9,200
Nov.	12,800	Dec. 9,300
<u>1917.</u>		
Jan.	8,700	

While the consumption is higher than it should be, from the records it would appear that there has been carelessness in the use of water, and I cannot see that the owner of the premises is entitled to any reduction.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to Controller Murphy for report.

*Council ✓*

*Eastern Trust Co. ✓*

*Cont. Murphy ✓*

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SHIP BUILDING PLANT, AFRICVILLE, TULLY PROPERTY.

Read joint report City Assessor and Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 8th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

We beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that we have discussed the matter of the valuation of that portion of the Tully property asked for by Mr. McKean for ship building purposes.

If the land were valued as so much land without any reference to its value in connection with the water lot, probably a fair price for it would be about \$1300, but we wish to point out that this is hardly a fair way to value this, as on account of the waterlot attached and owing to the fact that water front properties are becoming scarce in Halifax, and also owing to the fact that it divides up the large lot of the city into two small ones, we think the City should obtain for the land and water lot together at least \$3000.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.  
P. J. McManus,  
City Assessor.

*Cont. Murphy ✓*

Referred to Controller Murphy for report as to whether Mr. McKean would consider the lease instead of the purchase of the property.

WATER BILL #4 CABOT STREET - THOMAS STOKES.

Read report Acting City Engineer re water bill Thomas Stokes, #4 Cabot Street, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 10th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control and attached letter from Thomas Stokes asking to be exempt from the payment of water rates on a new bond for water extension on Cabot Street.

*Engineer ✓  
City Collector ✓  
Mr. Stokes ✓*

The water was extended to Mr. Stokes' property on Cabot Street under bond dated the 31st of May, 1899. In July 1914 the City Council decided that after ten years, bonds be cancelled, and regular rates charged. The water bonds are revised in March of each year, and Mr. Stokes' bond was cancelled in 1915.

Through an error the bills have been sent out for the bond rate. I have notified the City Collector so that corrected bills may be sent.

H. W. Johnston  
Acting City Engineer

Approved.

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WATER BILL G. A. MCKENZIE, 22 KAYE STREET.

*Engineer  
Chas. J. Woods  
Collector  
G. A. McKenzie*

On recommendation of Controller Murphy, the City engineer is instructed to adjust the water meter bill charged George A. McKenzie, 22 Kaye Street, \$10.00, on the same basis as other bills charged him were adjusted in March last.

SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT - QUINPOOL ROAD.

*Engineer*

Agreeably to notification from the Board, George T. Murray appeared in connection with his application for permission to construct a verandah on his shop on Quinpod Road, near the North West Arm Bridge, in the residential district. The Board discussed with Mr. Murray the possibility of the removal of his building to another location.

The matter is referred to the Acting City Engineer to take up with Mr. Murray in detail, and report.

PLUMBING IN DWELLING HOUSES, 105-107 ROOME STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer re tenders for plumbing in dwelling houses, 105-107 Roome Street, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 6th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

*Council*

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering tenders for plumbing under the City Health Board regulations in dwelling houses #105 and #107 Roome Street. The tender of Geo. H. Kinman, \$683, is the lowest. The Plumbing Inspector informs me that this price is reasonable, and I would recommend that the tender be accepted.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

MORRIS STREET STREET SPRINKLING - SYDNEY LOCKE.

Read report Acting City Engineer in reply to various letters from Sydney Locke re street sprinkling, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 9th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minutes of the Board of Control and attached letters from Sydney Locke

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complaining that Morris Street between Hollis and Water Streets is not watered.

*Engineer Sydney Locke*

The foreman has told me that to the best of his knowledge, this street has been watered, but that he will pay particular attention to it in the future and see that the drivers do not miss it.

H.W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Locke.

LOANS FROM SINKING FUNDS, \$89,120.06.

Read offer from the Trustees of the Sinking Funds to loan the City \$89,120.06, as follows:-

Office of City Treasurer,  
July 9th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

In view of the fact that the tenders for the City Loan of \$199,500.00 have been rejected and that the securities of the City of Halifax can be purchased in open market at the price of 93, with accrued interest, I am instructed by the Trustees of the Sinking Funds to request the concurrence of the Board of Control and City Council in fixing the price of 93 with accrued interest for the following loans which were made to the City of Halifax, pending the terms of the City's loan for \$199,500.00 under dates June 7th and 25th 1917, viz.-

Short Term	{ For the purchase of a motor sprinkler,	\$4,000.00
	" " " " hose for Fire Dept.	500.00
Loans	{ " repairs to Public Gardens Fence	1,200.00
	" " " City Home	2,500.00
5 years	{ To refund to holders of Liquor Licenses, Acts 1917	20,920.06
Long Term	{ To retire Bonds of City of Halifax	
34 years	{ falling due July 1, 1917	60,000.00
		<u>\$89,120.06</u>

*Council*

Rate of interest 5% and date July 1st, 1917

James J. Hopewell,  
City Treasurer.

Approved.

The following resolution is submitted, adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council:-

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Sinking Funds have agreed to loan the City of Halifax an amount to produce the sum of \$89,120.06 required for the following purposes-

Purchase of a motor sprinkler	\$4,000.00
" " hose for Fire Dept.	500.00
Repairs to Public Gardens Fence	1,200.00
" " City Home	2,500.00

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To refund to holders of Liquor licenses, Acts 1917	20,920.06
" retire Bonds of City of Halifax, falling due July 1, 1917	60,000.00
	<u>\$89,120.06</u>

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue to the Trustees of the Sinking Funds, stock of the City of Halifax, 1905, to an amount sufficient to produce the sum of \$89,120.06;

The rate of interest to be 5% and the date July 1st, 1917. The price of said loan shall be 93, with accrued interest.

The following items, by Acts 1917, shall be short term loans:-

For the purchase of a motor sprinkler	\$4,000.00
" " " " hose for Fire Dept.	500.00
" repairs to Public Gardens Fence	1,200.00
" " " City Home	2,500.00
To refund to holders of liquor licenses, Acts 1917	20,920.00
	<u>\$29,120.06</u>

To be long term, 34 years:-

To retire Bonds falling due July 1st, 1917 \$60,000.00

LOAN \$200,000.00 FROM ROYAL BANK OF CANADA.

Controller Finlay submits an offer from the Royal Bank of Canada to loan the City \$200,000.00 for various purposes to be secured by the hypothecation of City debentures, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 7th, 1917.

Controller Finlay,  
Chairman Finance Committee,  
City Hall, Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

Confirming our conversation of today, I beg to advise that the Bank will advance to the City a temporary loan to the extent of \$200,000, charging them interest at the rate of 5½%; this to be secured by the hypothecation of debentures at the market price. All advances will be made by way of overdraft.

It is understood that should the City desire to dispose of all or a portion of their debentures, they may do so, and apply the proceeds to the reduction of the advance mentioned.

R. L. Ritchie,  
Manager.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Taylor that the offer of the Royal Bank of Canada be accepted. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted:-

WHEREAS the City of Halifax has authority under Acts of the Legislature of Nova Scotia to borrow certain sums

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of money for certain purposes therein specified, namely:-

For the construction of public sewers, Chap. 38, Acts 1916	\$100,000
For the construction of permanent sidewalks, Chap. 47, Acts 1915	100,000
For the purchase of a motor fire engine, Chap/ 47, Acts 1915	12,500
For the construction of public sewers, Chap. 47 Acts 1917	100,000
For the construction of Abattoir, additional, Chap. 47, Acts 1917	20,000
For the construction of Public Comfort Station, Chap. 47, Acts 1917.	2,000
For expenses of Loan, Chap. 72, Acts 1908	500

under which authority certain sums have been borrowed,  
namely:-

For the construction of Public Sewers, Chap. 38 Acts 1916	10,000
For the construction of permanent sidewalks, Chap/ 47, Acts 1915	50,000

leaving the amounts so authorized to be borrowed as  
follows:-

For the construction of public sewers, Chap. 38, Acts 1916	90,000 balance
For the construction of permanent sidewalks Chap. 47, Acts 1915	20,000 part "
For the purchase of a motor fire engine, Chap. 47, Acts 1915	12,500
For the construction of public sewers, Chap. 47, Acts 1917	55,000 part
For the construction of abattoir, additional Chap. 47, Acts 1917	20,000
" expenses of loan, Chap. 72 Acts 1908	500

AND WHEREAS the City desires to borrow under the said  
authority the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars to be  
applied for the

Construction of public sewers	\$145,000
" " permanent sidewalks	20,000
" " abattoir	20,000
" " public comfort station	2,000
Purchase of motor fire engine	12,500
Loan expenses	500
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	\$200,000

AND WHEREAS it is not desirable or expedient to sell  
the bonds, stock or debentures of the City at the present  
time;

AND WHEREAS the City has authority under section 35  
of Chapter 36 of the Acts of 1916 to pledge or hypothecate  
its stock or debentures for any purpose for which it is  
authorized to borrow money and secure the same by an issue  
of stock or debentures;

THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City do borrow from the  
Royal Bank of Canada a sum not to exceed Two Hundred  
Thousand Dollars, and issue to the said Bank as security  
for the said loan its stock or debentures for the sum of  
Two Hundred and Sixteen Thousand and Eight Hundred Dollars,  
the said stock or debentures to be under the seal of the

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City and the hands of its Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk, to be repayable in one year from the date thereof, with interest thereon at the rate of five per cent per annum payable half-yearly on the first days of January and July and to form part of the Consolidated Fund of the City.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to execute upon behalf of the City all such documents, and to do and perform all such matters and things, as shall be reasonably required by the said Bank in connection with the said loan and the hypothecation of the said stock or debentures.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Taylor and passed unanimously, and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council.

*Council ✓*

CONTRACT FOR SEWER CONSTRUCTION.

The City Solicitor is requested to submit his opinion as to whether the City can contract for the construction of sewers involving expenditure in excess of the City's authorization to borrow money.

*Solicitor ✓*

PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts chargeable to the Public Gardens are passed for payment:-

Ideal Mfg. Co.		25.00
N.S. Tramways	Light	6.51
Stroud & Evans	Repairs	8.25
S.C. Thompson	Feed	28.08
Jas. Simmonds	Hardware	88.07
Fenwick Nurseries	Plants, etc.	24.50
Mahar's Transfer	Truckage	24.53
Wm. Robertson & Son	Lawn mower	18.00
R. & J. Farquhar & Co.	Plants, etc.	4.05
Rhodes Curry Co.	Lumber	2.75
W.P. Meyer	Groceries	8.35
A.L. Melvin		2.00
M.F. Burns	Plumbing	10.80
Morton & Thompson	Flags	14.00
		<u>\$264.89</u>

*Council ✓*

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*  
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

*L. J. Moraghan*  
CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

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The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Hines, Finlay, Taylor and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Coal Weighers' Monthly Report.  
Ocean Terminals Railway Bridges.  
Telephone Rates.  
High Cost of Living - Price of Bread.  
Fire Escapes.  
Shipbuilding at Africville - Tully Property  
Policeman Fox.  
Motor Street Sprinkler.  
Foster Lot Oxford Street.  
Chestnut Street Sewer.  
City Market.

COAL WEIGHERS' MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Coal Weighers for the month of June, showing each man to have received \$63.23.

Filed.

OCEAN TERMINALS RAILWAY BRIDGES.

Read letter G. S. Campbell, chairman of Civic Improvement League Committee, re Halifax Ocean Terminals Railway Bridges, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., July 11th, 1917.

To His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control,  
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:-

I see by the public press that the reply of the Acting City Engineer to the letter of the Committee of The City Improvement League anent the railway bridges, was submitted to the Board of Control on the 6th inst. The Board promised, in writing, to send me a copy of that reply, but as they have not done so I am compelled to depend upon the press report.

It is true that our Committee were late in conferring with the City authorities. That was not because we wanted to ignore them or act over their heads, but simply because we did not know that matters had advanced so far and that definite plans had been decided upon. I personally explained that to the Board, and they accepted my explanation. If, under these circumstances the Railway Dept. had refused to open the question, we would not have had a word to say, but the Dept. were quite willing to open the question and so far as the principal bridges were concerned it was not too late. The City then agreed that before action was taken, our committee would be invited to a conference with the railway authorities and the City Engineer. That promise was not kept, and the only reason given

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Was that the Acting City Engineer had neglected to notify our Committee. The City authorities know perfectly well that it is not too late yet to reopen the question if they want to do so.

