

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

August 2nd, 1917.

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.

Absence Controller Hines.
Imperial Oil Company Oil Tanks.
Water Supply - Survey for Leakage and Waste.
Water Street and Bedford Row.
City Market Receipts.
Oxford Street Electric Light.
Oxford Street Sewer Extension.
Street Widening Fund.
Carteret Street.
Willow Street Curb and Gutter.
Morris Street - Letter Sydney Locke.
Larch Street Grading.
Hartlen Property Robie Street (Longard Road).
Chestnut Street Sewer Extension.
Superannuation Deputy Chief of Police.
Barrington Street and Gerrish Street Sidewalk.
Ferry Licenses.
High Cost of Living - Price of Bread.
Plumbing in Dwelling Houses.
Cabling to Overseas Forces.
Permanent Sidewalks.
Fire Department - Tenders for Clothing.
Fire Department Hose.
Police Department Accounts.

ABSENCE CONTROLLER HINES.

Read letter stating that Controller Hines was unexpectedly called out of the City to attend the funeral of a relative in Cape Breton. Filed.

IMPERIAL OIL COMPANY OIL TANKS.

Read letter Imperial Oil Company stating that they are in communication with the National Board of Fire Underwriters in regard to their proposal to instal underground oil tanks, and asking that decision on their application be postponed for about ten days.

The Secretary is instructed to inform the Imperial Oil Company that they had received no prior notice of the intentions of the delegation of merchants who attended before them at last meeting, or would have sent the

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*SS Shattford ✓
B/C*

Company word.

The request for the postponement of ten days is agreed to.

WATER SUPPLY - SURVEY FOR LEAKAGE AND WASTE.

Read report Acting City Engineer on above matter, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
August 1st, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

We have been continuing tests and surveys during the past year for leaks and waste, by means of house to house inspection and by observing pressures at the hydrants. This is effectual up to certain point, but beyond this, more scientific methods are necessary.

In general terms, the method used is to divide the system into districts and measure the flow into each one in turn. If the night flow into a particular district does not show a marked decrease from the day flow when the consumption should be at a maximum, it is obvious that the mains are leaking or that there must be considerable waste from fixtures. Location of these is detected by gradually narrowing the area under examination until the cause of the excessive consumption is traced.

There are different metering devices for measuring the flow in the mains, but the most flexible is what is known as the pitot tube, which is inserted in the main through a 1-inch stopcock and to which is attached a recording device, giving the amount of water flowing. To do the work mentioned, would require that additional assistance and instruments be provided for the office.

I have been in correspondence for some time with a firm in New York who are the pioneers in this kind of work and who have manufactured and improved instruments for the purpose and are experts in this line. They have made such surveys and investigations in a large number of cities, among others, New York, Washington, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Hamilton. I have written the engineers in charge in these places, and they all speak very highly as to the value of the results obtained. They have had a preliminary investigation made by the firm mentioned, and have organized a staff to keep up the work. Toronto spends about \$12,000 per annum, and Washington \$35,000 per annum for this work. The firm referred to, the Cole Pitometer Company, offer to send an experienced engineer, including all necessary apparatus for conducting a water works survey, for \$35.00 per day, including all expenses from New York - board not to exceed \$3.00 per day. The cost of the photo recording instrument is \$500.00. The Company estimates that within a month our low service system could be nearly covered.

There can be little doubt as to the desirability of employing it to make the first survey, when we could start an organization of our own and purchase an instrument next year to continue the work. Another advantage from the survey would be that the flow in various main feeders would be accurately determined, and this would indicate exactly what reinforcing pipes are needed.

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The popular opinion is that there is a very large amount of leakage from the mains in our water works system, and this argument is always brought up whenever it has been recommended to apply the fundamental and permanent remedy of large consumption, namely the complete metering of the water works system. House to house inspection, imposition of fines and penalties are temporary expedients only, and while they may check the waste for a short time, their effects are not lasting or permanent. In order to set at rest the question of excessive underground leakage from the mains, or if more is found than is anticipated, to remedy the conditions, I would recommend the employment of the above mentioned firm to make the proposed survey. The estimated cost of this work for the low service is \$1600.00.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

B/c ✓

Consideration of the report is deferred until Tuesday's meeting.

WATER STREET AND BEDFORD ROW.

Read complaint H. H. Banks of the dirty condition of Water Street and Bedford Row.

Referred to the City engineer.

Engineer ✓

CITY MARKET RECEIPTS.

Read report W. E. Messervey, Market Clerk, showing receipts for rent of tables for the month of July to have been as follows:-

July 7th,.....	\$71.50
" 14th	73.80
" 21st	74.10
" 28th	<u>78.55</u>
Total.....	\$297.95

Filed.

OXFORD STREET ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Read report Acting City Engineer stating that it is impossible to comply with the request for installation of an electric light at the corner of Oxford and Mott Streets until a readjustment of lights is made or a new contract for street lighting entered into.

W. A. Monaghan ✓

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to W. A. Monaghan for the petitioners.

OXFORD STREET SEWER EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer that the City

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having purchased the jib lot owned by W. W. Foster, there would be no necessity for construction of the sewer past the property. Filed.

STREET WIDENING FUND.

The City Engineer is requested to report on the amount of cash on hand in the Street Widening Fund, and on committals in respect to said fund.

CARTERET STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
August 2nd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering petition from owners of property on Carteret Street asking that the street be taken over by the City.

The Street is not yet sufficiently graded to enable the City to take it over. I have written to this effect to Mr. Blois, on behalf of the petitioners, and informed him that when the grading is completed, I will recommend the acceptance of the street by the City.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Filed.

WILLOW STREET CURB AND GUTTER.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
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His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering petition from property owners on Willow Street between Clifton and Gladstone Streets, for a curb and gutter on the south side of the street.

It has not been the practice of the City in recent years to lay a curb and gutter without a sidewalk. Last year it was decided to borrow money for this type of work on some of the steep hills, but the money has not been borrowed, and no work can be done this year. In any case, I could not recommend a curb and gutter for Willow Street under this Act, neither could I recommend a curb and gutter and sidewalk for the block petitioned for, unless the same were extended either to Windsor Street or Robie Street.

I would suggest that the petitioners get up a petition for sidewalk, curb and gutter for the three blocks

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on Willow Street between Windsor and Robie Streets.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to
A. S. Hossell, 72 Willow Street, for the petitioners.

MORRIS STREET - LETTER SYDNEY LOCKE.

Read report Acting City Engineer that improvements
have been made in the watering of the block of Morris
Street complained of by Sydney Locke.

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

LARCH STREET GRADING.

Read report Acting City Engineer re grading of
Larch Street, stating that the street has not been
taken over by the City, suggesting that the property
owners on the street send in a petition signed by the
necessary number of property owners who are willing to
pay for the grading of the street, asking that the work
be done. Approved.

HARTLEN PROPERTY ROBIE STREET (LONGARD ROAD).

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
August 2nd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the
Board of Control covering letter from Heber Hartlen,
Mr. Hartlen makes three requests -

(1) He asks that a gutter be made on the east side
of Robie Street so as to prevent water flowing from the
City prison property across the street on to his prop-
erty. While the City does not acknowledge that it has
the no right to use the old water course, still the
work asked for by Mr. Hartlen is on the order paper and
will be done in the course of this month.

(2) He states that when the water is extended to
the Abattoir the distance will be only 30 or 40 feet to
carry the water to his property. This is incorrect. The
distance will be considerably more than this, and in any
case, the water will not be extended to the abattoir
this year. If Mr. Hartlen does not wish the water ex-
tended under the conditions previously recommended, when
the water is extended to the abattoir a further report
as to cost, etc. will be submitted.

(3) When the property was taken from Mr. Hartlen

AS Hossell ✓
Engineer ✓

Locke ✓
Engineer ✓

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Engineer ✓

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on the west side of Robie Street to widen the street to the new line, the arbitrators awarded Mr. Hartlen the sum of five cents per square foot for the land taken, with the undertaking for the City that it would remove and replace Mr. Hartlen's fence Mr. Hartlen's fence in as good a condition as it then existed and also that it would move the office building to the new line, and in the event of any dispute, Mr. J. C. Harris, the City's arbitrator, was agreed upon as referee. I have consulted with Mr. Harris, and he agrees with me that the sum of \$450 is a fair price for doing this work, and I would recommend that this amount be paid Mr. Hartlen for moving the building and rebuilding the fence on the new line, the said amount to be paid when the work is completed.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The report is approved, the work named in paragraph (3) to be done by Mr. Hartlen under the supervision of the City Engineer, and when completed the City to obtain a release from Mr. Hartlen of all claims.

CHESTNUT STREET SEWER EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending construction of a sewer in Chestnut Street between Cedar Street and Shirley Street, estimated cost \$3500.00.

Approved.

SUPERANNUATION DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE.

Read opinion City Solicitor as follows:-

Office of City Solicitor,
August 1st, 1917.

Secretary Board of Control.
Dear Sir:-

In reply to your request for my opinion as to the superannuation of the Deputy Chief of Police, I beg to say that I would be very glad if I could see my way clear to an opinion that Mr. Bayers is entitled to an allowance based on the salary of the Chief of Police, namely \$1600.00, but regret that I cannot do so. Mr. Bayers' official position is Deputy Chief of Police, and as such he discharges the duties of the Chief of Police only in the absence of the latter.

The salary of the Deputy is fixed by law. The present year's act, which enabled the Council to pay the difference between the salary of a Deputy and that of the Chief so long as the Deputy discharged the duties of the Chief when absent on military service, does not in my opinion alter the salary of the Deputy. His salary still remains that fixed by statute, and it is on this along that he could be required to contribute to the Superannuation Fund. The additional amount merely operates as a bonus for additional services during the time of the Chief's absence, and would automatically cease at any time if his Chief returned to duty.

It therefore appears clear to me that Mr. Bayers'

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allowance can only legally be based upon his salary as Deputy Chief of Police.

F. H. Bell,
City solicitor.

A copy of the opinion is ordered to be forwarded to Ex Deputy Chief of Police Bayers.

BARRINGTON STREET AND GERRISH STREET SIDEWALK.

Read petition E. A. Cornelius for construction of a concrete sidewalk in front of his premises, 914 Barrington Street, in continuation of the Gerrish Street sidewalk at present being laid.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

FERRY LICENSES.

On recommendation of Controller Taylor it is decided to grant ferry licenses to Adam Meagher, for a ferry at the foot of Coburg Road, and to Alfred Percina for a ferry at No. 2 pier, Deep Water Terminus.

HIGH COST OF LIVING - PRICE OF BREAD.

The Secretary is instructed to write to Lynch's Bakery, reminding them that they have not appeared before the Board, agreeably to promise in connection with the reports that they sell bread in New Glasgow cheaper than in Halifax.

PLUMBING IN DWELLING HOUSES.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending that a progress payment of \$155.70 be made to George H. Hinsman on account of contract for plumbing in dwelling house No. 96 Gerrish Street. Approved.

CABLING TO OVERSEAS FORCES.

Read report Controller Murphy as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., August 2nd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The Western Union Telegraph Company has just put into effect in the United States a special arrangement, under which cables can be sent to those serving in any capacity overseas, at a rate of 5¢ per word from Boston, and 6¢ from all other New England points. Under this arrangement it is possible at a slight expense, for the

W.S. Bayers ✓
Treasurer ✓

Engineer ✓

Asst. City Clerk ✓

Lynch's Bakery ✓

Engineer ✓
Club & works ✓

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relatives and friends of those who have gone overseas to keep in touch with them, and likewise enables those overseas to cable to their friends at home. Is so desired, such messages can under the arrangements be sent "collect".

I have no doubt that if this matter is placed before the Cable Company here, they will extend a like privilege to Canadian overseas forces, and I would recommend that the matter be taken up, and a request made that this special arrangement be put into effect in Canada.

John Murphy,
Controller.

Approved, and Controller Murphy requested to interview the Western Union Telegraph Company in an effort to effect the arrangements suggested.

PERMANENT SIDEWALKS.

Read reports Controller Murphy and the Clerk of Works as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., August 2nd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The enclosed report from the Clerk of Works submits detailed costs on the various sidewalks constructed during 1916-17. I wish to bring to the Board's attention conditions under which these accounts are at present handled. The total outlay on this work you will note, was \$64,855.83, of which amount the abutters' share totals \$28,646.81. The work in question was started early in May of last year, and would have been completed around November 1916. As the accounts for this work have not yet been rendered, the City will have lost in interest between \$1200 and \$1500.

The practice up to the present has been to defer the rendering of these accounts into the following year. In our Legislation of 1906, Chapter 65, bearing on the construction of permanent sidewalks, there is a provision that the first payment from abutters, on account of work of this nature, shall be due and payable on the 31st day of May next succeeding the completion of said sidewalk.

I see no reason why the City should lose probably a year's interest at 6% on this work, and would therefore recommend that the City Solicitor be instructed to have this Act amended so as to permit the accounts being rendered to the abutters as soon as possible after the completion of the work. This would effect to the City a saving of thousands of dollars now lost in interest.

John Murphy,
Controller.

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City Works Office,
July 24th, 1917.

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

Cont. Murphy ✓

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I herewith respectfully submit for your information the cost of permanent sidewalks constructed in 1916-17, as per detailed statement annexed.

The total cost was \$64,855.83,

payable as follows:-

Abutters' Share.....	\$28,646.81
City's Share.....	36,209.02.
	<u>\$64,855.83</u>

*Engineer ✓
Solicitor ✓*

I would suggest that the same be handed to the City Engineer to file in accordance with the law governing the same.

A. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

Approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - TENDERS FOR CLOTHING

Tenders for clothing for members of the Fire Department are received and opened as follows:-

James H. Young.

Sample 719 5 suits at \$28.50 per suit.
 22 prs. trousers at \$8.00 per pr.
 14 waistcoats at \$5.00 each.

Sample 30-90 5 suits at \$28.50 per suit.
 22 prs. trousers at \$8.00 per pr.
 14 waistcoats at \$5.00 each.

Sample 70-18 5 suits at \$27.00 per suit.
 22 prs, trousers at \$7.00 per pr.
 14 waistcoats at \$4.50 each.

Sample 25-41 2 overcoats at \$30.50 each.

Sample 29-47 2 overcoats at \$27.50 each.

C. Shipley & Co.

Suits	\$30.00	each.
Trousers	8.25	"
Vests	5.00	"

*Cont. Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓*

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSE.

Tenders for 2,000 feet of hose for the Fire Department are received and opened as follows:-

Dunlap Tire and Rubber Co.

<u>Brand.</u>	<u>Style.</u>	<u>Guarantee.</u>	<u>Pressure.</u>	<u>Price per ft.</u>
Dunlap	Double jacket	3 yrs.	400 lbs.	\$1.15
Dunlap (Grey)	do	do	do	1.15
Imperial	S.W. Jacket	do	do	1.10
Niagara	Double jacket	do	do	1.10
Cataract	do	do	do	1.00
Globe	do	2 yrs.	350 lbs.	.85

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Cragg Bros. Ltd., Dunlop Tire & Rubber Co.

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Niagara	Double jacket	do	do	1.10
Cataract	do	do	do	1.00
Globe	do	2 yrs.	350 lbs.	.85

Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Ltd., Canadian Rubber Co.

Keystone	Wax & gum treated	3 yrs.	400 lbs.	1.20
Patrol	do	do	do	1.10

Guildford & Sons, Ltd. Canadian Rubber Co.

Squelcher		3 yrs.	400 lbs.	1.10
Caruco		do	do	1.10

Lawrence Hardware Co., Ltd. Boston Belting Co.

Winner		3 yrs.	400 lbs.	1.15
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Austen Bros., Gutta Percha & Rubber Co.

Maltese Cross	Carbolized rubber	3 yrs.	400 lbs.	1.25
Crescent	do	do	do	1.10
Paragon	Solid woven	do	do	1.20
Multiple	do	do	do	1.10
Peerless Jacket	Double jacket	do	do	1.10
Helmet	Solid woven	2 yrs.	350 lbs.	.85

John W. Dobbin, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.

Goodyear	Double jacket	3 yrs.	400 lbs.	1.20
Magnet	Multiple woven			1.10
Renown	Single jacket	do	do	.85
Surety	Double "			1.00

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Accounts chargeable to the police Department are submitted and passed for payment, as follows:-

The Semi Ready Co.	1 suit	\$26.00
Maxwell's Ltd.	Repairs etc.	4.50
Imperial Oil Co.	Oil	1.25
Chief of police	Laundry	1.66
Howard McFatridge	Vet. services	-1.00
		4.75
		<u>\$38.16</u>

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. J. McLaughlin
CITY CLERK.

*Cont. Hines
Chief Fire Dept.*

Carroll

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

August 7th, 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.

City Home Monthly Report.
City Prison Monthly Report.
Richmond School Improvement Funds.
Tuberculosis Hospital Site.
Fire Department - Water Department.
Hollis Street #2 - Dilapidated Building.
Cement.
Plumbing Work.
Barrington Street Concrete Sidewalk at #914.
Walnut Street - McFatrige Property.
Theatres - Safety to Life.
Shipbuilding Site, Africville - Tully Property.
Morris Street 0 - Letter Sydney Locke.
Hack Fares.
Foster Lot, Chebucto Road.
Temperance Law Enforcement.
Policeman Hugh Boyd - Resignation.
Coburg Road Catchpits.
North West Arm Sewer.
Early Closing of Shops.
Engineer Wm. Henrion's Pay.
Feeble Minded Boy at St. Patrick's Home.
Accounts.

CITY HOME MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report City Home for the month of July.

Approved.

CITY PRISON MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Governor Grant, City Prison, for the
month of July. Filed.

RICHMOND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS.

Read report Controller Finlay re financing funds
for improvement to Richmond School, as follows:-

Halifax, August 6th, 1917.

His Worship Mayor Martin and
Members Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The present state of the various Sinking Funds is
as follows:-

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1902	\$46,237.66	
Schools	24,159.41	
Silliker	20,085.20	
1898	3,698.21	
1901	4,034.17	
3 mos int. Sept. 1, 1917	<u>500.00</u>	
	\$98,714.65	
In Official Superannuation Fund	<u>1,600.00</u>	\$100,314.65

This amount has been partly loaned -

viz.-	Liquor License Fund	20,920.06	
	Public Gardens Fence	1,200.00	
	City Home Repairs	2,500.00	
	Hose Fire Dept.	500.00	
	Motor sprinkler	4,000.00	
Refunding bonds due July 1/17	<u>60,000.00</u>		\$89,120.06

If it be decided to notify the Trustees of the Sinking Funds that the \$4,000 at present set aside for the Motor Sprinkler will not be required until next year, then there will be available at once for school purposes \$15,000, which I am of the opinion will soon be increased by other payments on account of the Silliker Car Works Sinking Fund.

A. J. Finlay,
Controller.

It is decided to request the Trustees of the Sinking Funds to report as to the amount available for financing for the improvements for Richmond School and the price at which they will loan the City the amount required, or the amount available if they have not sufficient funds on hand for the whole cost.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL SITE.

Read protest Margaret T. Egan against the establishment of a tuberculosis hospital on the Flynn property at the North West Arm.

Read extract minutes of City Council meeting July 25th, 1917, referring back to this Board for further consideration its report recommending the granting by the City of a piece of land at the south-eastern portion of the City Home property on South Street as a site for a permanent tuberculosis hospital.

A very large delegation of ladies and gentlemen, being residents or property owners near the North West

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Arm, appeared before the Board and presented a petition in the form of a resolution passed at a meeting held August 6th, 1917, of the Armdale Improvement League, whose membership represents all districts adjacent to the head of the Arm, and the principal object of which is to preserve the district as a desirable residential section, said resolution strongly urging that the Flynn property be not utilized as a site for a tuberculosis hospital.

The Board is addressed by several representatives of the delegation.

James A. McDonald, K. C. urged that the residential district law precludes the erection of a hospital building within the residential district.

John W. Regan suggested that a small joint committee consisting of representatives of the Province of Nova Scotia, the City of Halifax, the County of Halifax and the Anti Tuberculosis League be appointed to confer together and agree on a suitable site.

The Board is also addressed against the use of the Flynn property for this purpose by George F. Howard, Councillor E. Gabouray, Warden C. E. Smith and Mrs. A. D. Falconer.

On motion of Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines, it is decided to refer back to the City Council without change or amendment the report of the Board of Control dated July 17th, 1917, which was submitted to the Council at a meeting held July 25th, 1917.

Controller Murphy dissents from the recommendation of the Board.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - WATER DEPARTMENT.

Read communication from the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters re Water Department, Fire Department, Fire Alarm System, Building Department and conflagration hazard, as follows:-

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Halifax, N.S., August 6th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor,
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

As agreed at the conference my Board had with you last week, I annex hereto a memo 9 (as promised) of the chief recommendations of the Engineers of the National Board of Fire Underwriters as brought out in their report of December, 1916, on the City's water system, fire department, etc.

As you are aware, officials of the various departments under review practically concur in the majority of the recommendations, and in order that we may know what the City proposes doing towards carrying out these recommendations, I will ask you to kindly bring them before the City Council at the earliest opportunity and advise me their decision in the matter,

Awaiting your kind advices,

Edward J. Fahie,
Secretary N. S. Board of
Fire Underwriters.

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Chief recommendations of National Board of
Fire Underwriters' Engineers regard-
ing water system of Halifax.

That a qualified engineer be assigned to the water works department and that all employees be placed under suitable civil service regulations, requiring proper qualifications for appointment with removal only for cause.

That, until the two Low services are combined, an employee of the department be stationed in a centrally located fire station and respond to all alarms prepared to operate gate valves between the two low services and to augment supply at serious fires by opening connections to the high service.

That a fireproof pumping station be built near Robie and Young Streets and that two pumps, each of 2,000,000 gallons' capacity be installed; suction and discharge mains to be in duplicate and so gated that a single break will put only one unit out of service. (This recommendation is based upon the compliance with recommendations 7 and 8, otherwise supply will not be available unless an additional source of supply is developed).

That a check valve be set in the 15-inch supply main west of the distribution system.

That the 27 inch low service supply main be cleaned.

That the department continue the installation of meters so that all services will be metered within three years and that the pernicious practice of abating large water bills due to carelessness and waste be abandoned.

That a complete and rigid leakage survey of the distribution system be made and all defects that are found be corrected.

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Fire Department.

That pending the appointment of the entire department on a full paid basis, a deputy chief and sufficient company officers, engineers, and stokers be appointed to have one on duty in each station at all times.

That additional paid men and modern apparatus be provided to permit the maintaining of the companies given in the table on page 25; other stations to be abandoned and the equipment now in service placed in reserve or sold. The additional engine capacity is particularly important.

That, through co-operative agreement with the Dominion Government, more adequate protection be provided along the water front, either by installing a fire-boat or by equipping the present tugs with larger pumps and maintaining one in the harbor at all times.

That the practice of using fire department horses for other purposes be discontinued.

Fire Alarm System.

That fire alarm headquarters be removed to a fire-proof building, especially constructed to reduce as far as possible all liability to interruption of service and to provide adequate room. In the new location, all apparatus to be placed on incombustible mountings and no unnecessary combustibles to be permitted in the fire alarm room. Until this is done, every effort should be made to safeguard the present quarters by removing defective wiring and by placing chemical extinguishers throughout the building and sand pails in the operating and battery rooms.

That the batteries be overhauled and wiring on battery racks be brought up to the standard of the National Electrical Code.

That additional boxes be installed so that a box be within 500 feet of every building in the high value districts, and elsewhere within 800 feet of every building in the closely built sections.

That keys under guards be provided for all boxes.

Placing circuits underground where ducts in signalling subways are available, using No. 4 rubber-insulated copper wire in lead sheathing.

Removing overhead circuits from poles carrying high-tension wires.

Remodelling wiring at headquarters and infire houses to conform to the standard of the National Electrical Code; particular attention is called to the condition of circuits in the repeater cabinet.

Removing bells of call men from box circuit and placing them on local circuits cut in by relays on the alarm circuits.

Building Department.

That a complete code of building laws be adopted conforming to modern requirements for construction and fire prevention as given in the National Board Building Code, especially as to limitation of heights and areas,

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thickness of walls, protection to openings in roofs, floors and external and internal walls and requirements for automatic sprinklers.

That construction outside the fire limits be so regulated as to prevent the development of dangerous conditions and that incombustible roof coverings be required throughout the City on all new or repaired roofs.

Conflagration Hazard.

That owners of existing defectively constructed buildings which are so located as to form conflagration areas, be required to suitably protect roof, floor, party wall and exposed openings.

That automatic sprinkler equipments, with outside siamese connections and controlling valve near main in street, be required in all buildings which by reason of their size, construction or occupancy, singly or combined, might act as conflagration breeders.

Referred to the City Engineer, Chief of the Fire Department and the City Electrician for report as to what has been done in their various departments since their reports in reply to the original letter of the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters.

HOLLIS STREET #2 - DILAPIDATED BUILDING.

Read report Acting City Engineer re dilapidated building #2 Hollis Street, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that I have had the premises in rear of #2 Hollis Street, owned by Adams Estate, examined, and find that the building complained of is in a very dilapidated condition and has been unoccupied for over six months. In my opinion it is in such a state of non-repair as to be no longer suitable for habitation or any business purpose, and in its present condition it is a public disfigurement.

Under the provisions of section 17, Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1915, the Board of Control may appoint a time and place for the consideration of this report, and shall give the owner or agent of the building not less than ten days' notice of the time and place so appointed, furnishing him at the same time with copies of the report of the Inspector.

H. W. Johnston.
Building Inspector.

The Board appoints Thursday, August 23rd, 1917, at the City Council Chamber, City Hall, at 10 o'clock a. m.,

Engineer ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓
Electrician ✓

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as the time and place at which the report will be considered, and the Building Inspector is instructed to give due notice to the owner accordingly.

CEMENT.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending payment to J. C. Calder & Co. of \$503.89 on account of their contract for cement, delivered.

The account is passed for payment.

PLUMBING WORK.

Read report Acting City Engineer re plumbing contracts awarded to M. F. Burns in different properties, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

In December last, the contract was awarded to M.F. Burns for plumbing ordered by the City Health Board to be installed in different properties, and Mr. Burns signed the contract for the same. I have been endeavoring for some weeks to have him complete his contract, but have been unable to do so.

The City Solicitor sent him a letter last week, informing him that if the work was not proceeded with immediately, or satisfactory arrangements made, the City would have the work done, and if there was any increased charge, would collect the same from him. I would therefore recommend that the City Engineer be empowered to have this work done on the best terms that we can get, and if the cost should exceed the cost of Mr. Burns' tender, that the Solicitor be instructed to take action to recover the same.

Mr. Burns was also awarded the contract for making some alterations to the plumbing in the Janitor's quarters in the City Hall, but has taken no notice of my request to him to sign a contract for the same. I would therefore recommend that the tender for this work be awarded to J. W. Martin, the next lowest tenderer, whose tender was \$13 higher than Mr. Burns'.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The Secretary is instructed to request Mr. Burns to appear before the Board at its meeting on Thursday next.

BARRINGTON STREET - CONCRETE SIDEWALK AT # 914.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending the construction of a concrete sidewalk at #914 Barrington Street, at the corner of Gerrish Street, while the Gerrish

Engineer ✓

Check work ✓
Council ✓

Mr Burns ✓

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Street sidewalk is under construction, estimated cost \$150.00.

The report is recommended to the City Council for approval.

WALNUT STREET - McFATRIDGE PROPERTY.

Read accounts of arbitrators in connection with acquisition by the City of property of William McFatrige, Walnut Street at Watt Street, - William Davis, \$12.00, and J. C. Harris, \$25.00.

The accounts are passed for payment.

THEATRES - SAFETY TO LIFE.

Read report Acting City Engineer re theatres, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

As instructed by your Board, I notified the owners and lessees of the following theatres to make such alterations as were considered absolutely necessary to render the premises safe for theatre uses-

Ackers, Empire, Imperial, King Edward and Strand.

The notice provided that if the work was not done by the 4th of August, action would be taken to prevent performances being given in the theatres.

King Edward - The winding stairs and the door in the centre of same have been removed. The operating room has been altered to comply with the Act. The closet under the stairs has not yet been boarded up or thrown open, and no work has yet been done in connection with altering the heating apparatus.

Imperial - Some slight work has been done in connection with enlarging the exits, but this work does not meet our requirements and was done without reference to them, and the exits are still unsatisfactory. The operating room is still congested, and while some discussion has taken place with the Building Inspector with regard to the furnace room, no work has been done therein, and this morning there was still an accumulation of lumber and rubbish in this room. The narrow aisle space near the outside wall has not yet been closed up.

Strand - The narrow space in front of the boxes on both sides has not yet been filled in.

Empire - Panic bolts have not yet been installed on the doors, and the aisle space has not been increased to the necessary width.

Ackers - The owner or lessees of Ackers have increased

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the second exit and are fireproofing the space below the auditorium and exits. No work has yet been done on improving conditions in the store room and operating room in front of the building, nor in rebuilding the presceniun arch and dressing rooms off the stage. The exits are still insufficient, the only exit from the gallery being through the main entrance lobby, and at times, especially previous to the beginning of the second performance at night, with the crowd standing at the entrance, should there be a rush from the balcony, there would be very serious results.

No work has yet been done in connection with strengthening the balcony and walls. This, in my judgment, is the most serious feature of this theatre. An architect has been called in by the owners, who agrees with me as to the dangerous condition of the balcony. It can readily be understood that should the balcony give way, either through weakness of the truss of the collapse of the wall, the conditions would be far more serious and there would likely be a larger loss of life than there would be in case of fire.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The City Engineer is instructed to follow up with the owners of the theatres the recommendations in his report, and to report on Thursday next as to steps taken by theatre owners to remedy the conditions complained of.

The City Solicitor is requested to submit to the Board at Thursday's meeting his opinion as to the power of the City to close up Acker's Theatre and prevent public entertainments being held there until the laws are complied with.

Read report A. E. Wall, of the Nova Scotia Board of Censors and Inspector of Theatres, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., August 2nd, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

Your extract of minutes of meeting of Board of Control on the 19th ultimo came to this office during the writer's absence.

The same was acknowledged and this is to advise you that I will be very glad to meet the committee of the Board of Control and City Officials at any time convenient to them, when, I have no doubt, a satisfactory understanding can be arrived at in reference to differences between the Board of Control and this office.

A. E. Wall,
Nova Scotia Board of Censors
& Inspector of Theatres.

Filed.

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SHIPBUILDING SITE AFRICVILLE - TULLY PROPERTY.

Read report Controller Murphy as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., August 7th, 1917.

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

At our last meeting of Council, the Board's recommendation to dispose of a portion of the above property to Mr. McKean and Associates, as a ship-building site, was referred back to see if some arrangements along the lines of lease could be arranged.

In discussing the matter further with Mr. McKean, he advises that he now has under consideration two alternative sites, and also utilizing a plant at Shelburne. Under the circumstances, he is not free to discuss further the Africville site.

John Murphy,
Controller.

Filed.

MORRIS STREET - LETTER SYDNEY LOCKE.

Read letter Sydney Locke re watering of Morris Street. Filed.

HACK FARES.

Read petition hackmen for increase in the fares for licensed hackmen.

Consideration of the petition is deferred until Tuesday's meeting, the petitioners to be requested to attend before the Board.

FOSTER LOT CHEBUCTO ROAD.

Read account Melvin S. Clarke, \$25.00, for services as appraiser in connection with acquisition of the Foster lot, Chebucto Road, Mr. Clark being the Referee.

In accordance with a letter submitted by Mr. Foster at a meeting of the Board August 22nd, 1916, in which he undertook to pay one-half the cost of the arbitration, the Secretary is instructed to return the account to Mr. Clarke, with the request that he submit a bill to the City for one-half of the amount claimed.

TEMPERANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT - ACCOUNT R. H. MURRAY.

On recommendation of Controller Taylor, it is decided

Council ✓

*all petitioners ✓
B/c ✓*

*M.S. Clarke ✓
W. Foster ✓*

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to pass for payment the account of R. H. Murray, K.C., \$69.50, for legal services during the month of May, prosecuting suits for violations of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act.

Council ✓

POLICEMAN HUGH BOYD.- RESIGNATION.

Read resignation Policeman Hugh Boyd to take effect August 15th.

Chief of Police ✓

On recommendation of Controller Taylor, the resignation is accepted.

COBURG ROAD CATCHPITS.

Controller Taylor requested that the catchpits on Coburg Road be attended to.

Engineer ✓

Referred to the City Engineer.

NORTH WEST ARM SEWER.

Read certificate City Engineer for progress payment on construction of the North West Arm sewer, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to the Cook Construction Company and Wheaton Bros., of the sum of sixteen thousand ninety-one dollars and sixty-three cents (\$16,091.63) on account of their contract for building of the section of the North West Arm sewer between Oakland Road and Jubilee Road.

Estimated value of work done		\$55,149.10
Less 15% retained		<u>8,272.36</u>
		46,876.74
Paid on certificate #1	\$16,534.10	
" " " #2	<u>14,251.01</u>	
		<u>30,785.11</u>
Balance recommended		<u>\$ 16,091.63</u>

City's works ✓

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The amount is passed for payment.

EARLY CLOSING OF SHOPS.

Controller Murphy requested an opinion from the City Solicitor as to what action could be taken in connection with early closing of shops insofar as the law relates to shops carrying on various lines of trade.

Solicitor ✓

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ENGINEER WILLIAM HENRION'S PAY.

Controller Finlay asked if the works Department had come to any decision regarding the pay of William Henrion, engineer of the steam roller.

Cont. Finlay ✓
Cont. Murphy ✓
Engineer ✓

Controller Finlay is requested to discuss the matter with Controller Murphy and the City Engineer prior to next Thursday's meeting.

FEEBLE MINDED BOY AT ST. PATRICK'S HOME.

Controller Hines informed the Board that his attention had been called by the Management of St. Patrick's Home to the fact that they have as an inmate there a feeble minded and incorrigible boy, whom they have no means of properly looking after, and that they cannot keep him any longer.

Cont. Hines ✓

Controller Hines is requested to advise the Management of the Home to send the boy to the Nova Scotia Hospital, it being the only place where he can receive proper treatment.

ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts are passed for payment:-

City Home \$5734.65; City Prison \$166.26; Library \$87.55; Health Board \$255.41; Public Gardens \$91.66; Temperance Law Enforcement, R. H. Murray \$69.50; Fester-Let, Oxford Street, \$25.00; McFatridge Lot, Walnut Street, \$37.00.

Council ✓

City Home.

Gunn & Co., Ltd.	Flour	322.75
Wentzells Ltd.	Groceries	448.12
H. L. Williston	Meats	550.67
Smith & Proctor	Butter	169.93
W. Y. Kennedy	Dry goods	160.15
James Watson	Milk	115.08
The Fleischmann Co.	Yeast	3.90
A. Wilson & Son	Fresh fish	48.35
Davis & Fraser	New pork	82.50
S.C. Thompson	Forage	35.47
H.D. McKenzie Co.	Coal	30.00
The Buckley Coal Co.	Coal	222.75
N.S. Tramways	Light and power	19.22
H. McFatridge	Horseshowing	3.50
The E.B. Eddy Co.	Spittoons	2.73
Maritime Tel. Co.	Phones	7.50
Farquhar Bros., Ltd.	Sundries	5.50
Burns & Kelliher	Brass cocks	25.00
Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.	Sundries	7.65
Brander Morris & Co.	Repairs	8.00

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H.H.Banks	Potatoes	40.50
J. F. Outhit & Son	"	55.00
Black & Flinn	" and lime	46.75
Baldwin & Co.	Crockeryware	9.27
Wallace Bros.	Boots	6.25
Dr & L. Miller	Lunacy certificate	5.00
Hillis & Sons, Ltd.	Sundries	38.40
A.F.Buckley, M.D.	Lunacy certificate	5.00
B.J.Mulcahy	Cash expended	214.72
Salaries	July	992.30
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		3681.96
N.S.Hospital	Maintenance	1913.00
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		5594.96

Construction Account -

S.A.Marshall & Son	Repairs chimneys	119.00
Brookfield Bros.	Lumber	19.64
Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.	Spikes	1.05
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		\$139.69

City Prison.

J.J.Scriven & Sons	Bread	20.48
W.I.Hublely & Co.	Groceries	20.35
G.C.Hartlen & Co.	Beef	10.25
S.C.Thompson	Fodder	30.24
Lawrence Hardware Co.	Hardware	6.25
J. & M.Murphy	Drygoods	16.70
Neil Fox	Harness supplies	7.25
Stroud & Eveleigh	Repairs to waggon	35.80
Robt. Taylor Co.	Boots	2.75
David Roche	Glass	1.20
Halifax Seed Store		3.50
W.S.Munnis	Clothing	5.35
Nova Scotia Tramways	Light and power	1.44
Maritime Tel. Co.	Phones	4.70
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		\$ 166.26

Library.

T.C.Allen & Co.	Books	5.90
Blackadar Bros.	Subscription	1.50
Book Room	Books	.35
Cazenove & Son	"	.84
Halifax Herald		3.35
Glasgow, Brock & Co.	Books	27.36
H.H.Marshall	Subscription	6.00
Travelogin Bureau		42.25
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		\$87.55

Health Board.

Nova Scotia Tramways	Light and Power	8.36
Melvin & Co.	Kitchen utensils	3.65
T.C.Allen & Co.	Office supplies	4.00
John Starr, Son & Co.	Battery	.45
W. & C. Silver	Bedding	19.60
Hfx. Wet Wash	Washing	22.95
R.N.McDonald	Groceries	193.26
Industrial School	Wood	3.00
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		\$255.41

Public Gardens.

Nova Scotia Tramways	Light and power	2.07
Nova Scotia Nursery	Plants and seeds	79.40
S.C.Thompson	Fodder	10.19
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		\$91.66

Temperance Law Enforcement.

