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Board of Control minutes  
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Administrative History: The Board of Control was established in the 1913 City Charter, taking over as the executive committee of Council, until it was repealed in May 1919. It was composed of the Mayor and four controllers. Controllers were members of Council elected by the whole City for two year terms. The Board could fix regular meeting times or could meet as often as necessary, often three times per week at noon. All meetings of the Board were open to the public, and were chaired by the Mayor.

The impetus to change the structure of municipal government came from the Special Committee on Board of Control, created by Council in 1910, and a special committee on Civic Administration of the Halifax Board of Trade. Pressured by the Board of Trade, City Council held a plebiscite on April 26, 1911, which favoured civic reform. Aldermen resisted the pressure to reform, but the provincial Legislature passed a bill forcing a Board of Control on the City of Halifax in May 1912, although it was not proclaimed until April 1913 (NS Statutes 2Geo.V c.77), and the first city elections under the new system were held on April 30, 1913. Controllers, like aldermen were elected every two years, and, unlike aldermen, received an annual \$1000 stipend, as they were expected to be more involved in the business operations of the City.

The Board had responsibility for the duties that had previously been assigned to the following standing Committees: The Committee of City Works; The Police Committee; The Committee on Cabs; The Committee on Finance; The Committee on City Prison; The Committee on Laws and Privileges; The Committee on Tenders; The Committee on Charities; The Committee of Firewards.

During the Board of Control era of government, City Council's power was greatly reduced, as was its size (2 aldermen per ward). Aldermen met irregularly, when the controllers, who were also voting members of Council, brought forward policy proposals and financial recommendations. Council could only reject a Board of Control recommendation twice with two-thirds majority. This centralized power in the Board of Control and often pitted aldermen against controllers.

Increased city spending brought opposition to the Board of Control system of governance, with several proposals to replace it narrowly defeated in the spring of 1918. Animosity between newly elected mayor A.C. Hawkins and aldermen resulted in 10 of 12 aldermen resigning mid-1918, essentially leaving city governance to the mayor and controllers, until the Nova Scotia Legislature passed a bill in the spring of 1919 to hold a plebiscite on doing away with the Board of Control. The April 30 1919 plebiscite brought a return to the old aldermanic system and municipal elections were held on May 28, 1919 and the alderman sworn in on June 3.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

September 3rd, 1918.

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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ALDERMEN RESIGN.

The City Clerk submits resignations of members of the City Council, as follows:-

*Schubert*

Alderman H.E. Macnab..	Ward No. 1
Alderman H.S. Colwell.	" No. 1
Alderman R.B. Colwell.	Ward No. 2
Alderman J.E. Furness	Ward No. 3
Alderman E.J. Kelly	Ward No. 3
Alderman W.G. Foley	Ward No. 4
Alderman H.L. Hart	Ward No. 4
Alderman M. Day	Ward No. 5
Alderman R.D. Guildford	Ward No. 5

Referred to the City Solicitor for report.

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TOWER ROAD VIOLATION OF BUILDING ACT-  
P.T.SHEA

On motion of Controller Murphy the Secretary is that instructed to record in the Minutes of Board when the resolution passed by the Board August 8th on the above matter does not convey the intention of the Board which was that the matter should be referred to the City Solicitor for report and a memorandum to that affect noted on the Minutes of August 8th accordingly.

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BOARD OF CONTROL-SPECIAL MEETING.

The Board decides to hold a special meeting tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

POLICEWOMEN UNIFORMS.

The Chief of Police is instructed to report as to the providing of uniforms for the Policewomen.

*Chief of Police*

CITY PRISON TENDERS FOR BEEF.

Read report Governor Grant re tender for beef for the City Prison covering tender of W.A. Maling and Company as follows:-

Sept. 3rd, Halifax, N.S.,

To His Worship the Mayor.  
and Members of the Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to report on supplies for beef for City Prison, as per attached statement of W.A. Maling & Co.

George Grant.

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Halifax, N.S. Aug, 28th, 1918

Mr. Grant,  
Gov. City Prison.

Dear Sir:-

We the undersigned agree to supply the City Prison from above date until Dec. 31st, 1918 with five quarters of beef at 16 cents per lb.

W.A. MALING & CO,  
J.H. Breen.

*Governor Grant  
City Council*

*The tender is accepted.*

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CITY PRISON.