With respect to consulting the architects the statement made by the Acting City Engineer is an extraordinary one. We asked that the City consult Messrs. Ross & MacDonald about the architectural details of the bridges, as the Railway Dept. had agreed to this without expense to the City. The Acting Engineer is quoted as saying:—"If this has not been done the fault is with the railway dept. and not the city." Who did he expect to do this? The whole object of our request was that the interests of the City might be protected against the railway, by consulting competent and independent architects. The railway dept. are not going to bother themselves about it if the City does not think it of sufficient importance to ask for it. The league committee cannot order it to be done, as they are not a representative body and have no authority. The League would of course be glad to be of service if the City asked for their co-operation.

Our statement therefore remains true, that these bridges are being built without the benefit of any expert architectural advice although that advice can be obtained without cost, and the responsibility for that lies entirely with the City authorities.

G. S. Campbell,  
Chairman of Committee.

Filed.

TELEPHONE RATES.

Read report Acting City Engineer re telephone rates, as follows:-

City Engineer's office,  
July 11th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

At the meeting of the Board of Control on Tuesday the 10th inst., a letter was read from the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities enclosing a report on telephone rates prepared for it by D. C. and W. B. Jackson and stating that a public hearing on the matter would be held by the Board commencing on Tuesday, July 17th.

In reading over the report I find that the citizens of Halifax and Dartmouth may be seriously affected by the proposed new rating, and while I have not yet had time to analyze this thoroughly, I think publicity should be given to certain features of it so that the interests of the citizens may be aroused, and a full investigation and discussion of the proposal be had.

To take up the rates for business telephones first, the present and proposed rates are as follows:-

G. S. Campbell ✓  
Engineer ✓

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PRESENT PROPOSED INCREASE

(a)	One party line unlimited	\$45	\$54	20%
(b)	Two " " "	40	54	35%
(c)	Four " " "	35	54	54-2/7%

The new system proposed to do away with all two and four party lines for business purposes. As an alternative to the above proposed rates, a measured service system, so called, as suggested, which provides for a guarantee of \$30 per annum for each instrument which includes 600 messages for this amount. The next 600 to be at the rate of 2½¢ each and all over 1200 to be at the rate of 2¢ each with a maximum charge for the instrument, of \$60.

If this system were adopted by the user, and assuming that the business telephones would be operated for 300 days in the year, it would mean that for the amount paid by persons using the present classes of business telephones, the following number of messages only, could be sent—

- (a) an average of 4 per day.
- (b) an average of 3-1/3 per day.
- (c) an average of 2-2/3 per day.

As the average number of calls is stated in the report to be 14½ per day, it can readily be seen that from the above comparison the majority would have to pay very largely increased rates for the same service.

For multi-party rural or farmer's lines in the Halifax district, it is proposed to increase the rates from \$30 for business and \$24 for residential, to \$36 and \$27, an increase of 20% for business and 12½% for residential purposes.

Residential Telephones — The following shows the proposed and present rates for telephone service to residences—

PRESENT PROPOSED INCREASE.

(d)	One Party line unlimited	\$30.00	\$33.00	10%
(e)	Two " " "	26.00	25.80	1% decrease
(f)	Four " " "	22.00	22.20	1%
(g)	Six " " "	18.00	22.20	25%

It is proposed to allow those in (d) to have a measured service similar to that in business premises, which means that if this were used, an average of only 1-2/3 calls per day could be sent for the present rate of \$30. It is proposed to do away with the six-party lines and have a maximum of only four.

The present party lines are "harmonic" ringing, so called, which means that each subscriber only hears the ring for his own telephone. It is proposed to do away with this for the two and four party lines and substitute the "split" ringing, which in a two party line means that each subscriber will only hear the rings for his own phone, and in the four-party line he will hear the rings for his own and one other on the line, the distinction being made by one or two rings.

From reading the comparison of present rates with proposed rates, it would appear that it is proposed to increase the rating in Halifax to a much larger extent than any other exchange. This may or may not be justifiable.

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Without an accurate statement of receipts, expenditures, and number of subscribers in the various classes, it is not possible to intelligently criticize the analysis and conclusions arrived at in the report as to what should be a fair apportionment of the running expenses between different groups of exchanges.

The object of this report will have been accomplished if the interest of the citizens is aroused so that they will make a thorough study of the proposed new ratings and appear and discuss the matter at the meeting of the Board of Public Utilities.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to the Board of Trade with the request that that Board may take the matter up as soon as possible and be in a position to practically discuss the matter before the Board of Public Utilities at its public hearings, along with representatives of the City.

HIGH COST OF LIVING - PRICE OF BREAD.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that it had been communicated to him that bread manufactured in Halifax by Lynch's Ltd. is selling in the town of New Glasgow 1½ pound loaves for seven cents wholesale and eight and nine cents retail.

The Secretary is instructed to request Lynch's Ltd. to send a representative to appear before the Board for the purpose of furnishing them with first-hand information.

FIRE ESCAPES.

Read report Acting City Engineer re fire escapes, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 12th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

The Chief of the Fire Department and the Assistant Building Inspector are making an examination of all buildings in town where fire escapes may be considered necessary, but as this will necessarily take some time, it is proposed to submit reports each month. The following premises have been inspected and found deficient in means of egress in case of fire.

*EA Summers ✓  
Secy Bd of T  
Members Council ✓*

*Letter  
to Lynch's  
Lynch's Ltd. ✓*

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Pine Hill Theological College.

This building is now used as a military hospital. There was a two-storey ell built on this building a few years ago, which has a fire proof stairway which opens into a hall but not outside. The old, large building has no outside means of exit, and the only way out is by means of ropes out of the windows, which are installed in each room. While this building is being used for hospital purposes, it is even more necessary than it was before, that proper means of egress in case of fire, should be provided.

Garden Crest.

The only outside means of egress from this apartment house on Summer Street is a wooden stairway and platform in the rear. There are twelve families in this building. The stairway and platform in the rear should be constructed of incombustible material, and means of access from one veranda to the other in front, should be provided.

School for the Blind.

In the old building the only means of escape is by ropes fastened to the wall and lowered out of the windows. There are iron fire escapes in the new addition. Fire extinguishers should be placed in the corridors and dormitories of the old building and either a fire escape or a fireproof exit should be provided.

Kingsley Apartments.

In this apartment house on South Street, there is no fire escape or fireproof stairway and either one or the other should be installed.

York and Lancaster Apartments.

There is no fire escape in this apartment house on South Street or a fireproof stairway. Either one or the other should be provided.

Manley Apartment.

In this apartment house at the south-east corner of Hollis and Morris Streets, a wooden platform and stairway are erected in the rear and are used as a means of exit. This should be made fireproof material.

Morris Street School.

Conditions obtaining in this building are dangerous in case of fire and will be made the subject of a special report to the Board of School Commissioners.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

The report is approved and the Building Inspector instructed to formally notify the owners of the various properties named in his report to carry out the provisions of the Law in all cases, within a period not to exceed three months.

*H. W. Johnston  
Acting Building  
Inspector*

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SHIPBUILDING AT AFRICVILLE - TULLY PROPERTY.

Read letter W. K. McKean re offer by him to acquire from the City part of the Tully property at Africville for the establishment of a ship building plant , as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., July 10, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Controllers,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sirs:-

I have had a visit from Controller Murphy this morning in connection with the City Lot at Africville.

During his conversation he intimated to me that the City would be prepared to accept Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.00) for this Land and Water rights in front of the land, or would be open to consider a lease for a term of five years.

The latter however would not be satisfactory to me as from the very start I would have to put out considerable money in permanent works in order to make the situation suitable for what I require it.

If, however, you would be prepared to give me a definite offer of the site and water front for Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.00) I would immediately have a proper survey made of same in order to satisfy myself that the site would be suitable for the purpose I have in view.

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Would you please confirm your offer of sale immediately as I have the prospect of getting a fairly large contract and the parties interested have been asking for a reply.

W. K. McKean.

Controller Murphy is authorized to inform Mr. McKean that the City is not disposed to sell the portion of land sought by Mr. McKean, but is willing to treat with him for a ten year lease of it.

POLICEMAN FOX.

On recommendation of Controller Taylor, Policeman

Fox is confirmed in his appointment to the permanent Police Force from July 15th instant.

MOTOR STREET SPRINKLER.

Controller Finlay asked what efforts are being made by the Works Department for the procuring of a motor street sprinkler.

*Cont. Murphy ✓  
Engineer ✓*

*Chief of Police ✓*

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Controller Murphy replies that it will be impossible to obtain a motor sprinkler in time to place it in commission this year.

FOSTER LOT OXFORD STREET.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Taylor that this Board recommend to the City Council that the Foster jib lot Oxford Street and Chebucto Road be purchased by the City for \$2,250.00, the lowest amount which the owner says he will take.

After discussion the matter is deferred.

CHESTNUT STREET SEWER.

Controller Hines asked when the sewer is likely to be constructed in Chestnut Street.

The Acting City Engineer informs the Board that the Chestnut Street sewer is on the Order Paper to be done in its turn.

CITY MARKET.

Controller Murphy asked if the Board would consider the idea of leasing the City Market for market purposes for a lump sum per annum.

Deferred.

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*

P. F. Martin.

MAYOR.

*L. J. Moraghan*

CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

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The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Hines, Finlay, Murphy and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Progress Payment Stone Contract.  
Ferry License - Alfred Percina.  
Schools - College Street School Plumbing.  
Imperial Oil Company Oil Tanks.  
Coal Weigher - Supernumerary.  
Temperance Law Enforcement - Vendors Act.  
Union Jack Club - Overhanging of Sign Board.  
Schools - Richmond School Improvement.  
Safety of Life - Acker's Theatre.  
Foster Jib Lot Oxford Street.  
Tuberculosis Hospital.  
Policeman James C. Linkletter.  
Billiard Room License - Prince George Hotel.  
Barrington Street Catchpit - Richmond Printing Co.  
Fire Old Men's Home - Water Service.  
City Market.  
Shipbuilding Site - Tully Property at Africville  
Sidewalks.  
Sewers.  
Loans for Various Purposes.  
Contracts.

PROGRESS PAYMENT-STONE CONTRACT.

Read certificate Acting City Engineer recommending progress payment of \$237.98 to Heber Hartlen on contract for stone.

The account is passed for payment.

FERRY LICENSE - ALFRED PERCINA.

Read application Alfred Percina for a ferry license to operate from Pier No. 2, Deep Water Terminus.

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

SCHOOLS - COLLEGE STREET SCHOOL PLUMBING.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners re plumbing in College Street School, as follows:-

Board of School Commissioners,  
Halifax, July 16th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

Acting on the report of the Inspector of Plumbing,

*Check works.*

*Cont Taylor*

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we have taken up with the Lessors of College St. School the matter of improving the present conditions. They are prepared to let a contract entailing an expenditure of about \$7,000 in all; the School Board to amend their lease, granting them an increased rental of Five hundred dollars per annum for the unexpired term of the lease, thirteen years; this amount covering interest charges, insurance, and depreciation. The Lessors also agree to wait until the next school year for the payment of such amount of increased rental as may be due for the school term 1917-18, so that an amount to cover may be included in next year's Estimates.

We would ask your approval of same, so that the work can begin at once.

S. J. Wilson,  
Secretary.

*Council. ✓*

Approved and recommended to the City Council for concurrence.

IMPERIAL OIL COMPANY OIL TANKS.

Read protest from John Tobin & Co. on behalf of themselves and other property owners in the neighborhood against permission being given the Imperial Oil Company for the storage of oil and gasoline in tanks on their wharf property.

*John Tobin & Co. ✓  
S. J. Shatford ✓  
Engineer ✓  
E. J. + Blue ✓  
Shatford + Blue ✓*

The Secretary is instructed to inform John Tobin & Co. for themselves and for other property owners in the neighborhood and also Shatford Bros. representing the Imperial Oil Company, that the Board will be pleased to hear them on the subject at its meeting on Tuesday morning July 24th instant.

COAL WEAHER - SUPERNUMERARY.

Read application James Coughlan, 18 Charles Street, for position as a supernumerary coal weicher. Also read report Simon Cummins, supervisor, that the appointment of a supernumerary coal weicher is necessary and recommending James Coughlan for the position.

*Bye ✓*

Deferred, the Secretary to lay upon the table any applications previously received.

TEMPERANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT - VENDORS ACT.

A delegation from the Halifax Temperance Alliance

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consisting of Charles Bell, P. F. Moriarity, J. C. Gass, Major Theakston and others appear before and address the Board, Mr. Bell on behalf of the delegation stating that in the report of an interview which he had had some time ago with Premier Murray the expression of the Premier's views had been misinterpreted. What the premier had stated was that the matter of operating expenses of Vendors under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act offered fair points for consideration. Mr. Bell asked that the Board of Control acting for the City appear before the Governor and endeavor to arrive at an understanding through which the Vendors Act could be put into practical operation. He urged that the City take whatever steps may be necessary to see that the Vendors Act is carried out at once.