R. H. Murray	Prosecuting suits	\$69.50
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Walnut Street, McFatridge Lot.

William Davies	Services as arbitrator	12.00
J. G. Harris	do	25.00
		<u>\$37.00</u>

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. G. Monaghan

CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

August 9th, 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.

Water Bill #3 Willow Street - J. McGrath.
Theatres.
Fire Department Hose and Clothing.
Water Extension Outside City Limits.
Water Bill #23 Sullivan Street - F. L. Davidson.
Fire Department.
Superannuation Assessments Fire Chief P. J. Broderick.
Water Supply - Survey for Leakage and Waste.
Bonds of City Officials.
Union Street Sewer.
Annual Report Chief of Police.
Firemen's Tappers.
Canadian Patriotic Fund.
Accounts.

WATER BILL #3 WILLOW STREET - J. McGRATH.

Read letter J. McGrath, complaining of excessive charge for water rates at property #3 Willow Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

THEATRES.

Read report Acting City Engineer re theatres, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
August 9th, 1917.

The Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

Acting under the instructions of your Board, I notified the owners and lessees of Ackers, Empire, Imperial, King Edward and Strand Theatres on Tuesday, that if the necessary alterations were not proceeded with, the Board would deal finally with the matter at its meeting on Thursday the 9th inst.

After sending the notice, I had an interview with Mr. A. E. Wall, Chairman of the Nova Scotia Board of Censors, It would appear under the "Theatres and Cinematograph Act of 1915" and amendments thereto, that whenever a license is issued under the Act and a license is also necessary from a City or municipality, the latter must grant the license provided the prescribed fee is tendered, and that such fee shall be not more than the fee payable under the Act. Also under the Act the Governor in Council may make regulations respecting the construction, use, safety, inspection and supervision of theatres.

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As I understand it, there have been no regulations yet made with regard to construction of theatres, and Mr. Wall agrees with me that in the case of construction where there are local building regulations approved by the Governor in Council, these should be followed. He wishes to work in harmony with the local authorities as far as possible, and suggests that a visit be paid to the various theatres under discussion by the Building Inspector and himself, and an agreement arrived at as to what is necessary to be done and to put the buildings in a proper state of safety for public use.

With regard to Ackers Theatre, he proposes to allow them to keep upon until Friday the 17th of August, so that the lessee may fulfil existing contracts, and to close the theatre then until the necessary alterations are made.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

In connection with Ackers Theatre, James Moorman, C. R. Acker and S. P. Dumaresq appeared before the Board.

Mr. Moorman stated that the owners of the building are prepared to do all the necessary work ordered as speedily as possible, or if the expense is too great, to abandon the use of the building as a theatre.

The Board deeming that A. E. Wall of the Nova Scotia Board of Censors, ^{has} having assumed all responsibility, the report of the Engineer is filed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSE AND CLOTHING.

Read report Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department re tenders for hose and clothing, as follows:-

Office of Chief Fire Department,
August 9th, 1917.

The Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

In reference to fire hose tenders opened by the Board of Control at their meeting held on August 2nd, and referred to the Chairman and Chief of the Fire Department, we beg leave to make the following recommendation in the purchase of 1000 feet of $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch Keystone wax and gum treated fire hose, at \$1.20 per foot, tender of William Stairs, Son & Morrow, and also 500 feet of $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch Paragon double jacket cotton rubber lined hose at \$1.20 per foot, tender of Austen Bros., and also 500 feet of $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch Goodyear double jacket woven cotton rubber lines hose at \$1.20 per foot, tender of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.

We might say in regard to the three brands of hose mentioned above, there is a guarantee of three years at 400 pounds pressure.

In reference to tenders for uniform clothing, for the permanent members of the Department, we would re-

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commend the acceptance of the tender of C. Shipley & Co., which is as follows:- suits \$30.00, coats \$16.00, pants \$8.25, vests \$5.00.

Hoping the above report will meet with your approval,

E. Condon,
Chief Fire Department.
John J. Hines,
Controller Fire Department.

Approved.

WATER EXTENSION OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I have had a petition from the Committee of the Congregation of the Bethany Presbyterian Church on the western side of the Arm, near the Arm Bridge, asking for the extension of water to the Manse.

The petition is also signed by William J. Ward, The latter has bought a portion of a property formerly owned by H. V. Wier on which he is erecting a house. The City Council at a meeting held on Oct. 5, 1916, authorized the extension of the water to his property under certain conditions. If permission were granted the Church authorities to obtain the City water, their branch would be taken off the pipe proposed to be laid to the Ward property.

The City Council by resolution of August 10th, 1916, resolved to entertain no further proposals for extension of the City water supply outside the City limits after October 1st of that year, but as the supply of water to the adjacent applicant does not necessitate any new connection to the main pipe, and as it will be taken off a pipe already ordered, I can see no objection to the request being granted under the usual terms and conditions.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

WATER BILL #23 SULLIVAN STREET - F. L. DAVIDSON.

Read letter F. L. Davidson, agent for property #23 Sullivan Street, complaining of excessive water rates.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read report Chief Fire Department for July, as follows:-

Office of Chief Fire Department,
August 9th, 1917.

The Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg leave to make the following report

August 9th, 1917.

for the month of July:-

1. There were eleven alarms of fire from the following causes:- false 2, electric wire 1, automobile 1, unknown 1, chimney 1, burning rubbish 1, overheating coal 1, matches 1, lightening 1, smoke backing down chimney 1.

Insurance at risk.....	\$12,000.00
Insurance loss.....	\$500.00
Loss without insurance.....	1000.00
Total loss.....	\$1500.00

Recommendations.

2. That Joseph Ryan, acting hoseman on motor engine Patricia, be appointed permanent hoseman.
3. That Ernest Yeadon be appointed permanent hoseman.
4. That John Keefe be appointed callman on No. 7 hose.
5. That Mrs. Broderick be refunded the superannuation assessments paid in by the late Chief P. J. Broderick.

E. Condon,
Chief H.F.D.

Approved.

SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENTS FIRE CHIEF P. J. BRODERICK.

Read report City Treasurer re superannuation assessments P. J. Broderick, late Chief of the Fire Department, showing that his widow is entitled to receive a refund of \$510.00.

It is decided to recommend to the Council that that sum be refunded to Mrs. Broderick.

WATER SUPPLY - SURVEY FOR LEAKAGE AND WASTE.

The report of the Acting City Engineer (see Board of Control minutes August 2nd, 1917, page 293) re water supply survey for leakage and waste is considered, and it is decided to recommend the same for adoption by the City Council.

BONDS OF CITY OFFICIALS.

Controller Finlay called attention to the fact that a number of City Officials who are required to furnish bonds, had requested that the premium on said bonds should be paid for by the City.

Controller Finlay is requested to inquire into the matter and report.

UNION STREET SEWER.

Controller Hines complained of overflow of water

Council ✓

Council ✓

Council ✓

Cont. Finlay ✓

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into the gutters on Union Street from cess pits.

The Acting City Engineer states that a sewer has been ordered for this street, and that it will probably be reached by November.

Engineer ✓

ANNUAL REPORT CHIEF OF POLICE.

Read annual report Chief of Police for the civic year 1916-17. Filed.

Council ✓

FIREMEN'S TAPPERS.

Alderman Godwin requested from Controller Hines, the Chief of the Fire Department and the City Electrician, the report asked for by him at a meeting of the City Council December 28th, 1916, relating to the cost of installation of tappers in the houses of the callmen of the Fire Department.

*Cont. Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓
Electrician ✓*

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

On recommendation of Controller Finlay, it is decided to recommend to Council that the instalment of \$10,000.00 due the Canadian Patriotic Fund be paid.

Council ✓

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts are passed for payment:-
Works Department \$11764.16, General Accounts \$1082.79,
Fire Department \$1480.30.

Works Department.

Public Baths	51.91
Plumbing Under Health Rules	17.30
Fleming Park	12.25
Sewerage	210.00
Sewer Maintenance	1.00
Cleaning Paved Streets	22.75
Permanent Sidewalks	632.63
Teams and stables	1203.84
Fuel City Hall	1180.66
Streets	983.09
Internal Health	306.68
City Property	264.46
Street Lighting	2358.30
City Hall Lighting	17.05
Sewerage	944.39
Water Construction	2087.96
Water Maintenance	1469.89
	<u>\$ 11764.16</u>

Council ✓

Fire Department.

Tram Company	Light and power	24.32
Ungar's Laundry	Work	4.30
Maritime Tel. Co.	Phones	26.92

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Fire Department, Continued.

S. C. Thompson	Fodder	406.07
Sheehan Motor Co.	Repairs	1.50
Wm. J. Regan	Supplies	14.00
William Roche	Coal	15.00
Wood Bros.	Bedding	48.60
F. W. McNally	Plumbing	8.25
J. L. Wilson & Co.	Polish	9.00
Farquhar Bros.	Plumbing	23.45
Canadian Rubber Co.	Clamps	.45
R. N. McDonald	Groceries	13.65
Imperial Oil Co.	Gasoline and oil	74.07
O. C. Marriott	Horseshoeing	14.40
Dr. H. McFtridge	"	29.85
Robert Horner	"	14.30
C. H. Jordan	"	14.48
John McInnes & Son	Lumber	9.00
Lemont Buskine	Chimney sweeping	4.00
Freeman & Co.	Gas Furnishings	54.00
Kline & Mullins	Cap	5.00
Stroud & Eveleigh		38.25
David Roche	Paints	9.22
W. & A. Moir	Machine work	261.60
Neil Fox	Saddlery	22.75
Coates Electro Plating Plant	Plating	9.00
Maxwell's Ltd.	Trousers	7.00
Dr. L. J. O'Shaughnessy	Attendance W.L. Hennessy	2.00
A. J. McNutt	Carriage work	5.00
S. Cunard & Co.	Coal	92.00
American LaFrance Fire Engine Co.	Fire extinguishers, etc.	139.00
John Starr, Son & Co.	Button	.40
National Drug Co.	Sponges	2.30
Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.	Hardware	37.26
		<u>\$1480.30</u>

Came ✓

General Accounts.

Industrial School	truants gr. ending	
	July 21st.....	333.25
	Juvenile offenders	
	do.....	164.76
	Neglected children	
	do.....	133.00
		<u>631.01</u>
Dr. Finn	Certificates of death	
	Thos. McHanon.....	4.00
	Sarah Spike.....	4.00
	Jas. Conroy.....	4.00
	Ammon Ritchey.....	4.00
	W.J. Kennedy.....	4.00
		20.00
Blackadar Bros.	Advertising	8.25
Halifax Herald	"	18.16
London Rubber Stamp Co.	Date bands	.85
John Whalen	Recovering body Jas. Conroy	5.00
H.H. Marshall	Subscriptions to Herald	
	City Clerk.....	6.00
	City Collector.....	6.00
		12.00
Soulis Typewriter Co.	Repairs	1.00
McLean Pub. Co.	Advertising Loan	13.50
The Monetary Times	do	12.00
E.H. Blois	Neglected children	12.57
Imperial Pub. Co.	50 recognition cards	2.40
T.C. Allen & Co.	Printing and stationery	194.15
A. & W. McKinlay, Ltd.	Books	151.90
		<u>1082.90</u>

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
MAYOR.

L. J. O'Shaughnessy
CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

August 14th, 1917.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

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Oak and Kline Streets Catchpit.
Upper Water Street.
High Cost of Living - Price of Potatoes.
North West Arm Pollution.
Tramway Company New Stock Issue.
Market Building.
Street Railway Tolls.

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT, CHAMBERY, FRANCE.

Read petition from the National Committee for the erection of a monument to the founders of the University of Chambery before the Superior Normal School of Saint-Cloud, to the memory of 5,106 founders, dead on the battle-field, 6,997 wounded and 30,252 mobilized, appealing for the support and sympathetic participation of the Canadian Municipalities.

Consideration of the petition is deferred.

WONDERLAND SHOWS.

Read application from Wonderland Shows, Limited, for a permit to operate an amusement enterprise, consist-

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ing of merry-go-rounds and other devices.

Deferred until Thursday's meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - CALLMEN'S TAPPERS.

Read report City Electrician re cost of tappers for callmen of the Fire Department, as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,
August 14th, 1917.

Controller J. Hines,
Dear Sir:-

With reference to your enquiry re conditions under which firemen's tappers are installed, I beg to say the understanding is that when callmen reside within a reasonable distance from existing lines, such reasonable distance being decided by the City Electrician, and when it does not necessitate the setting of poles to reach him, the tapper shall be installed free of charge. Any cost due to subsequent moving of the callmen to be paid for by the man for whom it was incurred.

For example, if in the first installation 500 feet of line was run, and in a subsequent move 1000 feet of line was required, the fireman would be required to pay for the additional 500 feet only, and the labor and other material cost. All money so collected is returned to the Fire Department.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

Referred to Controller Hines for report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSE.

Read extract from minutes of City Council meeting August 9th, referred back to this Board for further consideration its report re tenders for hose for the Fire Department.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Taylor that the report be referred back to the City Council without change or amendment.

The motion being put, Controllers Hines and Taylor and His Worship the Mayor voted for the same, and Controllers Murphy and Finlay against it.

WATER BILLS DISCOUNT.

Read report Clerk of Works as follows:-

City Works Office,
August 14th, 1917.

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

In preparing the meter bills to be

Callmen's tappers

*Cont. Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓
Electrician ✓*

*Council ✓
Sept. 6/17*

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*Engineer ✓
Clerk of Works ✓
Collector ✓*

rendered in September next, I beg to ask for instructions in regard to discount. Shall I carry out the usual course and provide for a discount of 3% is paid on or before December 20th?

A. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

The Clerk of Works is instructed to carry out the usual practice.

WATER BILL #3 WILLOW STREET - J. McGRATH.

Read report Acting City Engineer re water meter bill J. McGrath, #3 Willow Street, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering letter from J. McGrath, complaining of excessive charge for water at his premises #3 Willow Street.

On referring to the readings for the period complained of, I find that from June to September, 1916, the meter readers reported a tap wasting, at the time he visited the premises to read the meter. There was also a large consumption during October and November of that year, which was probably due to the same cause.

I have no doubt that what Mr. McGrath says is correct - that he had all the plumbing work overhauled and put in first-class condition in April, 1916, but the statement that the occupant informed him that they were very careful of the water and there was absolutely no wastage, is not borne out by the facts as discovered by the meter readers. Mr. McGrath says he feels certain that 155,000 gallons of water did not pass through the meter during the year mentioned. If he will refer to the diagrams on the back of the bill, showing how City water can be wasted, he will readily see that if the taps were allowed to run as reported, it would not take very long to waste the amount of water in question.

*Engineer ✓
Cont. Murphy ✓*

Under the circumstances I can see no justification for making any reduction in the bill.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to Controller Murphy for report.

WATER BILL #23 SULLIVAN STREET - F. L. DAVIDSON.

Read report Acting City Engineer re watermeter bill F. L. Davidson, #23 Sullivan Street, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the

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Board of Control covering letter from F. L. Davidson, agent for the property #23 Sullivan Street, complaining of excessive charges for water for 1915-16-17. By reference to the meter readers' books the large consumption is easily accounted for.

During March, April and May, 1914, a tap was reported wasting. In December, 1914, a closet was wasting badly. During February, March, April and May, 1915, the taps were allowed to run, wasting from 26,000 to 74,000 gallons a month. In March, 1916, a pipe was reported burst; in April a tap was left running. In November and December, pipes were reported burst.

From the above it will be seen that the agent or occupier of the building are themselves entirely to blame for the large consumption, and as most of this latter is due to wilful waste, there can be no justification for reducing the bill.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to Controller Murphy for report.

CASH STATEMENTS CITY TREASURER.

Read cash statements City Treasurer for the month of July.

Referred to the City Council for its information.

BRUNSWICK STREET #120 - FLOODING OF CELLAR.

Read letter Bruce T. Graham, solicitor for John W. Miller, complaining of flooding of cellar, #120 Brunswick Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

OCEAN TERMINALS RAILWAY BRIDGES.

Alderman Kelly asked what is being done in connection with the proposals for the improvement of the appearance of the Terminals railway bridges.

The City Engineer informs the Board that he is taking the matter up with the railway authorities.

TOWN CLOCK, CITADEL HILL.

Alderman Kelly called the attention of the Board to the necessity for repairs to the building on Citadel Hill containing the town clock.

Referred to the City Engineer.

CASINO THEATRE SPECIAL POLICEMAN.

Read application Casino Theatre for the appointment of a special policeman.

*Engineer ✓
Cont. Murphy ✓*

Council ✓

*Engineer ✓
B. T. Graham ✓*

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

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Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

FOSTER LOT, OXFORD STREET.

Alderman Kelly asked that the fence be removed from the Foster lot, Oxford Street, recently acquired by the City.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

COAL WEIGHERS' MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Coal Weighers, showing each weigher to have received \$63.47 for the month of July. Filed.

FIRE HAZARD - WINNIPEG.

Read letter Citizens' Research League, Winnipeg, re fire hazard, as follows:-

Citizens' Research League of Winnipeg,
Winnipeg, Can., Aug. 5th, 1917.

The City Clerk,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of a bulletin on fire losses and fire prevention which has just been issued by our League. As the fire losses in Canada are the highest in the world and as, comparatively speaking, it has appeared that conditions do not differ greatly in most Canadian towns, I hope that the bulletin with its general suggestions, which are applicable anywhere, may be of some interest to you.

We should be glad to send copies to any of your civic officials and members of the City Council who may be interested.

R. P. Farley,
Secretary.

Referred to Controller Hines.

HACK FARES.

A delegation of hackmen, consisting of Watson Isnor, William Tapp and Thomas Robinson, appeared before and addressed the Board in connection with their petition for an increase in the fares for licensed hacks and auto hacks.

Referred to Controller Taylor and the City Solicitor for report at Tuesday's meeting.

STREET RAILWAY CURVES, ALMON STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

Chief of Police ✓
Cont. Taylor ✓

Engineer ✓

Council ✓

Cont. Hines ✓

Cont. Taylor ✓
Robinson ✓

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that I wrote the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company, drawing their attention to the desirability of double tracking the curves at the corner of Almon and Agricola Streets and Almon and Windsor Streets, and have a reply from them.

The Company claim that the question of these curves has received their very careful consideration, but in view of the fact that with the construction of a line across the common next summer, their routing will be considerably altered, the necessity which now exists for these double curves at these points, would be eliminated, due to the altered conditions.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Filed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - MOTOR FIRE ENGINE "CORNWALLIS".

On motion of Controller Hines it is decided to name the new motor engine, now being constructed for the City by the American LaFrance Fire Engine Co., "Cornwallis".

American LaFrance Fire engine Co

RESIGNATIONS POLICEMEN DYMOND AND BRUNT.

Read resignations Police Officers Harold Dymond and Frederick Brunt, to take effect August 15th.

Chief of Police

The resignations are accepted.

POLICEMAN HARRY R. LAWLOR.

On recommendation of Controller Taylor, temporary policeman Harry R. Lawlor is appointed a permanent policeman.

Chief of Police

The City Clerk is instructed to advertise for two policemen, applications to be receivable up to the 27th inst.

*Recorder
Municipal
Clerk*

SOLDIERS ACCOSTING PASSENGERS.

Controller Hines requested that the attention of the Military Authorities be called to complaints made that soldiers at the north-western gate of the Military Hospital, Gottingen Street, are in the habit of accosting women and other passengers.

General J. Benson

The Secretary is instructed to bring the matter to the attention of the General.

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GARBAGE CANS.

Controller Hines requested that a garbage can be placed on Brunswick Street at or near the corner of Gerrish Street.

Engineer ✓

Referred to the City Engineer for attention.

OAK AND KLINE STREETS CATCHPIT.

Controller Hines requested that a catchpit be installed at the corner of Oak and Kline Streets.

Engineer ✓

Referred to the city Engineer.

UPPER WATER STREET.

Controller Hines complained of an offensive smell from damaged grain, Upper Water Street, near the Furness Withy Wharf.

Engineer ✓

Referred to the City Engineer.

HIGH COST OF LIVING.- PRICE OF POTATOES.

Controller Hines asked if any explanation could be given to the fact that new potatoes are selling in Halifax for \$2.25 per bushel, and in St. John for \$1.25 per bushel.

NORTH WEST ARM POLLUTION.

Controller Taylor called attention to the state of the North West Arm, caused by picnickers throwing paper, peelings and other refuse into the water.

Mayor ✓

His Worship the Mayor said he would investigate.

TRAMWAY COMPANY NEW STOCK ISSUE.

On motion of Controller Murphy, the Secretary is instructed to request the Public Utilities Board to forward, as soon as possible, a copy of the application of the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company, Limited for authority to make a new stock issue, which application, it is understood, is to be heard on the 23rd inst., and to also request that the City be given full opportunity to investigate the matter after such copy is received.

Board of Public Utilities ✓

MARKET BUILDING.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I have had a letter from Mr. S. P. Dumaresq, architect for the Market Building, copy of which is attached, in which he states that the Keefe Construction Co. are not entitled to the amount for extras claimed by them in the bill submitted. A clause in the contract for the Market Building provides that "all excavated material not required by the City Engineer or for grading the site, will be removed from the premises. In the case of excavated stone, however, the same shall be piled where directed, and as much as may be required will become the property of the City and will be removed by the City Engineer at such times as may be convenient to him without handicapping the work".

In June 1913 we received a letter from the contractors asking us to remove some of the stone from the site, which was done during the month, and on June 24th we were asked to move the balance of it from the south end of the building. This was done and the stone used on Duke Street sidewalk. During the summer a certain amount of the stone was moved by the contractor or by other persons with his permission and also by the City. On October 30th a letter was received from the contractor asking if the stone could be removed a little faster, and on the 6th of November a reply was sent that instructions had been given to employ as many teams as could be used to advantage. The stone was removed as rapidly as possible and no delay was caused the contractor by its non-removal. This is borne out by the architect's statement.

On March 4/14, a report from the architect was read at a meeting of the City Council, in which he says - "The contractors have been laboring under an impression that the City was to remove all the excavated stone taken from the site. This matter is mentioned and taken care of in the last paragraph on page 7 of the specification. The intention and my interpretation of this paragraph is that the City Engineer is at liberty to take all the excavated stone or none, as he sees fit, but on the other hand should the engineer decide that he requires part of this material, the removal of the same must be done so as not to interfere with the progress of the work. The contractors, taking the position that the City were to remove all this stone, satisfied themselves with piling it in the center of the site and within the walls of the building. This heap of excavated material soon assumed very large proportions and could not help but interfere with the progress of the work. The City teams have since removed a great pile of this stone, and I expect the contractors will soon start to remove the balance of the rock which is still unexcavated and inside the building."

In making the last settlement with the contractors, which was approved at a meeting of the Council held on the 27th of January, 1916, it would appear that all matters outstanding were settled, with the exception of the floor, and at that time no claim for extras was made by the contractor. The architect, under the contract, is the judge of the conditions surrounding the work, and his statement that the contractor is not entitled to this claim for extras, bears out the contention of your officials.

H. W. Johnston, Acting City Engineer.

August 14th, 1917.

In answer to questions, the City Solicitor verbally agrees with the report of the Acting City Engineer.

The Secretary is instructed to request Architect Dumaresq to appear before the Board at Thursday's meeting.

STREET RAILWAY TOLLS.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the Tramway Co. has not paid into the City tolls and percentages of receipts now overdue.

Controller Finlay stated that the City Treasurer had written to the Company.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. J. McLaughlin
CITY CLERK.

SP Summary ✓

*Treasurer ✓
Cont. Finlay ✓*

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

August 16th, 1917.

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.

Repairs Public Gardens Fence.
Gasoline Tank, Mitchell's Wharf.
Schools - Alexandra and Morris Street Schools.
Brunswick Street Sidewalk.
Fire Department Hose.
Gasoline Tanks, Imperial Oil Company.
Wonderland Shows.
City Prison.
Policemen Overseas.
Starr Street Sprinkling.
Hurd Street.
McPatridge Fence, Chebucto Road.
Street Lights.
Mott Street and Shirley Street.
Halifax Power Co., - Electric Lighting.
Tuberculosis Hospital.
City Prison Inspection.
Taxation.

REPAIRS PUBLIC GARDENS FENCE.

Read report Acting City Engineer re repairs to Public Gardens fence, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
August 16th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

It was originally intended to repair the Gardens fence by extending the sidewalk under the fence and building a concrete coping around the iron pickets. I understand this method has been objected to by the Gardens Commissioners, on the ground that it may destroy some of the trees and shrubs, and I have been asked by them to prepare alternative schemes.

I prepared plans of two methods of securing the bottom of the pickets where the lower rail has rusted out, and asked for tenders from seven firms in town. I have received tenders from two only.

Longards Limited tender on #1 at the rate of \$3.30 per panel and on #2 at the rate of \$6.50 per panel.

Hillis & Sons tender on #1 at the rate of \$3.00 per panel and on #2 at the rate of \$6.00 per panel. They also submit an alternative plan to #1 and tender at the rate of \$3.50 per panel.

There are approximately 470 panels in the fence.

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I am attaching hereto the tenders and designs.

H. W. Johnston.
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to the Commissioners of the Halifax Common.

GASOLINE TANK, MITCHELL'S WHARF.

Read application Military Authorities as follows:-

3rd Division Office, R.C.E.,
Engineer Yard, Water St.,
20th July, 1917.

Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

May authority be given please, for the installation of a Bowser Gasoline Tank at Engineer's Yard, Mitchell's Wharf, City.

Tank will be situated on Militia & Defence Property away from the Public street. Capacity probably 10,000 gallons.

Tank and fixtures will be of best type procurable with all safety appliances.

R. W. McColough,
Captain C. E.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

SCHOOLS - ALEXANDRA AND MORRIS STREET SCHOOLS.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners covering reports Acting City Engineer and Plumbing Inspector, as follows:-

Board of School Commissioners,
August 14th, 1917.

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

By order of the Board of School Commissioners I enclose herewith for your consideration a copy of the report on sanitary conditions at Alexandra School as submitted to the Board by the Plumbing Inspector.

I am also directed to forward you a copy of Fire Danger at Morris Street School, submitted to this Board by the Acting City Engineer, and in this connection ask your attention to the Board's correspondence October 1916, February, April, May, 1917.

S. J. Wilson,
Secretary.

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

Secretary School Board.
Dear Madam:-

The Board of Fire Escapes are making an inspection of all public and private buildings in which it is considered a danger exists in case of fire, due to lack of

J. Kelly Secy ✓

Engineer ✓

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fire escapes. The Inspector has reported that in the Morris Street School the rooms being in groups, separated by wood and glass partitions and doors leading from one room to the other, there is danger in case of fire or panic and that there being no general hallway but several small hallways leading in various directions to exits, it would be very confusing if a fire broke out. The stairways are also of wood and there are no fire escapes on the building.

I wish to draw your attention to the necessity for providing some better means of exit from this School than at present exists.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

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Halifax, August 14th, 1917.

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

Sir:-

I hereby report that I have inspected the plumbing system in the Alexandra School and beg to state that I have located the following defects -

The front vent pipe is choked - there are several water closets out of repair - the waste pipe under one of the urinals is leaking and permits drain air to enter the building - the wash basin in the teachers' library has no vent pipe and the trap under sink in teachers' room is leaking.

I would like to call your attention to the fact that the water closets and urinals are placed in the basement in a dark and unventilated position. Therefore I would recommend that the entire layout of water closets and urinals be removed from the basement and that a separate toilet house be built outside on the grounds for this special purpose.

If this were done, we could get plenty of light and pure air about these fixtures; the best of the present water closets might be used again if the School Board cared to do so, but I am strongly against these cast iron urinals, and would recommend that large white porcelain urinals, similar to those being used in various schools be installed for this school.

W. P. Morrissey,
Inspector of Plumbing.

The Secretary is instructed to request the Board of School Commissioners to confer further with the City Engineer and Plumbing Inspector, and obtain, if possible, and submit to this Board a report as to the approximate cost necessary to meet the conditions in these two schools.

Secy School Board

BRUNSWICK STREET SIDEWALK.

Michael J. Burke appeared before the Board asking that the sidewalk now being constructed on Gerrish Street be continued around the corner to his premises, #132 Brunswick

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Street.

Mr. Bourke is informed that the City has no funds with which to do the work.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSE.

Read letter Guildford & Sons Ltd., withdrawing their tender for hose for the Fire Department. Filed.

Read letter Dunlap Tire & Rubber Co. respecting their tender for hose. Filed.

GASOLINE TANKS, IMPERIAL OIL COMPANY.

Read letter Imperial Oil Company, Ltd., requesting that further consideration of their application for the installation of oil tanks be deferred until next week, whilst they are negotiating with the Fire Underwriters. Approved.

plc ✓

WONDERLAND SHOWS.

It is decided not to grant the application of the Wonderland Shows, Limited, for permission to operate merry-go-rounds and other appliances.

CITY PRISON.

Controller Taylor asked permission to expend about \$50.00 for the construction of a ceiling over the furnace and coal-bins in the Prison. Approved.

*Cont Taylor ✓
Governor Grant ✓*

POLICEMEN OVERSEAS.

On motion of Controller Finlay, Controller Taylor, the City Solicitor and the Chief of Police are requested to report as to making provision for the payment into the Police Superannuation Fund of assessments by four or five policemen who are overseas on active duty, which are not now being paid in.

*Cont Finlay ✓
Cont Taylor ✓
City Solicitor ✓
Chief of Police ✓*

STARR STREET SPRINKLING

Alderman Foley complained that Starr Street is not being sprinkled. The work is supposed to be done by Fire Department teams.

Cont Hines ✓

Referred to controller Hines for attention.

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HURD STREET.

Engineer ✓

Alderman Foley complained of ^{the} condition of Hurd St. Referred to the city Engineer.

McFATRIDGE FENCE, CHEBUOTO ROAD.

Alderman Foley asked when the fence would be moved back from the street line on the McFtridge property, Chebuoto Road.

Engineer ✓

His Worship the Mayor stated that since the City had referred to arbitration the fixing of the value of his lot, Walnut Street, Mr. McFtridge had withdrawn his offer in connection with the lot on Chebuoto Road.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

(See printed minutes City Council February 8th, 1917, p. 436.)

STREET LIGHTS

Engineer ✓

Alderman Foley asked that a light be installed at the corner of Quinpool Road and Beech Street.

Referred to the City Engineer.

Read letter Tramway Company, as follows:-

Halifax, August 9th, 1917.

Controller J. Murphy.
Dear Sir:-

Some short time ago I wrote you with reference to street lighting matters. I am now confronted with the necessity of expending quite a considerable sum of money for repair parts for the arc lights at present installed, if we are to be expected to continue the present street lighting system beyond the period of the present temporary contract.

I think, in fairness to this company, some intimation should be given to us as to what the City expects us to do in the matter. We would very much regret being obliged to discontinue any of the lighting at present supplied, but as a business proposition, you will readily understand that we cannot afford to rehabilitate the large number of the present arc lights, or replace them with new ones, unless we have some assurance of revenue to be derived therefrom that would warrant such expenditure being made. In view of this fact, will you not therefore please let us know what is intended with regard street lighting matters, and oblige,

H. R. Mallison,
Managing-Director.

*Engineer ✓
Solicitor ✓
Engineer ✓
Cont. Murphy ✓*

Mr. Mallison's letter is referred to the special committee on street lighting,

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MOTT STREET AND SHIRLEY STREET.

Controller Taylor asked for some repairs to be done on Mott Street and Shirley Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for attention.

HALIFAX POWER COMPANY - ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

Controller Murphy asked what is being done in connection with legislation respecting the Halifax Power Company.

His Worship the Mayor stated that he expects to be able, in a week or so, to bring some information before the Board.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

Controller Murphy submits a financial statement from the Hazelwood Cottage Hospital, showing a deficit of \$449.97, and states that of the maximum amount, \$2,500.00, allowed by the city to be expended for maintenance of inmates, only \$2,100.00 was used last year. He asked if the other \$400.00 could not be devoted towards meeting the deficit of the institution.

Referred to Controller Finlay for report.

CITY PRISON INSPECTION.

Controller Taylor asked that the Board pay a visit of inspection to the City Prison.

The Board agrees to inspect the Prison at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

TAXATION.

Controller Murphy asked that the Board take up as soon as possible the new taxation system, and determine as to whether it should be put in force or otherwise.

Controller Finlay is requested to consult with the City Assessor and report as to when the Board will be in a position to consider the matter.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

R. J. McLaughlin
CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

August 21st, 1917.

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

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Annual Report City Auditor.
Watt and Chestnut Streets Sewer and Water Extension.
Annual Convention Canadian Municipalities.
Gasoline Tank, Mitchell's Wharf.
Victoria General Hospital Water Supply.
Policeman Tough, Leave of Absence.
Special Policeman Casino Theatre.
Water Meter Bill 3 Willow Street, Joseph D. McGrath.
Water Meter Bill 23 Sullivan Street, F. L. Davidson.
Fire Department - Callmen's Tappers.
Tramway Company New Stock Issue.
High Cost of Living - Price of Fish.

ANNUAL REPORT CITY AUDITOR.

Read Annual Report City Auditor for the year 1916-17. Filed.

WATT AND CHESTNUT STREETS SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION.

Read letter C. A. Cox re sewer and water extension on Watt and Chestnut Streets.

Referred to the City Engineer for reply.

ANNUAL CONVENTION CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES.

Read letter from the Mayor, Board of Control and Aldermen of the Corporation of the City of London, Ont., inviting the City of Halifax to send one or more delegates to the Annual Convention of Canadian Municipalities to be held in London on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 27th, 28th and 29th.

It is decided not to send any delegates to the Convention this year.

GASOLINE TANK, MITCHELL'S WHARF.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
August 20th 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute

Council ✓

Engineer

*✓
E. J. Wilson
Asst. Secy*

August 21st, 1917.

of the Board of Control, covering letter from the Royal Canadian Engineers asking for permission to instal a Bowser gasoline tank at the Engineer's Yard, Mitchell's Wharf, that the tank proposed is 666 gallons instead of the 10,000 gallons tank asked for. The tank will be situated at the eastern end and outside the building on the south side of Mitchell's Wharf. It is a steel tank set in a concrete pit. The top of the tank will be 3' 4" below the surface.

I do not know what attitude the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters takes in regard to the installation of these smaller tanks, although they have protested strongly against the larger capacity tanks asked for by the Imperial Oil Company on their wharf. With the large and increasing use of motor vehicles, it is a practical necessity to keep a certain amount of gasoline at the headquarters where these vehicles are stored.

The construction of this particular tank meets the requirements for safety considered necessary by your officials.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to the Board of fire Underwriters, *with request for a report*
VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL WATER SUPPLY.

Read report Acting City Engineer re water supply

Victoria General Hospital, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
August 20th, 1917

The Board of Control,
Gentlemen:-

In accordance with the instructions of the Board of Control, I notified the Victoria General Hospital that on and after the 24th day of September, 1917, the water supply to the Hospital would be given from the Low Service instead of the High, as at present.

I received a letter from the Commissioners, a copy of which I am attaching.

From the tenor of this, it would appear that the Commissioners do not realize that the Board intends to carry out its resolution of July 20th, 1917. I have written the Secretary in reply, informing him that the arrangement made on the 15th of March last was of a temporary nature only, and that it was the intention of your Board to carry out the resolution referred to, as it considered that ample notice was being given the Hospital to provide whatever increased facilities were necessary to enable them to supply their requirements.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Victoria General Hospital,
August 17th, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

Following my letter to you of July 23rd, I am writing

*E. J. Falise ✓
Engineer ✓
Capt. R. W. H. Colough ✓*

August 21st, 1917.

ult., having reference to the water supply of Victoria General Hospital, was today considered by the Board of Management of this institution, and I am instructed to say that on the 15th of March last, the Board of Commissioners of this Hospital had a formal conference with the Mayor and the Board of Control of the city, at the City Hall, and on that occasion the Board was definitely assured that it was the intention of the City to supply the Hospital with adequate water, and it is beyond question that the City Low Service will not furnish a reasonable supply. I am further instructed to say to you that this Board considers the matter closed by the Mayor's definite understanding at the close of the conference referred to, and that we shall look to the City for our usual supply of water.

W. W. Kenny,
Secty. Board of Commissioners.

The matter is deferred.

POLICEMAN TOUGH, LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Read letter Dr. P. A. Macdonald, asking that Policeman Leo Tough be granted three months' leave of absence to undergo treatment at the Kentville Sanitorium.

The leave is granted.

SPECIAL POLICEMAN CASINO THEATRE.

The Secretary is instructed to reply to the application of the Casino Theatre for a special policeman, that the City has adopted a policy not to appoint special policemen at theatres.

WATER METER BILL 3 WILLOW STREET - JOS. D. McGRATH.

Controller Murphy verbally reported on water bill of Joseph D. McGrath, 3 Willow Street, that as this is the second offence of waste of water at that property, he cannot recommend any reduction.

A copy of the Acting City Engineer's report submitted at Board of Control meeting August 14th, is ordered to be forwarded to Mr. McGrath.

WATER METER BILL 23 SULLIVAN STREET - F. L. DAVIDSON.

Controller Murphy verbally reported on water bill of F. L. Davidson, 23 Sullivan Street, recommending approval of the City Engineer's report submitted at Board of Control meeting August 14th.

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

Blc ✓

clerk of Police ✓

Casino Theatre ✓

*Engineer ✓
clerk of works ✓
Cty collector ✓
JOS D McGRATH ✓*

*Engineer ✓
clerk of works ✓
Cty collector ✓
F L Davidson ✓*

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FIRE DEPARTMENT - CALLMEN'S TAPPERS.

Controller Hines submits report City Electrician as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,
August 21st, 1917.