Read report Governor of City Prison, as follows:-

September, 3rd, 1918, Halifax, N.S.,

To-

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of Board of Control and  
City Council.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit the report of City Prison for month ending August 31st, 1918 as follows:

I would report the escape of three male prisoners during the night of August the 15th, the prisoners who were in close custody during the day, obtained an entrance through the hatch to the attic above the cells, unscrewed the nut of the iron rod that supports the hot water pipe, and thus forced the locks with the rod. Before the cell gates were installed escape by night was almost impossible, as the previous cell doors when closed practically sealed the cells, but not so with the gates they afford every opportunity for a prisoners genius to effect an escape as far has been previously reported. A night guard is an imperative need at the City Prison much could be said in the appointment of such an officer, but suffice it to say that the recent escape fully justifies for one reason among many others the appointment of such an official.

Out of 40 male prisoners only about half are employed, as discipline cannot be maintained, also escapes are hard to prevent without sufficient help.

Regarding the underkeepers, a number have interviewed me, but would not consider the pay at all.

In the Martin, Wade, escape two locks are missing and I would report that new locks be installed, or the combination of the present locks be changed without delay, as the missing locks might prove the undoing of the prison at some future date.

I would suggest that this matter be dealt with immediately.

Number of prisoners admitted during the month is as follows:

George Grant.

( The report also contains a list of all prisoners committed to the institution during the month of August, showing their names, occupation, offense, term of sentence and date of admittance).

Moved by Controller Taylor that the salaries

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of the City Prison underkeepers be placed at \$900. each and that in addition to those now on the staff (2) another underkeeper and a night watchman at \$900. each be at once employed.

*Cont Murphy*

At request of Controller Murphy the report and Controller Taylor's motion are referred to Controller Murphy for report at Thursday's meeting.

POLICE HEADQUARTERS PLUMBING.

Read reports (2) City Health Board, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. August 30th, 1918.

His Worship  
and Members of Board of Control  
Gentlemen:-

The plumbing conveniences in the prisoner's cells at the police headquarters are very unsanitary and should be removed at once. Such conditions should not be allowed to exist longer than it is possible to improve them and I am sure it is only necessary to bring this matter to your attention in order to have the necessary improvements carried out. Kindly see that new plumbing fixtures are installed.

J. A. Watters,  
Secretary C.H.B.

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Halifax, N.S. Aug. 30th, 1918

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

We have taken up with the Chief of Police the matter of making a number of extensive improvements in the plumbing and ventilation in the police department which are absolutely necessary for the health of those there. It is very important that these improvements be carried out at once and anything that the chief of police might recommend should be given serious consideration.

*Engineer*

J. W. Watters,  
Secretary C.H.B.

Referred to the city Engineer for the *immediate* report.

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CIRCUS ON COMMON.

Read application for a circus and side show on the common, as follows:-

Queen Hotel, Halifax, N.S. Sept. 3rd, 1918.

City Clerk,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

We hereby apply for permission to use the So. Common for ten days from Sept. 11th to 21st to hold our shows, also a permit to hold said show within the City of Halifax, N.S.

WILLIAMS STANDARD SHOWS,  
Per. Joseph H. Hughes, Agent.

Referred to the Chief of Police to make enquiries at once at Fredericton and other towns recently visited by this show and report.

THEATRE LICENSE

In answer to questions the Assistant City Clerk informs the Board that none of the theatres licenses for the current year have yet been paid, stating that the Theatre owners refused to pay because of an Act which passed the Local Legislature at last session.

The Assistant City Clerk is instructed to write the Theatre owners demanding that they pay the annual license fee within one week.

SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT-L. KESHEN.

Read application L. Keshen to change the front and convert into a shop the dwelling number 47 Cogswell Street north side, between Bauer Street and Maynard Street.

The City Engineer is instructed to grant the permit.

*Chief of Police ✓*

*Asst. City Clerk ✓*

*Engineer ✓*

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FIRE DEPARTMENT TENDERS FOR BLINDS.

Tenders are received and opened for blinds for the various fire stations, as follows:-

*Cont. Hines ✓  
Chief Fire Dept. ✓*

Nova Scotia Furnishing Co.	\$407.20
Holland and Kahn	407.72
T.H. & T. Francis	380.00
J.W. O'Brien	650.00
Brander & Morris	411.00
Gordon & Keith	403.35

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

INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL ROCKHEAD.