His Worship the Mayor informed the delegation that the City has nothing to do with the provisions of the Vendors Act, the Act placing the entire responsibility with the Board of Vendors Commissioners.

It is agreed between the Board and the delegation that His Honor Judge Wallace, Chairman of the board of Vendors Commissioners, be requested to appear before this Board at 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, 19th instant, or at any other date suitable to him which he might name; the purpose being for a conference between Judge Wallace, Mr. Bell and this Board.

*letter  
Judge Wallace ✓*

UNION JACK CLUB - OVERHANGING OF SIGN BOARD.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 17th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I have an application from the Union Jack Club, for permission to place a projecting sign on the Cragg Building at the corner of George and Barrington Streets.

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The sign is a board, directing attention to the location of the Union Jack Club. The projection will not extend beyond the existing cornice of the building. The law prohibits projecting signs except in the case of illuminated ones, but as Mr. Cragg has a lease of the encroachment of his cornice, which projects further than the proposed sign, and as the Union Jack Club is for the purpose of convenience and recreation to our returned soldiers, and not for private gain, I do not think there could be much objection to giving them a temporary permit to erect the proposed sign, with the understanding that it would be removed within forty-eight hours of notice from the City.

Engineer ✓

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

SCHOOLS - RICHMOND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT.

H. E. Pyke, Chairman of the School Board and Alderman H. S. Colwell appear before the Board and ask if the City had made arrangements to finance the improvements to Richmond School.

His Worship the Mayor informed the delegation that the City will facilitate the providing of the money.

SAFETY TO LIFE - ACKER'S THEATRE.

Read letter Canada Corporations Limited with enclosures relating to alterations to Acker's Theatre to comply with the Building Act in regard to safety of life, as follows:-

Halifax, July 16th, 1927.

To the Board of Control,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Gentlemen:-

A few days ago we received a communication from the Acting City Engineer, notifying us of certain alterations which were required to be made to the building on Barrington Street occupied in part by Acker's Theatre, in order to make it conform to the Building Act, and for your information we beg now to enclose a copy of the letter which we addressed to Mr. Johnston in reply thereto.

In bringing this letter to your notice we desire only to add that we are anxious to do what we can in order to satisfy your requirements. We submit for your information the suggestions made to us by Mr. E. J. Home and may say that if these will meet your requirements we will at once proceed to have them carried into effect.

Canada Corporations, Limited  
J. Moorman, Manager.

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Halifax, N. S., July 1917.

H. W. Johnston, Esq.,  
Acting City Engineer,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your letter of the 7th instant in which you point out a number of alterations which are required in order to make the building on Barrington Street, in which Acker's Theatre is situated, conform with the Building Act.

We may say at once that we are anxious to meet your views in any way that we can, and to put the building in such a condition as will prove satisfactory to you, and with this view we have asked Mr. E. J. Horne, who is familiar with this building and other theatres in the City, to examine and report on the building. This he has done and has written us a report, copy of which we enclose.

We are prepared to undertake the work suggested by him at once if by so doing we can satisfy your requirements, and in regard to this we shall be glad to hear from you.

You will notice that there are one or two requirements mentioned in your letter which it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, for us to comply with. We venture to remind you that this building was erected some twelve years ago when building restrictions were less strict, and if we are asked to make this building comply with present-day regulations, it would involve grave alterations which it would be a hardship for the present owners to sustain, and the more so as the building when erected was passed by the City Officials for the purpose for which it is now used.

May we venture to ask you to take these circumstances into consideration, and to let us hear from you on the subject.

Canada Corporations, Ltd.

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Halifax, N. S., July 11, 1917.

Messrs. Canada Corporations, Ltd.  
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:-

As per your request I have examined the Premises known as Acker's Theatre and report as follows:-

First:- That the gallery is perfectly safe and in my opinion is capable of supporting all the people that it is supposed to hold.

Second:- That the bulge in the wall was caused by the effect of the building settling when first built, and that it will not bulge any further and is also perfectly safe.

Third:- That the premises under the auditorium which you complain of can be made perfectly fire-proof by lining ceilings with asbestos wall board, and putting fire doors where ordinary doors now are. That no waste paper, boxes or other flammable

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material be allowed underneath the entrance of the stairs or hall entrance.

I would explain more fully that the rooms or space under the stairs and entrance hall have a brick wall or partition on each side as well as a brick wall on the north end, and can be made perfectly fireproof by lining the ceilings and end towards the front where there is no brick wall, with asbestos board.

The operating box is now perfectly fireproof and if the operating room is covered inside by asbestos board it will be perfectly fireproof. This also applies to the dressing room, etc. and stage in front of the building.

Fourth:- It would be almost impossible to make the stage fittings and dressing rooms such as you suggest of brick or concrete, as the whole building would have to be altered to make these alterations. The recommendations outlined above would, I believe, be all that would be required to make everything fireproof and fully safeguard the interests of the public,

Regarding the panic bolts, these can be installed.

E. J. Horne.

J. Moorman and Robert Rosborough, representing the Canada Corporations, Limited, appear before and address the Board.

Mr. Moorman undertakes that the space under the steps will be vacated at once and locked up.

The letter from the owners of the building is referred to the City Engineer for report at Thursday's meeting.

FOSTER JIB LOT OXFORD STREET.

Read petition W. W. Foster for sewer extension Oxford Street to accommodate a house being built on the jib lot owned by him at the intersection of Chebuote Road, Oxford and North streets.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners, as follows:

Halifax, July 14th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and

Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

I am directed by the Board of School Commissioners to place before your honorable body, the following resolution adopted at their meeting:-

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"RESOLVED, that the Board of School Commissioners, understanding that the Board of Control has under consideration the purchase of a tract of land on the west side of Oxford Street, between Chebueto Road and North Street, is desirous of placing itself on record as heartily approving of the acquisition of this tract of land, which will be of so great a benefit to the public of that vicinity."

S. J. Wilson,  
Secretary.

Alderman Kelly addresses the Board urging that the City purchase the whole of Mr. Foster's lot to be used for park purposes and re-submits a letter from the Civic Improvement League which was submitted at a meeting of this Board on June 2nd, 1916, covering a recommendation of Thomas Adams, Town Planning Adviser, that the property be acquired by the City.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Taylor that this Board recommend to the City Council that the Foster jib lot Oxford Street and Chebueto Road be purchased by the City for \$2,250.00, the lowest amount which owner says he will take for it. Motion put and passed, Controllers Finlay, Taylor and Hines voting for the same and Controller Murphy against it.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

Read letter Tuberculosis Hospital Board, as follows:-

Halifax, July 17th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control,  
City of Halifax.

Dear Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Hazelwood Hospital Board, the following Resolution was passed:-

"That we recommend to the Board of Control that the Flynn Property, Quinpool Road, be selected as a site for a permanent Hospital."

J. F. Fraser,  
Acting Secretary.

The Board decides to refer the communication from the Tuberculosis Hospital Board to the City Council with

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the unanimous recommendation that the City do not approve of the Flynn property, Quinpool Road, as a site for a permanent tuberculosis Hospital and with the further recommendation that the City favor a site at the south eastern portion of the City Home property on South Street and offer the same to the Board of Management of the Hospital free of charge.

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Council ✓*

POLICEMAN JAMES C. LINKLETTER.

Read resignation Policeman James C. Linkletter to take place at once.

*Chief of Police ✓  
Cont. Taylor ✓*

The resignation is accepted and Controller Taylor authorized to nominate a policeman to take his place from amongst applications received to save the expense of advertising.

BILLIARD ROOM LICENSE - PRINCE GEORGE HOTEL.

Read application Peter Petropolis and Nicholas Petropolis for a license to operate a billiard room in the Prince George Hotel.

*Cont. City Clerk ✓  
Chief of Police ✓*

On recommendation of Controller Taylor the license is ordered to be granted.

BARRINGTON STREET CATCHPIT - RICHMOND PRINTING CO.

Read complaint Richmond Printing Company of the stopping of a catchpit, Barrington Street, in front of their premises.

*Engineer ✓*

Referred to the City Engineer.

FIRE OLD MEN'S HOME - WATER SERVICE.

Read letter Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters re water service at fire at Home for Aged Men, Gottingen Street, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., July 16th, 1917.

L. Fred. Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk,  
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

I have to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 4th instant which came duly to hand enclosing an extract

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from the Board of Control meeting of the 28th ult. and also enclosing a copy of the Acting City Engineer's report, of the same date, regarding complained of water service at recent fire at Home for Aged Men on Gottingen Street.

I note the Acting City Engineer "has investigated the matter and has reached the conclusion, after interviewing the Foreman of the Water Department and Chief of the Fire Department and some other persons who were there," and that there was more than an ample supply of water at this fire. We are at a loss to understand this, and I will ask you to kindly let me know who the other persons interviewed by the Acting City Engineer were, besides the two officials named.

I will thank you <sup>to</sup> kindly let me know if the Officials names (Foreman of the Water Department and Chief of the Fire Department) in giving their information to the Acting City Engineer were referring to the water conditions at the early stages of the fire or to its conditions considerable time after the fire was in progress. If these officials are satisfied that there was ample water at this fire, I take it, that they refer to all stages of the fire and if so, I will be obliged if you will kindly let me know why it was found necessary to remove or shift one steam fire engine that responded to this fire on the first alarm, from a hydrant on Gottingen Street to another position. We understand that it was on account of it being unable to get water at the first hydrant in connected with.

Awaiting the favor of your kind reply with the above asked for information, before commenting on the closing paragraph of the Acting City Engineer's report, I remain,

Edward J. Fahie,  
Secretary.

Referred to Controller Hines, the City Engineer and the Chief of the Fire Department for report.

CITY MARKET.

Read offer A. Webber to lease the City Market Building, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., July 17, 1917.

Messrs. Board of Control.  
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:-

I would like to discuss with your Board the leasing of the Market Building. Would you please name a time which would be convenient to go into details and see if satisfactory terms could be arrived at.

A. Webber.

Referred to Controllers Murphy and Hines and the City Engineer for report.

*Cont. Hines ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Chief Fire Dept ✓*

*Cont. Murphy ✓  
Cont. Hines ✓  
Engineer ✓*

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SHIP BUILDINGSITE - TULLY PROPERTY AT AFRICVILLE.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 17th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the value of the whole of the Tully property, so called, at Africville, in connection with Mr. McKean's request for a portion of it for ship-building purposes.

Assuming the value of \$3000 placed on that portion originally proposed to be sold to Mr. McKean, to be a fair one, I think that a reasonable price for the whole property would be \$6500.

As this property was originally required for the purpose of encouraging industries, I would suggest that should the Board decide to sell it to Mr. McKean, a clause be added to the deed that in the event of active work on any industry that may be established there, being discontinued for say twelve months, that the City be empowered to resume possession of the same on payment of some stipulated price.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

His Worship the Mayor reports that Mr. McKean will not consider <sup>the</sup> ~~an~~ idea of taking a lease of the property.

The matter is deferred pending a conference between the Board and Mr. McKean.

SIDEWALKS.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 17th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

The sidewalk on the south side of Prince Street between Bedford Row and Hollis Street has been completed, and the east side of Birmingham Street between Spring Garden Road and Queen Street is nearly finished. Work is being done on the south side of Bishop Street from Water to Hollis Street.

The estimated value of the sidewalk work on the order paper is \$66,000. This only includes work ordered to June 8th, 1916. There are repetitions for at least twenty additional sidewalks which have not been reported on, which will probably cost over \$70,000. There is a debit balance on the books to July 13, 1917, of \$31,142, most of which will be collectable as assessment from the abutting property owners where the sidewalks have been built.

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There are three sidewalks which I have been asked to report on immediately - Gerrish Street, Cornwallis Street south side from Gottingen to Brunswick Street and North Street south side from Brunswick to Gottingen Street.

Gerrish Street, which is one of our old streets, closely built up and an important thoroughfare, is and has been in very bad condition, and I think in the interests of the public it should be attended to without further delay. Permanent improvement to the street cannot be made until curbs and gutters are laid. Under the present financial condition, it may not be advisable to construct the sidewalks throughout the whole street at once, but I would recommend that a start be made and that the sidewalk, curbs and gutters be laid in the block between Lockman and Brunswick Streets.

The block mentioned on North Street is the only one without curb and sidewalk between Lockman and Robie Streets and as this is a street used by the public generally and also by a large number of visitors to the City, more especially at Exhibition, I think it should be finished.

The block on Cornwallis Street is also the only block of this main, important thoroughfare unfinished between Water and Gottingen Street, and should be done.

The estimated cost of the above work is -

Gerrish Street	\$3314.00
Cornwallis Street	2363.00
North Street	<u>2511.00</u>

Or a total of \$8188.00 for the work on these three streets, which I would recommend be done as soon as possible.