Controller J. J. Hines,
Dear Sir:-

With further reference to the Fire Alarm tapper installed for Mr. Con Ryan on Gottingen Street, I have checked up the returns made by my man for this job: wire from Agricola Street, 250 feet; wire used on Gottingen Street and Gerrish Street, 225 feet new wire, 650 feet of old. On the basis above there has evidently been an error in the return made of at least 650 feet of old wire which should have been charged against Mr. Ryan. On the value basis for old stock this would amount to at least \$4.00, to which should also be added a few insulators and other line materials. The latter, however, would amount to but a few cents and are merely mentioned to show that Mr. Ryan has not been overcharged. The labor item is three days and, in my opinion, is not excessive.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

Approved, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Alderman Godwin.

TRAMWAY COMPANY NEW STOCK ISSUE.

The Board appointed a committee consisting of Controller Murphy, the City Solicitor and City Engineer to attend the meeting of the public Utilities Board on Thursday, the 23rd inst., when the application of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company for authority to make a new stock issue will be heard.

HIGH COST OF LIVING - PRICE OF FISH.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that recently he had received from the Chairman of the Fish Committee connected with the office of the Food Controller, Ottawa, a communication stating that information had reached the Food Controller that retail prices of fish at Halifax are excessive, and requesting a statement showing prices now being asked for the various kinds of fish.

His Worship had caused to be forwarded to all the wholesale and retail fish dealers in the City a request that they forward immediately to him their buying and selling prices.

also Godwin

*Cont. Murphy ✓
Solicitor ✓
Engineer ✓
Miss & B. Taylor ✓
Secy ✓*

August 21st, 1917.

His Worship laid upon the table the communications, together with the answers submitted to date.

His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk are requested to communicate with the Chairman of the Fish Committee, furnishing him with the information requested by him.

*Francis Beer ✓
Chairman*

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

A. Hall

CITY CLERK.

Acting Secretary.

By...

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COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

August 24th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 11 o'clock
present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Hines,
Finlay and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Water Rates, T. D. Spike - 33 Buckingham Street.
Victoria General Hospital Water Supply.
Great War Veterans Association Picnic.
Police Clerk.
Tuberculosis Hospital.
Fire Department - Dunlop Fire Hose.
City Home - Nurse.
Cunard Street - Hatchway at property of Dr. F. R. Little.
Maitland Street Sidewalk.
Schools - Fuel Account.
Streets.
Abattoir.
Fire Department - Right of way for apparatus at fires.
Tramway Company - Rates for Various Services.

WATER RATES, T. D. SPIKE - 33 BUCKINGHAM STREET.

Read letter Halifax Central Realities Limited, per
John W. Regan, re excessive charge for water rates at
property #33 Buckingham Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL WATER SUPPLY.

Read extract minutes of a meeting of the Board of
Control held on the 21st day of August, 1917, re water
supply Victoria General Hospital.

The matter is further deferred.

GREAT WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION PICNIC.

His Worship the Mayor presents an invitation from
the Great War Veterans Association to the Board of Con-
trol to be present at a picnic for all returned soldiers
at McNab's Island, Saturday, 25th inst.

The invitation is accepted.

POLICE CLERK.

Read recommendation Chief of Police, as follows:-

August 24th, 1917.

Halifax, August 23rd, 1917.

Controller Taylor.
Sir:-

I beg to recommend that Policeman Wm. Doyle be detailed for special duty as Police Clerk and that he be paid at the rate of \$100.00 per annum for said special services from September 1st, 1917, and that he be permitted to contribute on that amount to the Superannuation Fund. If this recommendation is approved I will be able to permit the Deputy Chief to devote more attention to street duty.

Frank Hanrahan,
Chief of Police.

Approved.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

Read report Controller Finlay re tuberculosis Hospital, as follows:-

Halifax, August 23rd, 1917.

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

Under Minutes of the 21st inst. I am requested to report if the unexpended balances to the credit of the Hazelwood Cottage Hospital (Tuberculosis) could not be devoted towards meeting the deficit of the Institution.

Upon investigation the Acts of 1916 authorize the unexpended balances to the credit of Parade Improvement (\$1700) and that of Bedford Row Engine House (\$316.66) to be diverted to other purposes than as laid down by Sec. 339 and 352 of the City Charter. These, however, concern the internal affairs of the City, hence form no precedent.

I have consulted the City Solicitor who states it is only a matter of policy and no doubt an Act would be passed by the Legislature. While I am strongly in favor of helping such a deserving institution, would it be good policy to open the door, as the granting of this application would thus make a precedent. Similar institutions, whose grants depend upon the number of patients would thus be justified in requesting that their unexpended balances be also granted.

My department look to the unexpended balances to make up for the shortage and if it become the policy to vote them away, the effect will soon be felt in our Sinking Fund and as a necessary consequence our credit will suffer.

A. J. Finlay,
Controller.

Consideration of the report is deferred until next Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Control.

Chief of Police
Auditor
Treasurer

B/c

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FIRE DEPARTMENT - DUNLOP FIRE HOSE.

Read letter W. H. Thackeray, Branch Manager, Dunlop Tire & Rubber Co. re purchase of hose by the City in 1912, which did not stand the test.

Referred to Controller Hines for report.

*Cont. Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓*

CITY HOME - NURSE.

Controller Hines informs the Board that one of the nurses of the City Home has resigned and submits an application for the position from Mrs. Sarah MacKintosh. Mrs. MacKintosh is supported in her application by recommendations from Rev. John McMillan, D. D., W. R. Eckersley, J. Scott Chisholm and J. J. Ferguson.

*James W. Brown ✓
Secy ✓*

On motion of Controller Hines, Mrs. MacKintosh is appointed to the position.

CUNARD STREET - HATCHWAY AT PROPERTY OF DR. F. R. LITTLE.

Read petition Dr. F. R. Little for permission to put in a hatchway in front of his new building, Cunard Street.

Engineer ✓

Referred to the City Engineer.

MAITLAND STREET SIDEWALK.

The City Engineer is requested to have Maitland Street, west side, from Cornwallis Street north, repaired.

Engineer ✓

SCHOOLS - FUEL ACCOUNT.

Read certificate Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
August 21st, 1917.

Clark's Works ✓

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to W. P. Buckley of the sum of \$1,000.00 on account of his bill for truckage and trimming coal to and at the Schools.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The account is passed for payment.

STREETS.

Read certificate Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

August 24th, 1917.

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to Heber Hartlen of the sum of Two Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars and Seventy-nine Cents (\$225.79) on account of his contract for delivery of stone.

9408 bushels at 3¢	\$282.24
20% retained	<u>56.45</u>

Balance recommended \$225.79

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The amount is passed for payment.

ABATTOIR.

Read certificate Acting City Engineer, as follows:

City Engineer's Office,
August 23rd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

Certificate #1.

I beg to recommend payment to Falconer & McDonald of the sum of Seventeen Hundred Dollars (\$1700) on account of contract for the construction of the Public Abattoir.

Value of work done	\$2,000.00.
15% retained	<u>300.00</u>

Balance recommended \$1,700.00

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The amount is passed for payment.

The Board adjourns until 1 o'clock today.

1 o'clock. The Board resumes its session pursuant to adjournment; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Murphy, Hines, Taylor and Finlay.

TRAMWAY COMPANY - RATES FOR VARIOUS SERVICES.

Controller Murphy submits the following resolutions:

Resolved on behalf of the citizens of Halifax, this Board requests of the Board of Public Utilities before any action is taken on the application now before them for a further increase in the securities of the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company, that the

*Miss L B Taylor
Secy*

August 24th, 1917.

City's application for a hearing on the rates at present charged by this Company for its various services be held.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities be, and are herewith asked to name a date on which they will hear the City's application.

The resolution is passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned.

[Faint, mostly illegible text, possibly a list of items or reports.]

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin,
MAYOR.

Kathleen Monaghan
ACTING SECRETARY.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

August 28th, 1917.

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.

Annual Report Clerk of Works, 1916-17.
Royal Agricultural Schools for the free Education of
Sons of Soldiers killed in the War.
Canadian Northern Railway - Purchase.
Maurice Wren - Claim for injury to horse.
Annual Report Chief Fire Department, 1916-17.
Flooding of Cellar - #120 Brunswick Street.
Meter Bill #33 Buckingham Street.
Fire Escapes.
Fire Protection Military Hospital #2 Pier.
North Park Street Sidewalk.
Tuberculosis Hospital.
LeMarchant Street Sidewalk.
Policemen.
Plumbing in Dwelling Houses - #48 Maynard Street.
Ward 6 - Improvements to Roadways.
N.S. Temperance Act Enforcement - E. S. Tracey Account.
City Market.
Abattoir.
Tramway Company New Stock Issue.

ANNUAL REPORT CLERK OF WORKS, 1916-17.

Read annual report Clerk of Works for the civic
year 1916-17.

Referred to Controller Murphy.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS FOR THE FREE EDUCATION
OF SONS OF SOLDIERS KILLED IN THE WAR.

Read request Royal Agricultural Schools for the
free education of sons of soldiers, 103 St. Francois
Xavier Street, Montreal, for municipal contributions.

Filed.

CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY - PURCHASE BY GOVERNMENT

Read letter Sydenham Thompson, Secretary The
Single Tax Association of Ontario re the purchase of
the Canadian Northern Railway.

Filed.

MAURICE WREN - INJURY TO HORSE.

Read letter Maurice Wren re accident to his horse

at 103 St. Francois Xavier Street near the Willow Tree.

*Council ✓
Cont. Murphy ✓*

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Referred to the City Engineer.

ANNUAL REPORT CHIEF FIRE DEPARTMENT 1916-17.

Read annual report Chief of the Fire Department for the civic year 1916-17.

Referred to Controller Hines for report.

FLOODING OF CELLAR #120 BRUNSWICK STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer re flooding of cellar of John W. Miller, #120 Brunswick Street.

Approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Miller.

WATER METER BILL #33 BUCKINGHAM STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
August 27th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering letter from the Halifax Central Realities Limited, complaining that the charge of \$3.24 for water rates for the last half year at #33 Buckingham Street is excessive.

The Company's claim that the waste of water was due to the pipe freezing in the street, is not borne out by our records. The Foreman of the Water Department informs me that on February 8th a complaint was made in his office that there was no water at #33 Buckingham Street. On investigation it was found that the service pipe was frozen inside the house, that there was no trouble outside on the street, and that no excavation was made on the street.

The law provides that pipes shall be properly protected against freezing, and where they are not, and waste of water occurs, through this neglect, I cannot see any justification for making a reduction in the bill.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded to John W. Regan for the Halifax Central Realities Limited.

FIRE ESCAPES.

Read report Acting City Engineer re fire escapes as follows :-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

In continuation of my report of July 12th, I

Engineer ✓
Council ✓
Cont. Hines ✓
John W. Miller ✓
Bruce Graham ✓
Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓
John W. Regan ✓
Chas. J. Wood ✓
Collector ✓

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beg to submit a further list of hotels and boarding houses on which fire escapes or means of egress in case of fire, should be provided.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

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Provincial House.

This hotel is situated on Gottingen Street. There are fire escapes on this building which are not sufficient either as regards strength or construction.

Empress Hotel - Brunswick Street.

There is a n iron ladder attached to the side of the building which is supposed to be used as an escape. I would recommend that a proper escape be placed on the building.

King Edward Hotel.

One fire escape situated on rear of building of very light construction and not considered sufficient for a building of this size.

Adams House - North Street.

This building is used as a hotel. There are no fire escapes in the building. The furnace room is in a very dangerous condition.

Revere House.

There are no fire escapes on this building. I would recommend that the same be provided.

Brunswick House.

This building is on Brunswick Street and is used as a hotel. There are no fire escapes provided. The furnace room is very congested and dangerous.

Maple House.

This is a lodging house on Brunswick Street. There are sixteen rooms in the building. No fire escapes. The furnace is very dangerous.

Payson House.

This building is on Brunswick Street and is used as a lodging house. There are 12 rooms for lodgers. No means of escape in case of fire.

Windsor House.

This is a boarding house on Brunswick Street. There are no fire escapes provided.

Canadian House.

This is a boarding house on Brunswick Street. No

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fire escapes provided.

Coburg Apartments.

This is a five-family apartment on the S.E. cor. of Robie Street and Spring Garden Road. No fire escapes.

Elmwood Hotel.

Wooden building - no fire escapes - very dangerous.

Waverly Hotel.

Wooden building - no fire escapes.

Glendale Hotel.

This building at the corner of Hollis and Bishop Streets has a fire escape situated on south side of the building, which supplies a couple of rooms in the front of the house. There should be one on the other part of the building. The cooking range is set up in a very poor manner and is considered dangerous.

Clifton House.

This building corner Hollis and Bishop Streets is used as a lodging house by about 25 people.

The Algonquin House.

This building on Hollis Street is used as a lodging house by about 26 people. There are no fire escapes in the building.

Seymour Hotel.

This is a wooden building at #67 Hollis Street and is used as a lodging house by about 20 people. No means of escape in case of fire.

Hollis House.

This is a lodging house #69 Hollis Street. Rooms for 15 or 20 people. No fire escapes provided.

Alberta House.

This building #84 Hollis Street is used as a boarding house and lodging house. No means of escape in case of fire.

Queen Hotel Annex.

There are no fire escapes in this building.

Prince George Hotel.

There is a fire escape on the front and side of this building which are used for the 2nd and 3rd floors. There is no means of escape from the attic. The platforms of these fire escapes are in a dangerous condition and a bad state of repair. The means of getting to these escapes is through private rooms. Signs on these doors means of access to same should be provided. The windows opening to these escapes should be hung.

Approved and the City Engineer instructed to notify

Engineer ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓

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the owners of the premises named in his report to comply with the recommendations.

FIRE PROTECTION MILITARY HOSPITALS #2 PIER.

Read letter Military Hospitals Commission, Ottawa, as follows:-

Ottawa, August 22nd, 1917.

To.-
Edward Condon, Esq.,
Chief of Fire Dept.,
Halifax, N. S.

From.-
Capt. W.L. Symons, C.E.,
O, l/o Works, M.H.C.
O t t a w a.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Pier #2
Halifax,
N. S.

I beg to notify you that the services of the two men now on duty day and night as fire patrolmen for these premises will not be required by this Commission after the first of September next.

We appreciate very much your action in this matter for us.

W. L. Symons,
Captain, O, l/o Works,
M.H.C.

Cont. Mines ✓
Engineer ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓
E J Folie ✓

Referred to Controller Mines, the Building Inspector, Chief Fire Department and Secretary Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters for Report.

(See Board of Control Minutes April 10th, 1917, p. 854-856).

NORTH PARK STREET SIDEWALK.

The City Engineer is requested to notify the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company to remove the piles of earth left by their men when ^{erecting} fixing the telephone poles on North Park Street.

Engineer ✓

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

Consideration of the report of Controller Finlay re unexpended balances to the credit of the Hazelwood Cottage Hospital is again taken up.

(See Board of Control Minutes August 16th, 1917, p. 336, and August 24th, 1917, p. 343).

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The report, stating that it is not advisable to grant the \$400.00 towards meeting the deficit of the institution, is approved.

LEMARCHANT STREET SIDEWALK.

The City Engineer is instructed to request the N. S. Tramways & Power Company to repair LeMarchant Street between South Street and Coburg Road, which the Company left in a bad condition when laying gas pipes.

POLICEMEN.

On recommendation of Controller Taylor, Domas Rigard Beazley, William Heman Zwicker and Alfred Woolaston are appointed policeman, on the usual conditions.

PLUMBING IN DWELLING HOUSES.- 48 MAYNARD STREET.

Read certificate Acting City Engineer, as follows

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to George H. Kinsman of the sum of one hundred and forty-four dollars being the amount in full on his contract for installing plumb at #48 Maynard Street.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The amount is passed for payment.

WARD 6 - IMPROVEMENTS TO ROADWAY.

His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Godwin ask what is being done towards improving the conditions of the roadways in Ward 6.

Referred to the City Engineer.

NOVA SCOTIA TEMPERANCE ACT ENFORCEMENT - E. S.

TRACEY ACCOUNT.

Edwin S. Tracey, Inspector under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, submits the following account:-

Assess 17m

Engineer

Chief of Police

Engineer

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

City of Halifax,
Liquor Fines Fund.

To Edwin S. Tracey, Dr.

April 20

Expense in securing evidence in convicting
Wm. Nonatt \$2.50

May 27

Expense in securing evidence in convicting
Andrew Carter, } 5.00
Peter Lashartie, Hiram Komisky and Max Hornstein)

June 5

Expense in convicting John McNeil 4.00

June 7

Expense in detaining witnesses in the conviction of
Bessie Baker 3.00

June 15.

Expense, paid witness for time lost in convicting
Mrs. Maurice Wren 5.00

July 7.

Expense in securing evidence to convict Norman 3.00

July 3.

Expense in securing evidence to convict Jos. Jules . . . 3.50
\$26.00

The Inspector explains to the Board that certain items of the account are for fines paid by him for persons convicted in the Police Court in order to secure from said persons evidence against the persons from whom they secured liquor.

The propriety of obtaining evidence in this way is discussed by the Board and finally the account is referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion.

CITY MARKET FLOOR.

The Secretary is instructed to request Mr. Dumaresq Architect for the City Market, to appear before the Board on Tuesday, September 4th, at 10 o'clock, in connection with the City Market floor.

ABATTOIR.

Controller Murphy informs the Board that the public

*Solicitor ✓
see pp 383-368*

SP Dumaresq ✓

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Engineer ✓

abattoir is ^{now} ~~not~~ under construction but that there is no inspector on the premises.

Referred to the City Engineer.

TRAMWAY COMPANY NEW STOCK ISSUE.

At the approaching investigation of the Board of Public Utilities, upon the application of the Tram Company for increase of capital and also upon the application of the City for a reduction in rates, it is agreed that the City Electrician should either temporarily retire from the Board during the hearing of the application and assist the City in the presentation of its case, or engage some expert electrician, at his expense, who can properly forward the City's interests.

*Min L B Taylor ✓
P R Calvert ✓*

It is decided to request the Public Utilities Board to extend their hearing from the 5th to the 10th September.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin,
MAYOR.

Kathleen Mousghan
ACTING SECRETARY.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

September 4th, 1917.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Gasoline Tank - Mitchell's Wharf.
Sewerage Rates - W. J. Branch.
Walnut street - McFarridge Property - Arbitrators Account.
City Market Floor.
Fire Department Hose.
Police Department - Tenders for Clothing.
Tramway Company New Stock Issue.
Foster Lot, Chebuoto Road - Arbitrator's Account.
City Prison Monthly Report.
Fire Department Annual Report.
Billiard Room License - H. L. Ferguson.
Complaint Sydney Locke.
Contracts - Letter Workmen's Compensation Board.
City Home Annual Report.
North Park Street Sidewalk.
Garbage Cans.
Sunday Selling in Shops.
Schools - Weight of Coal Supplied.
Hatchway 463 Barrington Street.
Drains on Streets - Insufficient Lighting.
Cabot Street - Taking Over Of.
Streets - Ward 6.
Peddlers' Licenses.
Accounts - City Prison.

GASOLINE TANK, MITCHELL'S WHARF.

Read letter Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters re proposed Bowser Gasoline Tank to be installed on Engineer's wharf (formerly Mitchell's Wharf) City, as follows:-

Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters,
Halifax, N. S., August 28th, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

Your esteemed favor of the 22nd inst. came duly to hand enclosing extract from Board of Control Minute of the 21st inst. containing copy of Acting City Engineer's report regarding the request from Royal Canadian Engineer's for permission to install a Bowser Gasoline tank at the Engineer's yard, Mitchell's wharf. The capacity of proposed tank being 666 gallons. The top of the tank to be 3 or 4 feet below the surface.

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In reply I have to advise you that at this morning's meeting of my Board I was directed to advise you that my Board does not approve of the proposed installation.

Believe me, dear sir.

Edward J. Fahie,
Secretary.

The Secretary is instructed to forward a copy of the report to Capt. R. W. McColough and to inform him that the City does not see its way clear to grant the permit applied for.

*Capt. R. W.
McColough
City Engineer*

SEWERAGE RATES - W. J. BRANCH.

Read letter W. J. Branch stating that he has been charged for sewerage rates on property which he has sold.

*Solicitor
W. J. Branch*

Referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion, at an early date.

Walnut street, McFatrige Lot - Arbitrator's Account.

Read account G. R. Brady, \$25.00, for services as arbitrator in connection with the appraisement of the McFatrige Lot, Walnut Street.

*Solicitor
G. R. Brady*

Referred to the City Solicitor.

CITY MARKET FLOOR.

S. P. Dumaresq, architect for the City Market, appears before the Board agreeably to notification.

Mr. Dumaresq said that before taking further steps in connection with the matter of the Market floor he would like direct instructions from the City in the form of a letter from the City Clerk, to keep on file.

Controller Murphy thought such a letter not necessary, the only course for the City to pursue to be to ask the Architect enforce the completion of the contract.

Mr. Dumaresq stated that he was prepared to have the contract completed but was stopped last year but that he has nothing on file to show it. In his opinion the floor is not in accordance with the specifications.

The City Solicitor instructed the Board that the City is responsible for anything Mr. Dumaresq does in the matter

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If the architect completes the floor and the contractor raises any protest in ^{that} connection, any action ^{brought} will be against the City and the City will have a lawsuit on hand. In his opinion the contract is alright and Mr. Dumaresq can proceed under it in any way he sees fit.

Mr. Dumaresq suggested that samples of the floor be sent to Toronto to be analysed.

The Board declined to advise him to do so.

The architect at the suggestion of the Board agreed to keep the City Solicitor informed as to any action taken by him under the contract.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Finlay that the Architect be instructed to compel the contractors of the Market Building to complete their contract according to the terms of the specification, Motion passed.

FIRE HOSE.

W. H. Thackeray and Mr. Rogers representing the Dunlop Tire and Rubber Goods Company appear before the Board requesting further consideration of their offer to supply fire hose to the City. In connection with the complaint from the Fire Department that a small quantity of their hose which had stood up to the three years' guarantee had subsequently failed at a department test, the Dunlop Company was prepared to either reline the two lengths of hose or furnish the City with 100 feet of new hose.

Deferred until Thursday's meeting of the Board.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - TENDERS FOR CLOTHING.

Tenders for uniform clothing for the Police Department were received and opened from Maxwell's Limited and W. S. Munnis.

The tenders are referred to Controller Taylor and the Chief of Police for report at Thursday's meeting.

*SP Dumaresq
Solicitor*

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*Cont. Taylor
Chief of Police*

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TRAMWAY COMPANY NEW STOCK ISSUE - LETTER CITY ELECTRICIAN.

Read letter City Electrician, as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,
August 31st, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 28th and in reply beg to say I am ready to temporarily vacate my seat on the Board of Public Utilities, and give what assistance I can in the presentation of the cases referred to.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

Approved.

FOSTER LOT CHEBUOTO ROAD - ARBITRATOR'S ACCOUNT.

Read account Melvin S. Clarke, Co., \$12.50, for services as arbitrator in connection with the appraisement of the Foster jib lot Oxford Street, Chebuoto Road and North Street.

The account is passed for payment.

CITY PRISON MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report City Prison for the month of August. Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - ANNUAL REPORT OF CHIEF.

Controller Hines verbally reports on the annual report of the Chief of the Fire Department recommending that the same be published in the printed annual report. Consideration of the recommendations of the Chief in his report is deferred.

BILLIARD ROOM LICENSE - H. L. FERGUSON.

Read application H. L. Ferguson for permission to conduct a billiard room at #633 Barrington Street. Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

DAMAGE BY GAS WORKS TO PROPERTY OF S. LOCKE.

Read letter Sydney Locke re damage to garden vines in his garden by the Gas Works.

Copy

*Electrician's
solution ✓*

*Council
(Sept 20 1917)*

Cont. Taylor ✓

Council ✓

Cont. Taylor ✓

September 4th, 1917.

Referred to the City Engineer.

CONTRACTS - LETTER WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BOARD.

Read letter Workmen's Compensation Board referring to section 74 of the Workmen's Compensation Act re Contracts

Referred to Controller Murphy, the City Solicitor and City Engineer with the request that Section 74 be provided for in any future contracts.

CITY HOME ANNUAL REPORT.

Read annual report City Home for the civic year 1916-17.

Referred to Controller Hines for report.

PARK NORTH STREET SIDEWALK.

The City Engineer is instructed to notify the Telephone Company that the piles of earth left by their men when erecting the telephone poles on North Park Street have not yet been removed.

GARBAGE CANS.

Controller Hines requested that a garbage can be placed at or near the corner of Cogswell and Gottingen Streets.

SUNDAY SELLING IN SHOPS.

Controller Hines informs the Board that it had been reported to him that shops on Barrington Street and Spring Garden Road were open on Sundays.

The matter is referred to the Chief of Police to investigate.

SCHOOLS - WEIGHT OF COAL SUPPLIED.

Controller Finlay informed the Board that it had been reported to him that the coal supplied to the schools was not being weighed.

The City Engineer stated that all coal is weighed before being delivered to the schools.

The Board decided to ask the Special Committee on coal to send a detailed report of the coal already deliv-

Engineer

*Cont. Murphy
Solicitor
Engineer*

*Cont. Hines
Council*

Engineer

Engineer

Chief of Police

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ered to the schools to this Board and in future monthly reports.

HATCHWAY, 463 BARRINGTON STREET.

Controller Finlay informs the Board that a hatchway at #463 Barrington Street is in a dangerous condition.

Referred to the Chief of Police to notify the owner of the premises.

DRAINS ON STREETS - INSUFFICIENT LIGHTING.

Controller Murphy states that where private drains are opened on streets there is not sufficient lighting.

Referred to Controller Taylor and the Chief of Police.

CABOT STREET - TAKING OVER OF.

Controller Murphy asks as to the advisability of placing Cabot Street on the Official City Plan.

STREETS - WARD 6.

Aldermen Godwin and Parker complain of the condition of the streets and roadways in Ward 6.

Referred to Controller Murphy.

PEDDLERS' LICENSES.

Read list of amounts paid for peddlers' licenses during the current year.

Referred to the City Solicitor ^{for his opinion} as to whether the schedule in section 8 of Ordinance #21 relating to Petty Trades provides that a peddler with two waggons may obtain two licenses for \$30.00 or at \$20.00 each.

The schedule provides

"For peddler with horse and cart	\$20.00
Each additional horse	10.00 "

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

Read accounts chargeable to the City Prison for August 1917, as follows:-

City Prison.

J. J. Scriven & Sons	Bread	\$19.11
Wentzell's Limited	Groceries	40.92
G. C. Hartlen	Oxheads	9.15

*Mayor
Engineer*

Chief of Police

*Cont. Taylor
Chief of Police*

Engineer

Cont. Murphy

Solicitor

Council

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City Prison - Continued.

S. C. Thompson	Feed	\$30.24
A. J. Grant	Hardware	11.08
Robt. Taylor	Rubber Boots	17.00
Hillis & Sons	Stove Fittings	5.30
Irwin & Sons	Drugs	1.70
John Starr & Sons	Supplies	2.54
Halifax Seed Store	Bug Poison	6.03
N. S. Tram. Co.	Current	
Maritime Tel. Co.	Rental	5.50
D. J. McIntosh	Horseshoeing	4.50
Wentzell's Limited	Fine Salt	2.60
John Foley	Mason Work	50.00
		<u>\$205.67</u>

The Board adjourned.

W S Colwell

DEPUTY MAYOR

Kathleen Monaghan

ACTING SECRETARY .

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

September 6th, 1917.

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.

North Street Widening at Foster Property.
Queen Street Obstruction by Garage.
Cash Statement City Treasurer
City Home Monthly Report.
Preston Street.
Ocean Terminal Railway Agreement.
Boundary Line City and County.
Fire Department Hose.
Fire Department.
Central Engine House Painting Tenders.
Victoria General Hospital Water Supply.
Temperance Law Enforcement - Liquor Inspector's Account.
Queen Street - City Lot.
Progress Payments.
Watt Street Sewer and Water Extensions.
Tuberculosis Hospital Site.
Tramway Company New Stock Issue.
Kenny Street Sewer.
Sidewalk Traffic Regulations.
Accounts.

NORTH STREET WIDENING AT FOSTER PROPERTY.

Read letter W. W. Foster re widening North Street on the north side at his property, corner of North and Oxford Streets, as follows:-

Halifax, September 6th, 1917.

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

I have made application for building permit on my North Street front; same has been granted by the Engineer but with the proviso that the City claims, on the North Street front, 8 feet, and on the Oxford Street front, 11 feet; approximately 4575 feet of land taken right off the very best of my property front together with several of the finest ornamental trees in this City; likewise my stable.

Will you kindly advise me what damages you will allow me for this, and oblige,
W. W. Foster.

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Referred to the City Engineer for report.

QUEEN STREET OBSTRUCTION BY GARAGE.

Alderman Gillis complained of the continued obstruction of Queen Street by the repairing of automobiles at a garage, and the obstruction of the sidewalk by filling gasoline tanks of cars standing on the sidewalk instead of through hose reaching across the sidewalk.

Controller Finlay promised that the Chief of Police will be instructed to prevent the nuisance.

CASH STATEMENT CITY TREASURER.

Read cash statement City Treasurer for the month of August.

Referred to the City Council for its information.

CITY HOME MONTHLY REPORT.

Read monthly report of the City Home for August, showing the number of inmates at the end of the month to have been 275.

Referred to the City Council for its information.

PRESTON STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer re purchase of property, Preston Street, from Harvey Horne for \$20.00, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I have had a request from Mr. Harvey Horne, offering to purchase the strip in front of his property on the east side of Preston Street between Jubilee Road and Watt St., lying between the old and new street lines.

The portion of the strip adjoining Mr. Horne's was sold to Mr. Mosher at 12¢ per square foot. This was a corner property.

Mr. Horne offers to pay at the rate of 10¢ per square foot for the portion in front of his property, which would amount to \$20.00. I would recommend that this land be sold to Mr. Horne for \$20.00.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Recommended to City Council for approval.

Engineer ✓

Cont. Finlay ✓
Chief of Police ✓

Council ✓

Council ✓

Council ✓

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OCEAN TERMINALS RAILWAY AGREEMENT.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

Difficulties have arisen with regard to the completion of the agreement between the Canadian Government Railway and the City with regard to compensation due the latter for the taking of properties on account of the construction of the Halifax Ocean Terminals.

An act was passed last year by the Legislature, authorizing the City to deed the properties taken to the Railway Department, but the terms of the Act were not satisfactory to the latter, as the full descriptions were not included in the same, and also because of the inclusion in the Act of a clause which was not satisfactory to the Department.

I have consulted with the City Solicitor, and he informs me that there is no objection to making the amendments required, and he has drafted a form of resolution a copy of which is attached, which, if passed by the City Council, will enable the cheque for the amount agreed upon to be paid immediately.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

The following resolution submitted with the foregoing report, is adopted:-

WHEREAS difficulties have arisen in respect to the legislation to be enacted to give effect to the agreement between the City of Halifax and the Department of Canadian Government Railways respecting the transfer of land from the city to that Department, and an enactment has been prepared on behalf of that Department, a copy of which is hereto attached,

THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Council is of opinion that the proposed statute in amendment will give effect to and carry out the intention of the said agreement as between the City and the said Department,

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that the City will use its utmost endeavors to have the said statute enacted into law at the next session of the Legislature of Nova Scotia.

The following draft act submitted by the City Solicitor, is approved:-

WHEREAS the conveyance from the City of Halifax to His Majesty recited or referred to in the statute hereby amended as having been duly executed is set out at length in the schedule hereto,

AND WHEREAS the Act hereby amended does not in the opinion of His Majesty satisfy the requirements necessary for the purpose of carrying into effect the terms of the agreement scheduled to the said Act, because the said deed of conveyance is not scheduled, and because of the following

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words with which the said Act concludes - "and to have conveyed to the Crown all the right, title and interest of the City in and to the properties and rights therein mentioned."

Council ✓
IT IS THEREFORE ENACTED that the deed of Conveyance set out in the schedule to this Act shall be deemed to have been properly made and executed by the City of Halifax, and to be binding upon the said City, and moreover that the concluding words of the Act hereby amended, as quoted above, are hereby repealed and declared to have been without effect from the beginning.

between the
BOUNDARY LINE CITY AND COUNTY.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

"For a great many years there has been a disagreement between the City and County authorities as to the exact boundary line between the City and County at Fairview. The description in section 7 of the City Charter, describes this line as "Thence northerly and easterly by the centre line of the Dutch Village Road to the shore of Bedford Basin at the intersection of the line drawn at right angles to the road along the Bedford Basin, known as the Windsor Road, from its junction with the Dutch Village Road, and extended into Bedford Basin at Three Mile House."

Council ✓
The line claimed by the City ran through the centre of the double tenement on the property now owned by the Carrite-Paterson Manufacturing Company. The County claimed that the line should be further south and east, running through the brook at the said property.

The County Council employed Mr. R.W. McKenzie to make a survey at this point. He has compiled the accompanying plan from this original survey. This was submitted to me, and in company with Mr. C. E. Smith, the Warden of the Municipality of Halifax, I visited the spot, and after comparing our surveys with the County surveys, it was agreed that the line shown in red on the plan was the nearest approximation to the boundary line that could be arrived at from the data existing on the ground and the plans on record.

Monuments were erected on this line, and I beg to recommend that the City Council approve of the same and that when the County Council approve of it, the original plan be filed in the registry of Deeds office at Halifax, the line to be binding on both parties from the date of the filing of the plan; the adoption of the line not to affect any assessments or any other matter that may have occurred before the said date.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSE.

The Board resumed consideration of the matter of

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tenders for fire hose, and also of the proposition of the Dunlop Tire and Rubber Company to repair defective hose supplied by them, or supply a portion of new hose in its place.

Mr. Thackeray and Mr. Rogers, of the Dunlop Tire Company, and F. J. Cragg, on behalf of his tender for Dunlop hose, also appeared before and addressed the Board.

Mr. Rogers, on behalf of his Company, offered to have re-lined the seven lengths of Dunlop hose which failed under Fire Department test.

Chief Condon being present, said he was satisfied with the offer made by the Company.

The Board accepts Mr. Rogers' offer.

Moved by Controller Hines that the City purchase from Messrs. Cragg Bros. at \$1.15 per foot, 250 feet of Dunlop Tire Co. fire hose.

Controller Hines explained that the 250 feet recommended in his resolution is in addition to the 2000 feet upon which tenders were asked, and that he has sufficient funds with which to pay for the same.

Moved by Controller Finlay that the original recommendation of the Board be amended by making the award of 1000 feet of Keystone hose to Staire, Son & Morrow 750 feet, and that 250 feet of Dunlop hose at \$1.15 per foot be purchased from Cragg Bros, Limited, and also that the extra 250 feet of Dunlop hose recommended by Controller Hines be purchased from Messrs. Cragg Bros.

His worship the Mayor rules Controller Finlay's amendment out of order.

Moved by Controller Finlay, in amendment to Controller Hines' motion, that the original recommendation of the Board be amended, striking therefrom the award of 500 feet of hose to the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, and substituting therefore a recommendation that 500 feet of

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Dunlop hose at \$1.15 per foot be purchased from Cragg Bros., Limited.

Controller Finlay's amendment is seconded by Controller Murphy.

The vote being taken, Controllers Finlay and Murphy voted for the amendment, and His Worship the Mayor and Controller Hines against it.

Council ✓

Controller Hines' original motion for the purchase of 250 feet extra of Dunlop hose is put and passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read monthly report Chief of the Fire Department for the month of August, as follows:-

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

The board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

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

There have been six alarms of fire from the following causes:- chimney 1, unknown 3, oil pipe bursting 1, electric wires 1.

Insurance at risk	\$70,000.00	
Loss by insurance		\$20,500.00
Loss without insurance		10,000.00
		<u>\$30,500.00</u>

Resignations.

George Shanks, relief driver, resigned on August 30th.

Recommendations.

That John Duggan be appointed callman on No. 6 hose.

I would also recommend to the Board that the annual inspection of the Fire Department take place at the Exhibition track on the afternoon of the public half-holiday which is usually proclaimed by His Worship the Mayor.

In reference to the death of the late Lieut. James Myers of No. 2 ladder truck, who caught a severe cold at the fire at the Old Men's Home, Cottingen Street, and which was the cause of hastening his death, and after being connected with the Fire Department for the past thirty-five years, I would recommend that Mrs. James Myers receive the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

Hoping the above report will meet with your approval,

E. Condon,
Chief H. F. D.

September 6th, 1917.

The report is approved unanimously.

CENTRAL ENGINE HOUSE PAINTING TENDERS.

Tenders for painting at Central Engine House are received and opened as follows:-

David Roche	\$472.00
Judge & McPhee	298.00
J. M. Collins	260.00
J. D. Lavers & Co.	193.00

It is decided to recommend to Council the acceptance of the tender of J. D. Lavers & Co.,

VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL WATER SUPPLY.

The Board resumed consideration of the report of the Acting City Engineer submitted August 21st, 1917, re water supply to the Victoria General Hospital.

The Acting City Engineer reported that he had recently been in communication with the Superintendent of the Hospital, and Controller Murphy verbally reported that he had recently had an interview on the subject with the Honorable Commissioner of Works and Mines.

The matter is further deferred.

TEMPERANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT - LIQUOR INSPECTOR'S

ACCOUNT.

Read opinion City Solicitor re account submitted by Liquor Inspector Tracey for payment of fines in order to secure witnesses in liquor prosecutions, as follows:-

Office of City Solicitor,
August 31st, 1917.

Secretary Board of Control.
Dear Sir:-

Sub-section 4 of Section 15 of the Act authorizes the City to pay out of its funds all costs, charges and expenses of enforcing and carrying out the Act. What such costs and expenses shall be must rest in the judgment of the Inspector, subject to the approval of the Council and Board of Control.