His Worship the Mayor stated that he had recently visited the old Infectious Diseases Hospital at Rockhead damaged by the explosion of and believed from his inspection the building should not be condemned but should be fixed up. That is if could not be used for Hospital purposes it could be used for housing of persons who were unable to secure accommodation.

*Cont. Hines ✓  
Engineer ✓*

Controller Hines and the City Engineer are instructed to have the boilers and radiators in the building inspected, tested, and report.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL MORRIS STREET.

*Cont. Engineer ✓*

The Assistant City Engineer is requested to submit a report in writing at tomorrow mornings meeting as to the present condition of the Isolation Hospital, Morris Street, and as to when the building will be ready for occupancy

ABATTOIR.

*Engineer ✓*

The City Engineer is requested to report as to whether all the conditions of the contract in respect to the Public Abattoir have been complied with by the

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contractors in respect to work already done, and also on the uncompleted portion of the contract and to obtain if possible an undertaking from the contractors as to when they will be prepared to finish the work

The Engineer is also requested to obtain prices of equipment for the abattoir, if necessary using telegrams.

KLINE STREET ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., Aug. 30, 1918

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir,

I beg to report on the attached Minute of the Board of Control that a light is needed on Kline Street, and should be installed when conditions are favorable. At present, with the electric lighting contract in the air, it is difficult to decide what should be done, and I would suggest that this matter be left for definite decision until the City has a permanent contract in operation.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Approved.

VICTORIA ROAD SEWER.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Aug. 31st, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir,

I beg to report on the accompanying communication from Mrs. Jennie C. Jackson respecting the drainage of her house #74 Victoria Road.

This block is between Park and Lucknow Street and the properties on the south side of it have drained to the rear towards Rhuland Street. #74, however, was an exception, and some time ago a cesspit was constructed in the rear of the property, which was expected to dispose of the drainage coming from the building without offence. The ground, however, has become filled with water, and the drainage is not taken care of satisfactorily.

Mrs. Jackson claims that she is unable to get permission to drain through the properties in the rear of #74, and under the circumstances I see no alternative open.

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I therefore recommend that a sewer be constructed in Victoria Road from the end of the sewer immediately east of Lucknow Street to #74 Victoria Road. The estimated cost is \$2300.

F.W.W.Doane.  
City Engineer.

The City Engineer is instructed to write the adjoining property owners asking if they will grant permission to Mrs. Jackson to drain here property through the properties in the rear, notifying them that if they will not do so the City will order the construction of the sewer on Victoria Road towards which they will have to contribute their share. The City Engineer's report is adopted, the sewer to be contracted by contract if the property owners refuse the permission asked for by Mrs. Jackson.

OILING OF STREETS.

Read report Assistant City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Aug. 27th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir:

I have been in correspondence some time with the Barrett Company in connection with Oiling Quinpool Road and Coburg Road, and today have received a definite offer from them for oiling these streets.

As will be seen by reference to their letter, copy of which is attached, they ask 22¢ per imperial gallon for Tarvia, applied to the street if 9000 gallons are used, or if only 5000 gallons are used, 24¢ per imperial gallon. This price includes everything requisite for oiling these streets with the exception that the City has to supply a portable boiler to heat the tank car and also the sand in piles along the streets to be treated.

The Company propose to apply about 2/5 of a gallon to a square yard. This is a larger quantity than ordinarily used, but it is claimed that as this is the first application, better results will be obtained by using this amount instead of the ordinary 1/4 or 1/3 of a gallon to the yard.

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The total area of the two streets is about 23,300 square yards, which would require about 9325 gallons. The estimated cost of the work at the figures quoted by the Barrett Company, would be \$2650, or approximately 11½¢ a square yard. Included in the area of the streets is 9900 square yards of track allowance of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company. I have been in correspondence with the Company as to their paying for the work on this allowance. Mr. Mallison will take the matter up with his Executive Board of Wednesday and give a definite reply as to whether or not the Company will pay its share. Should they do so, their share will amount to about \$1125, which will bring the cost of the work to the City and property owners, to \$1525. One-half of this, under the Charter, will be assessed and collected from the abutting owners.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Referred to the City Engineer for supplementary report as to cost of materials and as to whether the City can do the work.