The sidewalk on the north side of Coburg Road from Oxford Street west, was partly finished last year and should be completed immediately.

With regard to other sidewalks on the order paper, it is hard to differentiate between them, as to which are more important to the public generally, and I would recommend that they be done in their turn as ordered.

If my recommendations with regard to the construction of the sidewalks on Gerrish, Cornwallis and North Streets are adopted these sidewalks and the ones under construction and Coburg Road will cost about \$12,000, which will require the borrowing of \$6000 in addition to the amount required for the overdraft, approximately, \$4000.00.

We have contracted for about \$9000 worth of cement, a certain amount which is required for sewerage purposes but I think whatever we do not need, can be disposed of at a profit. The question of what further amount should be borrowed to be spent this year, is a matter of policy.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

It is decided to recommend to the City Council that out of the sum of \$200,000.00 which the Royal Bank offers to loan the City, the sum of ~~\$5,000.00~~ <sup>\$15,000.00</sup> be borrowed for

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permanent sidewalks.

SEWERS.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 17th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

In accordance with your request, I beg to submit the following statement showing the state of the Sewerage Fund and cost of work ordered.-

There was a debit balance to sewerage account on July 13th, 1917, of about \$2552.00. The estimated amount required for the section of the North West Arm sewer under contract, is \$52,000.00.

The amount which we have authority to borrow on sewerage account is \$190,000.00, which leave a balance available of \$135,448.00.

The estimated cost of the sewers on the order paper including the second section of the North West Arm Sewer is \$221,900.00.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Consideration of the report is deferred pending a report from Controller Murphy as to whether the Cook Construction Company & Wheaton Bros, the lowest tenderers for the construction of the Arm Sewer, will accept in lieu of cash payment 5½% bonds of the City at the price of 92.34, or better, and if such offer would be sufficiently favorable for the City to accept.

*Cont. Murphy ✓*

The City Solicitor is requested to report as to whether in view of bids for the City's loan having been received from other parties, the City can now negotiate with other parties, as suggested.

*Solicitor ✓*

LOANS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

It is decided to recommend to Council that the City borrow out of the offer made by the Royal Bank of Canada, the following sums:-

Sidewalks ( including above) .....	\$15,000.00.
Motor Fire Engine.....	12,500.00.
Public Abattoir.....	10,000.00.
Proposed Loan for Comfort Station.	2,000.00. Deferred.

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CONTRACTS.

Read opinion of the City Solicitor that the City cannot legally enter into any contracts unless authorized to finance the same, as follows:-

Office City Solicitor,  
July 16th, 1917.

Secretary Board of Control,  
C i t y.

Sir:-

In reply to your request as to legality of a contract for the construction of the Arm sewer, I may say that the law is perfectly clear that the City cannot legally enter into any contract which on its face or necessarily involves an expenditure of a greater amount than the City is authorized to raise for that purpose either by taxation or by borrowing.

If the contract, however, does not on its face or necessarily involve such excess, there is no inherent illegality and the question becomes purely one of fact as to the amount necessarily involved.

I may add, that if in the opinion of the Engineer, the work proposed may ultimately require a larger amount than can be covered by the existing borrowing power, there is no illegality in letting a portion of the contract, with a view to obtaining further borrowing powers for its completion, nor would there be any illegality in making the contract provide that construction is stopped as soon as the amount authorized has been expended. In the latter case, however, it might be as well to obtain an undertaking from the contractors not to exact damages from the City or any individual for suspension of the work.

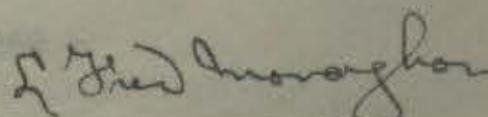
F. H. Bell,  
City Solicitor.

In answer to questions of the City Treasurer the City Solicitor states as his opinion that where the City has authority to borrow certain sums of money for specific purposes and by resolution determines to expend portions of said money for particular things included within such specific purposes that the resolutions of Council are binding, and that the moneys so borrowed can only be applied in accordance with such resolutions.

The Board adjourned.

  
P. F. Martin.

MAYOR.

  
CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

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The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Hines, Finlay, Murphy and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

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Temperance Law Enforcement - Account R. H. Murray.  
Theatre License Fees.  
Water Meter Military Hospitals Camp Hill.  
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WAR - LIGHTS OUT.

Read letter N. S. Tramways Company re lights out, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., July 16, 1917.

L. Fred. Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your copy of Minute of the Board of Control of July 3rd, regarding "Lights Out" Order. I beg to advise that we have carefully gone over the list enclosed, with regard to the street lights, and have shaded the globes on the Harbour side.

H. R. Mallison,  
Managing Director.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to the Military Authorities. ( See Minutes Board of Control July 3rd, 1917, p. 192)

THEATRES - SAFETY TO LIFE - ACKER'S THEATRE.

Read report Acting City Engineer re dangerous condition of Acker's Theatre, Sackville Street, in regard

*Copy of minutes ✓*

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to safety to life, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 19th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to submit herewith a letter sent in reply to the communication to me from the Canada Corporations Limited, a copy of which was submitted to your Board at its last meeting.

As I stated to you verbally on Tuesday, the conditions obtaining underneath the auditorium and exits at Acker's Theatre were worse than I thought. The undersides of the wooden stairways are wired for electric lights, and on the occasion of my visit on Monday there was considerable inflammable material immediately underneath. Should a fire have occurred, the stairs would have readily burned, and the only means of egress from the gallery would have been cut off.

I do not think that it is necessary to say any more than is contained in my letter to the Canada Corporations, with regard to the structural defects of the building, as I think the points are fully covered in it.

In connection with the matter of revoking licenses for theatres, I find in looking over the Acts of 1917, that an Act was passed amending the Act entitled "An Act respecting Theatres and Cinematographs" that whenever a license is issued under that act, and a license is also necessary from a City, then the person to whom such first-mentioned license is issued shall be entitled to the last mentioned license, provided the prescribed fee is paid.

While, from the reading of the Act it would appear that the City would have no power to cancel a license which had been issued by the Provincial Board, there must surely be some way under the Building Act, by which, if a building were found unfit for this purpose, the City would be able to prevent the lives of its citizens from being endangered.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

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City Engineer's Office,  
July 19th, 1917.

Canada Corporations Limited,  
City.

Gentlemen:-

I have delayed answering your letter of the 11th inst. as I was getting further information in connection with the construction of your building in which Acker's Theatre is situated. With regard to Mr. Horne's report I may say that taking it up paragraph by paragraph -

First - From the information I have been able to obtain as to the design and construction of the truss, I must

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disagree with his conclusion that the gallery is perfectly safe. It appears that when this truss was constructed the original design must have been faulty, as it was impossible to make it retain its shape at that time and additional turnbuckles and struts were introduced into it. Subsequently the truss worked and had to be further strengthened. At present there is considerable vibration in the gallery, and without an accurate plan of the truss, which is now boarded in, it is impossible to say that it is perfectly safe, and from the appearance of external conditions it would appear to be dangerous.

Second - The bulge in the wall, I have no doubt, was caused as stated by the building settling. This has existed for the past six years or more, and there is a possibility that it is safe, provided no further load is put upon it. I will have this examined further.

Third - There is no question that the premises under the auditorium can be made fireproof, but there is also no question that it seems to be impossible to prevent the storage of waste paper and other inflammable material in this location, as three days after it was inspected by the Assistant Building Inspector and your representatives, I inspected it myself and found it in a similar condition to the one reported previously. The conditions obtaining here are absolutely dangerous. Should the rubbish catch fire, the only exits from the building would be destroyed and all chance of escape cut off. There is considerable exposed wiring on the under side of the stair joints and the conditions here are so bad that I had to report it to the Board of Control at its meeting last Thursday. In my opinion, the holes which have been cut in the brick walls, should be bricked up and the stairways should be reconstructed of fireproof material. While the actual, small operating box may be covered with fireproof material, the room immediately under it is a wooden and beaverboard partition in which are stored paints, oils and some lumber. Should a fire break out in the operating room, while the door was open or the operator was making his escape therefrom, this would very readily catch and would send a barrier of fire across the only means of exit from the gallery.

Fourth - I do not agree that it is impossible to make the stage fittings and dressing rooms fireproof. Under the act, in new theatres, the proscenium arch is to be of brick or concrete 16 inches thick. In the case of your building I do not suggest that the alteration should be of this thickness, but the partitions between the stage and the auditorium should most certainly, in the interests of the safety to the public, be constructed of fireproof material.

In your letter you state that you wish to remind me that this building was erected some twelve years ago when building restrictions were less strict. In reply to this I may say that in turning up our files, I find that alterations which were made in 1908-9 more especially having reference to the roof, were at that time considered by Mr. Doane, and the Asst. Building Inspector, unsafe. The matter was reported Sept. 27, 1909 to the City Solicitor as a violation of the Building Act.

You will readily understand that I have no desire to put the owners of the building to any more expense than is necessary, but my first duty is to the public, and in safe-

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guarding your own, as should a fire occur and loss of life ensue, the owners or lessees of the building would probably have to shoulder the responsibility.

I am submitting a copy of this reply to the Board of Control at today's meeting.

Yours faithfully,  
H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

The City Engineer is instructed to make frequent inspections of this building and to see that his orders are being carried out.

COAL WEIGHERS - SUPERNUMERARIES.

Read report City Clerk re supernumerary coal weighers, as follows:-

Office of City Clerk,  
July 18th, 1917.

The Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

Complying with your request to bring forward all applications submitted for the position of coal weigher I beg to say that the only application at present on file is from James Coughlan, 18 Charles Street. On December 12th, 1916, James O'Neil was appointed a supernumerary coal weigher. At that time the applications were from the following:-

John Johnson, Joseph Purcell, Alexander Collyer,  
James Coughlan and James O'Neil.

L. Fred. Monaghan,  
City Clerk.

Read report Supervisor S. Cummins, submitted July 17th, stating that another supernumerary coal weigher is necessary and recommending the appointment of James Coughlan.

His Worship the Mayor is authorized to swear into office a supernumerary coal weigher if the Supervisor needs one.

SCHOOLS - SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., July 17th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

Acting in accordance with wishes of your

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Committee, which met a committee of this Board last November at the time of compiling the Estimates 1917-18 the Board of School Commissioners took into serious consideration the installing of a more modern style of Office Accounting, and to that end after careful investigation they have adopted the system of the Copeland Chatterson Co., Ltd.

As an amount covering this outlay was not included in the Estimate for 1917-18, the Board herewith submits the account of Copeland Chatterson Co. Ltd. (\$227.34), and awaits your advice as to its settlement.

S. J. Wilson,  
Secretary.

The Secretary is instructed to return the account referred to to the School Board with an intimation that they should pay the account and that should the settlement of this charge leave them at the end of the financial year with a deficit to that extent on account of paying it, the amount could be taken care of in considering the next estimates.

*Secy School Board!*

STREET SPRINKLING - LETTER SYDNEY LOCKE.

Read letter Sydney Locke, July 16th, re street sprinkling.

*Engineer ✓*

Referred to the City Engineer.

HIGH COST OF LIVING - PRICE OF BREAD.

Read correspondence between the City Clerk and Lynch's Ltd. re the price of bread, as follows:-

Office of City Clerk,  
July 14th, 1917.

William T. Lynch, Esq.,  
President Lynch's Ltd.,  
C i t y.

Sir:-

In consequence of persistent reports which have appearance of being authentic, that while your Company in common with other bakers, charges 12¢ per 1½-pound loaf for bread sold in Halifax, you are selling the same weight loaf in New Glasgow for 7¢ wholesale, and 8¢ and 9¢ retail, the Board of Control would be pleased if you would appear before them or send a representative for the purpose of furnishing them with first hand information. The Board of Control meets at 10 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday of each week.

L. Fred. Monaghan,  
City Clerk.

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Sydney, N.S., July 17, 1917.

Mr. L. Fred. Monaghan,  
City Clerk,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

Acknowledging your letter of July 14th, which I received this morning it will be impossible for the writer to meet your board this week, but hope to be able to do so next week. Will advise you later as to date.

Lynohs Limited,  
W. T. Lynoh, President.

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UNION N. S. MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION.

Read letter Union Nova Scotia Municipalities re the Annual Convention to be held at Truro August 29, 30 and 31, as follows:-

Bridgewater, N. S.,  
July 14th, 1917.

P. F. Martin, Esq.,  
Mayor, City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mayor Martin:-

I am somewhat late in acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 20th ult, which was very acceptable and I beg to thank you for the same. We much appreciate your work in getting Mr. Johnston and Mr. Bell to promise the papers you refer to. They will be a great help in making our convention a success.