The charges specified in Mr. Tracey's account cannot be called illegal, even when they go to the extent of paying the fine of a witness in order to induce him to give evidence. The propriety of such an expenditure may well be questioned, but that is not a matter upon which I feel called upon to pass judgment. That must be

Council ✓

Council ✓

Engineer ✓

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determined by the Inspector and the Board of Control.

F. H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

Consideration of the Solicitor's opinion is deferred.

QUEEN STREET - CITY LOT.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minutes of the Board of Control covering requests from Mrs. Margaret Buckley, one for the lease of a right of way over the City property to reach her property on Victoria Road, and another, asking the City to sell to her its lot on the west side of Queen Street in rear of the Victoria Road lots.

I do not think that this latter proposition should be entertained at present, as owing to the construction of the terminals, it is uncertain as to what may develop in this locality, and the City may require this lot for its own purposes.

The lot has an area of about 3000 square feet between the right of way of the freshwater sewer and the rear of the Victoria Road lots. Mrs. Buckley's lot fronts on Victoria Road and there is access to it from this street so that it is not necessary, except as a convenience, to have the right of way over the city property from Queen Street.

Should the Board, however, decide to lease a right of way, I would recommend that it be at the south end of the property not wider than ten feet; that gates be erected and maintained and the surface of the right of way maintained by the lessee to the satisfaction of the City engineer, and that the lease be from year to year.

The area of the right of way would be 500 square feet, and I would suggest that \$5.00 a year would be a fair rental for the same.

I am attaching hereto a plan of the property.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to Mrs. Margaret Buckley.

PROGRESS PAYMENTS.

Read reports Acting City Engineer, recommending progress payments, as follows:-

Plumbing in Janitor's Quarters, City Hall,	\$152.00
North West Arm Sewer, Section No. 1,	4298.66
" " " " " " 2,	1967.33

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Mrs. Margaret Buckley

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Sidewalks	\$605.93
Fuel	600.00
Cement	929.48
Streets	170.35

The amounts are severally passed for payment.

WATT STREET WATER AND SEWER EXTENSION.

Isaiah Moser appeared before the Board, urging sewer and water extension, Watt Street.

Mr. Moser is requested to put his application in writing.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL SITE.

Read extract minutes of meeting of the City Council, August 9th, 1917, referring back to this Board for further consideration its recommendation offering a gift of a portion of the city Home property as a site for a tuberculosis hospital.

On motion of Controller Finlay, it is decided to refer back to the city Council without change or amendment, its report dated August 7th, 1917.

Controller Murphy dissents.

TRAMWAY COMPANY NEW STOCK ISSUE.

The City Solicitor is instructed to request the Board of Public Utilities to fix Friday, October 5th, 1917, as the date on which the City may present its case in opposition to the application of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company for a new bond issue.

KENNY STREET SEWER.

Alderman Codwin informed the Board that the Kenny Street sewer recently constructed, did not extend far enough to drain all the properties.

The city Engineer is requested to report as to the advisability and cost of further extending the sewer.

SIDEWALK TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

Controller Murphy called attention to correspondence in the newspapers, suggesting better adherence to sidewalk regulations, with particular reference to Gottingen Street.

Isaiah Moser
Sept 12 1917
Engineer ✓

Council ✓

Solicitor ✓

Engineer ✓

September 6th, 1917.

It is decided to request the board of School Commissioners to bring the matter to the attention of the school children, and the police Department is requested to instruct the police officers to advise pedestrians to observe the custom - "Keep to the right."

*Letters
School Board ✓
Chief of Police ✓*

ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts are passed for payment:-

Council ✓

Fire Department, \$972.97; Police Department \$273.92; Works Department \$20211.68; Health Board \$239.74; City Home \$3882.73; General \$1143.69; Library \$25.00.

Fire Department.

N. S. Tram Co.	Light and power	41.19
Jas. B. Curren	Window blinds	1.50
E. B. Eddy Co.	Paper	4.77
C. H. Jordan	Horseshoeing	9.30
Ungar's Laundry	Work	8.18
Hfx. Vulcanizing Works	Repairs	2.10
T. Hogan & Co.	Cutting plates	9.02
Hillis & Sons, Ltd.	Tire chains	14.16
Robt. Horner	Horseshoeing	10.30
E. Pullan	Wipers	20.90
Chas. Briester & Son	Supplies	12.25
Northam Electric Co.	Hydrometer	.83
John McInnes & Son	Lumber	20.38
O. C. Marriett	Horseshoeing	8.40
Dr. H. McPartridge	do	23.85
Telephone Co.	Phones	26.92
Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.	Hardware	.24
S. C. Thompson	Fodder	423.11
J. Starr Son & Co.	Wire, etc.	330.20
Malvin & Co.	Hardware	5.27
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		\$972.87

Library.

Mrs. F. Guhan 25.00

City Health Board.

S. Cunard & Co.	Coal	73.00
Kinley's Ltd.	Drugs	10.65
T. C. Allen & Co.	Office supplies	40.00
Telephone Co.	Service	35.74
Scotia Pure Milk Co.	Milk	9.00
W. I. Hubley & Co.	Supplies	3.60
Halifax Herald	Advertising	6.27
Dept. Public Health	Antitoxin	18.00
John Starr & Co.	Supplies	1.10
Halifax Wet Wash	Washing	10.50
R. N. McDonald	Groceries	18.07
N. S. Tram Co.	service	7.31
T. C. Allen & Co.	Office supplies	8.50
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		\$239.74

Police Dept.

J. W. O'Brien	Upholstering chairs	16.80
Blackadar Bros.	Advertising	4.65

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Police Dept., Cont'd.

Maritime Tel. Co.	Monthly accounts	37.18
A.J. McNutt	Painting	100.00
Farquhar Bros.	Cleaning stove pipes	4.20
Halifax Herald	Advertising	12.54
James Connors	1 pr. lamps	18.00
Holland Window Shade Co.	3 window shades	15.00
Frank Reardon	Glass	1.40
A.W. McKinlay, Ltd.	Diary	.55
T.C. Allen & Co.	stationery	23.29
Dr. Howard McPatridge	services	3.00
Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.	Hardware	18.68
T.H. & W.T. Francis	Lincleum	5.63
Baldwin & Co.	2 Water kegs	3.00
		<u>\$273.92</u>

City Home.

Gunn & Co.	Flour	349.90
Wentzell's Ltd.	Groceries	490.79
H.L. Williston	Meat	543.16
Smith & Proctor	Butter	191.72
A. Wilson & Son	Fresh fish	40.26
James Watson	Milk	115.03
S.C. Thompson	Forage	26.58
W.Y. Kennedy	Drygoods	138.99
Davis & Fraser	Mess pork	118.25
The Fleischmann Co.	Yeast	3.90
Maritime Tel. Co.	Service	5.75
N.S. Tram Co.	Light	20.30
Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.	Sundries	2.85
T.C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	1.75
Amherst Boot & Shoe Co.	Boots	46.50
Alfred Carter	Repairs	1.85
H.D. McKenzie	Egg Coal	29.00
P.T. Shea	Tuba	4.00
Brookfield Bros.	Pipe	2.65
J. McD. Taylor	Flypaper, etc.	3.50
W.S. Hospital	Medicine	123.57
Arthur Cox & Co.	Repairs	99.72
W. McPatridge	Rope	22.50
H. McPatridge	Horseshoeing	5.25
H.H. Banks	Potatoes	111.30
J.F. Outhit & Son	do	45.00
C.S. Morton	Lunacy certificate	3.00
H.V. McLeod	Clock	6.00
John Starr Son & Co.	Electric lamp, etc.	7.16
A. & W. McKinlay, Ltd.	Book	11.50
Hillis & Sons	Plumbing etc.	61.10
B.J. Mulcahy	Cash expended	439.07
Salaries	Aug. pay sheet	810.80
		<u>\$3882.73</u>

General Accounts.

E.M. Vieth	Information for Assessors	10.00
A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd.	Books, etc.	
	City Treasurer.....	1.75
	" Collector.....	.50
		<u>2.25</u>
Blackadar Bros.	Advertising	4.65
Royal Print & Litho	N.S. Directory	7.00
Office Specialty Co.	Transfer cases	2.40
United Typewriter Co.	Ribbon	1.00
A. Milne Fraser	Typewriter for Assesgar	100.00
Dr. Blackadar	Certificate of death, Melvin	4.00
London Rubber Stamp Co.	Dater	.40

General Accts.- Cont'd;

St. Patrick's Home	Support boys, gr. ending Aug. 1st, 1917...	687.71	
	Truants...		
T. C. Allen & Co.	Juvenile offenders	203.47	891.18
	Stationery and printing		
	City Treasurer.....	1.30	
	" Collector.....	10.60	
	" Mayor.....	6.00	
	" Clerk.....	83.75	102.15
C.P.R. Telegraph			.51
H.H. Blois	Expenses under Neglected Children Act		3.00
Hfx. Detention Home	Support 2 girls		14.65
			<u>\$1143.69</u>

Works Department.

Water Maintenance		\$2881.87
Water Construction		116.79
Water Construction		7690.81
Sewerage		718.04
Internal Health		100.42
Teams and stables		120.58
City Property and Market Maintenance		314.60
do		152.00
City Hall Lighting		99.29
Street Lighting		2357.05
Outfit Building		72.50
Public Baths		94.00
Cleaning Paved Streets		18.00
Permanent sidewalks		50.19
do		605.93
Electric wiring inspection		22.00
Telephones		80.78
Loan Widening streets		1.50
Fuel		4971.06
		<u>\$20,989.71</u>

Held September 6th, 1917, as follows:

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. J. Monaghan

CITY CLERK

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

September 11th, 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.

Brunswick Street Extension.
Sackville Street.
Street Car Fenders.
Barrington Street Electric Lights.
Fire Escapes - Safety to Life.
Peddlers' Licenses.
Tuberculosis Hospital Site.
Monastery Lane - Sewerage Rates William Branch.
Fire Department Hose Tenders.
Alexander McKay School Lavatories.
Police Department Uniform Overcoats.
Queen Street Obstruction by Motor Cars.
Fire Department Annual Inspection.
Dilapidated Fence, Barrington Street.
North West Arm Sewer Contract.
Taxation System.
Market Building Floor.

BRUNSWICK STREET EXTENSION.

Read extract minutes of meeting of City Council held September 6th, 1917, as follows:-

Alderman Kelly informed the Council it had been brought intimated to him that Robinson's Ltd. propose constructing a concrete garage in line with the projected diversion of Queen Street, through Artillery Park to Sackville Street. He suggested that the Board of Control consider the advisability of preventing this obstruction by the purchase of the property or otherwise, as this route should be kept open pending the extension of Brunswick Street from Sackville Street to Spring Garden Rd.

Referred to His Worship the Mayor and the Acting City Engineer for report.

SACKVILLE STREET.

Read extract minutes of City Council meeting September 6th, 1917, relating to the condition of the road bed, Sackville Street.

The Acting City Engineer informed the Board that

*Mayor
Engineer*

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Sackville Street is at the present time under repair.

STREET CAR FENDERS.

Read extract minutes of City Council meeting held September 6th, re street car fenders, and copy of a letter from His Worship the Mayor on the subject to the Tramway Company, as follows:-

Mayor's Office, City Hall,
September 7th, 1917.

H. R. Mallison, Esq.,
Managing-Director,
N. S. Tramways & Power Co.,
City.

Sir:-

Several times previously, and again at last evening's meeting of Council, the matter of street car fenders was discussed. The last time you appeared before the Board of Control, your attention was drawn to the matter, and you informed us you were dealing with it. This is a subject of much concern to the citizens of Halifax, who complain that the fenders are obsolete, and instead of being a safety device, are in themselves dangerous. The Board of Control meets on Tuesday morning next at 10 o'clock; can you by then inform me by letter the earliest possible moment at which you will be prepared to remove these antiquated fenders and instal modern safety devices.

As you are aware, the traffic problems in Halifax are becoming acute. With increasing population and increasing numbers of fast moving vehicles, the danger to pedestrians increases, making more than ever necessary the safeguarding of danger from street cars.

Please give this your best and early attention.

P. F. Martin
Mayor.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that Mr. Mallison has promised to forward a reply next week.

BARRINGTON STREET ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Read extract minutes of City Council meeting held September 6th, as follows:-

Alderman Gillis asked that pending the replacing of arc lights on Barrington Street, that a number of incandescent lights be installed.

His Worship the Mayor and Controller Murphy stated that this matter is now under negotiation.

FIRE ESCAPES - SAFETY TO LIFE.

Read extract minutes of City Council meeting held

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September 6th, as follows:-

Abderman R. B. Colwell asked what information the Board of Control had, and as to whether they were ready to report in regard to fire escapes and safety to life in theatres and boarding houses.

Controller Hines and the Acting City Engineer stated that the Board is acting as promptly as possible in this matter, as the minutes of various meetings of the Board of Control show.

PEDDLER'S LICENSES.

Read opinion City Solicitor re peddlers' licenses, as follows:-

Office of City Solicitor,
September 6th, 1917.

The Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

I think the Ordinance is clear. The peddler pays \$20.00 for his horse and cart. If his cart is big enough to require an extra horse, he pays an additional \$10.00; it does not say for each additional horse and cart. If he uses another horse and cart he must take out a second license at \$20.00.

F. H. Bell
City Solicitor.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Finlay that whereas Edward Leonard paid \$20.00 for one license, and only \$10.00 for a second team, and Thomas Usher had been charged \$20.00 each for two teams, that Mr. Usher be refunded the sum of \$10.00. Motion passed.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL SITE.

Read extract minutes of City Council meeting held September 6th, as follows:-

Read report Board of Control re site for tuberculosis hospital.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Finlay that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Godwin, seconded by Alderman Parker that said report be referred back to the Board of Control with the recommendation that a site outside the City limits be selected for a permanent tuberculosis hospital.

The amendment is put and passed unanimously, the following named members of Council being present and voting for the same, namely-
Controllers Finlay, Hines, Aldermen Macnab, H.S. Colwell, Gillis, R.B. Colwell, Kelly, Foley, Guildford, Godwin and Parker - 11.

*Ass. City Clerk ✓
Auditor ✓
Solicitor ✓*

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The Secretary is instructed to forward a copy of the extract from the City council minutes to J. Fred. Fraser, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Tuberculosis Hospital.

*Council Minutes ✓
J. Fred. Fraser ✓*

MONASTERY LANE - SEWERAGE RATES WILLIAM BRANCH.

Read opinion City Solicitor in the matter of sewerage rates due by William Branch on property purchased by the City from him for the extension of Monastery Lane, as follows:-

Office of City Solicitor,
September 6th, 1917.

Secretary Board of Control.
Sir:-

When the City purchased the property from Mr. Branch, some sewerage rates were due upon it and were not deducted from the purchase money. He is still liable for them. There may be some question as to the amount, and I am endeavoring to adjust that with his solicitor, Mr. O'Hearn.

F. H. Bell
City Solicitor.

*Solicitor ✓
w/o O'Hearn ✓
City collector ✓*

Filed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSE TENDERS.

Read extract minutes of City Council meeting September 6th, referring back to this Board for further consideration its report on tenders for hose for the Fire Department, dated September 6th, 1917.

Council ✓

The Board decides to refer said report back to the City council for approval without change or amendment.

ALEXANDER MCKAY SCHOOL LAVATORIES.

Read communication from the Board of School Commissioners as follows:-

Board of School Commissioners,
September 7th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

At the meeting of the Board of School Commissioners held on August 31st, it was resolved, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, to accept the tender of Messrs. Falconer & McDonald, One Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Eight Dollars (\$1,328.00) for additional lavatories in Alexander McKay School to

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accomodate two clauses of girls.

S. J. Wilson,
Secretary.

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Halifax, N. S., August 21st, 1917.

Mr. W. J. Busch,
Architect,
Bedford Row,
City.

Dear Sir:-

We hereby agree to build a girls' lavatory in connection with the Alexander McKay School, completing the carpentry, plumbing and painting labor, for the sum of \$1328.00.

Falconer & McDonald, Limited,
W. D. Piercey,
Vice Pres. & General Mgr.

The Secretary is instructed to inform the Board of School Commissioners and the Provincial Secretary that the City will not oppose the application.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UNIFORM OVERCOATS.

Controller Taylor reports that tenders for police uniform overcoats received and opened at Board of Control meeting September 4th, were as follows:-

Maxwells Limited.

Numbers of Samples.	Price for double breasted frock overcoats.	Short reefer overcoats, length to knee, tweed lined.
2258	\$40.00	\$36.00
705237	38.50	34.50
3004	36.25	32.25
27309	36.25	32.25
26349	35.50	31.50
26350	35.50	31.50
4942	35.50	31.50

W. S. Munnis.

110	42.00	37.50
50	34.50	31.00
30	33.00	30.00
5478	32.00	28.00
6078	32.00	28.00
7280	41.00	37.00
7288	41.00	37.00

Controller Taylor recommends the acceptance of the tender of Maxwells Limited for short reefer overcoats, on sample #705327 at \$34.50 each. Approved.

*Sealy School Board
Provincial Secy.
Council*

*Council
Chief of Police*

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QUEEN STREET OBSTRUCTION BY MOTOR CARS.

Controller Hines complained that Queen Street is still being obstructed by motor cars under repairs, etc. at a public garage there.

His Worship the Mayor instructs the Chief of Police to have the nuisance stopped.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL INSPECTION.

Controller Hines informed the Board that the annual inspection of the Fire Department men, apparatus and horses would take place in front of the grand stand at the Provincial Exhibition on citizens' day, Tuesday afternoon, 18th inst., and invited the members of the Board and City Council to be present.

The Secretary is instructed to request the members of the City Council to attend.

DILAPIDATED FENCE, BARRINGTON STREET.

Controller Taylor called attention to the dangerous condition of a fence on the east side of Barrington Street, surrounding the property at the corner of Proctor Street.

Referred to the Acting City Engineer for attention.

NORTH WEST ARM SEWER CONTRACT.

Controller Murphy called attention to statements made that there is no provision for the contractor for the North West Arm intercepting sewer paying to the Workmen's Compensation Board the assessments under its regulations, and that in case of accident the City might be liable. He read clause 100 of the specification, which provides as follows:-

The contractor shall assume all responsibility for payment of any workmen employed by him or in respect to any such workmen under the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act, and if he fails to make any such payments on any assessments made by him under the provisions of the said Act, the City may make the same and any moneys so paid by the City shall be retained by the City out of any moneys payable to him by the City under this contract.

Chief of Police ✓

Members Council ✓

Engineer ✓

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TAXATION SYSTEM.

Controller Murphy asked that the Board come to a determination as to the system of taxation to be adopted for the next civic year, as to whether the existing system or the new system should be adopted.

*Cont. Finlay ✓
City Assessor ✓*

Controller Finlay stated he would take the matter up with the City Assessor at the earliest possible moment, and report.

MARKET BUILDING FLOOR.

Controller Hines informed the Board that M. E. Keefe, contractor for the Market Building, desired to appear before the Board.

Mr. Keefe ✓

The Secretary is instructed to inform Mr. Keefe that the Board will be pleased to hear him at any of its regular meetings.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. J. Monaghan

CITY CLERK.

His Worship the Mayor,
City

In continuation of my reports of July 1917 and August 1917, I am submitting herewith a further list of institutions and hotels whose names of signs in case of fire are not sufficient.

H. V. Johnson,
Assistant Engineer.

St. Thomas's Hall, Main Street, Halifax.

This is a large three-story wooden building used in part as a boarding house for old ladies. There is a two-story brick addition in the rear which is also used as a boarding house. The signs on the front of the building are not sufficient and should be replaced.

St. Paul's Hall, Water Street, Halifax.

There are no signs on the building and it is recommended that they be installed.

St. Paul's Hall for Old Ladies, Water Street, Halifax.

This is a large wooden building. There is no sign on the front of the building and it is recommended that a sign be installed. This sign should be completed.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

September 13th, 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.

Fire Escapes - Safety to Life.
Robie Street - Injury to Maurice Wren's Horse.
Fire Department - Operator New Motor Engine.
well - Lady Hammond Road.
Plumbing in Dwelling Houses, 44-48 Dresden Row.
Annual Report City Clerk.
Coal Weighers' Monthly Report.
Temperance Law Enforcement - Liquor Inspector's Account.
North West Arm Sewer Contract.
Chestnut Street, Payzant Street, Preston Street and Watt
Street Sewer and Water.
Union Street.

FIRE ESCAPES--SAFETY TO LIFE.

Read report Acting City Engineer re fire escapes and safety to life in various properties, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

In continuation of my reports of July 12th and August 28th, I am submitting herewith a further list of institutions and hotels where the means of egress in case of fire are not sufficient.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

St. Theresa's Home, Barrington Street.

This is a large three-storey wooden building used in part as a boarding house for old ladies. There is a two-storey brick addition in the rear which is also used as a boarding house. There are no fire escapes on this building, and it is recommended that at least one be installed.

Infants' Home, Tower Road.

There are no fire escapes on this building, and it is recommended that one be installed.

St. Paul's Home for Girls, Tower Road.

This is a large wooden building, There is an iron platform at the second storey in rear, but no ladders. This fire escape should be completed.

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Salvation Army Hospital, Tower Road.

This is a large wooden building used as a hospital. It is recommended that proper fire escapes be installed.

R. C. Orphanage, Quinpool Road.

This is a two-storey brick building, and there are stairways leading from the dormitories to the basement, in addition to the main stairways, with doors leading to outside. If these doors were made to open outwards instead of inwards, it is considered that the existing means of egress would be sufficient.

Hillside Hall, South Street.

This is a wooden building used as a boarding house, and there are no fire escapes on it. I understand that the owners are at present considering taking steps to have fire escapes installed.

Cogswell Apartments, Cor. Cogswell and Creighton Sts.

This is a three-storey building used by three families. The stairways are narrow and winding and it is recommended that a fire escape be installed.

Imperial Hotel, Duke and Barrington Streets.

This is a three-storey wooden building, the upper storey of which is used as a hotel. The stairways to this and to the offices on the second floor are very narrow, and it is recommended that a fire escape be installed on this building.

The Engineer is instructed to notify the owners of buildings in accordance with the law.

ROBIE STREET - INJURY TO MAURICE WREN'S HORSE.

Read report Acting City Engineer on complaint of Maurice Wren of injury to a horse on Robie Street, August 22nd.

Referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - OPERATOR NEW MOTOR ENGINE.

Read application Arthur W. Gibson for position of operator on new motor fire engine now being constructed for the City.

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

WELL - LADY HAMMOND ROAD.

Read report City Health Board re the condition of a well maintained by the City on Lady Hammond Road, recommending that it be cleaned, or in the alternative

Engineer ✓

Solicitor ✓

Cont. Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓

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that the City water service be extended to the district.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

PLUMBING IN DWELLING HOUSES, 44-48 DRESDEN ROW.

Read report City Health Board recommending the installation of plumbing in dwelling houses 44-48 Dresden Row, T. G. Dunlap, agent for Foster estate.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

ANNUAL REPORT CITY CLERK, 1916-17.

Read annual report City Clerk for the civic year 1916-17.

Referred to the City Council for its information.

COAL WEIGHERS' MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Coal Weighers for the month of August, showing each weigher to have received \$46.75.

Referred to City Council for its information.

TEMPERANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT - LIQUOR INSPECTOR'S

ACCOUNT.

The opinion of the City Solicitor submitted at meeting September 6th, re Inspector Tracey's account for police court fines paid in order to secure evidence of witnesses in liquor prosecutions, is taken up for consideration.

It is decided to recommend the account to Council for payment, with the recommendation that Controller Taylor explain to Inspector Tracey that the feeling of the Board of Control is that this practice should not be encouraged.

NORTH WEST ARM SEWER CONTRACT.

Controller Finlay again refers to the contract for the North West Arm trunk sewer, claiming that it does not contain provisions that he would like to see in it.

Controller Finlay is requested by Controller Murphy to obtain from the Contractors, if he can, any certificate he deems to be necessary under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

Council ✓

Council ✓

Council ✓
Cont-Taylor ✓
E. S. Tracey ✓

Cont-Finlay ✓
Engineer ✓

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CHESTNUT STREET, PAYZANT STREET, PRESTON STREET AND
WATT STREET SEWER AND WATER.

Isaiah Mosher, Nelson J. Riggs, Mr. Roche and George A. Cox appeared before the Board asking for early construction of sewer and water extensions in Chestnut Street and Watt Street.

The Acting City Engineer informed the Board that he will probably be able to overtake the commencement of water construction in Chestnut Street in a couple of weeks, but he thought he would have to again report to Council in connection with sewer extension in Watt Street and Chestnut Street.

Read letters (2) H. McC. Hart, as follows:-

Halifax, September 12th, 1917.

Board of Control.
Dear Sirs:-

Please enter for construction at as early a date as possible sewer and water connection on Chestnut Street between Watt Street and Coburg Road, and Payzant Street between Chestnut Street and Preston Street; and on Preston Street between Payzant Street and Watt Street. I am opening this property in lots and expect to have building operations underway by the time you are able to get at this work in its order.

H. McC. Hart.

Halifax, September 12th, 1917.

Board of Control.
Dear Sirs:-

Messrs. G. A. Cox and I. Moser have interviewed me with reference to the extension of sewer and water in Watt Street. I beg to join them in their request that this work be done as speedily as possible.

H. McC. Hart.

The whole matter is referred to the City Engineer for report in writing.

UNION STREET.

At request of Controller Hines the City Engineer is instructed to attend to the cleaning of Union Street.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. J. McLaughlin

CITY CLERK.

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

September 18th, 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.

Queen Street Obstruction by Motor Cars.
Hunter Street - Murphy Property.
War - Cultivation of Vacant Land.
Phumbing in Dwelling House #32 Brunswick Street.
Supervised Playgrounds.
Navy League of Canada Funds.
Camp Hill Military Hospital.
Path Across the Common.
Abattoir.
Fire Alarm System.

QUEEN STREET OBSTRUCTION BY MOTOR CARS.

Read petition residents of Queen Street and vicinity against the obstruction of Queen Street by motor cars and the operation of a garage in a building situated on Queen Street at the rear of property of A. M. Fraser.

Aldermen Gillis and R. B. Colwell, Joseph Mahoney and Controller Hines addressed the Board on behalf of the petitioners.

The petition is referred to the City Engineer and the Chief of the Fire Department for report at Thursday's meeting.

HUNTER STREET - MURPHY PROPERTY.

Read report Acting City Engineer re acquisition by the City of a strip of land from Mrs. Jane Murphy for the widening of Hunter Street on the east side, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
September 15th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

On June 8th, 1916, the City Council adopted a report

*Engineer ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓*

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of the Board of Control, recommending that the City acquire from Mrs. Murphy a lot of land on the east side of Hunter Street required for its widening, for the sum of \$602.04, which amount was due by her to the City for sewer assessment on her property.

The transfer of the property was made and the deed recorded, but the Collector is unable to give Mrs. Murphy a receipt for the sewerage rates, as the City Solicitor has given an opinion that the City cannot legally release her from payment of the rates in exchange for her property.

Council ✓

The only manner therefore, in which the transaction can legally be carried out, will be to take the amount from the appropriation for widening streets and transfer it to the Sewerage Fund.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

WAR - CULTIVATION OF VACANT LAND.

Read reports John McKeen, Chairman of Vacant Land and Garden Cultivation Committee, as follows:-

Halifax, September 12th, 1917.

To His Worship the Mayor.
Dear Sir:-

All present indications go to show that the demand for increased production will be even more urgent next spring that it has been this season.

In view of this, and because of the impossibility of getting sufficient suitable compost for garden and vacant lot cultivation throughout the City this year, our committee beg respectfully to bring to your notice that a large quantity of manure now disposed of by the City for a nominal sum, if conserved through the winter months would make a valuable contribution in the direction of increased production next spring.

This season we got from eighty cents to one dollar per load, so that the City would not stand to lose anything for the extra cost of composting. If not sufficient room in the City yard, Mr. Power is willing to provide space at the Gardens.

Your favorable consideration of this request is respectfully asked.

J. McKeen.
Chairman of Vacant Lot and
Garden Cultivation.

P. S. - Inenclose copy of report of our committee to the Director General of National Service.

J. McK.

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Halifax, N. S., September 11th, 1917

G. S. Campbell Esq.,
Director of National Service.

Dear Sir:-

September 18th, 1917.

As Chairman of Committee for Cultivation of Vacant Lots and Gardens in the City, I beg to report as follows:-

Our teams, of which we were able to secure only two, ploughed up some ninety lots and delivered about 270 loads of manure.

With regard to school gardens, we co-operate with the Women's Council Committee and through its efforts 5250 packages of vegetable and flower seeds were distributed among the school children. We also gave Major Theakston of the North End Mission, some financial assistance in his annual work along the same lines. He reports some seventy cases where seeds were supplied.

It is proposed in cases where seeds were distributed, to hold exhibitions at which prizes will be given for the best results in flowers and vegetables. The flower show has already taken place under the auspices of the Women's Council Committee. Encouraging and interesting results were shown and prizes distributed.

Your Committee also believe that the indirect results of our campaign for increased production is quite evident throughout the City. One interesting case has come to the notice of the Committee - that of a man on Clifton Street, 83 years of age, who dug, planted and cared for a large garden without any assistance whatever. It is suggested that some mark of appreciation be given him for the fine example he has shown in doing his bit. Our principal retail seed store shows an increased of \$4687 in sales for the season.

It is a satisfaction to report that all the manure was paid for on delivery and the ploughing as the work was done. Of the 5250 packages of seeds delivered, a balance of only \$54.35 remains. His Worship the Mayor kindly paid through the City Treasurer, all advertising and other incidental expenses, and the balance is being paid out of the grant by the Dominion Government for elementary agricultural purposes.

Your Committee regrets that owing to the inability to secure sufficient teams and labor, a number of applicants had to be disappointed.

J. McKeen
Chairman City Vacant Lot and Garden Cultivation.

The request of the Committee that manure from civic departments be conserved for the use of the Committee is approved insofar as the same does not interfere with existing contracts, and is referred to the City Engineer and Chief of the Fire Department for attention.

PLUMBING IN DWELLING HOUSE #32 BRUNSWICK STREET.

Read report City Health Board as follows:-

*Chief Engineer ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓*

September 15th, 1917.

Office of City Health Board,
September 14th, 1917.

Mayor and Members Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

I beg to notify you that John E. Hills, agent for premises 32 Brunswick Street, has been notified under the provisions of the by laws of the City Health Board to remove the privy building, empty, disinfect and close up the vault in the yard and construct proper sanitary w. c. connected with the sewer and has failed to comply with the orders of the Board.

I am directed by the City Health Board, at a meeting held on Tuesday, 11th September, to request that you have the necessary work done in accordance with section 564 of the City Charter, the agent of said premises having requested to have the same done and pay for it on the instalment plan in accordance with the Act.

J. A. Watters,
Secretary.

Moved by Controller Taylor, seconded by Controller Murphy, 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.

SUPERVISED PLAYGROUNDS.

Read petition Halifax Playgrounds Commission for a civic grant next year of \$1500.00, as follows:-

Halifax, September 12th, 1917.

Mayor and Board of Control,
City.

Your Worship and Gentlemen:-

On behalf of the Halifax Playgrounds Commission (incorporated) I write to ask the City of Halifax for a grant next year of \$1500.00. In support of this application I urge:

(1) without this grant the work so successfully undertaken on the Commons this year cannot be continued. The expenditure for this year was made possible through the generous donations of the Local Council of Women, the Halifax Rotary Club and the Mayor, assistance which cannot be looked to the coming year.

(2) the opening of the Commons as a big public playground has fully justified itself. To close it would result in untold disappointment. To continue it will be productive of real enjoyment to thousands of children who never knew the realities of supervised play.

*Engineer
City Health Board*

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(3) The Council of the City of St. John (to cite only one example) annually votes \$4,000 for playgrounds. This is indicative of the appreciation of that City of the value of playgrounds.

(4) Ever since the organization of the playgrounds work in Halifax (some 12 years ago) the Halifax Local Council of Women with some assistance from the School Board have financed the work. The increasing demands on the Women's Council in connection with Patriotic work necessitates their withdrawal of financial support. The work however cannot be allowed to end. It has only been put on a good basis. Its continuance depends on the City's co-operation.

The Commission is large and representative of the City's citizenship, the City Council, the School Board, the Local Council of Women and citizens generally being represented.

We are gratified for past assistance from the Mayor. We realize the financial position of the City at the present time and while it may not be legally possible to include the amount asked for in the next estimates we ask that special legislation be obtained at the next session of the legislature to enable the amount to be paid, as the continuance of the work without it is impossible.

I am,

On behalf of the Commission,

Reginald V. Harris,
Acting Secretary.

Deferred for consideration with the estimates for 1918-19.

NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA FUNDS.

Read letter the Navy League of Canada (affiliated with the Navy League of the British Empire) requesting that the 21st of October, 1917, Nelson Day, be set aside for the undertaking of a house to house canvass or a tag day for the collection of funds, as follows:-

Montreal, September 12th, 1917.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of the Navy League, London, I am organizing The Navy League of Canada throughout the Dominion, which League will take up the work hitherto carried on by the British Sailors' Relief Fund for the relief of disabled and wounded soldier sailors of the British Navy and Mercantile Marine and the widows and orphans of those who have sacrificed their lives during the past three years.

The fund, as you already know, was established in June, 1916, to evince the appreciation of Canadians for

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the heroic work that has been performed by our British Sailors for whom, up to that time, absolutely nothing had been done, and to whom we owe unstinted praise and a substantial gratitude for having swept the seas of the enemy's fleet, carried our munitions, foodstuffs, etc. and convoyed over 400,000 men overseas to the fields of Flanders to help the Motherland.

During the year 1916 a substantial amount was contributed by the citizens of the Dominion, which amount reached several of the most important Institutions caring for Sailors and their dependents just in time to save them from financial embarrassment.

Cold and privation, disease and accident, take their toll; and the long duration of the present war increases the casualties in the Navy and Mercantile Marine very greatly. Therefore, the call comes to us all the louder to render during the present year assistance to the "Noblemen of the Sea", who may be incapacitated through illness or wounds.

Their Excellencies the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and the Lieutenant-Governors of the Provinces have graciously consented to act as Patrons of the League.

The 21st of October, 1917, "Nelson Day" will, therefore, be set aside to give Canadians an opportunity of showing in a tangible manner their appreciation of what the British sailors have done for them.

Would you be good enough to appoint a Committee to undertake the work of conducting a house to house canvass or a Tag Day on that date, so that your citizens may be afforded an opportunity of contributing their mite to this worthy cause?

If this date should clash in any way with arrangements already made by your people for any other patriotic event, could it be arranged that a joint collection be taken up and a portion of it allotted for the purpose herein described, failing which any date prior to the 21st of October that would be convenient to you for the collection of money for the Sailors, would be satisfactory to the Committee.

Thanking you in anticipation for your co-operation and the favor of an early reply, I remain,

M. P. Fennell, Jr.
Honorary Secretary-Treasurer.

Referred to Controller Finlay for report.

CAMP HILL MILITARY HOSPITAL.

Alderman Kelly appeared before the Board asking that the City take up with the Military Authorities the question of improving the appearance of Camp Hill surrounding the Military Hospitals now being erected there.

Alderman Kelly and Richard Power, Ex Superintendent of the public Gardens, are unanimously appointed a com-

Cont. Finlay ✓

Ald. Kelly ✓
Richard Power ✓

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mittee to consult with the Resident Engineer of the Hospitals and to endeavor to have the suggestion carried out.

PATH ACROSS THE COMMON.

Controller Finlay asked for improvement to the path across the common running from St. Andrew's Cross to Cunard Street skirting the Egg Pond on its eastern side.

Referred to Controller Murphy for attention.

ABATTOIR.

Read certificate Assistant City Engineer recommending for payment a progress estimate of \$9,775 to Messrs. Falconer & McDonald, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
September 18th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

Certificate #2.

I beg to recommend payment to Messrs. Falconer & McDonald of the sum of nine thousand seven hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$9,775) on account of their contract for constructing the abattoir -

Value of work done		\$13,500
15% retained	\$2025	
Paid on certificate #1	<u>1700</u>	<u>3,725</u>
Bal. recommended		\$9,775

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

Controller Hines complained of the defective work of the fire alarm system on several recent occasions, and desired to know if the City Electrician was under the control of his department - the Fire Department.

Controller Hines is authorized to instruct the City Electrician to make an immediate report of the cause of defects in the operation of the fire alarm system.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

J. J. McLaughlin

CITY CLERK.

Engineer ✓
Cont. Murphy ✓

Engineer ✓
City works ✓

Electrician ✓
Cont. Hines ✓

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, Murphy and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Windsor Street - Shop in Residential District.
Automobile for Foreman of Streets.
Water Department - Gate Keeper's Residence, Spruce Hill Lake.
Plumbing Under Health Rules, 44-48 Dresden Row.
Advertising Halifax - Heaton's Agency.
Fire Department - Sale of Old Engine and Horton Aerial Ladder.
Plumbing Under Health Board Regulations.
Queen Street Automobile Repair Shop.
Annual Report Citizens' Free Library.
Annual Report City Assessor.
Assessment Law.
Deputy Assessor George A. McDonald, - Illness.
Schools Finances.
Fire Alarm System.
Watt Street.
Mott Street and Seldon Street.
Spring Garden Road - Coburg Road.
Stone Contract - Progress Payment.
Fenwick Street Dump.
Street Sprinkling - June Street.
Market Building Floor.
City Prison Fence.
Sarah Street.
War - High Cost of Living - Milk and Ice Cream.

WINDSOR STREET - SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
September 24th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to submit herewith application from J. A. Bremner for permission to erect a building at the corner of Windsor and Allen Streets to be used as a shop. This is in the residential district.