WATER METERS.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, Aug. 30, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report further that ~~that~~ of the total number of meters salvaged from the devastated district, 47 cannot be repaired.

36-5/8 Tridents	@ \$12.93	\$465.48
1-3/4"	"	19.39
5-5/8" Lambert	12.93	64.65
5-5/8" Worthington	12.85	64.25

There are a good many meters, however, out of service until the parts for repairing them, can be obtained. Where a Siemens meter is damaged, the parts cannot be obtained until after the war. It is therefore considered necessary that the requirements already reported by me, should be provided, namely-

500-5/8" meters	
150-3/4"	"
75-1"	"
225-1 1/2"	"
25-2"	"
50-3"	"
6-4"	"
2-6"	"

The 3" meters are nearly all Siemens, and when they

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fail to register, must go out of use until parts can be obtained from England. It is the established policy of the City to put a meter on each new service pipe, and also put in a meter for all industrial supply. We have no meters at all in the small sizes and our work in that connection is stopped until a supply is provided.

The question was raised in the Board of Control as to where the money was to come from. It has been the custom to pay for meters from Water Maintenance Account. There is to the credit of Water Maintenance today, \$14,863.72; also \$16,000 invested in war bonds. A short time ago, the Council took \$20,000 out of this account and transferred it to Construction Account. It is evident, from these figures, that the Water Maintenance Account can take care of the purchase of the meters we require. If they are not provided, the occupants of the new houses will have to pay for their water on the flat rate with no check on the waste in the coming winter, which is manifestly unfair to the older consumers.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Moved by Controller Murphy ~~as~~ that the report be referred back to the City Engineer and that he and the City Auditor report as to the appropriation in the water estimates for meters, and that he base his purchase of meters on the balance of the estimates unexpended.

The matter is deferred until tomorrow's meeting.

BARRINGTON STREET FLOODING OF CELLAR-MORTON  
AND THOMSON.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Aug. 30/16

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached claim from Morton & Thomson for alleged damage to stock in their cellar through water entering from outside.

I have made an investigation and find that the water came in during fine weather and not during a rain. The Superintendent of the Water Department reports, that there was nothing wrong with any of the service pipes or water pipe mains in the vicinity, but when enquiring into the cause of the trouble, they discovered that the drain on Mr. Morrissey's property was blocked and that the water in this house drain backed up and flowed over the floor;

*Engineer ✓  
Auditor ✓*

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thence into the adjoining properties.  
Under the circumstances, the City is in no way responsible.

F.W.W.Doane,  
City Engineer.

*Engineer ✓  
Morton &  
Thomson ✓*

Approved, and a copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to Messrs. Morton & Thomson.

HILLIS & SONS FOUNDRY-KEMPT ROAD.

Read letter Hillis & Sons, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. August 29, 1918

To His Worship the Mayor, and  
Board of Control,  
Halifax, N.S.  
Gentlemen:-

Last winter we purchased from Mr. Jacob Withrow, property on Kempt Road directly north of Brandram Henderson Works, When we purchased this property, the ground was frozen and covered with snow, and to our surprise and disappointment when the spring opened, we found a large part of the field nothing but a bog hold, and on investigation we discovered the water coming in from the street, and while this water continues to run, there seems to be no way of draining this field.

We would ask you to please give this your early attention, as we are very desirous to have the trouble remedied before another winter. In the present condition, a large part of this property cannot be used for manufacturing purposes, and it is valueless to us as it is.

HILLIS & SONS LTD.  
Jas. Hillis.

*Engineer ✓*

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

SULLIVAN STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Aug. 30/18

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the application of Mr. J.F. Reidy for the extension of the main water pipe to his property on Sullivan Street, west of Agricola Street.

The district is high service; length of pipe required, 200 feet, size 6"; estimated cost-

Pipe	\$360.00
One valve	30.00
Lead, Gasket, Paint	5.60
Excavation	400.00
Service Pipe	50.00
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	\$ 845.60

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I would recommend that the extension be made, provided Mr. Reidy will sign a bond for the special rate of \$50.73, but the work shall not be begun until the construction of the house is commenced.

F.W.W Doane,  
City Engineer.

Approved.