*Council* ✓  
The dates of the convention were settled at the Executive Meeting for August 29, 30 and 31. I trust sincerely that you will be there with a good representation from the City. Your many friends would miss you if you were not present.

I agree with you that we should meet next at Sydney, but we cannot well do so unless we are invited.

Arthur Roberts,  
Secty-Treas. U. N. S. M.

Referred to the City Council.

FIRE CHIEFS' CONVENTION FORT WILLIAM AND PORT ARTHUR.

Read correspondence between His Worship the Mayor and the Mayor of Port Arthur re the Convention of the Fire Chiefs of the Dominion at Fort William and Port Arthur, July 24, 25, 26 and 27, as follows:-

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Port Arthur, July 5th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 24-25-26-27, there will be held in this City and in Fort William the Convention of the Fire Chiefs of the Dominion.

On the first night of the Convention, Tuesday, July 24th, there will be held a memorial service in the Odd-fellows Hall, Walsh Block, Port Arthur, for your late Fire Chief, and I would, personally, very much like to have you present on that occasion. If you can arrange your business and municipal affairs so that you can be here, I will very much appreciate a letter stating your expectation of being present.

D. J. Cowan, Mayor.

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Halifax, N. S., July 9th, 1917.

Mayor D. J. Cowan,  
Port Arthur.

Dear Sir:-

I thank you for the heartiness of your invitation to attend the Convention of Fire Chiefs of the Dominion to be held at Port Arthur and Fort William on July 24, 25, 26 and 27th, and much regret that I will be unable to accept it.

The intention to hold a memorial service at Port Arthur on the first night of the Convention for our late Fire Chief Patrick J. Broderick, will, when it becomes known to them, be deeply appreciated by the Civic Corporation and the citizens generally and especially by the members of the Fire Department, with which Department he was associated all his life-time.

I shall take the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Chief Broderick's widow and family.

P. F. MARTIN, MAYOR.

Controller Hines thought that Chief Condon should be sent as a delegate to the Convention to represent the Halifax Fire Department. The Board decided that it was not feasible to send Chief Condon to Port Arthur this year.

LOANS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

The Board again considered the subject of reporting to the City Council as to the lowest amounts of borrowings which it would be advisable to make at the present time for public works and on account of outstanding commitments.

It is again decided to recommend the following:-

Permanent Sidewalks	\$15,000.00.	
Motor Fire Engine.	12,500.00.	
Public Abattoir	10,000.00.	\$37,500.00.
also -		
Sewers		
Various local sewers	\$26,000.00	
1st section N.W. Arm sewer	70,000.00	96,000.00
		<u>\$133,500.00</u>

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It is again agreed to defer the item \$2,000 proposed to be borrowed for Public Comfort Station.

Read letter Frank Hope, Manager of Bank of British North America, covering offer to loan the City \$199,500 at 90½ on 5% 30 equal annual instalment bonds, as follows-

The Bank of British North America,  
Halifax, N. S., July 17th, 1917.

The City Treasurer,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

Confirming my telephone message, our Toronto Manager telegraphs me to make the following offer in the name of the Canada Bond Corporation of Toronto:-

"90½ and accrued interest for \$199,500 [One Hundred and Ninety Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars) 5% 30 equal annual instalments bonds City of Halifax described in City Circular dated June 8th, 1917, subject (to) bonds being issued (in) denominations (of) \$1,000...also subject to solicitors approval (of) By Laws and proceedings and immediate acceptance."

Please enable me to reply promptly.

F. Hope,  
Manager.

...There is something additional to add here, but the cipher word has been mutilated in transit and at present we are unable to say what is intended.

F. H., Manager.

The Bank of British North America,  
Halifax, July 18th, 1917.

The Treasurer,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to my letter of yesterday's date, wherein I gave you a copy of a telegram received from our Toronto Branch, I shall be glad if you will add the words "as far as possible" immediately following the figures \$1000,- making the phrase read "subject (to) "Bonds being issued (in) denominations (of)\$1000. as "far as possible".

F. Hope,  
Manager.

Controller Finlay is authorized to ascertain from the Bank of British North America if they will instead of the whole amount of \$199,500 take upon the same terms bonds sufficient to produce the sum of \$133,500.00 and report at a special meeting of the Board to be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

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NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER.

x Controller Murphy verably reports that in an inter-  
view with the Cook Construction Co., & Wheaton Bros., they  
assured him that if they were awarded on their tender the  
contract for the construction of the southern secti on of  
the North West Arm Sewer, they would instead of cash take  
in payment, at 92.34, City <sup>5%</sup> thirty-four year bonds under an  
agreement. Controller Murphy suggested that a proviso  
that should the money market improve from time to time or  
at any time between the present time and the time when  
cash is due under the contract, the City should have the  
advantage of such improved market, less customary charge  
for bond selling.

Deferred, peinding further consideration of the matter  
of proceeding with the construction of the southern protion  
of the Arm sewer.

WORKS DEPARTMENT WATCHMEN'S PAY.

On recommendation of Controller Murphy, the City  
Engineer is instructed that the incre<sup>ase</sup> of pay provided  
for in the Civic Estimates made up last December for Works  
Department employees is inteded to apply to City Watch-  
men. ( See Board of Control minutes May 15th, 1916, p.65).

TEMPERANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT - ACCOUNT R. H. MURRAY.

Read letter R. H. Murray, K.C. to Inspector Tracey,  
covering account, \$69,50, for legal services during the  
month of May prosecuting suits for violations of the Nova  
Sootia Temperance Act, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., July 10th, 1917.

E. S. Tracey, Esq.,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find an account which I made up to  
the time of knocking off in May, at your request, as in-  
structed by the Board of Control. Since that date, I have  
as you know, helped you from time to time, but in view of  
your difficulties, and to help you out, I have not made any  
charges except where authorized.

R .H. Murray.

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

*CA Murphy  
Engineer ✓  
Chief of Works ✓*

*Carl Taylor ✓*

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THEATRE LICENSE FEES.

Read report Assistant City Clerk. re Theatre License Fees, as follows:-

Office of City Clerk,  
July 19th, 1917.

To His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit for the information of the Board of Control the attached schedule showing the amounts payable by licensed theatres in the City of Halifax to the Provincial Government for Provincial licenses. Under the Act passed at the last session of the Legislature, the license fee chargeable by the City of Halifax to these theatres was fixed at the same rates. You will note the loss to the City by this recent legislation.

License Fees 1916 - Under City Charter	-	\$2790.30
2 " 1917 - " New Act	-	1654.66
		<u>Loss to City - \$1135.64</u>

H. S. Rhind,  
Asst. City Clerk.

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Memo of License Fees for Civic Year  
1916-17  
for Theatres and Nickel Shows,  
passed by City Council, August 10th, 1916.

Name of Theatre	Seating Capacity	Minimum Capacity	Additional Seating	Total Fee
Academy, Pit & 1st gallery	693	600 @ \$1	93 @ 20¢	618.60
" 2nd gallery	313	no charge		
Strand	780	500 @ 50¢	280 @ 10¢	278.00
Ackers	620	500 @ 50¢	120 @ 10¢	262.00
Imperial	554	500 @ 50¢	54 @ 10¢	255.40
King Edward	615	500 @ 50¢	115 @ 10¢	261.50
Empire	600	500 @ 50¢	100 @ 10¢	260.00
Orpheus	1025	500 @ 50¢	525 @ 10¢	302.50
Casino	1023	500 @ 50¢	523 @ 10¢	302.30
Arena				250.00

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Halifax, July 18th, 1917.

H. S. Rhind, Esq.,  
Asst. City Clerk,  
Halifax, N. S.,

Dear Sir:-

In response to your request of the 17th instant, I herewith enclose you a certified list of all licensed theatres in the City of Halifax, for the information of the Board of Control.

A. E. Wall,  
N. S. Board of Censors,  
& Inspector of Theatres

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Province of Nova Scotia.  
The Theatres & Cinematographs Act, 1915.

To His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control of the  
City of Halifax.

I hereby certify that the following is a correct  
list of all Theatres in the City of Halifax, licensed  
by this Board, which license expires on the 30th day  
of September, 1917.

A. E. Wall,  
N. S. Board of Censors, &  
Inspector of Theatres.

NAME OF THEATRE	LICENSEE	MANAGER	NO. SEATS		LICENSE FEE
			AT 25¢	PER SEAT	
Academy of Music	Academy of Music Co.	J. F. O'Connell	782 )		\$222.50
			:216 @ 12½)		
Acker's Family	L. R. Acker	L. R. Acker	620		155.00
Casino	R. J. MacAdam	R. J. MacAdam	1014		253.50
Empire	G. J. B. Metzler	G. J. B. Metzler	600		150.00
			: Increased by 72 seats Dec. 5/16.		
Imperial	Imperial Theatre Co.	Don McRae	554		138.50
King Edward	Geo. X. Couture	Geo. X. Couture	615		153.75
Orpheus	Halifax Nickel Theatre				
	Company	N. V. Gastonguay	1025		256.25
Strand	Strand Theatre Co.	J. M. Franklin	780		195.00
Arena Rink	Halifax Arena Co., Ltd.	Arch Crease			
		Secty. Treas	....		125.00
					\$1654.66

NOTE: The following regulation was passed by Order  
of Council on the 21st day of February, 1916.

2. By insertijg between Clause (e) and Clause (f) of  
Clause 3 of Section 6 of said Regulations the following:-

(ee) Provided, however, that if a theatre has any  
other gallery or balcony above the first gallery  
or balcony the fee per seat in any such other  
gallery or balcony shall be one-half of the fee  
per seat that applies to the other seats in such  
theatre.

The above regulation will explain the fee per seat  
at the academy of Music.

Forwarded to the City Council for its information.

WATER METER MILITARY HOSPITALS CAMP HILL.

Read letter S. M. Brookfield, Ltd. requesting that  
a water meter be installed within the Hospital building  
instead of on the street line as required by the City  
Engineer.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

*Council*

*Engineer*

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THEATRES.

Cont. Taylor ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Electrician ✓  
A. E. Wall ✓

Because of several points of difference between existing City Laws and Ordinances and the general Provincial Laws relating to Theatres, Controller Taylor, the City Engineer and the City Electrician are appointed a Committee to interview A. E. Wall of the Nova Scotia Board of Censors of Theatres and Cinematographs, to consult as to the practicability of harmonizing any analogies and to report.

The Board adjourns until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

*P. F. Martin*

P. F. Martin.

MAYOR.

*L. J. McLaughlin*

CITY CLERK.

The Board of Control has received the report of the Committee appointed to interview A. E. Wall of the Nova Scotia Board of Censors of Theatres and Cinematographs, to consult as to the practicability of harmonizing any analogies and to report. The Board adjourns until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

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The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Murphy and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Loan for Various Purposes.  
Water Supply V. G. Hospital.  
North West Arm Trunk Sewer.

LOAN FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

In respect to the offer of the Bank of British North America to loan the City \$199,500.00 at 90½ on 5% 30 equal equal annual instalment bonds submitted at yesterday's meeting of the Board, Controller Finlay reports that the said offer has been withdrawn and submits the following communication from the Bank:-

The Bank of British North America,  
Halifax, N. S., 19th, July/17

The Treasurer,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,

Dear Sir:-

As advised you verbally, I now beg to confirm the contents of telegram received from our Toronto Branch at 1.10 p. m. today:-

"Your telegram owing to change conditions, we withdraw offer for bonds, If City wishes dispose part of issue, might purchase first twenty maturities totalling about \$110,000. Telegraph reply immediately."

F. Hope,  
Manager.

Filed.

WATER SUPPLY V. G. HOSPITAL.

The Board unanimously instruct the City Engineer to notify the management of the Victoria General Hospital that after the expiration of 60 days the City will supply the institution with water from the Low Service system.

The Engineer is instructed to in the meantime supply the Victoria General Hospital with water from the High Water System.

*Engineer ✓*

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NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER.

Controller Finlay asked for a written opinion from the City Solicitor in regard to the Act passed at the last session of the Legislature relating to the North West Arm Trunk Sewer.

The City Solicitor enquired as to the points upon which his opinion is desired.

Controller Murphy suggested that Controller Finlay submit his questions in writing to the Solicitor.

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*

P. F. Martin.

MAYOR.

*L. J. McLaughlin*

CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

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The Board of Control met today at 12 o'clock noon; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Taylor and Murphy.

NOVA SCOTIA TEMPERANCE ACT - VENDORS.

PRESENT:

The Board of Vendors Commissioners viz:- His Honor Judge Wallace, Chairman, F. H. Bell, K. V. City Solicitor, and Frank Hanrahan, Chief of Police.

Committee of Halifax Temperance Alliance; Charles Bell, P. F. Moriarty and Emmanuel Hensen.