Mr. Bremner inserted the usual notices required in the papers, and I have had an objection from the Rev. Mr. Weaver in behalf of the Lutheran Congregation, whose church is situated on the corner of Windsor and Allen Streets. He asks that he be allowed to appear before your Board to give reasons why permission should not be given to open a shop in the proposed location.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

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Wm Weaver ✓

The Secretary is instructed to inform Rev. Mr. Weaver that he may appear before the Board at Thursday's meeting, in reference to his objections.

AUTOMOBILE FOR FOREMAN OF STREETS.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
September 24th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report that the car used by the Foreman of Streets is in need of extensive repairs, and is in bad shape. This is the fourth season for it, and while there is not speedometer on the car to give the actual mileage run, as you are aware, it has been incontinuous use and probably there are but few cars in town which would cover a greater mileage during this period.

I would recommend that instead of spending any further money in repairs for this car, that a new car be purchased for the use of the Foreman of Streets.

Cont. Murphy ✓

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to Controller Murphy for report.

WATER DEPARTMENT - GATE KEEPER'S RESIDENCE, SPRUCE.

HILL LAKE.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
September 25th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

For some years past we have been patching and repairing the residence of the gate house keeper at Spruce Hill Lake at a considerable expense. I has now reached a state where it is so dilapidated that it will cost more to repair it than to build a new house.

Plans have been prepared for a suitable building to replace the present one, and it is recommended that tenders be called for the work.

Engineer ✓

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The City Engineer is instructed to call for tenders and submit the same to the Board.

PLUMBING UNDER HEALTH RULES, 44-48 DRESDEN ROW.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

September 25th, 1917.

City Engineer's Office,
September 24th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering a report from the City Health Board recommending that the City instal plumbing ordered to be done by the Health Board at the premises #44-48 Dresden Row, under the provisions of section 864 of the City Charter.

I find, on reference to the Assessors' books that this property is assessed for \$3000. The rental value, as given in a report of the Inspectors of the Board of Health, is \$111.50 a month. If these figures are correct, this does not appear to me to be a case where the City should do the work ordered, but the owner should be compelled to arrange for it himself. In my judgment, section 864 of the City Charter, which provides that the City may do necessary plumbing work in houses and divide the cost into three equal instalments, is for the purpose of helping to relieve property owners living in their own houses or having let the same for small amounts, and not having any available funds on hand, from the burden of paying a large amount in one instalment.

It was not intended to finance at the City's expense, owners of property bringing in large rentals, who could very well afford to have the work done in the ordinary course.

For these reasons, I would recommend that the report of the Board of Health be referred back, with a recommendation that the owner be compelled to instal the plumbing instead of the Board of Control doing it.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the City Health Board with the recommendation that that Board order the work to be done and paid for in one payment by the owners of the property.

ADVERTISING HALIFAX - HEATON'S AGENCY.

Read circular letter Heaton's Agency, Toronto, offering free descriptions of Halifax in Heaton's publications if the City advertises in their booklets.

The Secretary is instructed to inform Heaton's Agency that the City has no funds this year for advertising of this nature.

FIRE DEPT.- SALE OF OLD ENGINE AND HORTON AERIAL

LADDER.

Read report Chief of the Fire Department as follows:-

September 25th, 1917.

Office of Chief Fire Department,
September 20th, 1917.

Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

I would recommend the selling of the steam fire engine "Chebucto" in service for the past forty-three years, and which is now of no use to the Department. I would also recommend the selling of the Horton aerial ladder truck, which is useless to the Department.

E. Condon,
Chief H.F.D.

Recorder
Chronicle
Herald

Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department are authorized to obtain tenders for these pieces of apparatus and submit the same to the Board.

PLUMBING UNDER HEALTH BOARD REGULATIONS.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's office,
September 25th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

On August 7th, I reported to the Board of Control that certain contracts for doing plumbing work ordered by the Board of Health had been awarded to M. F. Burns some time ago, and that he had not begun work. I beg to report that not work has yet been started on the plumbing in these properties, and I would repeat my former recommendation that the City Engineer be empowered to have this work done on the best terms he can get, and if the cost should exceed the cost of Mr. Burns' tender, that the City Solicitor be instructed to take action to recover the same.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Mr. Burns ✓

The Secretary is instructed to request M. F. Burns to attend before the Board at its next meeting.

QUEEN STREET AUTOMOBILE REPAIR SHOP.

Read reports Acting City engineer and Chief of the Fire Department, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
September 24th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering petition from residents and owners of property on Queen and Morris Streets, protesting against the use of a wooden building on the west side of Queen Street north of Morris Street, as a garage

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This matter was previously reported on, June 6th of this year. A permit was issued in April for an alteration to the building, consisting of cutting a doorway on the Queen Street front. It was stated in the application that the building was to be used as a workshop. For some years previously this building had been used as a private garage.

This garage is being operated under the same conditions as all other public garages in the City. Ordinance #37, relating to the construction and use of automobile garages, which passed the City Council on the 9th of July 1914, provides that no motor garage shall be maintained within the limits of the City of Halifax unless a permit shall first have been obtained from the Building Inspector and Chief of the Fire Department, and no permit shall be issued for a period greater than one year, and all permits shall expire on the 30th day of April in each year, and shall be renewable only after inspection and approval of such motor garage by the Chief of the Fire Department and compliance with all the provisions of the ordinance.

This section of the ordinance has not yet been enforced. As far as is known, all the existing public garages are in re-modelled buildings, which were constructed before the passing of the ordinance which provides that all garages erected after its passing shall be of fire-proof construction. If it is the intention of the Board to strictly carry out the ordinance, I would suggest that all the owners of buildings at present used as public garages be notified so that they may have an opportunity of remodelling the same to comply with the Act, before the 30th of April, when permits expire and licenses have to be renewed.

With regard to the two last clauses of the petition, complaining that the garage is a nuisance and that cars are left unlighted all night on the street, this is a matter which your board has already referred to the police to deal with.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

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Office of Chief Fire Department,
September 20th, 1917.

Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

I have visited the building on Queen Street used as a repair shop and storage place for automobiles and beg to report -

This building which is a wooden structure was originally erected as a barn, but has been used as a garage and at present is used as a repair shop and storage place for automobiles. The gasoline tank is situated in the yard and is buried and vented. In the loft there is an engine used to drive a lathe which is used in the repair work. This place is in a very dangerous condition as regards a fire hazard, there being an accumulation of old paper, excelsior, and hay, and old rags and the place is kept in a very untidy condition

E. Condon,
Chief H. F. D.

The City Solicitor and City Engineer are requested

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to report in writing at Thursday's meeting as to the powers of the City to close this garage.

*Solicitor ✓
Engineer ✓*

ANNUAL REPORT CITIZENS' FREE LIBRARY.

Read annual report Citizens' Free Library for 1916-17. Filed.

Council ✓

ANNUAL REPORT CITY ASSESSOR.

Read annual report City Assessor for 1916-17. Filed.

Council ✓

ASSESSMENT LAW.

Controller Finlay informed the Board that he had arranged with the City Assessor to have a discussion with the Board on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in regard to the system of assessment to be used for the next year's municipal rating.

*Members ✓
Asst Assessor ✓*

The Board decides to meet on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

DEPUTY ASSESSOR GEORGE A. McDONALD - ILLNESS.

Read application Deputy Assessor George A. McDonald for six months' leave of absence on account of illness.

Cont. Finlay ✓

Referred to Controller Finlay for report.

SCHOOLS FINANCES.

H. E. Pyke, Chairman, and Commissioner H.S. Colwell, of the Board of School Commissioners, appeared before the Board, requesting payment of amounts due Messrs. Falconer & McDonald and Messrs. Farquhar Bros. on school contracts.

*Cont. Finlay ✓
Auditor ✓
Treasurer ✓*

The matter is referred to Controller Finlay, the City Auditor and City Treasurer to finance the amounts due.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

Read report City Electrician re fire alarm system, as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,
September 24th, 1917.

Controller John Hines.

Sir:-

Following your instructions over the telephone

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this afternoon, with reference to the fire alarm system, I beg to submit the following report with reference to the recent failures complained of.

Box 72, which failed to respond correctly when pulled for the fire at the Old Men's Home, as stated in a previous report in reply to some criticism by the Underwriters, was caused entirely by rough usage on the part of the person who pulled it, and the box had to be repaired because of the damage done.

The next box to give trouble was #45, the first round giving 35 in place of the correct number, the remainder of the signal being correctly given. I did not hear the first round but all the engine houses claim to have got 35. I had the box pulled shortly after, when it responded correctly. I then took it to the shop and had it thoroughly examined, but failed to find anything likely to cause the trouble. The only theory I have is that a bit of dirt got between the brush and beak wheel so that the circuit could not close on the second point, thus missing one stroke. This is not very probable however, for in this type of box the movement has better protection than in the later type, being placed in what is practically a dust-proof case.

The next box to go wrong was #7, which could not be pulled, and box 73 was used for a fire at North Street Railway Station. In this case box 7 was entirely cut out by the non-interference mechanism due to an attempt to pull it when a chemical signal was being given. This is the second time that failure of a box has occurred from this cause in a few months, and is likely to happen at any time, if this practice of signalling a chemical call is continued. I believe the former practice of using the telephone for this is much preferable.

In the case of box 27, there appears to be considerable difference of opinion among the firemen as to what number did come in on the first round. Some claim to have got 17, others 9, while one piece of apparatus went to box 72, and others say the signal came in correctly. It is, of course, quite impossible that all the above numbers could be given from one box, so that there must have been mistakes in the counting. Assuming that the box responded correctly, the mistake of counting 9 and 72 could be explained by failure to note the space between the 2 and 7, thus getting 9, also by failing to hear the first 2, which would reverse the signal, giving 72. This box responded correctly when pulled the following morning, and the movement is in first class condition. In fact all the old type boxes are superior in workmanship to those of later type, and have given less trouble. They do not, however, contain some of the improvements of the latest type box, such as the successive, and keyless door features, which, while valuable, I have not considered sufficiently important to warrant so expensive a change.

It has been suggested that the six successive type boxes now in service be brought to the centre of the City to replace the older boxes, so that there would be less danger of failure due to chemical signals in the district of greatest hazard. The objection to the use of the chemical signal even with the latest improved box, is the delay caused by the first round failure, and which would be anywhere up to three minutes.

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The successive feature has been in use but a few years, in other respects all of the down-town boxes from Jacob street to Bishop Street excepting those in Brunswick and Grafton Streets engine houses, are of modern typewithkeyless doors, and I would suggest if about ten more boxes were installed in that district, the spacings would comply with that given by the Underwriters experts, and if the boxes were placed so that they would alternate with those now installed there would be little chance of delay in transmitting signals, providing the chemical signals were discontinued.

In view of the fact that open wiring is used, the Fire alarm system, with the exception of the tower strikers is in good condition, and has in the last 15 years given service that will compare favorably with that of any similarly situated City I have any knowledge of. The system is a delicate one, and exposed as it is to all kinds of weather, it would be strange indeed if failure did not occur occasionally, the problem being to keep these failures down to the minimum.

There has been considerable work done with the boxes this year, 25 of them having been taken in, the movements cleaned and the shells painted, and I hope to have the balance attended to in the next three or four months. In some cities, six inspections a year are considered sufficient, while the Halifax system is inspected monthly, and I can assure you careful attention is given to it. As evidence of this, I would call your attention to the report of the underwriters' experts, who, while not at all sparing in their criticisms generally, going to extremes as they did in many cases, had no work of complaint as to the care of the system was getting.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

The report is filed, and Controller Hines requested to report to the Board on the recommendation of the City Electrician that ten new boxes be installed.

WATT STREET.

Read letter H. McC. Hart re sewer and water extension Watt Street, as follows:-

Halifax, September 13th, 1917

Board of Control.
Dear Sirs:-

Having been asked by Mr. N. J. Riggs to state my position with reference to Watt Street sewer and water extension, I beg to say that should this extension be placed on the part of Watt Street owned by the City, I have no objection to any encroachment on my property that may be made in the way of temporary use of it for the disposal of material from the excavation.

H. McC. Hart.

The City Engineer and City Solicitor are requested to report on the legal liability of Mr. Hart to pay sewerage

Cont. Hines ✓

*Engineer ✓
Solicitor ✓*

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frontage should the sewer be extended through the strip of Watt Street owned by the City (amounting to one-half thd width of the street).

MOTT STREET AND SELDON STREET.

W. A. Monaghan and William P. Collins appeared before the Board, calling attention to the dangerous condition of Mott Street, requesting that an electric light be installed at the foot of Mott Street, a crossing over the gutter on Oxford Street at the foot of Mott Street, and that the fence shutting off the north end of Seldon Street from entrance into Pepperell Street be removed.

The City Engineer stated that Mott and Seldon Streets have never been taken over by the City, but that the City will construct a bridge across the gutter at the foot of Mott Street, and eventually construct a catchpit. As to the fence at the north end of Seldon Street, the City can do nothing unless they acquire the private property upon which the fence exists. These streets cannot be taken over by the City until they are graded.

The matter of electric light is in abeyance pending a new contract for electric lighting.

The delegation agreed to make an effort to have the property owners ^{agree to} pay the cost of grading the streets.

SPRING GARDEN ROAD - COBURG ROAD.

Controller Hines suggested that the two streets running into each other, now called respectively Spring Garden Road and Coburg Road, be given the one name, Spring Garden Avenue.

Consideration of the suggestion is deferred.

STONE CONTRACT - PROGRESS PAYMENT.

Read recommendation Acting City Engineer that Heber Hartlen be given a progress payment of \$224.74 on account of contract for stone.

The account is passed for payment.

*W.A. Monaghan
Engineer*

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FENWICK STREET DUMP.

Read report City Health Board, as follows:-

Office of City Health Board,
September 25th, 1917.

Controller Murphy.
Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly issue orders that City teams must not dump at the Fenwick Street dump. It has come to the attention of the Chairman of the Health Board that City teams have been dumping offensive material at the dump and without permission from the City Health Board.

Unless dumpings are discontinued there by the owner, he is to be prosecuted.

J.A. Watters,
Secretary.

The Acting City Engineer informed the Board that City teams have not been depositing offensive matter at this dump.

The report is referred to the Acting City Engineer for report.

STREET SPRINKLING - JUNE STREET.

Controller Murphy informed the Board that residents of June Street complain that the street is not watered because it has not been taken over by the City.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

MARKET BUILDING FLOOR.

The Secretary is instructed to ask S. P. Dumaresq, architect for the City Market, what progress has been made in the matter of the City Market floor since he was last instructed by the Board to have the work done.

CITY PRISON FENCE.

On motion of Controller Taylor, the City Engineer is requested to report as to the necessity and cost of constructing a new gate and wall at the east side of the City Prison.

SARAH STREET.

Controller Murphy is authorized to interview the Eastern Trust Company, representing the owners of the

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Carl Murphy ✓

portion of Sarah Street for which they are seeking compensation, and to report.

WAR - HIGH COST OF LIVING - MILK AND ICE CREAM.

Read telegram from Food Controller W. J. Hanna, as follows:-

Ottawa, Ontario,
September 21st, 1917.

The Mayor,
Halifax, N. S.

Please name best man available serve on committee to meet here Thursday September twenty seven to investigate supply milk prices manufacture ice cream and related questions think food expert your health department should be best qualified if he deals with supply milk for city.

W. J. Hanna.

Dr. S. Mackay ✓

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Taylor that Dr. Norman E. McKay, chairman of the City Health Board, be requested to proceed to Ottawa and to attend the committee meeting referred to, on behalf of the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Windsor Street - Shop in Residential District.
City Home Tenders for Supplies.
Russell Street School.
Cunard Street Concrete Sidewalk.
Victoria School of Art and Design.
Coburg Road Line at Birchdale Hotel.
Fire Department - Gerrish Street Engine House.
Queen Street Automobile Repair Shop.
Deputy Assessor George A. McDonald - Illness.
Creighton and Falkland Streets Crossing.
Electric Lights, Coburg Road.
Watt Street Sewer.
Robie Street Grading and Boulevarding.
Peddlers' Licenses.

WINDSOR STREET - SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

The report of the Acting City Engineer re application of J. A. Bremner for permission to erect a shop at the corner of Windsor and Allen Streets, in the residential district, (see minutes Board of Control September 25th, pp. 392,393), is again taken up.

Rev. W. M. Weaver, Andrew Hubley and Chas. F. Traise appeared before and addressed the Board in opposition to the granting of the permit.

The City Engineer is requested to inspect the location, and further report at Tuesday's meeting.

The Secretary is instructed to request J. A. Bremner to appear before the Board at Tuesday's meeting.

CITY HOME TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

The Secretary is of the City Home is authorized to call for tenders for three, six or twelve months for groceries, milk, leather and other supplies, and submit the same to the Board.

*Engineer ✓
J. A. Bremner ✓*

Jas. A. Bryson ✓

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RUSSELL STREET SCHOOL.

Read offer Trustees of the Sinking Funds to loan the City \$9,475 for Russell Street School ~~improvement~~, as ^{17^m} cc follows:-

Office of City Treasurer,
September 25th, 1917.

His Worship Mayor Martin and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Sinking Funds held this day, it was unanimously resolved to offer to loan the City of Halifax the sum of \$9,475.00, required for school purposes, (Russell Street School Contract), at the price asked for the securities of the City of Halifax, viz.- .93, with interest at 5%, period 34 yrs. dated from October 1st, 1917, The issue being a City of Halifax Consolidated Fund 1905 Stock Certificate for 102 shares.

James J. Hopewell,
City Treasurer.

Approved.

The following resolution is submitted:-

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Sinking Funds have agreed to loan the City of Halifax an amount to produce the sum of \$9,475.00 required for school purposes, in connection with the new Russell Street School contract;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue to the Trustees of the Sinking Funds a stock certificate of the Halifax Consolidated Fund 1905, for 102 shares thereof. The rate of interest to be 5%, and the date October 1st, 1917. The period 34 years from that date, and the price of said loan to be .93.

Passed.

CUNARD STREET CONCRETE SIDEWALK.

Read petition F. R. Little for construction of a concrete sidewalk on the south side of Cunard Street, from Gottingen Street west, 75 feet.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

VICTORIA SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN.

Read petition for increase in the City's grant towards the Victoria School of Art and Design, as follows:-

Halifax, September 20th, 1917.

His Worship Mayor P. Martin.
Dear Mr. Mayor.

I am enclosing some recent circulars sent out by Mr. Lismer, the principal of the Art School;

*Council ✓
School Board ✓*

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please read them.

The school is doing better work than ever, and we have without doubt, the most progressive teacher the school has ever had. There is going to be some difficulty in keeping him here on the small salary that the school can afford to pay, neither the civic nor the provincial grants have been increased for the past twenty years, although the cost of living has greatly increased. When the estimates come up for consideration, would you bear in mind and make a fair increase, so as to enable the directors to keep the school going and increase its usefulness.

J. E. Roy.

Deferred for consideration with next year's legislation.

COBURG ROAD LINE AT BIRCHDALE HOTEL.

Read letter F. W. Bowes re encroachment on the Birchdale Hotel property by construction of a retaining wall for the Coburg Road bridge crossing the Ocean Terminals Railway cutting, as follows:-

The Birchdale, Northwest Arm,
25th September, 1917.

Board of Control.
Dear Sirs:-

The grading for the bridge across the ocean terminal cutting on Coburg Road is now being done and a stone retaining wall on the south side west of the bridge is needed. It was being built on the new city street line, which line the engineers say was given them by the City Engineer's Office. As you are doubtless aware, it is necessary to take a very narrow strip of Birchdale property to make the new street line there. This requisite land has never been expropriated or acquired by the City, and as the retaining wall was being built to the new line, to protect our rights, and so that our property would in no way be prejudiced, it was necessary to stop further work until the matter is adjusted, and we have reluctantly done so.

We are as anxious as anybody to have the work completed - perhaps have more at stake than any individual - so that the bridge and street there may be used, as they have been in a deplorable state for a long time. If we may be permitted, we would suggest that your Board deal with the matter at the earliest possible moment so that the work may be completed.

Birchdale Limited,
F. W. Bowes,
Managing-secretary.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - GERRISH STREET ENGINE HOUSE.

On recommendation of Controller Hines, it is decided to advertise the Gerrish Street Engine House property for

b/c ✓

Engineer ✓

Records
chronicled
Hines ✓

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sale.

QUEEN STREET AUTOMOBILE REPAIR SHOP.

Read joint report Acting City Engineer and City Solicitor, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
September 26th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

We beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control asking for a further report from the City Engineer and City Solicitor as to the City's power to prevent the use of the building on the west side of Queen Street as an automobile repair shop.

Section 1 of the ordinance relating to the construction and use of automobile garages provides that "a garage shall be construed to mean a building in which are housed for rent, care, demonstration, storage or sale, self-propelled vehicles" etc., etc. If the building complained of, is used solely as a repair shop and not for the purposes as specified in the ordinance, it does not come within the ordinance, and consequently the City does not appear to have any power of control under the ordinance.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.
F. H. Bell
City Solicitor.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to J. M. Mahoney, for the petitioners against the use of the building as a garage.

J. M. Mahoney ✓

DEPUTY ASSESSOR GEORGE A. McDONALD - ILLNESS.

On recommendation of Controller Finlay, it is decided to grant Deputy Assessor George A. McDonald six months leave of absence on account of illness, under conditions agreed to between the City Assessor, Controller Finlay and Mr. McDonald.

*Cont. Finlay ✓
By Mr. Warrick ✓
Geo. A. McDonald ✓
Council ✓*

CREIGHTON AND FALKLAND STREETS CROSSING.

Controller Finlay requested that a crossing be laid at Creighton and Falkland Streets, north side.

Engineer ✓

Referred to the City Engineer.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS, COBURG ROAD.

Controller Finlay called attention to the frequency with which electric street lights are out at the corner of Coburg Road and Henry Street and the corner of Coburg

Electrician ✓

Road and Vernon Street.

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Referred to the City Electrician for attention and report.

WATT STREET SEWER.

Read reports City Solicitor and Acting City Engineer re Watt Street sewer, as follows:-

Office of City Solicitor,
September 26th, 1917.

Secretary Board of Control.
Sir:-

I have been in consultation with the City Engineer in the above, and beg to say as follows:-

At present the street is not opened except a lane of about 20 feet in width on the north side. The south side is the property of Mr. M. McC. Hart. He has expressed an intention of dedicating as a street so much of the property as is required to make up the width of sixty feet, and his intention has been approved by the Council and the street of full width laid down on the official plan. Mr. Hart has not yet, however, made a formal dedication, and his wall is still standing on the side of the lane. Under these circumstances, I should not consider it advisable to construct a sewer in the lane until Mr. Hart has completed his proposed dedication and the street has been duly acquired by the City, as otherwise various legal complications may easily arise.

F. H. Ball,
City Solicitor.

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City Engineer's office,
September 27th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that I have asked the City Solicitor for an opinion as to the legal liability of the owner of the property on the south side of Watt Street to pay sewerage rates should the sewer be extended through the strip of Watt Street owned by the City between Preston and Chestnut Streets.

He has reported that while the wall is still standing and until Mr. Hart makes a formal dedication of his portion of the street, he does not consider it advisable to construct a sewer in the lane; otherwise, various legal complications may easily arise, and the City may be unable to collect any sewerage rates from the owner of the property.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

(See Board of Control minutes September 25th, p.399).

Consideration deferred pending further report from the city Engineer in respect to the sewer.

*Engineer
B/C.*

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ROBIE STREET GRADING AND BOULEVARDING.

D. W. Kenny, Alderman Kelly and Douglas Rutherford appeared before and addressed the Board, submitting a petition from residents of the neighborhood, requesting that the matter of improving Robie Street at Camp Hill be taken up at once with the Military Authorities, whilst work at the military hospitals there is being done.

The matter is referred to Alderman Kelly and Richard Power, Ex-Superintendent of the Public Gardens, to take up with the Government Engineers and the City Engineer.

PEDDLERS' LICENSES.

Controller Murphy informed the Board that the refund of \$10.00 to Thomas Usher, under resolution passed by this Board September 11th, p. 376, has not yet been made, and requested that the matter be taken up by Controller Finlay, the City Auditor and City Solicitor. Approved.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. J. O'Rourke
CITY CLERK.

*also Kelly,
R Power Sr
engineer*

*Cont-Finlay
Auditor
Solicitor*

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

October 2nd, 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.

War - Leave of Absence G. H. Durling.
War - High Cost of Living - Fish Market.
City Prison Monthly Report.
Ocean Terminals Railway - Coburg Road Street Line at Birchdale Hotel.
Sewer Pipe.
North West Arm Trunk Sewer - Kenny Estate.
Windsor Street, Shop in Residential District.
Tower Road.
Victoria General Hospital - Municipal Maintenance of Patients.
Public Highways Act.
Fenwick Street Dump.
Sunday Selling in Small Shops.
Sewerage Funds.
Sarah Street - Moran Estate.
Automobile for Foreman of Streets.
Phillips Street Water Extension.
Fire Alarm System.
Tramways Company's Application for Increased Bond Issue.
City Prison Accounts.

WAR - LEAVE OF ABSENCE G. H. DURLING.

Read application G. H. Durling for leave of absence to enlist for overseas service for the duration of the War, with recommendation from the City Electrician that leave be granted.

Approved.

WAR - HIGH COST OF LIVING - FISH MARKET.

Read letter Chairman of the Fish Committee of the Food Controller's Department, as follows:-

Office of the Food Controller, Ottawa,
Toronto, Ontario, September 25, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

The matter of prices at Halifax and elsewhere for sea fish has been under consideration by the Fish Committee for some weeks, with a view to suggesting a course

*G. H. Durling
City Electrician
City Auditor
City Treasurer*

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which might prove satisfactory and feasible.

It appears to us that in a seaport town, where the fish are actually delivered from the fishing boats, there might with advantage be arranged a fish wharf market where retailers might buy direct from the fishermen. Perhaps this is already in operation. If not, it may be worthy of your consideration.

The investigations made as to costs of retailing in various cities leads us to the conclusion that a fair spread for the retailer, in the case of low priced fish, is from 3¢ to 4¢ per lb. according to local conditions. For high priced fish a larger spread would be fair. You will understand, of course, the shrinkage involved in the fish business and the added cost which frequently occurs where parcels are required to be delivered. We are of the opinion that municipal authorities are best able to judge what spread is fair in each case.

In the mean time, if we can be of any service to you, you can be assured we shall be glad to co-operate with you in any way.

G. Frank Beer,
Chairman, Fish Committee.

Mayor ✓
Referred to His Worship the Mayor for report as to the advisability, feasibility and probable cost of opening a fishermen's wharf fish market in Halifax where retailers might buy direct from the fishermen.

CITY PRISON MONTHLY REPORT.

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

OCEAN TERMINALS RAILWAY - COBURG ROAD STREET LINE
AT BIRCHDALE HOTEL.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
October 2nd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control covering letter from Birchdale Limited, claiming that the official south line of Coburg Road takes a portion of the Birchdale property varying in width, and that the Railway Department are building the retaining wall of the approach to the new bridge, on the new line,

This is quite correct, but on that part of the street on which the new retaining wall has been built, the official line, instead of taking any of the Birchdale property lies to the north of the old line, and there is a space between the old and the new lines belonging to the City, As the length of wall required will not encroach in any way on the Birchdale property, there is nothing to prevent

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the work being finished. Further to the westward, we will eventually require a strip of the Birchdale property to widen the street to the official line, but I do not think there is any immediate necessity for dealing with this. As a matter of record, I may state that the bridge across the Ocean Terminal railways at Coburg Road has never been approved by the City.

*Engineer ✓
F. W. Bowes ✓*

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to F. W. Bowes, proprietor Birchdale Hotel.

SEWER PIPE.

Council ✓

Read report Acting City Engineer re purchase of sewer pipe.

Approved.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER - KENNY ESTATE.

Read letter J. B. Kenny, as follows:-

TO THE CITY OF HALIFAX, a body corporate.

TAKE NOTICE that I intend to apply to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia for a writ of Mandamus to compel the City to forthwith name an arbitrator to determine the amount of compensation to be paid to me as executor of the Last Will and Testament of Thomas E. Kenny, deceased, for the rights and easements taken and expropriated by the City from the estate of the said deceased at the Northwest Arm for the purposes of the Northwest Arm sewer in the City of Halifax marked and delineated on the Plan thereof dated the 7th day of December, 1916, and filed in the City Engineer's Office at Halifax as Plan No. 3670, the said rights or easements being set forth in the resolution passed by the City Council of the said City of Halifax at a meeting held on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1917.

Solicitor ✓

Dated at Halifax the 27th day of September, A. D. 1917.

J. B. Kenny.

Sole surviving executor under the last Will and Testament of Thomas E. Kenny, deceased.

Referred to the City Solicitor for his attention and for acknowledgment.

WINDSOR STREET - SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
October 2nd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of

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Board of Control asking that the City engineer inspect the location proposed for Mr. Bremner's shop at the north-west corner of Windsor and Allen Streets, and further report at Tuesday's meeting.

I visited the site and find that Mr. Bremner proposes to add to the present building on this site, a one-storey addition which will have a frontage on Windsor Street of 24'1" on Allen Street 38'3" and the width of the west side to be 9 feet. This is on a triangular shaped lot lying between the present building and the north line of Allen Street. The building proposed, is to be used as a shop to be one storey in height, shingled with tar and gravel and built on a concrete foundation.

The nearest shops to this location are at the north-west corner of Lawrence Street and the north-east corner of Compton Avenue. The former is about 250 feet away.-

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Rev. W. M. Weaver and Andrew Hubley attended before the Board on behalf of objectors to the erection of the proposed shop by J. A. Bremner.

His Worship the Mayor asked if the Secretary had notified Mr. Bremner to appear before the Board at 10 o'clock this morning.

The Secretary answered that he had.

The Board unanimously decided to refuse a permit for the erection of the building applied for.

Towards the close of the meeting Mr. Bremner appeared before the Board and apologized for being late. The action taken by the Board is explained to Mr. Bremner.

Mr. Bremner informed the Board that he will make application for the construction of a two-storey building as was ^{his} original intention instead of for a one-storey building, which has been refused him.

TOWER ROAD.

Read complaint Captain John Hicks of the condition of Tower road; the riding of bicycles on the sidewalk and the failure of vehicles to use lights in the night time on Tower Road.

Referred to the City Engineer and Chief of Police.

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VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL - MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE
OF PATIENTS.

Read letter W. W. Kenney, Superintendent Victoria
General Hospital, as follows:-

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

Dear Sir:-

At the last session of the Legislature an act was
passed, providing that cities, towns and municipalities
of the Province of Nova Scotia, should after October
1st, 1917, contribute towards the care and treatment of
such patients as may be sent from them to Victoria Gen-
eral Hospital, and for your information, and in order
that this legislation may more directly come before you,
I am instructed to forward you, as I do herewith, a copy
of said Act.

I beg to remain.

W. W. Kenney,
Superintendent.

The Secretary is instructed to notify the City Med-
ical Officer to attend at the Mayor's Office on Friday
morning at 11 o'clock to discuss the notification from the
Victoria General Hospital and the provisions of Chapter 8
of the Acts of 1917.

PUBLIC HIGHWAYS ACT.

Read proclamation of His Honor the Lieutenant Govern-
or dated September 25th, 1917, bringing into force from
and after October 1st, 1917, Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 11,
12, 13, 14, 32, 33, 34, and 35 of Chapter 3 of the Acts of
1917, entitled "An Act respecting Public Highways"

Consideration of the provisions of the Act is deferred
to be dealt with when making up the estimates for 1918-19.

FENWICK STREET DUMP.

Controller Taylor informed the Board that complaints
had been made to him again of offensive conditions at the
Fenwick Street dump.

The Chief of Police is instructed to see that the
terms of resolution passed on January 9th and January 16th
and January 23rd, 1917, by this Board, whereby dumping on

*Mayor
Dr. W. B. Almon*

*B.C.
Estimates*

*Evergreen
Chief of Police
Jas. Donohue*

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this property was prohibited until the owner undertook to be responsible for the preventing of the dumping of offensive matter.

SUNDAY SELLING IN SMALL SHOPS.

*Chief of Police
Conrad Taylor*

Controller Hines informed the Board that complaints had been made to him of Sunday selling in small shops on Barrington Street and Spring Garden Road.

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

SEWERAGE FUNDS.

Read report Controller Finlay re funds for construction of sewers, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., October 1, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members Board of Control,
C i t y.

Gentlemen:-

As there seems to be a misunderstanding as to the number of and amount of the bonds to be issued to the Contractors for the North West Arm Sewer, I herewith submit a statement of the Sewerage Account to October 1st, as it appears on the City Treasurer's books.

On May 1st, 1917 there was a credit balance of..	\$31,402.64
Under Chap. 38, Acts 1916, Legislation Authority.	90,000.00
" " " " " " " " " " " "	100,000.00
Acts, 1917	<u>100,000.00</u>

May 1st, 1917, Total Available..\$221,402.64

EXPENDITURE.

There has been paid to Contractors,	
4 Contractors...	\$51,175.40
There is due approximately on 1st	
Section.....	20,000.00
There has been paid on Lateral	
Sewers.....	34,250.00
	<u>105,425.40</u>
Now Available.....	\$115,977.24

It is figured that there will be 15 fortnightly pays up to April 30th each averaging \$2500. if the present order of work on Lateral Sewers is continued, viz:-.....\$ 45,000.00 which would leave a balance of about.....\$ 70,000.00 for the 2nd Section of Arm Sewer according to my information.

A. J. Finlay,
Controller.

Filed.

SARAH STREET - MORAN ESTATE.

Read report Controller Mipphy re application of the

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Eastern Trust Company on behalf of the Moran Estate
for payment of lot of land forming part of the west-
ern end of Sarah Street, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 28, 1917.

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

As suggested at our last meeting, I made an oppor-
tunity of discussing further with Mr. Weston of the
Eastern Trust Company, the adjustment of the strip of
land involved, on Sarah Street.

I suggested to him that while the City would not
recede from the position previously taken, we are desir-
ous if possible to get this question, which has been
standing so long adjusted, and without prejudice to the
City, would tender them the sum of \$50.00 in full settle-
ment of any claims which might exist. He has promised
to confer with interested parties, and advise us whether
they feel disposed to take this offer.

John Murphy,
Controller.

Filed.

AUTOMOBILE FOR FOREMAN OF STREETS.

Read report Controller Murphy, as follows:-

Halifax, September 28th, 1917.

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

The report of the City Engineer bearing date of 24th
instant regarding the car in use by the Foreman of Streets
was referred to me for recommendation.

While I entirely agree with the Engineer that it is
not advisable to make the outlay on this car for the re-
pairs required, I feel that with an effort the car can be
made to finish out this season, which is now drawing to a
close; the question of its replacement being thereby
deferred, to be taken up with our Estimates, when neces-
sary provision could be made to take care of same.

John Murphy,
Controller.

Filed.

PHILLIPS STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Alderman Foley asked for a report as to water exten-
sion Phillips Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

City Engineer

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

*Engineer ✓
Cont. Murphy ✓*

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FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

Chief Fire Dept ✓

Controller Hines informed the Board that he had instructed the Chief of the Fire Department to investigate, whilst he is away on his holidays, and report on fire alarm systems and on the recommendation of the City Electrician that the sending in of bell alarms on chemical calls should be abolished.

TRAMWAY COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR INCREASED BOND ISSUE.

Controller Murphy informed the Board that the Public Utilities Board is to meet tomorrow morning on another hearing on the Tramway Company's claim for permission to make a new bond issue and asked if the City's case in opposition to the application is ready for presentation.

*Solicitor ✓
Electrician ✓
Cont. Murphy ✓*

The City Solicitor, the City Electrician and Controller Murphy, the Committee previously appointed, are requested to prepare the City's case and appear before the Public Utilities Board at its session tomorrow.

(The Committee decides to meet today at 12.45 o'clock to go into the matter).

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts are passed for payment:-

City Prison.

Council ✓

J. J. Scriven & Sons	Bread	\$ 29.40
Bauld Bros.	Groceries	52.42
G. C. Hartlen & Co.	Beef and Oxheads	78.13
S. C. Thompson	Feed	30.24
Robt. Taylor Co.	Leather	7.40
J. & M. Murphy Ltd.	Drygoods	28.00
Maritime Tel. Co.	Rental	5.80
N.S. Tramways Co.	Current	1.71
John Foley	Plaster Work	50.00
J.G. McKenzie, Pine Hill	Men's Boots	18.00
		<u>\$241.10</u>

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin.

MAYOR.

R. D. Wrayburn

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CITY CLERK.

P. F. Martin

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 and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Annual Report City Treasurer.
Town Clock, Citadel Hill.
Watt Street Sewer and Water.
Cunard Street Concrete Sidewalk.
Sidewalks Constructed During 1916.
Cash Statement City Treasurer.
North West Arm Trunk Sewer.
City Hall Heating.
City Stables, Bell Road.
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Numbering Jubilee Road and Preston Street.
Grafton and Jacob Streets.
Fenwick Street Dump.
Sherwood Street and Patricia Street Water Extension.
Electric Wiring.
Chebucto Road Widening - McFatrige Property.
Accounts.

ANNUAL REPORT CITY TREASURER.

Read annual report City Treasurer for 1916-17.

Filed.

TOWN CLOCK, CITADEL HILL.

Read report Acting City Engineer re repairs to building on Citadel Hill, containing the town clock, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that to put the Town Clock on the Citadel Hill in a thorough state of repair, will require an expenditure of over \$200. We have no fund from which this money can be taken. I am having our own carpenter make some temporary repairs to stop the leaks, but it

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will be impossible to do more than this this year.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

WATT STREET SEWER AND WATER.

Read report Acting City Engineer re sewer and water extension Watt Street, recommending water extension on Watt Street to Preston Street, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

September 27th
On ~~October 3rd~~ I reported on the extension of the sewer on Watt Street and submitted at that time an opinion from the City Solicitor, who agreed with me that under existing circumstances it might be impossible to collect sewerage rates from the property on the south side of the street, and therefore I could not recommend an extension of the sewer at present.