REFUSE ON STREETS.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, Aug. 29, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the plan and suggestion of Alderman Kelly in reference to the use of the streets by builders. In some cities, it is the custom to charge builders who obtain a permit to occupy any portion of the street, a rental. It is not so much for the privilege, as to discourage them from using it any longer than is absolutely necessary.

The City of Halifax is a long, long way behind the times in this matter. There is a pile of earth on Argyle Street near Prince Street, placed there by builders, which has been there for over a fortnight. We have surely progressed beyond the village stage, and it is time that the individual should be compelled to recognize the rights of the general public. Where there is no necessity to hamper the builder or individual property owner, it is equally just that the individual property owner or builder should not compel the general tax payer to clear up the builder's or property owner's rubbish, and thereby save him the expense which he should pay himself. Not only that, but the inconvenience to the general pedestrian caused by the builder or property owner is an injustice and interference with the rights of the general public, and the raising of the point by Alderman Kelly is not only opportune, but action should have been taken long ago.

The point which I presume Alderman Kelly wants a decision upon, is not the necessity for such action, but the method to be followed. I have no desire to criticize the Police Department, but the experience of the past shows that the Police Department have not carried out and will not carry out, under our present system, the laws and ordinances respecting the obstruction of the streets. Perhaps I should not assume that this is irremediable but there is another way of getting at it, namely, the method suggested by Alderman Kelly, and I would recommend that Legislation be obtained to provide that in all cases where a building or owner applies for a permit to shingle, repair, construct, alter

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or do any other work on a building, which involves occupation of a portion of the sidewalk or the possibility of placing materials or refuse for or from a house on the sidewalk or street, the applicant should pay according to a scale to be fixed by ordinance. It is, in my opinion, a serious reflection on good government, that this matter has been allowed to carry on to this date without remedy, and it goes further to cause dirty and littered streets than anything else which the public have to complain of in this line.

The legislation should provide that the deposit can be used by the Superintendent of Streets to clear the street of any refuse allowed to fall or remain on it, and remove any hoarding or other incumbrance, at the expense of the property owner or builder.

F.W.W. Doaney.  
City Engineer.

The report is approved and referred to the City Solicitor to prepare any legislation or ordinance that may be necessary to carry out the City Engineer's recommendations.

The City Engineer is instructed to notify the owner of property at the north west corner of Barrington and Proctor Streets to remove from the street the material placed there on for the excavation being made there, for a garage and report to the Board.

The City Solicitor is requested to report as to whether the City has authority to prosecute the Relief Commission for dumping refuse on streets and to advise the Chief of Police as to what authority he has in the matter in regard to the Relief Commission Company the Reconstruction Committee- or any other contractors.

MORRIS STREET BOULEVARD-MORASH PROPERTY-EXPROPRIATION.

Read report City Engineer re the expropriation of the Morash property, covering plan and description and form of Resolution, said description, and resolution, being as follows:-

*Solicitor ✓  
Engineer ✓*

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Halifax, N. S. Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir,

I am unable to agree with Mrs. Morash on a price for the two vacant lots owned by her fronting on LeMarchant Street. She asks the sum of \$2623.20 for the property, which I consider is more than it is worth. This property is required for the extension of Morris Street, and it will be advisable to obtain the same by expropriation.

I beg to submit herewith, for approval, expropriation plan and description of the property required, also a resolution to be passed by the Council.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

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Description.

All that lot or parcel of land lying and being situate on the east side of LeMarchant Street in the City and County of Halifax, the said lot being more particularly described as follows-

Beginning at a point on the east side of LeMarchant Street, the said point being the north-west corner of a lot of land acquired by the City of Halifax from one John Ross for the purposes of the Morris Boulevard, so called; thence in a northerly direction and following the western boundary of the property of Mrs. Amos Moreash for a distance of 67 feet or to the southern boundary of the lot of land now owned by the City of Halifax; thence in an easterly direction along the said southern boundary of said property of the City of Halifax for a distance of one hundred and thirty point five feet (130.5") more or less thence in a southerly direction and parallel to the above mentioned western boundary of the said Moreash property for a distance of sixty-seven feet (67) or to the southern boundary of the said Moreash property; thence in a westerly direction along said southern boundary for a distance of one hundred and thirty point five feet (130.5') more or less to the place of beginning; said lot being shown enclosed by colored lines on plan #4254, on file in the office of the City Engineer of the city of Halifax.