His Worship the Mayor stated that one of the purposes of this conference is to set at rest the question raised by the Temperance Alliance as to whether the duty of putting the Vendors Act into active operation falls upon the Board of Control or the Board of Vendors Commissioners. The opinion of the Board of Control was that the duty lies with the Vendors Board.

Judge Wallace stated that the Vendors Board had designated two gentlemen as Vendors under the provisions of this Act but the difficulty in putting the Act into operation seems to be that there is no legislative provision for the payment of their salaries. The Vendors Board concurred at the time in the amending Act submitted last winter by the City which provided that the Vendors should include in the selling price of liquor a percentage to cover the cost of their salaries but the amendment was not enacted by the Legislature.

Judge Wallace read a set of regulations drawn up for the guidance of the vendors and stated that the Board is willing to submit them to the vendors and ascertain whether they are prepared to act upon them under the provisions of the Vendors Act. The Board of Vendors is also willing to

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appoint another, or other Vendors if the Board of Control would say so.

Charles Bell stated that the intention of the Act was that its operation should be self sustaining. In other parts of the Province where a profit is made by the Vendors the Vendors are not prosecuted by the Temperance people or anybody while they are carrying out the intention of the Act. He again suggested that the Premier of the Province be consulted.

His Worship the Mayor: "That's for the Vendors Board, not the Board of Control."

In response to request of His Worship the Mayor and with the concurrence of all present Judge Wallace agrees that the Vendors Board call the Vendors together early next week, submit the regulations to them; ascertain whether they are willing to perform the duties outlined therein; consider the matter of the appointment of other or additional Vendors and report immediately to the Board of Control.

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*

P. F. Martin.

MAYOR.

*L. J. Donovan*

CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

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The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Hines, Finlay and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Schools - Richmond School Improvement.  
Oil Tanks - Imperial oil Company.  
North West Arm Trunk Sewer.  
Policeman E. F. McMillan.  
Military Hospitals Water Meter.  
Union Canadian Municipalities Convention.  
Hartlen Property Longard Road.  
City Assessor's Typewriter.  
Auto Bus Co. Ltd., Cab License.  
Ferry License Coburg Road, North West Arm.  
Shipbuilding Site at Africville.  
Street Lights.  
Lights Out.  
Loans for Works Department.  
North West Arm Trunk Sewer - Southern Section.  
Street Railway Fares for School Children.  
City Fuel Yard.  
City Health Board Accounts.

SCHOOLS - RICHMOND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT.

Read letters (2) Board of School Commissioners re improvements Richmond School, as follows:-

Board of School Commissioners,  
Halifax, July 23rd, 1917.

L. F. Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that on the 27th day of June the Governor in Council was pleased to approve of the contract proposed to be entered into by the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax, and Rhodes Curry Co., Ltd., for the making of alterations and additions to Richmond School, according to plans and specifications prepared by Harris & Horton, architects, amounting to Eighteen thousand eight hundred and seventeen dollars and eighty nine cents, i. e.:-

Tender of Messrs. Rhodes, Curry Co. Ltd.	\$17,921.80
Architects Fees, Messrs. Harris & Horton.	896.09
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	\$18,817.89

S. J. Wilson,  
Secretary.

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Board of School Commissioners,  
Halifax, July 23, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to letter of July 23rd, re contract for making alterations and additions to Richmond School, according to plans and specifications prepared by Harris & Horton, I am directed by the Chairman to write you that, under Section 901 of the City Charter, the Board is now applying to the Governor in Council for an order directing the City of Halifax to issue its debentures to the amount of Eighteen thousand, eight hundred and seventeen dollars and eighty nine cents (\$18,817.89) as required for the contractors and architects fees.

S. J. Wilson,  
Secretary.

The Secretary is directed to inform the Board of School Commissioners that the City will not oppose the application to the Governor in Council for an order directing the City to issue debentures for the cost of improvements to Richmond School.

*School Board ✓  
Letter Council ✓  
Gov in Council ✓*

OIL TANKS - IMPERIAL OIL COMPANY.

M. Dwyer, representing water front merchants, A. J. Bell, Harold Oxley, W. J. G. Thomson and E. J. Fahie, representing the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters, S. S. Shatford, Mr. Carrol and Hector McInnes, K. C. representing the Imperial Oil Company appear before and address the Board in connection with the application of the Imperial Oil Company to install two tanks of 4,000 gallons capacity each, under ground on their wharf property.

Mr. Dwyer and the insurance representatives urged that a permit for the installation of the tanks be not granted.

Mr. Shatford claimed that the proposed tanks would not create a fire hazard.

The Board advises that Mr. Shatford and the insurance representatives have a further conference and report to this Board this day week. Agreed to.

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NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER.

Read opinion City Solicitor in reply to questions by Controller Finlay in regard to legislation affecting the North West Arm trunk sewer, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. July 21, 1917.

F. H. Bell, K. C.,  
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

Will you please give to the Board of Control an answer in writing to the following questions:-

- No. 1. Has the Act of 1917, relating to the North West Arm Sewer, been executed and recorded by the North West Arm Club?
- No. 2. Does the said Act compel the City to complete the proposed North West Arm Sewer to the outlet, as originally intended, namely to the mouth of the Arm whether the provisions of said Act have or have not been executed and recorded?
- No. 3. Does the said Act in your opinion oblige the City to complete the North West Arm Sewer notwithstanding the provisions of the City Charter in relation to payment of same?

A. J. Finlay,  
Controller.

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Office of City Solicitor,  
July 23rd, 1917.

Secretary Board of Control,  
H a l i f a x.

Dear Sir:-

In answer to the questions submitted to me by Controller Finlay I beg to say:

(1) Answering this question literally the act referred to cannot be executed or recorded. I presume, however, that the question refers to the deed of the right of way mentioned in the act, and so far as I know, no such deed has been either executed or recorded.

(2) The act in question does not impose any obligation on the City until the execution and delivery of the deed referred to, upon that being done the obligation of the act arises.

(3) The act in my opinion does not and cannot compel the City to do anything which it cannot legally otherwise do. The act must be read as only requiring the City to do what it legally can do, and if the legislature has not enabled the City to comply with the conditions of the act, further legislation may have to be obtained to enable it to be done.

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I wish, however, this opinion to be read in conjunction with my former opinion that the question of illegality only arises when the proposed expenditures necessarily or on its face, involves an amount in excess of the amount authorized.

F. H. Bell  
City Solicitor.

Filed.

POLICEMAN E. F. McMILLAN.

On recommendation of Chief Hanrahan, Edward F. McMILLAN is appointed a member of the Police Force.

MILITARY HOSPITALS WATER METER.

Read report Acting City Engineer re water meter for Military Hospital, Camp Hill, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 23rd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering letter from Henry Roper asking to have the water meter on the service pipe to the Military Hospital on Camp Hill, placed inside the building instead of at the street line.

Mr. Roper had already made application to me to have this done, but I had to refuse him, as the building sets back from the street line some distance, and if the meter were placed as asked for by him, there would be a long stretch of pipe in which leaks might occur, which would not be controlled by the meter. For this reason I told Mr. Roper that the water meter would have to be installed at the street line.

There can be no hardship to the Hospital authorities in this, as if they wish to read the meter every day, there is nothing to prevent them doing it in its present location, or at a not very large expense, another meter could be installed on the line in any location they wish.

In this respect we are not treating the hospitals commission any differently from several of our own citizens who have meters on the street instead of in the building.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded to S. M. Broodfield, Limited.

UNION CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION.

Read letter Union Canadian Municipalities re annual convention at London, Ontario, as follows:-

*Chief Police ✓*

*Engineer ✓  
S. M. Broodfield ✓*

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Montreal, July 16th, 1917.

His Worship Mayor Martin,  
Halifax.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

I am requested by the Executive of the Union to give you, and representatives of your Council, a pressing invitation to be present at the London Convention August 27th, 28th and 29th, and to take an active part in the proceedings.

The enclosed outline of program will give you an idea of its character and aims. No formal papers are to be presented.

A complete official program will be sent you about August 1st.

G. S. Wilson,  
Asst. Sec. U. C. M.

*G. S. Wilson ✓*

The City Clerk is instructed to inform the Secretary of the Union that the City of Halifax will be unable to send delegates to the Convention this year.

HARTLEN PROPERTY LONGARD ROAD.

Read letter Heber Hartlen complaining of the drainage of Longard Road at his property and offering to remove the fence at his property back to the new street line for \$450.00.

*Engineer ✓*

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

CITY ASSESSOR'S TYPEWRITER.

Read offer A. M. Fraser to sell to the City a \$145.00 typewriter for \$100.50 and in consideration of rentals already paid for the said machine while in use by the City Assessor.

*A. M. Fraser ✓  
City Assessor ✓*

It is decided to accept Mr. Fraser's offer.

AUTO BUS CO. LIMITED - CAB LICENSE.

Read application Auto Bus Co. Ltd., Dartmouth, for a license for a taxi cab service.

*Cont. Taylor ✓  
and G. Clark ✓*

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

FERRY LICENSE COBURG ROAD, NORTH WEST ARM.

Read application Marr's Ferry, per J. P. Mulcahy, for a ferry license to operate from the foot of Coburg Road, North West Arm.

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Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

SHIP BUILDING SITE AT AFRICVILLE.

Read report Controller Murphy recommending that the City sell to W. K. McKean for \$3,500.00 the portion of the Tully property at Africville which he desires to acquire for a ship building site.

Approved.

STREET LIGHTS.

Read report Controller Murphy covering letter from the Tramway Company re street lights, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., July 23, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

At the request of our Board I took up with Mr. Mallison of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company, the question of putting into service the white-way lighting on our main streets, and of supplying some additional lights throughout other parts of the City.

I submit herewith a report of our discussion, which outlines the conditions under which the white-way lighting can again be put into service, and additional lights supplied where thought necessary.

John Murphy,  
Controller.

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Controller Murphy,  
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your recent verbal enquiry regarding street lights, I beg to advise that since my return from Montreal, I have given the matter of street lighting some attention, and have to report to you as follows:-

At the present time we are furnishing the City with 448 arc lamps, under a temporary contract which expires in March of next year. Our transformer capacity at the station is practically loaded with these lamps although there is a possibility, if we had additional lamps, that we could, by a rearrangement of our circuits, add a few more lamps to the system. Unfortunately, however, we have very few spare lamps of the type in use, in fact scarcely a sufficient number to cover our requirements for repairs. As this type of lamp is now considerably out of date, and as our contract with the City has such a short time to run, we would not feel inclined to purchase any

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additional lamps of this make. In addition to the lamps paid for by the City, we are supplying, gratis, and have been doing so for nearly two years, three extra lamps in the vicinity of Spring Garden Road and Barrington Street. Addition lighting to the present street lighting system might be obtained if the City were to decide to contract for a larger number of series incandescent lamps in certain districts in the City and thus release some of the arc lamps at present used, which could be moved to other locations. Of course there would be no profit to the Company in making these changes for the brief duration of the present contract, and, if any construction was necessitated by any changes of this nature, the Company would expect to be reimbursed for the cost of labor in making any such changes.

As you are aware, the so-called "White Way" lighting has been discontinued, the Merchants having terminated the contract. At the present time there are 27 of these Magnetite Arcs installed and we have transformer capacity for 50 lamps of this nature. We would be willing to make a 10-year or 5-year contract with the City for the supply of 50 lamps of this type; the 27 arc lamps installed to remain and the 23 extra lamps to be either of the same type as installed or of the pendant tupe. These 23 lamps could be placed, say, on Gottingen Street, Spring Garden Road and Hollis Street. On a 10-year contract we could make a price for the 50 lamps, of, say \$75.00 per lamp per annum, <sup>and on a 5-year contract for 50 lamps, of, say \$80.00 per lamp per annum.</sup> If a contract of this nature was entered into, a number of old type arc lamps would be released from service and could be installed in other sections of the City under the terms and conditions of the contract at present inforce.

In as much as you have shown an interest in the question of street lighting, I would respectfully call your attention to the fact that, upon the expiration of the present contract for street lighting we will scarcely be in a position to continue to supply the City with the lamps at present in use at the prices now prevailing; the reason for this is that the lamps now used are antiquated, and, in addition to consuming a large quantity of current, necessitate a very considerable expense in maintenance and replacement, and if it is the City's desire to further delay the installation of a modern street lighting system, it would not be possible for this Company to do all the repairs necessary to the present City lighting equipment, in order to maintain same in efficient operating condition, unless the City would be prepared to pay the price for the service that would warrant us making such repairs to cover a brief extension of the contract, or to negotiate a new contract for a sufficient period of time to warrant us making these extensive repairs or in installing an up to date lighting system.