This does not apply to the extension of the water. There is one house with two flats near the centre of the block between Preston and Chestnut Streets. The extension will be on the high service, length to connect to the main on Chestnut and Preston Streets about 240 feet; estimated cost \$925.00.

We are now extending the pipe on Chestnut Street from Jubilee Road north to Watt Street, and I would recommend that this extension be continued along Watt Street to Preston Street, provided the petitioners sign a bond guaranteeing the interest on the cost at six per cent.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

CUNARD STREET CONCRETE SIDEWALK.

Read report Acting City Engineer re Cunard Street concrete sidewalk, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering petition from Dr. F.R. Little asking for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the south side of Cunard Street from Gottingen Street westwardly 75 feet.

It is desirable that the sidewalk on the south side of Cunard Street be constructed. The sidewalk on the

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north side is completed from Gottingen Street to Agricola Street. I cannot advise, however, that the walk be only built in front of Dr. Little's property, but would recommend that this is one of our principal thoroughfares and as there is a double track in the street and a curb and gutter is necessary on the south side to improve the appearance of the street and make it easier to maintain the surface, that a sidewalk and concrete curb and gutter be laid from Gottingen Street to Maynard Street, which when built will complete Cunard Street from Gottingen Street to Agricola Street.

The estimated cost of the work is \$2300.00.

The sidewalks which were authorized by the Council to be built this year, have been completed, and we still have money in hand, but whether it would be advisable to construct this sidewalk out of its turn, or revert to the Order Paper is a question of policy for the Board to decide.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Council ✓

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Hines that the report be approved and referred to the City Council with the recommendation that the work be done at once. Motion passed.

SIDEWALKS CONSTRUCTED DURING 1916.

Read reports Acting City Engineer and Controller Finlay re cost of permanent sidewalks constructed during 1916, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
October 1st, 1917.

City Treasurer,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to notify you that I have this day filed the assessment and list of sidewalks constructed during 1916 as required by the City Charter, and the amount of the abutters' share of the cost as shown on said plan, is \$27,967.61.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

.....

Halifax, October 3rd, 1917.

His worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The Acting City Engineer has this day officially notified me that the abutters' share of the cost of permanent sidewalks constructed during 1916, as shown by the assessment plan and list filed with the City Collector, is \$27,967.61.

In accordance with section 15, Chap. 66, Acts 1906,

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the City Council may borrow from a bank in anticipation of the sums to be collected from the abutters, etc. I would therefore request that the City Treasurer be authorized to negotiate a loan for the sum of \$27,967.61, as per assessment plan filed.

A. J. Finlay,
Controller.

Approved.

The following resolution is submitted:-

RESOLVED that the City Treasurer be authorized to pledge the credit of the City of Halifax to the Royal Bank of Canada in consideration of a loan of \$27,967.61, advanced on account of the abutters' share of the cost of permanent sidewalks, constructed during the year 1916, in accordance with section 14, Chapter 66, Acts 1906.

Adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council.

CASH STATEMENT CITY TREASURER.

Read cash statement City Treasurer for the month of September. Filed.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER.

Controller Finlay submits the following resolution respecting funds to meet the indebtedness of the City to the Cook Construction Company and Wheaton Bros. on account of contract for construction of the second section of the North West Arm trunk sewer -

WHEREAS the City of Halifax has entered into a contract with the Cook Construction Co. Ltd. & Wheaton Bros., hereinafter referred to as the Contractors, for the construction of a public sewer at the North West Arm; (Contract No. 2);

AND WHEREAS the Contractors have agreed to purchase the stock or debentures of the City of Halifax, bearing interest at five per cent and dated first day of July, 1917, payable in thirty-four years, at the price of 92.35 per \$100 par value, the proceeds to be applied in payment and discharge of the said contract;

NOW IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Treasurer do issue and sell to the said Contractors the stock or debentures of the City of Halifax, authorized to be so issued by Chap. of the Acts of 1917, and of the description as aforesaid, at the price of 92.35 per \$100 par value of such securities, to the amount of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) par value of such securities, and to retain the proceeds thereof and apply the same together with the interest accruing thereon from the said first day of July, 1917, in discharge of the indebtedness of the City, under the said contract, as the same from time to time arises, under the terms of the said contract.

The resolution is adopted and ordered to be forwarded

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to the City Council for approval.

CITY HALL HEATING.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

On examining the heating system in the City Hall before starting the fires for the winter, I find that it will be necessary to renew some of the smoke pipes in the basement. I have asked for tenders for this work and have received prices from

*Cont. Finley
City Auditor
Engineer*

Geo. A. Perrier	^{155.00} \$140.00
Jn. White & Co.	148.00
Farquhar Bros.	214.00

This work is necessary, but we have no money in City property to pay for it. I would suggest that the matter be referred to the Controller of Finance and the Auditor, to see if arrangements can be made to finance it.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

CITY STABLES, BELL ROAD.

Read report Acting City Engineer re repairs to City stables, Bell Road, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

The roof of the east end of the City Workshops covering the stable and coach house, is in very bad condition and leaks in several places. It should be recovered before the frost and rain set in. The estimated cost of the work is about \$215.00. We are unable to spend this amount from City Property account, but as the work is absolutely necessary I would recommend that it be done and be charged to the various appropriations which pay for the stables.

Engineer

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAUFFEUR.

Read application Eugene Woodworth for position of chauffeur in the Fire Department on motor engine.

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

*Chief Fire Dept
Cont. Hines*

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NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER.

Read notification J. B. Kenny re appointment of arbitrator in connection with North West Arm trunk sewer right-of-way expropriation, as follows:-

To the City of Halifax, a body corporate,

Referring to the notice of intention to apply for a Mandamus dated September 27th, A. D., 1917, I hereby call upon you to name an arbitrator in pursuance of Section 688 of the "Halifax City Charter."

And Take Notice that if said Arbitrator is not named within ten days from this date, the said application for a Mandamus will be proceeded with.

Dated Halifax, N. S. October 2nd, 1917.

J. B. Kenny,
Sole Surviving Executor under
the last will and testament of
Thos. E. Kenny, deceased.

Referred to the City Solicitor for attention and acknowledgment.

The City Clerk is instructed to notify Mr. Kenny of the appointment by the City Council on February 8th, 1917, of J. C. Harris, as the City's arbitrator.

JOHN EVANS, BLACKSMITH - PAY.

Read application John Evans, blacksmith and tool-maker, asking for an increase in pay.

Referred to Controller Murphy and the City Engineer for report.

CITY HOME.

Read report City Home for the month of September, showing the number of inmates September 30th to have been 274. Filed.

PROGRESS PAYMENTS.

Read certificates from Acting City Engineer recommending progress payments, as follows:-

Streets, Heber Hartlen, contract for stone,	\$203.52
North West Arm Sewer, Oakland Road to Jubilee Road, Cook Construction Co.	3956.33
North West Arm Sewer, Chain Rock, Cook Construction Co.	4539.22

The accounts are passed for payment.

*Solicitor
J B Kenny ✓*

*Carl Murphy
Engineer ✓*

Council ✓

✓

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CITY PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

Read report Clerk of Works covering accounts amounting to \$728.15, chargeable to City Property Account.

Referred to Controller Finlay and the City Solicitor for report.

*Cont. Finlay ✓
Solicitor ✓
Engineer ✓
Auditor ✓*

NUMBERING JUBILEE ROAD AND PRESTON STREET.

Controller Hines stated complaints had been made to him of duplication of numbers of houses on Jubilee Road and Preston Street.

Engineer ✓

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

GRAFTON AND JACOB STREETS.

Controller Murphy called attention to a dangerous condition existing at the corner of Grafton and Jacob Streets.

Engineer ✓

The City Engineer is instructed to notify the Tramway Company to correct the condition there.

FENWICK STREET DUMP.

Read report City Health Board re Fenwick Street dump, as follows:-

Office of City Health Board,
October 4th, 1917.

The Mayor and Members Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

The City Health Board is desirous of stopping further dumping at the Fenwick Street dump and would suggest that the board of Control have a sign placed on the dump warning persons against dumping there without first obtaining a certificate from the Board of Health.

*Engineer ✓
City Health Board ✓*

J. A. Watters,
Secretary City Health Board.

The City Engineer is requested to erect the sign requested by the Health Board.

SHERWOOD STREET AND PATRICIA STREET SEWER EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer re water sewer extension Sherwood Street and Patricia Street, as follows:-

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

His worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

Some time ago I was asked to report on extension

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of the water supply to Sherwood Street. In June last I stated to the Board that I could not recommend the extension at that time on account of the street not being sufficiently well graded and on account of the difficulty in obtaining waste material in this locality to help to grade it. Since then, the property owners have done a certain amount of grading and the street is now in such condition that the pipe can be laid.

To supply this street it will be necessary to lay a pipe from the 24-inch main on Watermain street for 200 feet easterly along Patricia Street and thence northon Sherwood Street. There are at present four houses on Sherwood Street, one of which is connected by private pipe to the main. The other three houses have to haul water for a considerable distance, as they have been unable to get water in their wells. Should the pipe be extended I understand at least three other houses will be built.

The total length of pipe on Patricia Street and Sherwood Street to Chebucto Road is 1063 feet. The estimated cost, \$3060. I would recommend that the extension be made, provided the petitioners sign a bond guaranteeing the interest at 6% on the cost of the work.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

ELECTRIC WIRING.

James B. Greig and a number of other electric workers, appeared before and addressed the Board in connection with electric wiring in the City. They complained of boys working on electric wiring work without certificates, in violation of the law, that the City Electrician has passed jobs done by boys in which there were bad joints and wires not far enough apart, particularly in a house being erected for Dr. Shaffner. They protested against the granting of a certificate to a foreigner, a Swede, they thought, whose application for a certificate is to come before the Board of Wire Examiners today. They stated that Mr. Colpitt, the City Electrician, admitted that two separate jobs of electric wiring had been done without permits, and that work on other jobs is still going on in the same way. They also stated that Mr. Colpitt has passed work that was not done right.

E. J. Fahie, representing the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters, being present, asked that the work on

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Dr. Shaffner's house be discontinued at once, and that all other work being done by uncertificated wiremen be discontinued until an investigation is held.

The City Clerk is instructed to request the Board of Wiring Examiners not to grant any certificates to electric wiremen today, or at any time until a hearing is had before this Board on Tuesday next, at 10 o'clock.

The City Clerk is also instructed to notify the City Electrician, as per the request of the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters and Electrical Wiremen's Union, to stop all work now going on with requisite permits until the hearing to be had before this Board on Tuesday morning.

In the meantime the Wiremen's Union is requested to put their complaint in writing and submit the same to the Board.

Harry Redmond, an electrical contractor, appeared before the Board, stating that he desired that the law should be strictly enforced.

CHEBUCTO ROAD WIDENING - McFATRIDGE PROPERTY.

Read report Acting City Engineer re fence on property of William McFtridge, Chebucto Road, which projects over the street line, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that in January last Controller Hines, Alderman Foley and myself, the Committee to whom the matter was referred, had interview with Mr. McFtridge with regard to deeding to the City the strip of his land which encroaches over the south line of Chebucto Road, and that he had offered to give the same to the City for \$150, he to move the fence back. Subsequently, owing to the fact that the City referred to arbitration the fixing of the value of his lot on Walnut Street, instead of paying the price agreed upon by him and the Mayor and Engineer, he withdrew the offer, and as the matter now stands, Mr. McFtridge takes the ground that if the City wants the lot, he is satisfied to have the price fixed by arbitration.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

*Engineer
Electrician*

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The Board decides that it is necessary that the City should expropriate the property, and requests the City Engineer to submit a report covering plan and description of City property for expropriation purposes.

In accordance with the resolution of the Board, the Acting City Engineer submits the following report and description, together with a plan of said property and formal resolution in connection therewith -

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

The Board of Control at a meeting held this morning, decided to expropriate that portion of the property belonging to William McFatrige on the south side of Chebucto Road west of Chebucto Lane, which projects over the official south line of Chebucto Road.

This projection interferes with travel on the south side of Chebucto Road and may become a source of danger to pedestrians using the sidewalk.

I have prepared the accompanying plan #3988 showing the land proposed to be expropriated and a description of the same, which is attached hereto; also a resolution to be submitted to the City Council for its adoption.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

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Description of land on the south side of Chebucto Road to be expropriated from William McFatrige for the purpose of straightening the said south line.

All that lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being on the south side of Chebucto Road in the City and County of Halifax, the said lot being more particularly described as follows:-

Beginning at a point on the official south line of Chebucto Road, the said point being 243 feet more or less westerly from the west line of Chebucto Road Lane; thence westerly by the said official south line of Chebucto Road 180 feet more or less or to the western boundary of property belonging to the said William McFatrige; thence northerly by the said western boundary until it meets the existing south line of Chebucto Road; thence easterly by the said existing south line of Chebucto Road 180 feet more or less or to the eastern boundary of the said McFatrige property; thence southerly by the said existing eastern boundary of the said McFatrige property to the place of beginning.

The above described lot being all that property shown enclosed by red lines on a plan entitled "Plan of McFatrige Property on Chebucto Road" signed by H.W. Johnston,

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Acting City Engineer, and dated the fourth day of Oct. A. D., 1917, and filed in the City Engineer's Office at Halifax as Plan #3988.

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WHEREAS it is considered necessary that a portion of the property of William McFatriidge situated on the south side of Chebucto Road which projects over the south line of the said Road should be acquired by the City for the purpose of straightening the said line;

AND WHEREAS it is further reported by the City Engineer that no contract for the purchase of the same can be made with the owner;

THEREFORE RESOLVED that proceedings be taken in the usual manner by publication of notices and otherwise for the expropriation of the same;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan and description of the land proposed to be expropriated and the report of the Engineer on the matter of such expropriation be and the same are hereby approved;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that the Engineer be directed to give notice of the intention to expropriate as directed by law/

Council ✓

It is unanimously decided to recommend to the City Council the expropriation of said property and the approval of the report, plan and description of the Acting City Engineer, and the resolution submitted therewith.

ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts are passed for payment:-

Fire Department, \$1410.97; City Home \$3355.26; Police Department \$104.17; City Health Board \$844.68; Works Department \$14883.92; General Accounts \$1001.63

Fire Department.

Canadian Rubber Co.	Hose	\$7.00
Century Mfg. Co.	Paint	22.90
H.R. Bergmann Co.	Oil	1.16
Fuller Brush Co.	Supplies	4.30
F. W. Fraser	Salt	6.00
Farquhar Bros.	Plumbing	.80
Neil Fox	Saddlery	83.55
Robt. Horner	Horseshowing	10.05
Imperial Oil Co.	Gasoline	101.94
Hfx. Vulcanizing Works	Repairs	10.05
Hillis & Sons, Ltd.	Tire Chains	14.16
T.C. Allen & Co.	Printing	7.25
C.H. Jordan	Horseshoeing	14.90
Melvin & Co.	Hardware	2.45
Dr. H. McFatriidge	Horseshoeing	30.65
R.N. McDonald	Groceries	26.00
F.W. McNally	Plumbing	8.25
National Drug Co.	Soap, etc.	17.00
A.J. McNutt	Carriage work	1.45
Mahar's Transfer	Team hire	.50

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David Roche	Paints	\$12.33
Ungar's Laundry	Work	7.74
Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.	Hardware	48.17
J. Starr Son & Co.	Supplies	3.80
Stroud & Eveleigh	Carriage work	4.00
C. Shipley & Co.	Uniforms	524.75
J.L. Wilson & Co.	Polish	9.00
Tram Co.	Light and power	34.86
S.C. Thompson	Fodder	395.93
		<u>\$1410.97</u>

City Home.

Gunn & Co.	Flour	324/25
Wentzell's Ltd.	Groceries	464.89
H.L. Williston	Meat	498.77
Davis & Fraser	Mess pork	97.38
James Watson	Milk	111.37
Smith & Proctor	Butter	166.43
S.C. Thompson	Forage	13.29
Fleischmann Co.	Yeast	3.90
N.S. Tram Co.	Light	28.58
W.Y. Kennedy	Drygoods	362.70
A. Wilson & Son	Fresh fish	39.55
A. Foreham & Co.	Leather	21.01
A.J. McNutt	Painting carriage	24.00
Amherst Boot & Shoe	Boots	60.95
H. McPatridge	Horseshoeing	.75
Alfred Carter	Repairs	3.35
John F. Outhit	Potatoes	31.00
Hillis & Sons	Stove castings	1.50
Nickerson & Crease	Potatoes	70.00
John Starr, Son & Col	Repairs	1.05
N.E. McKay	Lunacy certificate	5.00
Brookfield Bros.	Lumber	50.00
Jas. Simmonds	Hardware	8.10
B.J. Mulcahy	Cash expended	107.64
Salaries	Pay sheet Sept.	809.80
C.E. Putner	One Quarter's Pay	50.00
		<u>\$3355.26</u>

- Construction Account. -

Piercey Supply Co.	Lumber	153.88
Jas. Simmonds, Ltd. 9	Hardware	27.07
B.J. Mulcahy	Cash expended	99.60
		<u>\$280.55</u>

Police Department.

W.T. Francis	Furnishings	52.83
Neil Fox	Supplies	3.75
Imperial Oil Co.	Oil	1.25
Frank Colwell	Coat	22.50
T.C. Allen	Stationery	4.50
H. McPatridge	Horseshoeing	.75
Maritime Tel. Co.	Account	18.59
		<u>\$104.17</u>

City Health Board.

V.G. Hospital	Contract	750.00
Tramways Co.	Service	10.04
Royal Gazette	Printing By Law	4.00
John Starr	Battery	.45
Kinley's Ltd.	Drugs	.40
Scotia Pure Milk		1.50
Morton & Thompson	Battery	.45
Hillis & Sons		60.06
R.N. McDonald	Groceries	10.25
Halifax Herald	Printing by law	7.53
		<u>\$844.68</u>

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Works Department.

Water Construction	393.49
Water Maintenance	1714.37
Internal Health	163.80
Street Lighting	2354.18
City Hall Lighting	24.94
Loan Widening Streets	12.50
Plumbing Under Health Rules	21.90
City Baths	9.00
Sewerage	1638.21
Electric wiring inspection	28.00
Fleming Park	.75
Streets	1617.69
Cleaning Paved Streets	17.75
Permanent sidewalks	80.08
Teams and stables	88.84
Fuel Account	6718.42
	<u>\$14883.92</u>

General Accounts.

A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd.	Books	
	City Collector...	27.45
	License Inspector	3.60
		<u>31.05</u>
Blackaddar Bros.	Advertising	6.20
Herald Pub. Co.	do	8.36
T.C. Allen & Co.	Printing and stationery	
	City Engineer....	179.85
	" Auditor.....	2.00
	" Collector...	5.00
	" Clerk.....	87.10
	" Assessor.....	3.80
		<u>277.75</u>
Dr. Finn	Certificates of death	
	H.A. Drysdale.....	4.00
	Bridget Hennessey	4.00
	Simon Norman.....	4.00
	Chas. Umlah.....	4.00
	Rev. J. Buchanan....	4.00
	Patrick Tarada....	4.00
	Edward Goraghty...	4.00
	Atophia Normand...& 1.00	32/00
		<u>35.70</u>
London Rubber Stamp Co.	Badges	
Hazelwood Cottage Hospital	Maintenance patients	
	qr. ending July 31st	610.57
		<u>\$1001.63</u>

Council ✓

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

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MAYOR.

L. D. Anwoy

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 Finlay, Hines, Murphy and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Fodder Contract.
Mail Delivery.
Temperance Law Enforcement.
Electric Wiring.
Police Department Uniform Overcoats.
Watt Street Sewer and Water Extension.
Coal.
Willow Street Sewer Extension.
Patriotic Fund.
Tramway Company New Stock Issue.
Reservoir Site Dwellings for Prison Underkeepers.
V. G. Hospital Maintenance of Patients.
Street Lights.
Obstruction by Vehicles.
City Property Account - Market Account - City Hall Heating.

FODDER CONTRACT.

Read report Clerk of Works re tenders for fodder, as follows:

City Works Office,
October 9th, 1917.

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

I beg to advise your honorable Board that the contract for forage for the several Civic Departments will expire on the 1st day of November next, and to ask direction as to advertising for new tenders, etc.

A. F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

Referred to Controller Murphy for report.

MAIL DELIVERY.

Read correspondence City Clerk and Postmaster re dilatory mail delivery, as follows.-

Office of the City Clerk,
October 3rd, 1917.

Col. F. H. Oxley,
Postmaster.

Sir:-

For many years we had a mail delivery

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service which gave us our correspondence at the City Hall about ten o'clock in the morning, and again soon after dinner, and I think for some years we had three deliveries a day. For some time past we have not been receiving our letters frequently until eleven o'clock or thereabouts in the mornings, and five o'clock in the afternoons. This interferes seriously with City business, particularly with Board of Control matters of much importance to citizens generally, causing them sometimes inconvenience and delay.

L. Fred. Monaghan,
City Clerk.

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Halifax, October 3rd, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of today's date I beg to say that at the present time we are very short handed from one reason and another and our Letter Carriers are doing the very best they can. As soon as the holiday season is over - in about three weeks - I hope to have better service from them, but in the meantime I have cautioned them to be more careful with regard to your letters.

Fred. H. Oxley,
Postmaster.

Deferred.

TEMPERANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Read accounts R. H. Murray, solicitor against E. S. Tracey, Inspector under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, \$22.50, for the month of June and \$17.50 for the month of July, for prosecuting violations of the Temperance Act in the Police Court.

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

ELECTRIC WIRING.

In connection with the charges made at meeting October 4th by members of the Electric Woremen's Union in reference to electric wiring, a large number of persons appeared before the Board, including electric wiring contractors, members of the Electrical Workers Union, P.R. Colpitt, City Electrician, and E. J. Fahie, Secretary of the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters. (H. W. Johnston, Acting City Engineer, the second member of the Board of Wiring Examiners, absent through illness).

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Controller Taylor

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In answer to His Worship the Mayor, City Electrician Colpitt contradicted the statement made at last meeting that he had passed work illegally.

Read petition Electrical Workers' Union, as follows:-

In the matter of Ordinance No. 7 of the City of Halifax entitled "Electrical Wiring and Use of Electricity"

In the matter of the Petition of the Local Union No. 625 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

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

The petition of Local Union No. 625 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers sheweth -

Your petitioners consist of certificated journeymen wiremen, British citizens and residents of the City of Halifax.

Your petitioners have been working as certificated journeymen wiremen from four to ten years each in practical electrical work, having passed the examination before the Board of Wiring Examiners as required by Ordinance No. 7 of the City of Halifax, namely, they satisfied the Board in accordance with section 17 that they were practical and experienced wiremen and furnished the Board sufficient evidence that they were capable of properly doing and performing interior wiring work, They were accordingly granted certificates.

Owing to the danger of loss of life and also fire through defective wiring strict ordinances have been passed in all the cities of America regarding the class of wiring which shall be performed for interior work and it is therefore necessary that the certificated journeymen wiremen should be a specially qualified workman who knows the dangers of defective wiring and who can avoid all risk of danger to life and property.

We respectfully therefore call your attention to the following requirements in the ordinances of the City of Halifax:-

The licensed wiremen, sometimes known as the contractor, as distinguished from the certificated journeyman wireman is a man who has a place of business where he carries on the business of interior wiring. He need not be a qualified electrician or know anything about the business so long as he employs a certificated journeyman wireman. In order to guard against botch and defective work being performed by such contractors it is required (section 23) that every licensed wireman shall employ one certificated journeyman wireman to do wiring work, but the work may be done and performed by any practical wireman under the guidance and direction of this certificated journeyman wireman then present directing the work. We understand that this last clause underlined has been interpreted by your City Electrician as meaning continuous supervision, which we also submit is the only meaning which can be ascribed to it.

During the carrying on of the work of installing the electric wires and after it has been installed, it is re-

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quired by section 5 that the Electrician shall be notified when any work is ready for inspection and all work must be left uncovered and convenient for examination until inspected and approved.

By section 6 no owner or occupier of any building shall use any wires, etc., until they have been finally certified as correct by the Electrician. By section 7 no company supplying electriccurrent shall connect its wires with wires on or in any building until a permit is obtained from the Engineer for such connection.

It is also provided by section 13 that the rules and regulations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters shall be strictly observed.

We respectfully submit that laws should not be flagrantly violated by contractors who may imagine that they have sufficient influence to render them immune from prosecution or action on the part of the City.

In this connection therefore we wish to call your attention to the following case:-

Farquhar Bros., Ltd., have been doing business in the City of Halifax for many years as plumbers and wiring contractors. Farquhar Bros., Ltd., are licensed wiremen. They advertise to do electrical work through the City and no doubt are called upon to do a great deal from time to time. They have only one certificated journeyman wireman in their employ, namely, Mr. William W. Hoyt. The work of this particular journeyman wireman would require him to travel to different parts of the City from time to time to inspect different contracts and he would this neglect to comply with the law which required that the work shall be done "under the guidance and direction of a certificated journeyman wireman then present directing the work". Farquhar Bros., Ltd., employ besides Mr. Hoyt boys and uncertified men to do electrical work, and we are satisfied that they have done that work without complying with the requirements of the ordinance. For instance, in a house on Walnut Street, near Coburg Road, in September last, the said Farquhar Bros., Ltd., employed uncertified boys under the age of eighteen years to do the electrical work in the interior. No men were employed. Mr. Hoyt as usual flitted from place to place through the City, calling at this place incidentally, but not being continuously on the job. It was required by the ordinance that a permit be secured for such interior wiring by the licensed wireman, but no such thing was done until complaint was made by our Union at a later date. We also understand that the walls were lathed up and no inspection was made of the wiring as performed by these boys until after complaint was made by the Union.

In a new house on Henry Street recently constructed the said Farquhar Bros., Ltd. in or about the month of September last, employed boys and uncertified men in installing the electric wires. No permit had been granted for this until after complaint was made by our Union.

In Dr. Schaffner's house, corner Jubilee Road and Louisburg Street, boys were employed and the work was passed and was not in accordance with the rules and regulations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, which must be strictly observed in accordance with the ordinance. For instance, the wires were too close together, not

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supported properly, tubes were not secured and looms not fastened. This had been passed. All was dangerous to life and property. This occurred in two different rooms of the house in the upper flat which was passed by the Electrician. We understand that in defiance of the law and in defiance of orders given by your officials said Farquhar Bros., Limited, still persist in breaking the rules and regulations.

We understand that the licenses of other firms have been cancelled in the past for breaches of rules of much less importance than those now broken with impunity by said Farquhar Bros., Ltd. The breach of Health Board regulations are prosecuted by your City Solicitor, We would ask that the penalties also be enforced as provided under ordinance No. 7. We also wish to point out that by section 24 the contractors shall file a bond in the sum of \$200.00, which Farquhar Bros., Limited, have now forfeited and which condition should now be enforced.

Under section 26 the Board of Wiring Examiners also have the power to cancel any contractor's license for cause.

We also protest against the granting of a certificated journeyman's license to any person in the employ of said Farquhar Bros., Ltd., on the ground that the said party who is reported about to apply is not a practical and experienced wireman and cannot furnish sufficient evidence that he is capable of properly doing and performing interior wiring work.

We also protest against the granting of a license to any person in the employ of said Farquhar Bros., Ltd., to carry on business as a licensed wireman as this would be simply a mode of attempting to evade the requirements of the ordinance.

Your petitioners therefore humbly request -

(1) That the license of Farquhar Bros., Ltd., be cancelled and the bond forfeited.

(2) That in view of the defective work performed under the supervision of the said William W. Hoyt and in view of the warnings given to other certificated journeymen wiremen on former occasions that their certificates would be cancelled in view of defective work, we request that the certificate of the said William W. Hoyt as a certificated journeyman wireman be cancelled.

(3) That no certificate of any kind be granted to any party employed by Farquhar Bros., Ltd., on the ground that it would simply be a mode of evading the requirements of the ordinance and avoiding the penalties.

(4) That the penalties for the defective work be enforced by the City Solicitor as required by ordinance.

And your petitioners will ever humbly pray.

Dated Halifax, N. S., October 9th, 1917.

J. B. Greig.
L. Langille
A. Murray

F. D. Pierce.
F. Nickerson
N. Phalen.

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J. Mahar
H. Conrad
E. Somers
H. J. Smith
J. Griffin
J. Guy
J. S. Richardson
C. Matheson

E. Nickerson
G. Preston
S. Dillman
A. Smith
H. Oland
R. Matheson
H. Cleland

In answer to members of the Board, the City Solicitor stated that it is the duty of the Board of Wiring Examiners to hold any enquiry necessitated by the petition.

The petition is referred to the Board of Wiring Examiners for investigation and report to this Board.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UNIFORM OVERCOATS.

Read extract minutes of City Council meeting October 4th, 1917, referring back to this Board for further report the report of this Board dated September 11th, 1917, re tenders for uniform overcoats for the Police Department.

The Chief of Police paraded before the Board two police officers, one dressed in the double-breasted frock overcoat, with belt and baton, the other in a short reefer overcoat, length to knee, without belt or baton, the tender prices of Maxwell's Limited being \$38.50 for the long coat and \$34.50 for the short coat.

The Board decided to amend its former report and to recommend to Council the acceptance of the tender of Maxwell's Limited for the long coat at \$38.50.

WATT STREET SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION.

Read extract minutes of City Council meeting October 4th, 1917, referring back to this Board its report dated October 4th, 1917, re sewer and water extension, Watt Street.

Referred to the Acting City Engineer for report as to the feasibility of laying sewer and water in Watt Street simultaneously.

COAL.

Read certificate Acting City Engineer recommending

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City Electrician ✓*

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*Engineer ✓
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progress payments on account of contract and trimming coal, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to the Buckley Coal/Co. and Contracting Ltd., of the sum of six hundred and forty dollars and eighty-one cents (\$641.81) on their bill for trucking and trimming coal to and at the schools, City institutions and Incinerator lot.

Amt. of Bill		\$2490.90
10% retained	\$249.09	
Paid on certificates 1 and 2	<u>1600.00</u>	<u>1849.09</u>
Bal. recommended		\$641.81

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The account, \$641.81, is passed for payment.

WILLOW STREET SEWER EXTENSION.

Read petition for sewer extension Williw Street, west of Windsor Street.

referred to the City Engineer for report.

PATRIOTIC FUND.

Read request for second instalment of City's contribution to the Patriotic Fund, as follows:-

Halifax, August 29th, 1917.

The City Treasurer,
City Hall, Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

Please note that the second instalment on your subscription to the Canadian Patriotic Fund is due on 1st September. Kindly remit to the undersigned.

H. A. Flemming, Treas.
c/o Bank of Nova Scotia,
Hollis Street.

Amount due \$10,000.00
being 25% of \$40,000.00.

Referred to Controller Finlay for report.

TRAMWAY COMPANY NEW STOCK ISSUE.

It is decided that the Mayor, Controllers and City Solicitor appear before the Board of public Utilities at a meeting tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock and re-

Engineer ✓

Cont. Finlay ✓

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quest that Board to employ the services of a expert in connection with the application of the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company for permission to make a new bond issue.

RESERVOIR SITE DWELLINGS FOR PRISON UNDERKEEPERS.

Controller Taylor stated that of the three residences owned by the City on the high service reservoir site, two are leased to City Prison underkeepers at a low rental because of their small pay, and asked if the third could not be leased to another of the underkeepers.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

V. G. HOSPITAL, MAINTENANCE OF PATIENTS.

On motion of Controller Finlay, James O'Bryan, Acting Superintendent of the City Home, is appointed to temporarily attend to the matter of ascertaining the legal settlement and ability to pay maintenance fees of persons admitted into the V. G. Hospital as a charge against the City of Halifax, under the provisions of Chapter 8 of the Acts of 1917, and also to make collections under said Act from said patients to reimburse the City - James H. Dow, Supernumerary Superintendent of the City Home to act during Mr. O'Bryan's leave of absence on holidays.

STREET LIGHTS.

Controller Hines complained of electric street lights, Union street, being not lighted.

Controller Finlay again reports lights out on Coburg Road and Henry Street.

OBSTRUCTION BY VEHICLES.

Controller Hines informed the Board that William Atkinson, whose shop is at the corner of Argyle and Buckingham Streets, complains of the obstruction of his windows and doorway by teams, particularly on wednesdays and Saturdays.

Referred to Controller Taylor.

Engineer ✓

*James O'Bryan ✓
Acty. City Home.*

*Engineer ✓
Electrician ✓*

Cont. Taylor ✓

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CITY PROPERTY ACCOUNT - MARKET ACCOUNT - CITY HALL

HEATING.

Read report Controller Finlay, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., October 9th, 1917.

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

I beg to report on the two reports attached, with reference to the overdraft on City Property and Market Account.

After discussing the matter with the City Auditor, the conclusion arrived at is that there are no funds legally available to pay the accounts pending legislation.

A. J. Finlay,
Controller.

(See Board of Control minutes October 4th, 1917, p. 421 and p. 423).

Deferred until the City Solicitor submits his opinion on City Property account, as requested October 4th.

Controller Murphy submits tabulated statements from the Clerk of Works, showing totals as follows:-

City Market.

Receipts May 1st to October 6th	\$1,251.38
Paid out	747.22

City Property Account.

Appropriation	\$2,500.00
Paid out May 1st to October 1st	2,143.38

The above statements are referred to the City Auditor for report in writing as to how he considers the City Property account to be now overdrawn.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
MAYOR.

L. J. Cunningham
CITY CLERK.

Solicitor ✓

*Auditor ✓
B/C ✓*

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

October 11th, 1917.

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.

City Engineer's Annual Report.
Navy League of Canada Funds.
Schools - Alexander McKay (Russell Street) School.
Watt Street Sewer.
Windsor Street - Shop in Residential District.
Death of Works Department Storekeeper, John Quigley.
Fire Department - Motor Car Chauffeur.
Returned Soldiers - Temperance Law Enforcement.
Bill Poster's License.
Schools-Richmond School.
Belle Aire Terrace Catchpit.
Tramway Company Tolls.
Fire Department Pumping Water to Steamship.

CITY ENGINEER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Read letter T. C. Allen & Co., as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., October 9th, 1917.

The City Clerk,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Our account against the City for Engineer's Report is standing since June, as it is quite an item, and we have paid considerable cash out for wages, we would be pleased to receive cheque for same.

T. C. Allen & Co.

Referred to Controller Finlay for report.

NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA FUNDS.

Upon the letter of the Navy League of Canada (affiliated with the Navy League of the British Empire) submitted at meeting of the Board of Control September 18th, 1917, p. 389, requesting that the 21st of October, 1917, "Nelson Day", be set aside for the undertaking of a house to house canvass or a Tag Day for the collection of funds, Controller Finlay verbally reported having interviewed a number of citizens interested in the matter of sailors' relief funds, and recommended that the petition be, for the pre-

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sent filed. Approved.

SCHOOLS - ALEXANDER MCKAY (RUSSELL STREET) SCHOOL.

Read letter Provincial Secretary informing this Board that the Governor-in-Council would, on Friday, 12th inst., at 11 o'clock a. m., hear the City Council on an application of the Board of School Commissioners for an order directing the City to issue debentures to produce the following sums required for additional lavatory accomodation at Alexander McKay (Russell Street) School, viz.-

Falconer & McDonald, Contractors,	\$1328.00
W.J. Busch, architect's fees,	<u>66.40</u>
	\$1394.40

The City Clerk is instructed to notify the Provincial Secretary that the City will not oppose the application.

WATT STREET SEWER.

Read letter Isaiah Moser, as follows:-

Halifax, October 10th, 1917.

To His Worship the Mayor,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

As it apparently will be impossible for my property on Watt Street to be served with sewer, in near future, and within the next few months much damage will be done by frost to plumbing in particular, and the whold building in general, I respectfully ask your permission to lay a six (6) inch drain pipe, from Preston Street about a distance of one hundred and twenty feet (120 ft.) at my own expense. Trusting this will receive your favorable consideration, I am,

Yours truly,
Isaiah Moser.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

WINDSOR STREET - SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to submit herewith an application from J. A. Bremner for permission to erect a building to be used as

*77 Matthews
Dypt; Prov Secy.
School Board
Auditor
Treasurer
Council*

*Engineer
Council*

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a shop and residence at the north-west corner of Allen and Windsor Streets.

The building will be an addition to the dwelling already on the lot and will have a frontage of 24 feet and a depth of 32 feet and will be two storeys in height. This is in the residential district and in the same location as permission to build a shop was recently applied for.

The difference in the two applications is that the present one is for a building two storeys high and the former for a one-storey building.

As notices were published in the previous case, I would suggest that the applicant be not required to re-publish them, but that those who objected before be notified of the new application.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

*Rev W M Weaver ✓
Andrew Hubley ✓
J A Bremner ✓
City Engineer ✓*

The Secretary is instructed to notify Rev. W. M. Weaver and Andrew Hubley, for the objectors, and J. A. Bremner, the applicant, that they may appear before the Board of Control at its meeting on Tuesday next, and be heard.

DEATH OF WORKS DEPARTMENT STOREKEEPER, JOHN QUIGLEY.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
October 10th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

With regret I have to report the death of Mr. John Quigley, the City Storekeeper, after an illness of about twelve days. Mr. Quigley has occupied the position of Storekeeper for some years and has been one of the most industrious and faithful employees in the Works Department. His loss will be a severe one to not only the Department, but also the City service at large.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Council ✓

Filed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - MOTOR CAR CHAUFFEUR.

Read application C. G. Joudrey, 85 Charles Street, for a position as chauffeur of motor apparatus in the Fire Department.

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

The Board adjourns to meet again this morning at 11 o'clock.

*Chief Fire Dept ✓
Cont Hines ✓*

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11 a. m. The Board of Control meets pursuant to adjournment; Present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Murphy and Taylor.