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WHEREAS The City Engineer has reported recommending that certain lands said to be owned by Mrs. Moreash, fronting on LeMarchant Street in the City of Halifax and set out in a plan and description of such lands prepared by him, be expropriated for the purpose of extending Morris Street;

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AND WHEREAS It is further reported by the City Engineer that a satisfactory agreement as to the compensation to be paid therefor cannot be arrived at and that it is desirable to obtain the same by expropriation;

WHEREFORE  
RESOLVED that proceedings be taken in a manner prescribed by law by publication of notices and otherwise for the expropriation of the said rights in the said lands;

AND FURTHER  
RESOLVED that the plan and description of the said lands in which the said rights are to be expropriated and of the said rights, and the report of the Engineer on the matter of such expropriation be and the same are hereby approved;

AND FURTHER  
RESOLVED. that the City Engineer be directed to give notices of the intention to expropriate as directed by law.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Hines that the said report, plan, description and resolution be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

FLEMING PARK.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Aug, 29, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached Minute of the Board of Control as to the feasibility and best plan for providing modern bathing facilities at Fleming Park, out of the appropriation for bathing purposes, or otherwise.

The appropriation for public baths is inadequate for the purpose for which it is voted, to say nothing of an additional expenditure for bathing facilities at Fleming Park, and I do not think the two should be mixed or connected in any way.

Fleming Park is already a popular outing ground and is bound to increase in public popularity from year to year. I visited the Park recently on a fine, warm, half holiday when the public were using the Park for picnic purposes and for bathing. The patronage is already far in advance of the patronage given to the old Point Pleasant Park, and I do not think the attractions of the two places should be considered in comparison. Until we can afford the money, the public must be allowed to

*Engineer  
Committee  
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follow their own inclination, which is, decidedly in favour of Fleming Park in preference to Point Pleasant Park. I think I can see the time in the near future when we must provide a pontoon bridge during three or four months of the summer, so that citizens of Halifax can reach Fleming Park at their own sweet will, without the necessity of paying five cents at least each way to cross the Arm in the ferry boats. Such a structure could be put in without comparatively heavy expense until a more substantial, permanent bridge can be erected or until tramway facilities or jitney bus accommodation is provided; and even after that it may be considered advisable to provide those who cannot afford the five or ten cent fare, free transportation.

That, however, is only a portion of the accommodation which should be provided. I think the first thing to be done, and an absolutely necessary improvement for the accommodation of those visiting the Park in boats or canoes and those who desire to use the shore for bathing purposes, is to clear the shore for the whole frontage of the Park, of all stones larger than the size of one's fist, after which the shore should be covered with sand and gravel. To prevent people landing in boats from bringing stones down to the shore to moor ~~te~~ poles should be laid down on the shore, or mooring posts or some other method of securing boats, provided, so that there will be no necessity for carrying the stones from walls or stone piles on the shore.

It is perhaps too large an expenditure to do this work all at one time, but it can be done by providing a special sum every year until the total work considered necessary, is accomplished. We should then, or at an earlier stage in the work, provide dressing rooms and other accommodation for bathers. I think at least \$1000. a year should be provided for a term of years, say seven to ten, for this work, and that a thorough and complete job be made of it, so that it will be permanent. I believe it would be a very popular investment, after the people once have seen what such a scheme covers.

I would recommend that legislation be obtained to carry out such a scheme. In considering it, the total cost is secondary to the advantages and benefit which such work would confer on the people who will visit the park.

F.W.W.Doane,  
City Engineer.

Approved and the City Solicitor instructed to prepare any legislation necessary to carry out the necessary recommendations of the City Engineer.

Controller Taylor recommends that legislation be obtained to increase the annual appropriation

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for Fleming Park at \$1750.

Controller Finlay suggested that the appropriation be made \$2000. Consideration deferred.

METER CHARGE FOR WATERING STEAMSHIPS.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. August 29th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I am instructed to report on the scale of charges for watering steamships, with recommendations. These instructions are somewhat indefinite, but I will endeavor to interpret what they mean.

Where steamers are supplied directly by the City a charge of 20¢ per 1000 gallons plus all special expenses, as, for instance, the cost of a man on attendance and installation of the meter, is made. The Fire Department have charge of the men and the use of the hose. Where water is supplied through pipes already installed on private property, the charge is on the usual scale.