I feel quite sure that it is apparent to you that, under present conditions it would be physically impossible for any Company to inatal a new street lighting system in less time than from 18 months to two years, and I therefore beg that you have this fact in mind when giving the street lighting question your further consideration.

If there should be any further information which you desire in connection with this question, I trust you will command me.

H. R. Mallison,  
Managing-Director.

Referred to Controller Murphy, the City Engineer and

*Cont. Murphy ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Electrician ✓*

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City Electrician for report.

LIGHTS OUT.

His Worship the Mayor is requested to interview the General Officer commanding Halifax Military District as to why the City is kept in darkness under military orders while the lights in Dartmouth and on the Harbour are not obscured.

LOANS FOR WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Read report Controller Murphy re loans for various services in connection with the Department of City Works, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. July 20, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

In the face of financial conditions at present obtaining we feel, in justice to the ratepayers, that every expenditure which can possibly be avoided at this time, should be, and to this end beg to recommend that the following amounts be deducted from the proposed borrowings for this Department:-

Amount for Equipment of Public Abattoir - \$10,000.00

This item can well be with-held for the present, as the progress on the building would indicate that the equipment will not likely be required for some time.

Public Convenience Station - \$2,000.00.

While these conveniences are very necessary, we do not feel justified in recommending their being carried on at present and would therefore recommend that the amount of \$2,000.00 be struck out.

Re Sidewalks.

We feel that we are correctly interpreting the wishes of the large bulk of the ratepayers in recommending that the regular sidewalk work, as undertaken every year, be held up. While under normal conditions these improvements are very necessary, we can get along for the present without them. There are several small stretches where the conditions, in the judgment of the City Engineer, make necessary from a standpoint of public safety, our fixing up. The total on the work would involve an outlay of approximately \$11,000.00. This would be in addition to the amount required for the work already completed or under construction, and would mean a total borrowing not to exceed \$15,000.00.

Our expenditure on Sidewalks last year amounted to \$70,000.00. Under these circumstances you will see that we purpose to practically dispense with all sidewalk work for this year.

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Re Arm Sewer.

The only other amount requiring consideration is that of the sewerage of the Western slope on which I am submitting you a separate report embodying a proposal from contractors for the financing of same, on what seems to be a very attractive basis.

We feel satisfied in submitting these recommendations that they will meet with generous support, as it is unquestionably the opinion prevailing, that any outlay which can possibly be avoided should not be undertaken at this time.

John Murphy,  
Controller Works Dept.

Approved.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER - SOUTHERN SECTION.

Read report Controller Murphy re North West Arm trunk sewer, southern section, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., July 23rd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

As reported verbally at our previous meeting, I have been negotiating with the Cook Construction Company & Wheaton Bros, to see if some satisfactory arrangement could be outlined, under which they would accept in payment of a contract for the second section of the western slope sewerage, bonds of the City of Halifax, at a price and under conditions agreeable to us.

I am submitting herewith a proposal which confirms our interview of Saturday last, in which they agree to take our bonds in payment for such a contract at a minimum price of 92.35 which nets to the City 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. The City further reserves the right to dispose of all or any part of these bonds should a favorable opportunity offer. The payments as on the original contract being subject to progress certificates.

The last provision mentioned would leave us free, should financial conditions improve and a more favorable bond market offer, to turn these bonds over to the best advantage, and would protect the City in case the market went off, by guaranteeing us a minimum price of 92.35.

In the consideration of this proposal I take it for granted that all are agreed on the necessity of carrying this work to completion and providing satisfactory sewerage accommodations for the entire western slope of the City. Therefore, the only question entering in is whether it would be advisable to carry the work through at once or defer it to a future date.

Personally I have endeavored to weigh the situation from its different angles, and have reached the conclusion that it will be in the best interests of the City to let its contract for this work and carry it through, in accordance with the proposal made herewith. In reaching this

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conclusion I have been guided to some extent by our experience on the first section of this work. Same has been carried through in a manner highly satisfactory, not only to the City itself, but particularly to those whose properties have been directly effected in the construction. The Contractors have around them all the plant and equipment necessary to carry this work to completion, and we owe it to the portion of our population who will be served by this sewer, to go through with same.

Serious complaints have recently been received from some portions of the Arm, which would indicate that if the City undertakes to make further temporary outlets for the western slope sewerage, we are liable to create a serious menace from same. In the event of the work being held up and the second contract not proceeded with, it will not be again undertaken for several years.

Under the financial conditions at present obtaining it is the duty of this Board and Council to avoid any expenditure possible, and so far as the Works Department is concerned, we have laid down this policy. In the consideration however of the western slope sewerage we must view the same as a necessity, and it would seem an unwise policy to allow the work to stand in its present half-finished state.

In the face of the arrangement to which the Contractors have agreed, whereby the City is guaranteed a price above the best tender received for our bonds, and extended the opportunity of taking advantage of any improvement which might take place while protected against the falling off of the bond market, I feel that our Board is perfectly justified in recommending to Council that the contract be entered into, under these conditions and the amount involved be provided herewith.

John Murphy,  
Controller Works Dept.

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Halifax, N. S., July 21, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and the Hon. Board of Control,  
City of Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

We hereby propose and if this proposal is accepted to enter into an agreement satisfactory to both parties, to accept in payment for the fulfilling of Contract #2 of the North West Arm sewer, City of Halifax 5% 34 year Bonds at 92.35.

The payments will be subject to regular progress certificates as on the first contract, and the City to reserve the right of realizing on these bonds at any time should a favorable bond market offer. Any premium realized above the price of 92.35 plus actual selling expense involved to revert to the City.

COOK CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD., & WHEATON  
BROTHERS.  
H. F. McLean.

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Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by His Worship the Mayor that the report be adopted and forwarded to the City Council for approval.

The vote being taken Controller Murphy and His Worship the Mayor voted for the adoption of the report and Controllers Finlay and Hines against it.

It is agreed that the report be forwarded to the City Council.

On a similar vote it is also agreed to recommend to the City Council the acceptance of the tender of the Cook Construction Company and Wheaton Brothers for the construction of the southern portion of the North West Arm trunk sewer, or so much thereof as the City is able to finance under existing legislation.

STREET RAILWAY FARES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Read letter Tramway Company re street railway fares for school children, as follows:-

N. S. Tramways & Power Company,  
Halifax, N. S., July 20th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor,  
City of Halifax.

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 9th instant relative to the extension of cheaper fares for school children upon the cars of this Company. I submitted this request to the Directors of this Company at a meeting held today, and am instructed to advise you that in view of the alarming and continued increase in our operating expenses it would be impossible for this company to consider any further reductions whatsoever in the rates of fares charged at this time. I was instructed to further call your attention to the fact that a very large number of the street railway companies both in Canada and the United States are now applying to the various Public Utility Commissions for the privilege of increasing their charges for transportation, and in the larger centers on this Continent the rate of fare will in all probability be increased to 6¢ with an additional 1¢ for transfer privileges. The City of Halifax is no exception to the general rule in the matter of increased cost of operation, and my Directors trust that you will take this phase of the situation into consideration and realize that the Company is not in a position at this time to accede to your request.

H. R. Mallison,  
Managing Director.

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*H. P. Mallison*

The Secretary is instructed to write to Mr. Mallison informing him of the disappointment of the Board with the Company's determination not to grant cheaper fares for school children and expressing regret that the Company does not extend the privilege which it was understood that it practically promised some time ago.

CITY FUEL YARD.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following resolution:-

Resolved as follows:-

1. The City of Halifax, under the authority of the Act passed at the session of the Legislature in the present year, does establish a yard within the City for the storage of fuel and the sale of same to the residents of the City, and to operate the same.
2. That for the purpose of such yard, the Board of Control is hereby authorized to employ any land the property of the City, or if in the opinion of the Board no such land is suitable, then to lease a suitable property on such terms as the Board deems advisable.
3. That the Board of Control is authorized to purchase such quantity of coal as it deems necessary and to arrange for the carriage of the same to this City at such prices and on such terms as the Board deems most advantageous, and to sell the same to residents of the City at such prices as the Board deems right, provided that the same are adequate to reimburse the City against all costs and charges in connection with the same.
4. That for the purpose of this resolution the Board of Control be authorized to borrow from any bank of fund available, such sum or sums as are necessary, and to repay the same with interest out of the proceeds of the sale of the coal.

*Council ✓*

The resolution is passed unanimously and recommended for the approval of the City Council.

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts chargeable to the City Health Board are passed for payment:-

City Health Board.

*Council ✓*

Royal Gazette	printing	\$ 2.00
King Edward Stables	Conveyance	52.75
Prov. Dept. Public Health	Anti-toxin	35.00
A. E. Carnell	Repairs	2.98
Melvin & Co.	Kitchen Utensils	18.75
Baldwin & Co.	Supplies	21.95
John Starr & Co.	Batteries	.65
Scotia Pure Milk Co.	Milk	2.80
		<u>\$136.88</u>

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MUNICIPAL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

July 25th, 1917.

The Board adjourned.

The Board of Control met this afternoon at 4.30 o'clock, present His Worship the Mayor and Councillors Murray, Finlay and James.

PRESENT:

Read report Acting City Engineer, July 25th, 1917,

re sidewalks as follows:-

*P. F. Martin*

City Engineer's Office,  
July 25th, 1917.

P. F. Martin, Mayor.

*L. J. Donoghue*

MAYOR.

CITY CLERK.

In my report of July 17th, on the sidewalks which should be constructed as soon as possible, Harrington Street, west side between Campbell and North Streets, was not included. The Board approved of the construction of this sidewalk, but in order to carry out the job, it will be necessary to have a formal report and specification regarding the work. This portion of Harrington Street is part of the main thoroughfare of the City, and is used by a large proportion of those coming into the City by rail.

The estimated cost of the block between Campbell and Barrack Streets is \$1500, Barrack to Arts, \$3100 and Arts to North \$2100.

I would recommend that the sidewalks be placed in the order given. The northern block to be built this year and the southern blocks as soon as possible.

L. J. Donoghue,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved and ordered to be forwarded to the City

Council.

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*

*L. J. Donoghue*

P. F. Martin,

CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

July 25th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this afternoon at 4.30 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Murphy, Finlay and Hines.

SIDEWALKS.

Read report Acting City Engineer, July 25th, 1917, re sidewalks, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 25th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

In my report of July 17th, on the sidewalks which should be constructed as soon as possible, Barrington Street, west side between Cornwallis and North Streets, was not included. The Board approved of the construction of this sidewalk, but in order to comply with the Act, it will be necessary to have a formal report and resolution ordering the work. This portion of Barrington Street is part of the main thoroughfare of the City, and is used by a large proportion of those coming into the City by rail.

The estimated cost of the block between Cornwallis and Gerrish Streets is \$3500, Gerrish to Artz, \$2100 and Artz to North \$2100.

I would recommend that the sidewalks be placed on the Order paper, the northern block to be built this year and the southern blocks as soon as possible.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council.

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*

P. F. Martin,  
MAYOR.

*L. J. Dunbar*

CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

July 26th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Hines and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Agricola Street Roadway, - Street Railway Track Allowance.  
Children's Playgrounds - City grant.  
Walnut Street - McFatriidge Lot.  
Dilapidated Buildings, #58 South Park Street.  
Barrington Street - Catchpit Richmond Printing Co.  
City Market.  
Henry Street Cleaning and Improvement.  
Falkland Street.  
Scattering of Paper and Rubbish on Streets.  
North West Arm Trunk Sewer Contract.

AGRICOLA STREET ROADWAY - STREET RAILWAY TRACK

ALLOWANCE.

The Secretary informed the Board that Alderman Parker, before going out of the City, had requested on behalf of Jerome Rogers and others, that the roadway on Agricola Street and the street railway track allowance between Ontario and Almon Streets be put in proper repair.

Referred to the City Engineer.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS - CITY GRANT.

His Worship the Mayor is authorized to contribute the sum of \$250.00 from the Contingent Fund Account as a City grant towards the Children's Playgrounds Commission.

WALNUT STREET - McFATRIDGE LOT.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 25th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I have received the award of the arbitrators appointed to value the lot on the east side of Walnut St.

*Engineer*

*City Auditor*

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owned by William McFatridge and required by the City for the extension of Watt Street.

At a meeting of the City Council held on the 5th of April, a report from the Board of Control recommending that the agreement arrived at between Mr. McFatridge and the Board that he be paid \$875 for the lot of land referred to, was not adopted, and an amendment was passed that the report be referred back with a recommendation that the question of fixing the value of Mr. McFatridge's property be referred to arbitration.