RETURNED SOLDIERS - TEMPERANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT.

W. S. Davidson, Chairman, and a large number of the members of the Citizens' Committee on Redemption of Returned Soldiers, appeared before the Board, complaining of small shop keepers and street and boot leggers selling bad liquor to maimed and ill returned soldiers, upon and after their re-embarkation at Halifax. They strongly urged that every means be employed to have the traffic stopped, that Inspector Tracey be given the complete backing of the Board of Control, City Council and Police Officers, and legal assistance in the prosecution of cases.

Among the speakers were W. S. Davidson, C. H. Mitchell, W. A. Major, W. L. Hart, Percy Strong and H.H. Marshall.

His Worship the Mayor and Controller Taylor informed the Committee that the Police Force has given Inspector Tracey all the assistance that he has asked, and the City has paid all the accounts presented by him for legal assistance, and promised that the board of Control will do all they possibly can to carry out the wishes of the Committee.

The Board decides to address the whole Police Force on the subject on Saturday afternoon next at 2 o'clock.

BILL POSTER'S LICENSE.

Read application C. Budgin for a license to distribute bon ami powder, under the Bill Posters' Ordinance.

The license is granted.

SCHOOLS--RICHMOND SCHOOL.

Read requisition Board of School Commissioners for progress payment on account of contract for improvements to Richmond School, as follows:-

*Mayor ✓
Solicitor ✓
Chief of Police ✓
E. S. Tracey ✓
Stipendiary ✓
Magistrate ✓*

Ord. by Clerk ✓

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Rhodes Curry Co., Contractors, 1st payment,	\$6,400.00
Harris & Horton, Architects,	400.00
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	\$6,800.00

The account is passed for payment.

Read offer Trustees of the Sinking Funds to loan the City the sum of \$18,817.89 for Richmond School improvement, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 11th, 1917.

His Worship Mayor Martin & Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Sinking Funds held this day, it was unanimously resolved to offer to loan the city of Halifax the sum of \$18,817.89 required for the additions and alterations to Richmond School, in the City of Halifax, at the price asked for the securities of the city of Halifax, viz.- .93 with interest at 5%, period thirty-four (34) years, dating from Oct. 1st, 1917. The issue being a City of Halifax Consolidated Fund 1905 Stock Certificate for Two Hundred and Three (203) shares.

James J. Hopewell,
City Treasurer.

Approved.

The following resolution is submitted:-

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Sinking Funds have agreed to loan the City of Halifax an amount to produce the sum of \$18,817.89 required for additions and alterations to Richmond School in the City of Halifax;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue to the Trustees of the Sinking Funds a stock certificate of the Halifax Consolidated Fund 1905 for two hundred and three (203) shares thereof. The rate of interest to be 5% and the date Oct. 1st, 1917. The period thirty-four (34) years from that date and the price of the said loan to be .93.

Approved.

BELLE AIRE TERRACE CATCHPIT.

Alderman Parker requested the construction of a catchpit in Belle Aire Terrace.

Referred to the City engineer.

TRAMWAY COMPANY TOLLS.

Controller Finlay informed the Board that the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company, Limited, had tendered a cheque for \$11,281.55 in payment of tolls due for the months of November and December, 1916, and January, February, March and April, 1917, and called attention to the

Council ✓
School Board ✓

Engineer ✓

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fact that the amount tendered did not include interest.

The Treasurer is authorized to give a receipt for the amount paid, and to accept the same subject to payment of interest by the Company.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PUMPING WATER TO STEAMSHIP.

Controller Finlay informed the Board that the Treasurer had received from the Dominion of Canada Director of Overseas Transports a cheque for \$1237.50 in payment of account for services of the Fire Department pumping water into the transport steamship "Lord Antrim".

The Treasurer is authorized to give a receipt for the cheque upon having the amount certified as correct by Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. Paul Arvagh

CITY CLERK.

Treasurer ✓
auditor ✓
engineer ✓

Chief Fire Dept ✓
Treasurer ✓
Cont. Hines ✓
auditor ✓

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.

Advertising Halifax Tourist Trade - Automobile Assn.
Spruce Hill Lake Caretaker's House.
Fire Department Tenders.
Carrish Street Engine House.
North Street Widening at Foster Property.
North Street Water Extension.
Fire Department Monthly Report.
Windsor Street Shop in Residential District - J. A. Bremner.
Watt Street Sewer.
Abattoir.
Jubilee Road and Preston Street - Numbering of Buildings.
Robie Street Dwellings on Reservoir Site.
Bill Poster's License.
Tramway Company New Bond Issue.
Produce Sales from Vessels.
North West Arm Trunk Sewer - Second Section.
Street Watering.
Stone Contract - Heber Hartlen.
Water Bill A. H. Shepherd - 89-91 Bilby Street.
Fodder Contract.
Temperance Law Enforcement - Sale of Liquor to Soldiers.
Schools - Alexander McKay (Russell Street) School.
City Property and City Market Accounts.
City Market - Keefe Construction Company Contract.
V. G. Hospital Maintenance of Patients.
Young Street School Site Building Lots.
Temperance Law Enforcement.
Street Lights out.
Electric Wiring.
Street Cars Stopping at Near Crossing.
Streets out of Repair.

ADVERTISING HALIFAX-TOURIST TRADE - AUTOMOBILE

ASSOCIATION.

Read application Halifax Automobile Association for a civic grant, as follows:-

Halifax Automobile Association,
Halifax, October 11th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

Our Association proposes doing considerable advertising in connection with the tourist trade,

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and as this business will be of direct benefit to the City, we feel that we are justified in asking you to consider a small grant of say \$100.00 towards this advertising campaign when your estimates for 1918 come up.

If there is any further information you need in bringing this matter to the attention of your Board I would be pleased to furnish you with it.

A. G. Watson,
Secretary.

Deferred for consideration with the estimates for 1918-19.

SPRUCE HILL LAKE CARETAKER'S HOUSE.

Read tenders for construction of a residence for the caretaker at Spruce Hill Lake, as follows:-

Chas. W. Umlah, 94 Beech Street	-	\$2,800.00
Falconer & McDonald	-	2,249.00

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TENDERS.

Tenders are received and opened for the purchase from the City of the old fire station known as the Gerrish Street Engine House at the western end of Gerrish Street; for the old steam fire engine "Chebusto", 43 years in service and for the Horton (McDonald) 80 ft. aereal ladder, as follows:-

Fire Engine.

Chas. Brister & Sonm Ltd.	-	\$150.00
John Simon	-	475.00
Wm. McFatriidge	-	70.00
Albert McGregor		350.00
G. Mitchell Doody		400.00

Horton Ladder.

Chas. Brister & Son, Ltd.	\$100.00
John Simon	55.00
Wm. McFatriidge	110.00

Gerrish Street Engine House.

Chas. Brister & Son, Ltd.	\$2,225.00
John Simon	2,550.00
W. H. Ignor & Sons	800.00

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

*A. G. Watson ✓
A/c Estimates ✓*

*Engineer ✓
Council ✓*

*Cont. Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓
City Engineer ✓
Council ✓*

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NORTH STREET WIDENING AT FOSTER PROPERTY.

Read letter W. W. Foster as follows:-

Halifax, October 15th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

Under date of September 6th, 1917, I wrote you in reference to land taken from my property fronting on Oxford Street and North Streets, for street widening purposes, but to date have no reply.

I now wish to say that I have commenced building operations and have complied with the orders of your officials by keeping back off the lines you claim, and would again ask what damages you propose to allow me for property taken from me.

W. W. Foster.

Filed.

NORTH STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read petition W. W. Foster for water extension
North Street, west of Oxford Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

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

Office of Chief of Fire Department,
October 16th, 1917.

The Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

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

There have been eighteen alarms of fire from the following causes:- unknown 3, stove pipe 1, torch up-setting 1, cigarettes 2, chimneys 3, sparks 2, matches 3, false 3.

Insurance at risk	\$79,300.00	
Loss by insurance		\$2,470.00
Loss without insurance		60.00
Total Losses		<u>\$2,530.00</u>

Recommendations.

I would recommend that William Richards be appointed acting relief driver.

Resignation.

That George Shanks, acting relief driver, resigned on September 1st, 1917.

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Illness of Firemen.

That William Shanks, driver of No. 5 Engine, reported sick on September 17th, and has not reported for duty yet, and also that William Powell, driver of No. 2 Hose, reported sick on October 8th, and has not yet reported for duty.

E. Condon,
Chief H. F. D.

Approved.

WINDSOR STREET SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT - J. A.

BREMNER.

Read report Acting City Engineer (see Board of Control Minutes October 11th, 1917) re application of J. A. Bremner for permission to erect a shop in the residential district on the north west corner of Allen and Windsor Streets.

Agreeably to notification from the Board, Rev. W. M. Weaver, Andrew Habley and Chas. F. Traise appear before and address the Board in opposition to the granting of the building permit applied for and submit a petition against the application.

J. A. Bremner addresses the Board in his own behalf.

Moved by Controller Taylor, seconded by Controller Hines that the application be not granted.

At request of Controller Murphy the matter is deferred until Thursday's meeting of the Board.

WATT STREET SEWER.

Read report Acting City Engineer re Watt Street sewer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
October 16th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering a letter from Isaiah Moser asking for permission to lay a 6-inch drain pipe on Watt Street from Preston Street eastwardly to a new house on the north side of Watt Street. There is no objection to

Council ✓

pd ✓

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Mr. Moser doing this work provided he complies with the City regulations. I have written to Mr. Moser to this effect.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

ABATTOIR.

Read report Acting City Engineer re tenders for roofing pitch and cork insulation for the abattoir building, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
October 15th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

Under the contract for the construction of the Abattoir the City has to furnish the roofing pitch and cork insulation for the building.

I have had the consulting architect prepare a specification for the former, and I can obtain the same from the Carrite-Patterson Manufacturing Co, for \$23.00 per ton. I have asked for prices for the latter from Eager Coombes & Co. Ltd., and Ira P. McNab. The former's price is \$20.28 per 100 square feet f.o.b. cars Halifax, the latter's \$21.88 per 100 square feet f.o.b. cars Halifax.

The amount involved in the roofing will be about \$35.00 and the insulation about \$1100.00.

I would recommend that the City Engineer be authorized to obtain the quantities of these two materials required immediately, at the best prices he can get.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to the City Engineer for report as to why these materials were not included in the original contract for construction of the building, for report at Thursday's meeting.

Read certificate Acting City Engineer re progress payment of \$6,932.60 to Falooner & McDonald on account of contract for construction of abattoir as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
October 15th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

Certificate #3.

I beg to recommend payment to Falooner & McDonald of the sum of six thousand nine hundred and thirty-two dollars and sixty cents (\$6,932.60) on account on their

Engineer's Council ✓

*see list of minutes
Nov 23/17
P471 and
Nov 6/17
P*

*Engineer's Council ✓
P/c ✓*

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Contract for the construction of the Abattoir-

Estimated value of work done and materials delivered	\$21,656.00
Less 15% retained	3,248.40
	\$18,407.60
Less paid on certificates 1 and 2	11,475.00
Balance recommended	\$ 6,932.60

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer,

The account is passed for payment.

JUBILEE ROAD AND PRESTON STREETS NUMBERING OF BUILDINGS.

Read report Acting City Engineer re the numbering of buildings on Jubilee Road and Preston Street, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
October 15th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that Jubilee Road was re-numbered this year and the old and new numbers appear in this year's directory. Should there be any duplication of numbers, all that is necessary is for the person complaining, to notify the City Engineer's Office, when the matter will be attended to.

With regard to Preston Street, the numbering of this street is in bad condition, but as already reported to your Board, I do not think it advisable to make any change until the Spring, when the new Directory is being published I am having a numbering plan of this street prepared.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Deferred until Thursday's meeting for further explanations from the Acting City Engineer.

ROBIE STREET - DWELLINGS ON RESERVOIR SITE.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
October 15th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the board of Control that there is a double and single house on the reservoir site. The south half of the double house is occupied by the caretaker of the reservoir. The north half of this double house is occupied by Robert Myer.

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The single house is occupied by two tenants who are the families of two former underkeepers at the City Prison. These are all monthly tenants.

I do not think it would be fair to turn the occupant of the north half of the double house out at this time of the year with only one month's notice. Should it be in the opinion of the Board more advisable to let these dwellings to officials of the Prison rather than as they are let now, I would suggest that the tenant of this double house be given notice that the building will be required by the City on and after the 1st day of May, 1918.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to Controller Murphy for report.

BILL POSTER'S LICENSE.

Read application W. J. Wilcox, Green Hotel, for a Bill Poster's License to distribute samples of shredded wheat.

Granted.

TRAMWAY COMPANY NEW BOND ISSUE.

The City Solicitor is interrogated as to the progress being made in the matter of the application to the Board of Public utilities by the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company, Limited to make a new bond issue.

The City Solicitor is requested to obtain as soon as possible a copy of all evidence and documents presented before the Board of Public Utilities, including an inventory of the Company's plant in Dartmouth, and to submit such of same to the City Electrician as he may require for the purpose of submitting to this Board a full report as to values, etc.

PRODUCE SALES FROM VESSELS.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that proper publicity should be given to owners of vessels and to farmers having produce for sale in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to the effect that licenses are no longer required no longer in Halifax for the sale of produce from vessels at the wharves.

The City Clerk is instructed to advertise in the new-

*Cont. Murphy ✓
Ord. by clerk ✓*

*Submits ✓
Engineer ✓
Electrician ✓*

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papers accordingly and so that citizens may be able to secure produce at cheaper rates vessels will be allowed the use of the City wharf free of wharfage charges.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER - SECOND SECTION.

Read letter Cook Construction Co., Ltd., & Wheaton Bros., re payment on account of contract for the 2nd section of the North West Arm trunk sewer, as follows:-

Halifax, October 13th, 1917.

Mr. L. F. Monaghan,
City of Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

We hereby apply for Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.) of the City of Halifax 5% Coupon Bonds, Denomination \$1,000.00 each, dated July 1st, 1917; due July 1st, 1951, under terms of our agreement with the City of Halifax. We would like delivery of these on or about the 1st of November, but in the event of that we cannot get them by that time, will accept delivery of interim receipts.

Cook Construction Co. Limited
& Wheaton Brothers.

A. Wheaton.

Referred to Controller Finlay for report.

STREET WATERING.

Alderman Kelly asked that the street watering carts which have now been practically called in for the season be put to work again temporarily during the present visit of His Excellency the Governor General.

Referred to Controller Murphy.

STONE CONTRACT - HEBER HARTLEN.

Read certificate Acting City Engineer recommending progress payment \$76.13 to Heber Hartlen on account of contract for delivery of stone.

The account is passed for payment.

WATER BILL A. H. SHEPHERD - 89-91 BILBY STREET.

Read water meter bill A. H. Shepherd, 89-91 Bilby Street, \$24.81, claimed to be excessive.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

Recorder ✓
Herald ✓
Chronicle ✓
Charlottetown ✓
Patriot ✓

Cont Finlay ✓

Cont Murphy ✓

Engineer ✓

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FODDER CONTRACT.

Controller Murphy verbally reported that he had instructed the Clerk of Works to advertise for tenders for supply of fodder for the various civic departments for a term of one year.

Approved.

TEMPERANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT - SALE OF LIQUOR TO SOLDIERS.

Agreeably to notification forwarded by order of His Worship the Mayor in regard to request of the Citizens' Committee on Reception to Returned Soldiers made at a meeting of this Board on the 11th instant that special efforts be made for a more stringent enforcement of the prohibition law particularly in regard to the sale of liquor to soldiers, Liquor Inspector Tracey, the Chief of Police and Police Sergeants, the City Solicitor, W. S. Davidson Chairman of the Citizens' Committee on Reception to Returned Soldiers and a very large number of that Committee attended before the Board.

In answer to questions Inspector Tracey said - He had never failed to obtain any assistance required by him from the Police when asked for. In prosecutions in the Police Court he is getting along alright without the permanent assistance of a solicitor. In cases of prosecutions for second and subsequent offences he obtains the services of a solicitor for which the City pays. He had always had instructions from the Mayor to carry out the law. As to a statement made by him that there are 200 boot-leggers selling liquor in the City, he had about 150 names of persons in his memorandum book whom he suspects of selling liquor and calculates that there must be 50 others doing the same, whose names he has been unable to obtain. He included in the term boot-legger persons selling in small shops as well as those selling on the street

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AND on wharves, because most of those selling in small shops carry liquor on their persons.

He asked that Police Sergeant Palmer, who is now convalescing from a recent assault, and will soon be on duty again but not fit for active police duty, be temporarily put on duty with him in plain clothes.

His Worship the Mayor said that the Police had been instructed to fully carry out the Temperance Law, to raid suspected places and to themselves prosecute all violations with or without regard to the duties of the Temperance Inspector and to get any credit that may be due to them for their work in that behalf.

Mr. Davidson asked that the Board petition the Government for the appointment of Inspector Tracey as a Provincial constable in order that he might more effectively obtain evidence beyond the City limits, and submitted a petition to that effect which is forthwith signed by His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Taylor, Hines and Finlay.

The Board is addressed by W. S. Davidson, W. A. Major, Willis E. Hebb and W. A. Hart.

Inspector Tracey stated that the law provided for the hearing of violations of the Temperance Law by either the Stipendiary Magistrate for the City or by two Justices of the Peace and suggested that liquor cases be tried before Justices of the Peace W. B. McDonald and R. A. McLeod instead of by Stipendiary Magistrate Fielding.

Walter J. O'Hearn and F. H. Bell, H. C., take exception to the implied criticism by Inspector Tracey of Stipendiary Magistrate Fielding.

His Worship the Mayor hoped that considerable good would develop out of this conference, and the delegation withdrew.

SCHOOLS - ALEXANDER MCKAY (RUSSELL STREET) SCHOOL.

Read order Governor in Council directing the City to

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issue stock or debentures to raise the sum of \$1394.40 required for additional lavatory accommodation in the Alexander McKay (Russell Street) School, as follows:-

Office of Provincial Secretary,
Halifax, October 15th, 1917.

The City Clerk,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Sir:-

I am directed to enclose herewith certified copy of an order in Council of this date, ordering and directing the City of Halifax, under Section 901 of the Halifax City Charter, to issue its Debentures or Stock to raise the amount of One Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety-four Dollars and Forty Cents, the same being required for additional lavatory accommodation at Alexander McKay School, in the City of Halifax.

Fred. F. Mathers,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

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Certified copy of an Order of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia in Council, dated the 15th day of October, A. D., 1917.

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Whereas the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax requires the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety-four Dollars and Forty Cents, the same being for additional lavatory accommodation at Alexander McKay School in the City of Halifax, and has applied to the Governor in Council for an Order directing the City of Halifax to issue its Debentures or Stock to the amount so required;

And Whereas the Governor in Council appointed Friday the 12th day of October, A. D. 1917, at eleven o'clock a.m. in the Executive Council Room, Province Building, City of Halifax, as the time and place at which the matter of such application should be heard;

And Whereas due notice of the amount so required and of the purpose for which the same is required and of the time and place so appointed were given to the Mayor of the said City;

And Whereas the matter of such application was heard at such time and place;

Now Therefore the Lieutenant Governor by and with the advice of the Executive Council for Nova Scotia, and under and by virtue of Section 901 of the Halifax City Charter, is pleased to order and direct and hereby orders and directs the City of Halifax to issue its Debentures or Stock to raise the amount so required.

Fred. F. Mathers,
Clerk of the Executive
Council.

Referred to the Trustees of the Sinking Fund for report.

Council ✓
Trustees ✓
Sinking Funds.

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CITY PROPERTY AND CITY MARKET ACCOUNTS.

Read report City Auditor covering schedule re
City Property and City Market accounts, as follows:-

Office of City Auditor,
October 12th, 1917.

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

Sir:-

I have before me yours of the 9th instant re City
Property and Market Account.

Accompanying this I send as requested, statement of
said account as it stands 6th October, showing debit bal-
ance to date \$2,138.22, and considering the fact that the
Market has to be kept open and no possible means of gett-
ing the amount estimated from revenue of same, (\$3,000)
at least under existing circumstances, I can only say
that there is no money on hand to pay outstanding bills
until Legislation is provided to legalize same.

W. W. Foster,
City Auditor.

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Statement City Property and Maintenance of Market.

1917		
May 1	Estimated Revenue from Market.....	\$3,000.00
17	Labor.....	38.02
30	"	75.73
June 9	Supplies.....	142.07
13	Labor.....	10.87
27	"	158.17
July 7	Supplies/.....	292.83
12	Labor.....	293.91
26	"	296.29
Aug. 8	"	312.10
13	Supplies.....	264.46
22	Labor.....	115.91
Sept. 6	"	40.50
7	M. F. Burns, Contract.....	152.00
	Geo. H. Kinsman, on account.	100.00
8	Supplies.....	314.60
20	Labor.....	256.14
Oct. 4	"	27.00
		<u>\$5,890.60</u>

1917.		
May 1	By Appropriation.....	\$2,500.00
	Wash from Works Dept... ..	1.00
Oct. 6	Market Receipts.....	<u>1,251.38</u>
		<u>\$3,752.38</u>
	Debit Balance.....	\$2,138.22

E. & O.E.

Deferred for consideration with an opinion from the
City Solicitor which the Board at a meeting on October 4th
requested him to submit in writing.

Estimated Revenue from Market

Estimated Revenue from Market

*Solicitor
B.C.*

October 16th, 1917.

CITY MARKET - KEEFE CONSTRUCTION CO. CONTRACT.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that in a recent interview with M. E. Keefe of the Keefe Construction Co., Ltd., Contractors for the construction of the City Market building, Mr. Keefe had offered to compromise by accepting one-half of the amount withheld by the City on account of the condition of the floor.

Solicitor
Cont. Murphy
BLC

Controller Murphy and the City Solicitor are requested to draft and submit a suitable resolution, under the circumstances, for the consideration of the Board.

VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL - MAINTENANCE OF PATIENTS

The City Clerk submits a return of all patients admitted into the Victoria General Hospital from October 1st to date giving schedule after investigations made of those for whose maintenance the City is undoubtedly responsible and of eight cases whose residence in the City range from three months to three years.

The City Clerk is instructed to notify the Superintendent of the Victoria General Hospital in writing that the City disclaims any liability to contribute towards the cost of maintenance of persons not having a legal settlement in the City of Halifax.

W W Kenney
Supt. V G
Hospital
Chief of Police
Detective Colyer
Asst. City Clerk

At the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor, Assistant Detective Charles H. Colyer is temporarily assigned the duty of investigating the residence, ability to pay, etc. of persons admitted into the hospital claimed to be chargeable to the City, by the Hospital authorities, and the Assistant City Clerk is temporarily assigned the duty of doing the clerical work in connection with these cases.

YOUNG STREET SCHOOL SITE BUILDING LOTS.

Controller Finlay informed the Board that one of the building lots of the Young Street School site had not yet

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been taken up by the purchaser.

Referred to the City Engineer for report at Thursday's meeting.

TEMPERANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Controller Taylor verbally reports on the accounts submitted at meeting October 9th, by R. H. Murray, solicitor, against E. S. Tracey, Liquor Inspector, for \$22.50 for the month of June and \$17.50 for the month of July recommending that the same be paid.

The accounts are passed for payment.

STREET LIGHTS OUT.

Controller Hines verbally reports electric street lights, Union Street, not burning.

Controller Finlay reports lights out corner of South Park Street and Spring Garden Road.

Controller Taylor reports lights out Edward Street and Coburg Road.

ELECTRIC WIRING.

Read letter Trades & Labor Council, as follows:-

Trades & Labor Council,
Halifax, October 11th, 1917.

Mayor Martin and members
of the Board of Control.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Halifax District Trades & Labor Council held October 16th, 1917, the council was given an outline of a meeting between the members of the Board of Control and a committee from the Electrical Workers' Union. I was instructed to write the members of the Board of Control asking that an investigation be held on charges made by the Electrical Workers' Union.

Hoping you will deem it wise to grant our request and awaiting your earliest reply, I remain,
R. L. Miller.

At request of Controller Murphy, the City Solicitor is requested to report in writing as to whose duty it is to investigate the charges submitted by the Electrical Workers' Union at a meeting of this Board October 9th, 1917, pp. 431-435.

Engineer ✓
see Nov 8/17.
Council ✓

Council ✓

Engineer ✓
Chief of Police ✓
Electrician ✓

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A delegation from the Trades and Labor Council appear before and address the Board requesting that an investigation into the charges made by the Electrical Workers' Union should be held at once before an impartial body of which the City Electrician should not be a member as some of the charges are partly against him, and that in the meantime the Board of Wiring Examiners should not give any license certificates or hold examinations for such certificates for electric wiremen.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the Board of Wiring Examiners intends to meet tomorrow and will make a report to the Board of Control.

The City Clerk is instructed to write the Board of Wiring Examiners requesting them not to grant any certificates or license to electric wiremen until the report of the Board of Wiring Examiners on the charges made is submitted and disposed of.

STREET CARS STOPPING AT NEAR CROSSING.

Controller Hines said it appeared to him that danger of collision between motor cars and street cars or street car passengers would be better avoided if the street cars stopped at the near crossing instead of at the farther crossing as at present.

Consideration of the suggestion is deferred until Thursday's meeting.

STREETS OUT OF REPAIR.

Alderman Kelly called attention to the want of repair to Lady Hammond Road, Mumford Road and Macara Street, from Agricola Street to Robie Street, stating that repairs promised had not been carried out.

Referred to the City Engineer.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin.

P. F. Martin
MAYOR.

L. J. O'Rourke

CITY CLERK.

*Declarator
Engineer
Electrician*

M/C

Engineer

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

October 18th, 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.

Automobile Traffic Spring Garden Road and Barrington St.
Car Works Indebtedness to City.
Albert Street (North) Water Extension.
Willow Street Sewer.
Overhead Electric Wires - Fire Alarm Boxes.
Dogs.
Barrington Street Encroachment.
Windsor Street - Shop in Residential District, J. A. Bremner.
Post Office Letter Box.
Wiring Examiners Board.
Young Street School Site Building Lot.
City Prison Wall and Gate.
Fire Alarm Boxes.
Chebucto Road and Sherwood Street Fire Hydrant.
Tuberculosis Hospital Site.
V. G. Hospital Patients.
Shop in Residential District N. W. Arm Bridge, G. T. Murray.

AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC SPRING GARDEN ROAD AND BARRINGTON STREET.

Alderman Gillis, representing the Halifax Automobile Association, appeared before the Board and suggested that the eastern end of Spring Garden Road be made a one-way street for automobile traffic, which would involve that all automobiles proceeding west should go up either Blowers Street or Morris Street, and on Spring Garden Road from Grafton Street to Barrington Street, should go east.

He also suggested that automobiles awaiting passengers attending the Academy of Music, should be made to stand on the western side of Barrington Street, facing north, to the southward of Spring Garden Road.

Referred to Controller Taylor and the City Engineer

*Carl Taylor
Engineer*

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for report.

CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS TO CITY.

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

Halifax, N. S.,
October 17th, 1917.

James J. Hopewell, Esq.,
City Treasurer.

Dear Sir:-

We wrote you last on September 18th and we write you now to enclose cheque for Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) which amount we would ask you to be good enough to place to the credit of the Sinking Fund against the mortgage of the Nova Scotia Car Works to the City.

We would ask you to kindly acknowledge receipt of this amount.

Canada Corporations, Limited,
J. Moorman, Manager.

Ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for its information.

On motion of Controller Murphy, Controller Finlay and the City Treasurer are requested to prepare and submit a complete statement of the financial transactions between the Nova Scotia Car Works and the City of Halifax to November 15th, 1917, showing the amount due by the Company to the City at that date.

ALBERT STREET (NORTH) WATER EXTENSION.

Read petition George E. Ferris for early construction of water service to his dwelling, North Albert Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

The Secretary is directed to inform Mr. Ferris of the action taken by the Board.

WILLOW STREET SEWER.

Controller Hines informed the Board that St. John's Church, Willow Street, west of Windsor Street, desired permission to construct a 6-inch drain from said Church through Willow Street to Windsor Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

Council ✓

*Carl Finlay ✓
Treasurer ✓*

*Engineer ✓
Geo E Ferris ✓*

Engineer ✓

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OVERHEAD ELECTRIC WIRES - FIRE ALARM BOXES.

Read report City Electrician as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,
October 17th, 1917.

To His Worship the Mayor.
Dear Sir:-

In compliance with your instructions, I have made a partial examination of the repair work by the N. S. Tram & Power Co., Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co., C. P. R. Telegraph Co., and Western Union Tel. Co., in connection with the overhead line work in the City, and find the work has been completed as far as I have inspected as outlined in my reports early in the year.

This re-inspection has not been done as promptly as I could wish because of the fact that I have been at work on Fire Alarm Boxes all summer, and it will be necessary to put all the time I possibly can on this work, if the boxes are to be completed before the bad weather sets in.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

Filed.

DOGS.

Controller Hines informed the Board that he had received complaints of numbers of dogs running at large in the vicinity of Union Street, where a person was recently attacked by one.

Referred to the Chief of Police.

BARRINGTON STREET ENCROACHMENT.

Read application George Richardson for permission to maintain, at a nominal rental, under the usual conditions, one door-step, as an encroachment on the street at #1020 Barrington Street.

Approved, and recommended to Council.

WINDSOR STREET - SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT - J. A.

BREMNER.

The Board unanimously decided to refuse the granting of a permit to J. A. Bremner to build a shop in the residential district at the north-west corner of Windsor and Allen Streets.

POST OFFICE LETTER BOX.

On account of dilatoriness in delivery of mail by

Chief of Police ✓

*Council ✓
Engineer ✓*

*J. A. Bremner ✓
Rev W. W. Weaver ✓
Engineer ✓*

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by letter-carriers during the past few months, causing inconvenience to citizens communicating with the Board of Control, the City Clerk is directed to rent a post office letter box.

Post Office ✓

WIRING EXAMINERS BOARD.

Read opinion City Solicitor as follows:-

Office of City Solicitor,
October 18th, 1917.

Secretary Board of Control.
Dear Sir:-

In reply to the enquiry of the Board, I beg to say that the Board of Wiring Examiners is created, and their duties defined by Sections 14 to 27 of the Electric Wiring Ordinance, which has the force of a statute, and the exercise of their duties is not subject to any control by either the Board of Control or the City Council.

F. H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

Filed.

YOUNG STREET SCHOOL SITE BUILDING LOT.

Read letter Harry Faulkner, 58 Russell Street, as follows:-

Halifax, October 18th, 1917.

The Members Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

As I understand there is one of the lots of the Young Street School Site still unsold, I beg to make this application for the purchase of same at the price of Three Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars.

*Engineer ✓
Council ✓*

Thanking you for an early reply,

Harry Falkner,
#58 Russell Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

CITY PRISON WALL AND GATE.

Controller Taylor asked for an early report from the City Engineer as to the construction of a concrete wall and gate at the eastern side of the City Prison,

Engineer ✓

FIRE ALARM BOXES.

Alderman Foley asked if it is the intention of the Fire Department to instal any new fire alarm boxes this year - it is three years since one was promised in the

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west end of Ward 4 in the vicinity of St. Agnes' Church.

Referred to the City Electrician for report.

The City Electrician is requested to report on the number of new boxes ordered by the City Council to be installed, and where the same are proposed to be located.

CHEBUCTO ROAD AND SHERWOOD STREET FIRE HYDRANT.

Alderman Foley requested that a fire hydrant be installed at the corner of Chebucto Road and Sherwood Street, when the water service is being extended there.

Referred to the City Engineer for attention.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL SITE.

Read report Controller Murphy re site for proposed tuberculosis hospital, as follows:-

Halifax, October 18th, 1917.

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

It is apparent to all that while the present controversy with regard to a site for the erection of an institution for the treatment of tuberculosis is continued, no progress can be made in this very urgent work. In order therefore, to, if possible, lift this question clear of the factions whose differing views with regard to a suitable site have prevented any definite action, I suggest for the consideration of this Board and Council the following steps -

1st. In conjunction with the proper representatives for the Province of Nova Scotia, and guided by the best advice as to the requirements of such an institution for this City, we proceed at once to have the necessary plans and specifications prepared for a suitable hospital.

2nd. That the selection of a site be left to a committee of three, to be named by this Board and Council, the City binding itself to accept the selection of such a Board. Personally I would like to see Dr. Miller, the Superintendent of the Kentville Institutions as one member of this committee, as his wide experience in the treatment of this disease would be of very valuable assistance. Such a Board need be guided by only one consideration, namely, that the institution be located where those who are entrusted to its care will derive the greatest benefits; all other considerations being secondary to this.

I feel satisfied that only by such action as outlined above can any progress be made with this very pressing problem, and trust therefore that the suggestions offered will receive the favorable consideration of our Board.

John Murphy,
Controller.

October 18th, 1917.

Consideration of Controller Murphy's recommendation is deferred until Tuesday's meeting.

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V. G. HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

The City Clerk submits form of protest against claims for cost of maintenance of patients admitted into the V. G. Hospital, who have no legal settlement in the City of Halifax, to be forwarded to the Superintendent of the Hospital in the case of each of such patients charged by the Hospital authorities to the City, as follows:-

Office of City Clerk,
Halifax, N. S.

W. W. Kenny, Esq.,
Supt. Victoria General Hospital.
Sir:-

I am directed to inform you that the Board of Control, on behalf of the City of Halifax, disclaim any liability on the part of the City, under Chapter 8, Acts 1917, to pay towards the cost of care and maintenance of *✓* who was admitted in the Victoria General Hospital on the 1917, and who is claimed to have resided in the City of Halifax for the period of the City believing that the said patient is not a resident of the City of Halifax.

Solicitor ✓

L. Fred. Monaghan,
City Clerk.

Approved.

SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, N. W. ARM, -G.T.MURRAY.

On motion of Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Hines, it is decided to grant a permit to Geo. T. Murray *✓* to construct a verandah on his shop and dwelling near the North West Arm Bridge, in the residential district, upon Mr. Murray signing an agreement to the effect that if at any time the City acquires his property for City purposes the cost of the verandah is not to be considered.

*Engineer ✓
Solicitor ✓
Council ✓*

Motion passed and referred to the City Solicitor and City Engineer for attention.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. Fred. Monaghan
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 Finlay, Hines, Murphy and Taylor.

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WAR - TEMPERANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Read letters Church of England Institute and Rotary Club, covering resolutions passed by those bodies respecting Temperance Law enforcement, as follows:-

Church of England Institute,
Halifax, October 20th, 1917.

His Worship Mayor Martin,
City Hall.

Sir:-

I am instructed by the Council of the Church of England Institute to forward to you and the Board of Control a copy of a resolution passed by that Council at its last meeting.

C. W. Vernon,

RESOLVED that this Council of the Church of England Institute deplores the conditions reported and believed

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on good authority to exist in the district around Pier 2, and urges upon both the civil and military authorities the vital necessity of taking the strongest measures possible to protect our returning heroes from the temptations placed in their way by illicit sellers of intoxicating liquor whether in stores, on the streets, wharves or piers, and in other ways. The flagrant temptations and immorality placed in the way of men who have risked their lives and endured hardship, suffering and wounds in the cause of Freedom, Righteousness and Truth, is the work of men who are alike traitors to their country, their fellow men and their God. The fact that such traitors are allowed within our City is a standing disgrace to the fair name of Halifax, a serious reflection on the ability of those in authority, and a deadly menace to the welfare of the whole Dominion.

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The Halifax Rotary Club,
Halifax, October 19th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

At the regular meeting of the Rotary Club held October 16th, the enclosed resolution was unanimously passed and I have been instructed to forward same to you.

B. H. Morrison,
Secretary Rotary Club.

In hearty support of the Citizens Reception Committee the Rotary Club of Halifax wishes to place itself on record as strongly advocating a strict enforcement of the present Liquor Law, more especially as this Law affects the sale of liquor to our soldiers, both going Overseas and returning wounded. We express our appreciation and confidence in the work done by the Inspector and the Halifax Police Force, and will support them in further action along these lines. At the same time we feel that the Mayor and Board of Control should proceed further than they already have gone to give the efficient enforcement of this Law under the present abnormal conditions in our City. We are satisfied that the ability and experience of the Mayor and Board of Control are such that if they insist upon a rigid enforcement the desired results will be obtained.

Halifax Rotary Club,
per B. H. Morrison,
Secretary.

Filed.

R. Power, Sr., HONORARY MEMBER AM. ASSN. OF PARKS

SUPERINTENDENTS.

Read notification of the appointment of Richard Power, Sr., Ex-Superintendent of the Halifax Public Gardens, as an Honorary Member of the American Association of Parks Superintendents, as follows:-

October 23rd, 1917.

Seattle, Washington, Oct. 13th, 1917.

Mr. Richard Power, Sr.,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

My Dear Mr. Power:-

It is with great pleasure that I formally notify you that at our recent annual convention at St Louis, you were elected as an honorary member of our Association, on resolution introduced by Mr. Theodore Wirth of Minneapolis.

I might say that this is a signal honor inasmuch as we have only eight living honorary members, selected as such being required to have the unanimous recommendation of the Executive Board and confirmation by unanimous vote of the convention, all of which occurred of course in your case. Our Association was highly pleased at the recognition given you by your City and was only too glad to add the highest honor we can confer upon an Associate.

I am sure every member joins with me in wishing you good health and long life. I am enclosing you copy of Mr. Wirth's resolution, which will also be published in our new magazine which will be out in a few weeks.

Roland Cotterill,
Secretary.

Resolution re election of Mr. Richard Power, St., to Honorary Membership American Association of Park Superintendents 19th Annual Convention.

Saint Louis, Mo., Sept. 12th, 1917.

Mr. President and Gentlemen:-

It is a well known fact that, as a rule, a public servant, as faithful and efficient as he may be, seldom receives the recognition and appreciation due him from his employers and the public he serves. His good deeds and earnest work are often misunderstood and misjudged, and in most cases only remembered by the public after he has left the earthly field of labor and is beyond the reach of the belated voice of recompense and recognition. I know, however, of notable exceptions to this rule, and I have learned recently of one such exception, which I wish to bring to your attention and consideration.

In Halifax, N.S., there lives today a venerable old gentleman, a fellow gardener and parkman, who for forty-five years has been in charge of the Public Gardens of that City. His name is Richard Power. I do not personally know the gentleman, for which I am sorry, but I do know him in thought, feeling and brotherly appreciation of the great service he has rendered the people of his City and our profession of parkmen and officials. I admire and venerate his love for his work and the perseverance shown in his service.

The people of the City he has so faithfully served have, through their proper representatives authorities, shown their appreciation of Mr. Power's faithful service by retiring him on a suitable pension and a comfortable home. All honor to those people who so fittingly know how to reward their faithful servant.

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I feel that we, as an Association, should also honor our fellow craftsman, Mr. Power, and that by doing so we honor the people of his City and ourselves as well. Therefore, Mr. President and fellow members, I ask for the unanimous consent and vote to elect Mr. Richard Power, Halifax, N. S., as honorary member of our organization, the American Association of Park Superintendents.

Theodore Wirth,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Unanimously approved by Executive Committee.
Unanimously approved by Convention.

J. F. Foster, President.
Roland Cotterill, Secretary.

Referred to the City Council for its information.

CITY STORE KEEPER.

Read applications Robert F. Clancey, Rufus B. Scriven and Robert L. Evans for position of City Storekeeper.

Filed.

WATER BILL 23 SULLIVAN ST.- F. L. DAVIDSON, AGENT.

Read letter F. L. Davidson re water meter bill 23 Sullivan Street. (See Board of Control minutes August 14th, 1917, p. 324 and August 21st, 1917, p. 339.)

Referred to Controller Murphy for report.

JUBILEE ROAD AND PRESTON STREET - NUMBERING BUILDINGS.

The report of the Acting City Engineer (see Board of Control minutes October 16th, 1917, p.450) re the numbering of buildings on Jubilee Road and Preston Street, is read.

The City Engineer is instructed to re-number the buildings on Jubilee Road and Preston Street, the numbers to commence at Rbbie Street, the Engineer in the meantime to notify the residents that the numbers will be changed on May 1st, 1918.

CENTRAL FIRE STATION - TENDERS FOR OILCLOTH, ETC.

Tenders for oilcloth, etc., for Central Fire Station, are received and opened from the following - The W. T. Francis Furnishing Co., Freeman & Co., Brander, Morris & Co., Gordon & Keith, The Nova Scotia Furnishing Co., Ltd., and T. H. & W. T. Francis.

Council ✓
B/C ✓
Cont Murphy ✓
Engineer ✓
Engineer ✓

October 23rd, 1917.

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

*Cont Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓
Council ✓*

CHESTNUT STREET.

N. J. Riggs appeared before the Board, complaining of overflow of surface water into cellars of his tenement houses on Chestnut Street.

The Acting City Engineer informed the Board that the sewer ordered for Chestnut Street will be constructed this winter immediately following the construction of the Dublin Street sewer.

Engineer ✓

The Engineer is instructed to dump ashes on the sidewalk to divert the flow of water from Mr. Riggs' property.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL SITE.

Controller Murphy's recommendation for the appointment of a committee on the selection of a site for a tuberculosis hospital (see Board of Control minutes October 18th, 1917, p. 464), is taken up for consideration.

Controller Murphy moves for the adoption of his report.

Moved in amendment by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Taylor that a small committee of this Board be appointed and empowered to seek a site or a number of sites suitable for a tuberculosis hospital and to take an option on same on behalf of the City for a period not exceeding six months, and to report to this Board within a reasonable time.

The amendment is put and passed, Controllers Finlay and Taylor and His Worship the Mayor voting for the same, and Controllers Murphy and Hines against.

Controller Murphy's motion is put and lost, Controllers Murphy and Hines voting for the same, and Controllers Finlay and Taylor and His Worship the Mayor voting against it.

His Worship the Mayor nominates as such committee, Controllers Finlay, Taylor and "Murphy.

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Controller Murphy declines to serve.

His Worship the Mayor nominates Controller Hines in place of Controller Murphy.

The special committee, Controllers Finlay, Taylor and Hines, is approved.

EARLY CLOSING OF SHOPS.

Harding P. Bezanson appeared before the Board, asking for a repeal of the ordinance respecting the early closing of shops, insofar as the same affects his business, more particularly in respect to the month of December.

Mr. Bezanson is informed that the early closing ordinance does not apply to the month of December, and that in order to have the ordinance amended or repealed, it would be necessary to present a petition signed by a majority of the persons engaged in the business.

ABATTOIR.

The report of the Acting City Engineer re abattoir (see Board of Control minutes October 16th, 1917, p. 449) is taken up for consideration.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
October 23rd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control asking why the roofing pitch and cork insulation for the Abattoir building were not included in the original contract.

With regard to the former, the consulting architect had a formula of his own for roofing pitch which he had used on the Tramways building and to a large extent in the States, and in order to secure the proper materials, he thought it advisable that the City should supply them. With regard to the insulation, at the time the contract was made, owing to conditions of the cork market, the architect advised that it would be better to wait, and if the latter did not improve, to use the Pith, so called, which, while possibly not so good as the cork, is still a first-class insulating material.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to Controller Murphy for report as to the position of the funds for the Abattoir.

Cont. Finlay ✓
Cont. Taylor ✓
Cont. Hines ✓

See B/C minutes
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p 449 &
Nov 6/17 p

Auditor ✓
Cont. Murphy ✓
Council ✓

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YOUNG STREET SCHOOL SITE BUILDING LOT.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
October 23rd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering letter from Mr. Harry Falkner, #58 Russell Street, offering \$325 for lot #4 of the Young Street School site.

The lot was offered to Mr. E. S. Giffin, #72 Albert Street, in July last. I wrote him on the 14th of July, notifying him to this effect and again on the 25th of July, I have had no reply from him to either of these letters. It would appear from this that he does not intend to take the lot, so I would recommend that it be sold to Mr. Falkner for the sum of \$325. This will complete the sale of the lots on the Young Street School site.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The City Engineer is instructed to notify E. S. Giffin, that in view of the fact that he has not completed his purchase of lot #4, the City is prepared to sell the lot to other parties, and to report.

Engineer's Council ✓

ALBERT STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer re water extension, Albert Street, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that the water was ordered to be extended on Albert Street to supply a building erected by Mr. Ferris, on the 5th of July of this year. Its turn has not yet been reached, but it is expected that it will be put in before the end of the year.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to George E. Ferris.

*Engineer's Council ✓
Mr. E. Ferris ✓*

WILLOW STREET SEWER.

Read report Acting City Engineer re sewer, Willow Street, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of

October 23rd, 1917.

the Board of Control that there is no objection to St. John's Church constructing a private drain from the new church on Willow Street to Windsor Street, provided they comply with the City regulations. They have made application for a sewer in the street, but I am not in a position to report on the same. In any case, even though it were ordered, it would be some time before it could be constructed.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to St. John's Church.

BARRINGTON STREET SIDEWALK.

Read report Acting City Engineer re sidewalk, Barrington Street from North Street northwardly, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

Some months ago I was asked by the Board of Control to report on a concrete sidewalk on Barrington Street from North Street to East Young Street. Last April I wrote to the Department of Militia and Defence and the Naval Department, asking that if in the event of a sidewalk being ordered on the west side of Barrington Street in front of the Admiralty property and Wellington Barracks, they would pay their proportion of the cost. I had a reply from the Naval Department in June, agreeing to pay their share of the sidewalk in front of the Admiralty property, and this month I have had a reply from the Department of Militia and Defence, agreeing to pay their share of the cost in front of Wellington Barracks.

I have written the Commanding Engineer that owing to the lateness of the season, it will be impossible to do the work this year, and asking him to obtain a revote of the same for next year. I also wrote the Railway Department asking if they would bear their share of the cost of the sidewalk on the east side of Barrington Street in front of the Station property, but have been informed that they do not see their way clear to recommending it this year.

There is a large population north of Young Street on Barrington Street, and the streets lying to the westward of it, which uses this sidewalk in travelling from their houses to town. If the Railway Department would pay its share of the eastern sidewalk, I would recommend this in preference to the west sidewalk as it is used to a larger extent than the latter, owing to its being the brighter side of the street, and also to the outlook over the Harbor. I consider it desirable that one of these sidewalks should be laid to accommodate the traffic at this end of the town, and as the Railway Department will not agree to pay its share of the cost of the work at present, I am obliged to recommend that a concrete curb and gutter and sidewalk be laid on the west side of Barrington Street from the north end of the King Edward Hotel to East Young Street. The estimated cost of the work is \$10375.00.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer

Engineer ✓
St. John's Church ✓

B/C
Council ✓

October 23rd, 1917.

Consideration of the report is deferred.

COST OF CURB BARS.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

Office of City Engineer,
October 22nd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor
Sir:-

Last Spring we ordered from the London Concrete Machinery Co., Ltd., curb bars to the value of \$179.00. I have a letter from the firm, copy of which is attached, in which they state that when they quoted us they took the matter up with the Customs Department and were informed that these bars would bear the same duty as ordinary steel bars, namely 5%. The duty was paid and the bars delivered. Subsequently, in June, the Customs Department charged them an additional duty, amounting to \$32.67.

A statement is enclosed showing that with this extra duty, the order was executed at a net loss to the company of \$21.72. The Company claim that while the City is not legally liable for this extra duty, as a matter of fairness they think it ought to pay it.

This is a matter on which something can be said on both sides. Mr. Power, the agent of the Company, when asked to quote on this order, said he would prefer to quote f. o. b. Philadelphia, but on my request, to avoid having to pass the papers through the Customs, he quoted me f. o. b. Halifax, and judging from the attached letter, every effort was made to ascertain the correct rate of duty. It seems a hardship that the Company should bear the loss of the additional duty, and I think that in any private business, the purchaser would consider that he should pay this amount. I would recommend that the amount of the extra duty, namely, \$32.67, be paid by the City.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

RESERVOIR SITE DWELLINGS.

Read report Clerk of Works re reservoir site dwellings, as follows:-

City Works Office,
October 23rd, 1917.

Controller Murphy.
Sir:-

In reference to dwellings on reservoir site, I beg to say that the single dwellings is occupied by the wives of two of the keepers at the City Prison, namely, Marriott and Handley, at present overseas. The verbal lease is with Keeper Marriott, rent being ten dollars (\$10.00) per month, the other Keeper being a sub-tenant. While Mr. Marriott was at home the rent was always paid promptly. Since his absence payments have fallen behind and to October last there was \$25.00 due. I wrote Mrs. Marriott advising that unless this was attended to it would be my

Engineer ✓
Clerk of Works ✓
Auditor ✓

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duty to report the matter to the Board of Control. I have a letter from her in which she makes a promise of a settlement during the present week. As she has not kept promises previously made and the other tenant being anxious that the money should reach the right place she has on two occasions called at this office and I have accepted the money from her giving a receipt therefor in Mrs. Marriott's name.

Regarding the double house, my predecessor informs me that he had no knowledge of the arrangement in connection with same. Mr. Doane having had the matter in hand, and it had not been referred to him for attention. Recently I personally made enquiries and was informed by Mrs. Robert Myrer that her husband at one time was employed on the City works and got injured and has not been able to earn very much since. When they had to move at the time the reservoir was built, Mr. Doane told them they could move into this house and as to the matter of rent if there would be anything to pay he would advise them later, since which time no further work has been received.

Under instructions from Mr. Johnston, I verbally advised them that from and after October 1st they would have to pay ten dollars per month rent, which must be paid promptly, and also advised them that in due time they would receive formal notice to vacate on May 1st next.

I might add from observation these houses are in a very poor state of repair.

A. F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

The report is approved and the Clerk of Works directed to see that the rents are paid, and to interview E. A. Saunders, of the Patriotic Fund, in respect to rent due by soldiers' wives.

ASSESSMENT PLAN - H. B. PICKINGS' PROGRESS PAYMENT.

Read certificate Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
October 23rd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Certificate #2.

I beg to recommend payment to H. B. Pickings of the sum of sixteen hundred and twenty dollars (\$1620.00) on account of his contract for completing the assessment plan of the City of Halifax.

Estimated value of work completed	\$4050.00
20% retained	\$10.00
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	\$3240.00
Paid on certificate #1	1620.00
Bal. recommended	<hr/>
	\$1620.00

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The account is passed for payment.

*Engineer ✓
Clerk of Works ✓
Cant. Taylor ✓*

*Engineer ✓
Clerk of Works ✓
Auditor ✓*

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TEMPORARY OFFICIALS IN PLACE OF OFFICIALS ON MILITARY DUTY.

On motion of Controller Murphy, all heads of Departments are instructed to notify all officials appointed since the war, who have taken the place of officials on active service that they are to understand that the officials whose places they have taken temporarily, will be entitled to resume their positions upon returning to ^{Civic} active duty, and further that it shall be the duty of all heads of departments to give similar notice in the case of all such new appointments.

STREET CARS STOPPING AT NEAR STREET CROSSINGS.

The subject of having street cars stop at near street crossings instead of at the farther crossings as at present, is again discussed, and referred to Controller Taylor and the City Engineer for report in writing.

COAL WEIGHERS' MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Coal Weighers for the month of September, showing each man to have received \$58.03. Filed.

NORTH STREET SEWER.

Read application W. W. Foster for sewer, North Street, west from Oxford Street, in front of his property.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

NORTH STREET SIDEWALK.

Read application W. W. Foster for sidewalk on North Street from Oxford Street west, in front of his property.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

DEPUTY ASSESSOR McDONALD-LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Read letter G. A. McDonald, Deputy Assessor, as follows:-
Berwick, N. S., Oct, 1917.

Mr. L. Fred. Monaghan,
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of official notice from the City Council re leave of absence ~~from~~ on account of illness, and appreciate their action in granting same.
Geo. A. McDonald.

Engineer ✓
Govt Prison ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓
Chief Police ✓
Chairman City ✓
Health Board ✓
Council ✓

Cont Taylor ✓
Engineer ✓

Council ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

October 23rd, 1917.

Filed.

CITADEL HILL PATHS.

On motion of Controllers Hines and Murphy, the City Engineer is instructed to repair the cinder paths from Cogswell Street at the southern ends of Creighton and Maynard Streets to the main path running across the Citadel.

Engineer ✓

CREIGHTON STREET (NORTH) AND STAIRS STREET CATCHPIT.

In answer to question, the City Engineer stated that the catchpit promised for the corner of North Creighton Street and Stairs Street will soon be constructed.

Engineer ✓

BEECH STREET GUTTER.

Alderman Foley requested that the gutter in Beech Street be blasted out to take care of surface water.

Referred to the City Engineer.

The Board adjourned.

Engineer ✓

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. J. Moran

CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

October 25th, 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.

Watering Cart Shed, Market Street.
Gas Pipe Trenches.
Citadel Hill Foot Paths.
Sunday Selling in Small Shops.
Fodder Tenders.
Watt Street Sewer and Water Extension.
Workmen's Compensation Act Assessments.

WATERING CART SHED, MARKET STREET.

Controller Hines called attention to the dilapidated condition of the City watering-cart shed and fencing, Market Street, in rear of Central Fire Station.

Referred to Controller Murphy and the City Engineer for attention.

GAS PIPE TRENCHES.

Controller Taylor called attention to the condition of LeMarchant Street south of Coburg Road, left by the Tramway Company after excavating for gas pipe laying.

Controller Finlay complained of similar conditions on Edward Street and on Larch Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for attention.

CITADEL HILL FOOT PATHS.

The City Clerk is directed to call the attention of the Military Authorities to the fact that coal teams, delivery waggons and other heavy vehicles are in the habit of crossing the Citadel over the foot paths, and to ask them if they would be good enough to order the practice discontinued.

SUNDAY SELLING IN SMALL SHOPS.

Deputy Mayor H. S. Colwell appeared before the

*Cont Murphy ✓
Engines ✓*

Engines ✓

*Letter
Genl Benson ✓
Council ✓*

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Board, urging enforcement of the law against Sunday sell-
in small shops.

His Worship the Mayor stated that yesterday he had
again issued instructions to the Chief of Police to close
shops found selling on Sunday.

FODDER TENDERS.

Tenders for supply of fodder for the various civic
departments are received and opened as follows:-

Bridgetown Hay and Feed Co., Ltd., - hay, \$14.00 per
ton, f.o.b., cars, Bridgetown.

Gunn & Co., Ltd., for all or none, and acceptance
within five days -

Quantity.	: Immediate : Delivery : Immediate : Delivery as :		: delivery : as may be : Delivery : may be re- :		:
	: : required : : required :		: : : : :		
	: Six months : : Twelve months :		: : : : :		
7000 bus. oats	.87	.90	.87	.95	: per bus.
194 tons #1 Timothy hay	15.00	15.50	15.00	17.00	: per ton
22 tons Ontario wheat bran	40.00	41.00	40.00	43.00	: per ton
1 ton crushed feed	54.00	55.00	54.00	58.00	: per ton
22 tons oat straw bedding, tight pressed	11.00	11.50	11.00	12.00	: per ton
tons oat straw bedding, loose pressed					
1 ton middlings	46.00	47.00	46.00	48.00	: per ton

F. W. Fraser, for all or none -

7000 bus oats	.85	.87	.85	.88	: per bus.
194 tons #1 Timothy hay	16.00	17.00	16.00	17.00	: per ton
22 tons Ontario wheat bran	47.00	47.00	47.00	47.00	: per ton
1 ton crushed feed	53.00	55.00	53.00	55.00	: per ton
22 tons oat straw bedding, tight pressed	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	: per ton
tons oat straw bedding, loose pressed					
1 ton middlings	49.00	49.00	49.00	49.00	: per ton

S. C. Thompson -

Quantity.	: .90 : .90 : .90 : .90 :				: per bus
	: No.2 C.W. : No.2 C.W. : No.2 C.W. : No.2 C.W. :				
7000 bus oats	.90	.90	.90	.90	: per bus
194 tons #1 Timothy hay	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	: per ton
22 tons Ontario wheat bran	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	: per ton
1 ton crushed feed	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	: per ton

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22 tons oat straw	:	:	:	:	:
bedding, tight	:	:	:	:	:
pressed	:	:	:	:	:
tons oat straw	:	:	:	:	:
bedding, loose	:	:	:	:	:
pressed	:	:	:	:	:
1 ton middlings	:	:	:	:	:
	:	:	:	:	:

Clerk of Works Council

Referred to the Clerk of Works for a tabulated statement showing a comparison with last year's prices, and for recommendation.

WATT STREET SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
October 25th, 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 feasibility of laying the water pipe through Watt Street in the sewer trench,

There is no physical difficulty in the way of doing this, provided the sewer be ordered, but in view of the opinion of the City Solicitor that there is considerable doubt as to whether sewerage rates could be collected at present from the property on the south side of the street, I am obliged to adhere to my original report that the sewer be not built in this street at present. Since the last meeting, Mr. Moser, who owns the house on the north side of the street between Preston and Chestnut Streets, has applied for permission to connect up to Preston St. with a private drain. This will take care of the sewerage from his house and will postpone the necessity of a sewer in this street for some time.

I beg, therefore, to repeat the recommendation contained in my report of October 4th, that the water pipe be laid between Chestnut Street and Jubilee Road on Watt Street, provided the petitioners sign the bond guaranteeing the interest on the cost at 6%.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The report is adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for approval.

Council

It is unanimously decided to recommend to the City Council without change or amendment the adoption of the report of this Board on above matter dated October 4th, 1917, recommending the extension of the water system along Watt Street to Preston Street.

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WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT ASSESSMENTS.

Read accounts chargeable to various services of the City Works Department under the Workmen's Compensation Act, covering assessments of October 18th, 1917, as follows:-

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available ✓*

Water Maintenance	\$455.29
Sewerage	455.29
Internal Health	50.00
Streets	50.00
Permanent sidewalks	66.24
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	\$1076.82

The accounts are passed for payment.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin
MAYOR.

L. J. McLaughlin
CITY CLERK.

CITY OF HALIFAX
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

October 30th, 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.

Fire Alarm Boxes, Quinpool Road.
Temperance Law Enforcement.
Chestnut Street - Flooding of Cellar, N. J. Riggs.
City Home Tenders for Supplies.
Fodder Tenders.
Water Bill 89-91 Bilby Street - A. H. Shepherd.
Lights Out.
Public Gardens Account.
Fire Department Horse "Spud".
Citadel Footpaths.
Spring Garden Road Widening at St. Paul's Cemetery.
Camp Hill Military Hospital Smoke Stack.
City Storekeeper.
Stone Crushing and Kindling Making at City Prison.
Home for Neglected Colored Children.
Watt Street Water Extension.
V. G. Hospital Claims for Maintenance of Patients.
British Red Cross - City Contribution \$2,000.00;

FIRE ALARM BOXES, QUINPOOL ROAD.

Read report City Electrician re fire alarm boxes, as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,
October 24th, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

In compliance with instructions of the Board of Control dated October 18th, I beg to report that provision has been made for the installation of one new Fire Alarm Box this year, and the proposed location is on Quinpool Road west of Oxford Street.

P. R. Colpitt.
City Electrician.

Filed.

TEMPERANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Read account Liquor Inspector Tracey for expenses in connection with Temperance Law enforcement, as follows:-

October 30th, 1917.

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

City of Halifax

To Edwin S. Tracey, Dr.

Aug. 16	Truckage load from Peter Flemming	\$1.00
" 17	Expense in securing evidence conviction H. Davidson, Market Street	5.00
" 21	Battery for search light	.40
" 31	Truckage on load from Geo. James	1.00
Sept. 2	Battery for search light	.40
" 7	Expense securing evidence for the second conviction of H. Davidson, Market St.	5.00
" 14	Expressage on case of liquor seized from Canadian Express Co.	1.68
" 18	Battery for search light	.40
" 28	Returning case seized from Dom. Express Co.	.25
Oct. 9	Battery for search light	.40
" 17	" " " "	.40
" 27	" " " "	.40
" 28	Expressage on liquor seized at Express Office	3.68
" 29	" " " " " " " "	2.78
	Securing evidence re convicting Todar Walkoff	4.00
	Truckage on load from North Street	1.00
		<u>\$33.82</u>

Council ✓

Cont. Taylor

Engineer

Inspector Tracey appears before the Board and explains the account which is passed for payment.

Read account R. H. Murray against Inspector Tracey, for services prosecuting violations of the Temperance Act, for August and September, \$39.25.

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

CHESTNUT STREET - FLOODING OF CELLAR, N. J. RIGGS.

N. J. Riggs appeared before the Board stating that his cellar has again been flooded through recent rain storms, and that his tenants threaten to move out. He requested prompt compliance with the City's promise to build up the sidewalk on Chestnut Street with ashes to divert the flow of surface water.

On motion of Controller Murphy, the Acting City Engineer is instructed to give this property special consideration and effort in order to remedy Mr. Riggs' complaint.

CITY HOME TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

Tenders for various supplies for the City Home are

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received and opened as follows:-

Drygoods.

W. Y. Kennedy - six months - as per schedule.

Meats.

J. A. Leaman & Co. - three months - six months, as per schedule.

W. A. Maling & Co. - three months - as per schedule
H. L. Williston - three months - six months, as per schedule.

Fresh Fish.

Leonard Fisheries Ltd., S. Y. Wilson, Director - three months - cod 4½¢ per lb., haddock 4½¢ per lb., cleaned and gutted.

Milk.

Wm. Rogers (Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd.) - three months - six months - one year - all 9½¢ per quart.

Butter.

Smith & Proctor - three months, 44¢ per lb. - six months - 44½¢ per lb. - one year 42¢ per lb.

Flour.

Gunn & Co., Ltd. - three months - 70%, \$11.50, 80%, \$11.30. Six months, 70%, \$11.60, 80%, \$11.40. One year, 70%, \$11.96, 80%, \$11.75 per bbl.

Referred to Controller Hines and the Secretary of the City Home for report.

FODDER TENDERS.

Read report Clerk of Works re tenders for fodder, as follows:-

City Works Department,
October 30th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit the following report on the accompanying tenders for forage for year 1917-18 sent me by your honorable body for comparison and recommendation.

Bridgetown Hay and Feed Co., Ltd., Bridgetown, N. S., submit an offer for supply of 19½ tons of hay @ \$14.00, but being quoted f.o.b. car at shipping point, would with freight and cartage added make the price at least equal to the other tenders submitted, and besides would not be a satisfactory way to purchase.

Made up on the estimated quantities, the other tenders figure out as follows:-

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*Cont. Hines
Jas W. Bryan*

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	Six months' supply Immediate delivery	supply Delivery as required	Twelve months' supply. Immediate delivery	Delivery as required
Gunn & Co., Ltd.	\$5111.00	\$5282.00	\$10222.00	\$11264.00
F. W. Fraser	5216.00	5384.00	10432.00	10838.00
S.C. Thompson	5444.75	5444.75	10889.50	10889.50

Messrs. Gunn & Co., Ltd., and F. W. Fraser stipulate that they will not accept a portion of the contract. S.C. Thompson tenders according to specification.

Delivery as required is the most satisfactory play in the City's interest. As will be noted, prices rule higher than present contract, but while the war conditions exist the tendency of the market as stocks become depleted is upward, and unless there were immediate indications of war ceasing it would seem that the full term of twelve months would be the most advantageous, as the larger portion of our requirements have to come from the present supply.

In submitting a recommendation I find myself in a delicate position. There is an apparent difference in favor of F. W. Fraser on the twelve months' term delivery as required over S. C. Thompson amounting to \$51.50. The latter firm, however, complies with the specifications, while the former omits to specify the grade of oats he proposes supplying and in addition varies the specification by a stipulation that he will not accept a portion of the contract, whereas the specification provides a condition that gives the city the right to accept all or any portion of the tender.

I therefore feel myself justified in recommending and do hereby recommend that the tender of S. C. Thompson for a term of twelve months delivery as required, be accepted.

I also submit for your information as requested a comparison of prices under present and proposed contracts

	Present contract.	Proposed contract
Oats per bushel	.72	.90
Hay per ton	16.00	17.00
wheat bran per ton	31.00	42.00
Crushed feed " "	43.00	56.00
Straw " "	12.00	12.00
Middlings " "	32.00	47.50

Net increase in cost

Oats	\$1260.00
Hay	194.00
Wheat bran	242.00
Crushed feed	13.00
Straw	no increase.
Middlings	15.50

Total \$1724.50

A. F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

The report is referred back to the Clerk of Works

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for further report at Thursday's meeting.

WATER BILL 89-91 BILBY STREET - A. H. SHEPHERD.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
October 29th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control, covering water meter bill of A. H. Shepherd, 89-91 Bilby Street, claimed to be excessive, that this bill includes two properties, Nos. 89 and 91, and includes two years' water rates for each property.

The half yearly bills for the periods covered are as follows:-

	<u>No. 89.</u>	<u>No. 91.</u>
Sept. 28th, 1915	\$ 2.69	\$1.22
March, 1916	2/29	1.00
Sept., 1916	11.15	1.48
March, 1917	3.56	1.42

The only period that the consumption was above the average was for the half-year ending September, 1916, at property No. 89. On referring to the meter reader's books, I find that a closet was wasting on these premises from April until September in this half-year. Judging from the readings subsequent to September, the leak must have been repaired.

The Charter provides that any claim for reduction shall be made in writing to the Board of Control within one month after the record of water consumed for the month in respect to which the reduction is claimed has been delivered to the owner or occupant of the premises, or the agent of either. As this was not done, and as the waste continued for four months, I am unable to recommend any reduction in this bill.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to Controller Murphy for report.

LIGHTS OUT.

Read letter Major General T. Benson, Commanding Military District No. 6, covering orders as to lights in the City of Halifax, town of Dartmouth, and vicinity, as follows:-

Halifax, October 28th, 1917.

From:- The General Officer Commanding
Military District No. 6,

To:- His Worship the Mayor of Halifax City,
Halifax, N. S.

Lighting Regulations
Halifax, Dartmouth and Vicinity.

*Cont. Murphy ✓
Engineer ✓*

October 30th, 1917.

Sir:-

I have the honor to attach herewith for your information a copy of "ORDERS" which I am issuing to the Public through the medium of the Press. The necessity of such Orders is known to me to be urgent and I will ask that you will issue such instructions as you may deem necessary; and in this connection I would call your attention to the Proclamation issued by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, dated August 10th, 1914, and published in the Royal Gazette of August 19th, 1914.

T. Benson,
Major General
Commanding Mil. Dist. No. 6

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Orders as to Lights in the
City of Halifax, Town of Dartmouth, and Vicinity.

BY VIRTUE of the authority conferred upon me by ORDER-IN-COUNCIL No. 2358, dated 12th day of September, 1914, and published in the CANADA GAZETTE on the 19th day of September, 1914, I do order that the following Regulations, with respect to the lighting of the CITY OF HALIFAX, TOWN OF DARTMOUTH and VICINITY, do go into effect forthwith.

IN THE CITY OF HALIFAX, TOWN OF DARTMOUTH and VICINITY, and within the following area:-

Starting from the Narrows of Bedford Basin and extending inland from Western Shore of Halifax Harbor to a point four miles inland and thence running in a southerly direction fifteen miles to a point Sembre Island, and from the Eastern Shore of Halifax Harbor to a point three miles inland, and thence in a southerly direction eleven miles to a point Osborne Head.

All lights in Private Houses, Shops, Warehouses and other Buildings or Enclosures must be obscured by the use of blinds.

All lights or cluster of lights outside of Shops, Places of Amusement, Clubs, Churches, Hotels, Public Buildings and all City and Public lights must be obscured in such a way as not to throw a glare into the sky or seawards.

The upper half of the surfaces of Motor Car or other Vehicle lights must be darkened.

The Fortress Intelligence Officer, Assistant Provost Marshal, and their Staffs, and the Civil Police have been instructed to call attention to those infringing this Order.

The above mentioned ORDER-IN-COUNCIL provides that any person contravening the foregoing Order and Regulations, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five thousand dollars, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, or to both fine and imprisonment, and such penalty may be recovered and enforced by Summary Proceedings and conviction under the Provisions of Part 15, of the

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Criminal Code.

T. Benson, Major-General,
Commanding Mil. Dist. No. 6,
Competent Military Authority

Referred to His Worship the Mayor.

PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNT.

Read certificate Acting City Engineer recommending
& Son
payment of account of A. W. Josey, /\$273.00, for work on
green house, potting house and office building at the
Public Gardens.

The Account is referred to the Commissioners of the
Halifax Common.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HORSE "SPUD".

Read recommendation Fire Department Veterinary Sur-
geon, Dr. McFtridge, recommending the humane destruction
of Fire Department horse "Spud", as follows:-

Halifax, October 23rd, 1917.

Chief H. F. D.,
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

I visited West Street Fire Hall, today, and there
is a chestnut horse by name of "Spud" that has served his
usefulness as a servant in his capacity, he has been in
the service a long while and I advise you to destroy him
rather than see him going into strange hands and taking
chances of him being ill-used.

Howard McFtridge, V. S.

Approved.

CITADEL FOOTPATHS.

Read correspondence re vehicular traffic on Citadel
Hill footpaths, as follows:-

Office of City Clerk,
October 26th, 1917.

General T. Benson,
O. C. Military Division No. 6,
C i t y.

Sir:-

Through mutual good understanding, the citizens of
Halifax have been allowed the privilege of crossing cer-
tain footpaths over the Citadel ever since the Citadel
has been occupied by the Military Authorities. When the
War Department maintained a fence surrounding the hill
they always provided gateways at the ends of the footpaths

Council ✓
Mayor ✓
Recorder ✓
Mail ✓
Clerk ✓

John F. Kelly ✓

Chief Fire Dept - ✓

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for the use of the citizens, as well as for the use of the military. During the past year or more, coal carts, merchants' delivery waggons and occasionally military vehicles have been in the habit of using some of these footpaths as "short cuts", to the inconvenience of pedestrians and seriously to the detriment of the paths, which are only surfaced with coal ashes and never intended for vehicular traffic. The City of Halifax believes it is only necessary to call your attention to this matter in order to secure your co-operation in having it stopped. If you would be good enough to take such steps as may tend to prevent vehicular traffic on the footpaths, the City will lend any assistance that may be necessary in having your orders carried out.

L. Fred. Monaghan,
City Clerk.

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Halifax, October 26th, 1917.

From - The General Officer Commanding
Military District No. 6.

To - His Worship,
The Mayor of Halifax, N.S.

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter on the subject of vehicular traffic using the paths across the Citadel Hill, to the discomfort of pedestrians etc., and in thanking you for drawing my attention to this matter, I beg to inform you that the Provost Marshal has been instructed to put a stop to the practice.

The co-operation of the Civil Police would be esteemed a favor.

W. E. Thompson, Col.
Commanding Military Dist.No.6.
Halifax, N. S.

The letter from the Officer Commanding the 6th Military Division is ordered to be acknowledged and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the Chief of Police.

SPRING GARDEN ROAD WIDENING AT ST. PAUL'S CEMETERY.

Controllers Hines and Finlay are appointed a special committee to report on the matter of proposed widening of Spring Garden Road by the acquisition of a portion of the south-western corner of St. Paul's Cemetery.

CAMP HILL MILITARY HOSPITALS SMOKE-STACK.

On motion of Controller Hines, the Secretary is instructed to call to the attention of the architect in charge of the Military Hospital, Camp Hill, the nuisance created to adjacent residences by the smoke from the Hospital chimney, and to suggest that the height of the

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Engineer ✓*

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Ronald Windsor ✓
Architect in charge
Military Hospitals
Commission
Camp Hill.*

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chimney be increased to remedy the complaint.

CITY STOREKEEPER.

Read application Edwin Gibson, 152 Spring Garden Road, for position of City Storekeeper. Filed.

STONE CRUSHING AND KINDLING MAKING AT CITY PRISON.

Controller Taylor informed the Board that he had been considering the matter of utilizing the steam stone-crusher for crushing stone at the City Prison, and at the same time clearing the land, making it suitable for cultivation. This would eliminate the hand breaking of stone by prisoners, and for their employment the idea was suggested of establishing a kindling wood industry.

In answer to Controller Taylor, the Acting City Engineer stated that the five-year contract between the City and Heber Hartlen for the delivery of stone to the City stone-crusher was about to terminate, but that it would cost considerable money, perhaps four or five hundred dollars to remove the crusher to the Prison property.

The Engineer is requested to submit a report in writing.

HOME FOR NEGLECTED COLORED CHILDREN.

Read report Controller Murphy as follows:-

Halifax, October 29th, 1917.

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

We have, for a number of years, been confronted with the problem of properly caring for the neglected colored children in our midst. The Committee who have had this matter in hand have finally brought it to a stage where a solution is in sight. They placed the situation very fully before the Local Government some months ago, and obtained from them the assurance of such financial assistance toward the support of a suitable home as to justify our going ahead with same.

We have been fortunate in securing a most desirable building, belonging to the Industrial School, on most generous terms. The building is conveniently located, and surrounded with very attractive grounds. We have also been fortunate in getting in touch with a matron who comes

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very highly recommended to und ertake the work.

It is necessary that a considerable expenditure be made in the renovating and equipping of this institution/ The interior must be entirely gone over, repairs to heating system, and general furnishing for same, running into an amount of not under \$1500.00.

Those of our citizens who have come in touch with the institutional work of our City will appreciate just what the establishment of such a home will mean, as the question of properly caring for these colored children is one which has given every person interested considerable concern. It is a movement which will undoubtedly have the support of all citizens, and in order to assist in carrying it through, I would like to recommend for the consideration of our Board, that a small grant of say \$500.00 be embodied in our Estimates for the coming year, as the City's contribution to the initial outlay involved.

If this suggestion meets with the support of this Board, which I feel it will, I would ask that it be passed on to Council in the regular way, and if confirmed, would enable us to advise the Board of Managers of the institution that the City will provide such a grant.

John Murphy, Controller.

Approved.

WATT STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Moved by Controller Murphy that the Acting City Engineer be, and he is hereby especially instructed to proceed at once with the construction of water extension in Watt Street between Chestnut Street and Jubilee Road, upon the petitioners signing the usual bond. Motion passed unanimously.

V. G. HOSPITAL CLAIMS FOR MAINTENANCE OF PATIENTS.

Victoria General Hospital,
October 23rd, 1917.

L. Fred. Monaghan, Esq,
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:-

I have to acknowledge receipt of your kind favor of 22nd October, enclosing me copies of your questionnaires in relation to patients whose claim upon the City for Hospital expenses you question, and I wish to thank you very kindly for this consideration.

This must have put you to a lot of trouble, and your very courteous treatment of the whole matter as indicated in your willingness to forward me a copy of these when you think a patient is not a resident of the City is appreciated, and our willingness to aid each other in whatever we can will tend to make our burden in connection with it very much lighter.

W. W. Kenny,
Superintendent.

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Engineer ✓

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BRITISH RED CROSS - CITY CONTRIBUTION \$2,000.00.

A delegation consisting of H. A. Flemming, A. S. Barnstead, Deputy Mayor H. S. Colwell, J. L. Hetherington, H. E. Mahon and other representatives of the British Red Cross Society, appeared before the Board, ⁴using a contribution by the City of \$2,000.00 towards the Fund.

It is unanimously decided to recommend to the City Council a contribution from the City of \$2,000.00, under authority of Chapter 6 of the Acts of 1915, as amended by Chapter 30 of the Acts of 1916, and Chapters 74 and 75 of the Acts of 1917.

Controller Finlay is requested to report at Thursday's meeting of the Board as to the financing of the grant,

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

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MAYOR.

L. J. McLaughlin
CITY CLERK.

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