Mr. J. C. Harris was appointed by the City, and Mr. George F. Brady by Mr. McFatridge, and as these two arbitrators were unable to agree on a price, Mr. William Davis was chosen by them as a third arbitrator. They have awarded Mr. McFatridge the sum of \$859 for the lot. A copy of the award is attached.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

The report of the Acting City Engineer, together with the award of the arbitrators, is ordered to be forwarded to the City Council with the recommendation that the property be purchased from Mr. McFatridge at the price of \$859.00 awarded by the arbitrators.

DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS, #58 SOUTH PARK STREET.

Read petition from E. D. King, W. McC. Boak, W.J. O'Hearn and Sir Wallace Graham for the removal of dilapidated buildings adjoining #58 South Park Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

BARRINGTON STREET - CATCHPIT RICHMOND PRINTING CO.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 25th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that the catchpit complained of near the Richmond Printing Company's premises on Barrington Street, was cleaned out before the Minute of the Board reached this office. Catchpits are liable to choke and may escape the attention of the officials for a few days. When these conditions are noticed by the adjoining property owner and word telephoned to the office, they are immediately remedied.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Filed.

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CITY MARKET.

Read accounts from the M. E. Keefe Construction Co., Limited, in connection with contract for the construction of the City Market, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., July, 1917.

City of Halifax,  
To The M. E. Keefe Construction Co., Ltd., Dr.

To 1 Keg Lapidolith, 15 gals, @ \$3.00 \$45.00

Applied to floor of Market Building as directed by the Architect.

Halifax, N. S., July, 1917.

City of Halifax,  
To The M. E. Keefe Construction Co., Ltd., Dr.

To handicap to work at City Market Building in the re-handling, piling and removal of 2000 yards excavated stone, per specification pages 7 and 8, @ \$1.00 per cu. yd. \$2,000.00

The accounts are referred to Architect S. P.

Dumaresq for report.

HENRY STREET CLEANING AND IMPROVEMENT.

Controller Finlay requested that the Engineer clean Henry Street and effect necessary improvements.

Referred to the Acting City Engineer.

FALKLAND STREET.

Controller Finlay requested that the City Engineer repair Falkland Street.

Referred to the Acting City Engineer.

SCATTERING OF PAPER AND RUBBISH ON STREETS.

Controller Hines again complained of the scattering of paper and rubbish about the streets.

Referred to the Chief of Police for immediate attention.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER CONTRACT.

Controller Murphy, the City Solicitor and the City Engineer are appointed a special committee to draft the details of contract to be entered into with the Cook Construction Company & Wheaton Bros. for the construction

*SP Dumaresq ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Solicitor ✓*

*Engineer ✓*

*Engineer ✓*

*Chief of Police ✓  
City Engineer ✓  
Cont. Taylor ✓*

*Cont. Murphy ✓  
Solicitor ✓  
Engineer ✓*

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of the southern portion of the North West Arm trunk sewer.

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*  
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

*L. Fred McLaughlin*  
CITY CLERK.

*City News - Tenders for Supplies.*  
Imperial Oil Company Oil Tanks,  
Fouling and Put Down Exhibition,  
Returned Soldiers' Association,  
Carpenter Street Sidewalk,  
Northern Milling Machine's Delivery,  
Refrigerated Building for Public Storage,  
Refrigerated Building Improvements,  
Heavy ground on the Green,  
Inspection of Water Works for Leaks,  
Refrigerated Buildings, 215 North Park Street,  
Coal,  
Sewers.

CITY NEWS - TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

Read report Secretary of the City News as follows:

July 26, 1917.  
The Board of Control,  
Halifax, N. S.

In your report of 1917, you report on the tenders for supplies received to date July 26, 1917.

The City Clerk received one from Hamilton's Ltd. and there is an increase over the previous three months amount of \$39,000, or about 1 1/2%. The principal increase is in the coal and oil contracts.

James McLaughlin,  
Secretary City News.

It is decided to recommend to Council that the tender of Hamilton's Ltd. be accepted.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF CITY NEWS.

Read report of Secretary of the City News as follows:

The Board is advised that the following...

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

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The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Hines, Murphy and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

City Home - Tenders for Groceries.  
Imperial Oil Company Oil Tanks.  
Poultry and Pet Stock Exhibition.  
Returned Soldiers' Association.  
Gottingen Street Sidewalk.  
Engineer William Henrion's Salary.  
Dilapidated Building #2 Hoblis Street.  
Richmond School Improvements.  
Merry-go-round on the Common.  
Inspection of Water Mains for Leaks.  
Dilapidated Buildings, #58 South Park Street.  
Coal.  
Sewers.

CITY HOME - TENDERS FOR GROCERIES.

Read report Secretary of the City Home re tenders for groceries, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., July 31st, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and Members  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

As per your request of 26th inst., I beg to report re tenders for supplying groceries to City Home for a period of three months from August 1st, 1917.

The only tender received was from Wentzell's Ltd., and there is an increase over the previous three months' contract of \$59.49, or about 4 1/7%. The principal increases are on tea, tobacco and molasses.

James O'Bryan,  
Secretary City Home.

It is decided to recommend to Council that the tender of Wentzell's Ltd., be accepted.

IMPERIAL OIL COMPANY OIL TANKS.

Read petition of merchants against the granting of permission to the Imperial Oil Company to erect tanks on their property for the storage of oil.

The Board is waited upon by a delegation of

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merchants consisting of G. W. C. Hensley, Thomas Forhan, G. M. Wood, Henry G. Bauld, R. M. Symons and A.C. Pyke, all of whom addressed the Board strongly urging that the petition of the Imperial Oil Company to instal underground oil tanks on their wharf property in the centre of the wholesale business district, be refused.

His Worship the Mayor informed the delegation that the Board would deal with the matter at Thursday's meeting.

POULTRY AND PET STOCK EXHIBITION.

Read application of the Halifax City and County Poultry and Pet Stock Association for the use of the City Market Building on the 4th, 5th and 6th of December, 1917, for the holding of a poultry and pet stock exhibition, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., 23rd July, 1917.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

It is the intention to have the second annual exhibition of our association on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 4th, 5th and 6th of December of this year and it is proposed to make the largest and best poultry show ever held in Eastern Canada. The Maritime Poultry Fair will not take place this year, owing to the building at Amherst being occupied by the Military Authorities. (This makes it more desirable to extend the scope of our show and a comprehensive prize list will be offered with many special prizes added, the donations of the citizens of Halifax and Dartmouth. Already the promoters are much encouraged by the promises of assistance and active interest by poultrymen throughout the Maritime Provinces and no doubt a large number of visitors will be induced to come to Halifax to attend. The only available building in which to have the exhibition seems to be the City Market and we trust that you will recognize the suitability and grant us the privilege of holding it there. As we have to complete our preliminary arrangements right away, we hope you will consider our application and favor us with an answer as soon as possible.

Wm. Beazley,  
Acting Sec.- Treas.

It is decided to recommend to the City Council that the petition be granted.

RETURNED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that he had been waited upon by Major A. N. Jones, President of

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the Returned Soldiers' Association, now styled the Great War Veterans' Association, who requested that the Association be permitted the use of any suitable rooms in City property which might be available for the purpose, the rooms in the Bedford Row Fire Station now used by the Association, being too small for the activities of the organization.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

The Secretary is instructed to inform Major Jones of the action taken by the Board, and to inform him also that the verbal application to the Board for financial assistance from the City will be given due consideration at the time of making up the next financial estimates, and when the City is dealing with legislation for <sup>the</sup> 1918 session of the Legislature.

GOTTINGEN STREET SIDEWALK.

Controller Hines requested that the City Engineer report as to the advisability and cost of laying a concrete sidewalk on the west side of Gottingen Street from Cogswell Street to Falkland Street, and that the Engineer in the meantime effect necessary improvements to the sidewalk.

Referred to the City Engineer.

ENGINEER WILLIAM HENRION'S SALARY.

Controller Finlay asked for a recommendation from the Works Department in regard to the complaint of Wm. Henrion, Engineer of the steam roller, regarding his salary.

Controller Murphy states that a report will be presented this day week.

DILAPIDATED BUILDING #2 HOLLIS STREET.

Controller Hines calls attention to the dangerous condition of a dilapidated building at #2 Hollis street, Referred to the Building Inspector for report.

Major Jones ✓

Engineer ✓

Cont. Finlay ✓  
Cont. Murphy ✓  
Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

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RICHMOND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS.

Read order Governor in Council directing the City to issue debentures to raise the amount of \$18,817.89 for additions and alterations to Richmond School.

Ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for its information.

Controller Finlay is requested to report as to the manner of raising the necessary funds.

MERRY-GO-ROUND ON THE COMMON.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that he had received a verbal request from Warden C. E. Smith for permission to operate a merry-go-round on the Common.

The Secretary is instructed to inform Warden Smith that the Board does not consider a merry-go-round on the Common to be in the interests of the City, and that they have to decline the issuing of a permit.

INSPECTION OF WATER MAINS FOR LEAKS.

Read letter Fire Insurance Underwriters re inspection of City water mains for leaks, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., July 30th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor, Peter F. Martin,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Mayor.

Referring to interview had with you this morning, in company with Mr. Fahie and the other insurance agents, I understand that the Acting City Engineer is about recommending that the services of the Pitometer people be obtained in order to discover if there are any leaks in our water mains. This, I take it, would not be a very expensive work and might well be adopted by the City at the present time.

If you can have the suggestion adopted, independent of any other improvements that we may lay before you, it would certainly be an assistance to our water service.

Anticipating your kind attention,

Alfred J. Bell.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS, #58 SOUTH PARK STREET.

Read reports Acting City Engineer and City Solicitor

Council ✓  
Cont. Finlay ✓

Warden C. E. Smith ✓

Engineer ✓  
A. J. Bell ✓

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on petition for the removal of dilapidated buildings at  
#58 South Park Street, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
July 31st, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering petition from property owners on adjoining #58 South Park Street, asking that the old buildings adjoining #58 South Park Street be torn down.

I have had the premises examined, and find that the one storey building is in a very dilapidated condition and has been unoccupied for a long period. The other building is a two-storey building erected as a repair shop for pianos and is at present occupied as a store house for tools, lumber and furniture.

There is no question that the building is in a very unsightly condition, but it is not in such a condition as in my judgment to bring it under the operation of section 17, chapter 46 of the Acts of 1915. The Act provides for a report upon any building which is apparently in such a condition of non-repair as to be no longer fit for occupation, and is in fact not occupied and is a public disfigurement.

I would suggest that the opinion of the City Solicitor be obtained as to whether, if a building is considered a public disfigurement and yet is in a condition in which it might be repaired easily, your Board has power to order the building removed.

In any case, the small building in my judgment comes within the terms of the Act and the owner should be notified to have this removed.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

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Office of City Solicitor,  
July 31st, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to say that in my opinion, before any building can be brought under the operation of section 17, Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1915, all the conditions specified in that clause must exist, that is to say, it must be in such a condition of non-repair as to be no longer suitable for habitation or any business purpose, and that this condition must have existed for not less than six months, during which time the building has not been occupied, and that the building is, in addition to this, a public disfigurement.

The existence merely of any one of these conditions, is not sufficient to enable the Act to be brought into operation.

F. H. Bell,  
City Solicitor.

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A copy of the City Engineer's report is ordered to be forwarded to E. D. King, K. C., for the petitioners.

*ED King K.C.  
Engineer ✓*

The report of the Engineer in regard to the smaller building is approved.

COAL.

Read memorandum Clerk of Works, re accounts for freight charges on soft coal from Sydney, \$223.84.

*Engineer ✓*

Referred to the City Engineer for his attention.

SEWERS.

The Clerk of Works is authorized to make a progress payment of \$1190.13 to the Standard Clay Products, Ltd., on account of their contract for sewer pipes.

*Clerk of Works ✓  
Engineer ✓*

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*

P. F. Martin  
MAYOR.

*L. B. McLaughlin*  
CITY CLERK.

City Engineer - Price of Coal  
Sinking and Drilling Bores  
Sinking of Drilled Bores  
Fire Department - Benders for Drilling  
Fire Department Tools  
Police Department Accounts

ARRIVE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE.

Read letter stating that Controller's Office was unexpectedly called out of the City to attend the funeral of a relative in Cape Breton. Slight delay.

IMPERIAL OIL COMPANY'S OFFICE.

Read letter Imperial Oil Company stating that they are in communication with the Technical Board of Fire Underwriters in regard to their proposal to install automatic fire alarm system. The Board of Fire Underwriters is expected to meet on August 1st. The installation of the system will be postponed for about two weeks.

The Controller is instructed to inform the Imperial Oil Company that the proposal is not yet approved. The Controller is also instructed to inform the Imperial Oil Company that the proposal is not yet approved. The Controller is also instructed to inform the Imperial Oil Company that the proposal is not yet approved.