I can only guess at the question involved, and consequently may not deal with it intelligently as the Board desires. A large proportion of the quantity of water supplied to steamers, is I believe, thru pipes at the Canadian Government Railways piers, and in that case, the water is charged for on the schedule named in their contract, which, however, is not as low as the schedule to citizens of Halifax who own industrial plants consuming large quantities of water; the minimum charge to the Railway Department 7½¢ while citizens obtain it for a minimum of 5¢.

If I may be permitted to comment freely, I believe that it pays the City of Halifax to allow the Canadian Government Railways to supply the water as provided by their agreement, even though they may be paying for it at a lower rate than the other owner of a water boat or the owner of a private wharf. The Canadian Government Railways, in supplying water, are advertising the advantage of the port of Halifax more than the smaller consumer, because of their greater opportunities. The importance of the advertisement to the City is greater than the individual profit to the small operator. The water service must be operated primarily to the advantage of Halifax, and secondly in the interests of the individual or small consumer. I do not feel that any injustice is being done, but I believe that the City of Halifax is profiting by the police that is being followed, even though some individual may be suffering in competition. I do not know if that there is any such individual, but I assume that some complaint must have been made and that there is a possibility of some

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individual not making as much money as he would make if the larger consumers were obliged to pay more for the water. In the absence of more definite details, I have not hesitation in deciding that the charge made, is decidedly in the interests of the City of Halifax.

F.W.W.Doane,  
City Engineer.

*Engineer*  
The City Engineer is requested to ask the Dominion Government Railways for a statement ~~of~~ as to the quantity of water supplied them by the City through each meter, and the quantity furnished to each vessel supplied by them.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE HALL CORNWALLIS STREET.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Aug 29, 1918

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

The Sons of Temperance Hall on Cornwallis Street has been reported by the Assistant Building Inspector as being in a very dangerous condition. Complaints have also been made ~~by~~ on behalf of the Board of School Commissioners, that the building is a menace to the children in the adjoining school I would recommend that steps be taken to have the menace to the public, and to the children, removed. I understand that Mr. Andrew Hubley, #52 Windsor Street, represents the owners.

F.W.W.Doane,  
City Engineer.

*Engineer*  
The report is adopted and the City Engineer is instructed to issue all the notices required under Sec. 17 Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1915 the time for hearing to be September 24th, 1918 at 10.30 a.m.

ACCOUNTS.

*Health Board*  
Read account<sup>s</sup> City Health Board \$410.62. The accounts~~t~~ are referred back to the City Health Board for the signature of the Chairman and for the accounts mentioned in the schedule McInnes, Mellish & Co, \$40.00 which was not amongst the bills.

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City Prison.

J.J. Scriven & Sons.	Bread	\$70.00
Wentzells Ltd.	Groceries	
G.C. Hartlen & Co.	Beef	61.60
J. & M. Murphy	Dry Goods	98.83
A.L. Melvin	Hardware	5.76
Stairs Son & Morrow	Bar of Steel	7.89
Robt. Taylor & Co.	Leather & Laces	7.15
Technical College	Boots	21.00
Hillis & Sons Ltd.	Stove Fittings	15.70
London Rubber Stamp Co.	Stencil Brass	.35
Clayton & Sons.	Overalls.	62.25
T.C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	1.00
Acadian Recorder	Advertisement	4.65
Daily Echo	do	7.32
N.S.T. & Power Co.	Current	2.00
Halifax Herald	Advertising	6.27
D.J. McLeod McIntosh	Horshoeing	32.50
Frank W. Fraser	Feed	52.80
Irwin & Sons.	Drugs	4.70
Black & Flinn	Line	5.50
Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Rental	6.00
		<u>\$ 473.27</u>

The Board adjourned.

MAYOR.

*L. J. McLaughlin*  
CITY CLERK

MAYOR'S TEMPORARY OFFICE, CITY HALL,

September 4th, 1918.

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.

Street Repairs.  
Argyle Street Paving.  
Mulgrave Park Damp.  
Hire of Steam Fire Engine.  
Explosives Storage.  
Explosion-City Hall Repairs.  
Loan \$500,000.00 From Relief Commission.  
Riot-Repairs to Police Station.  
Resignations Alderman Gillis.

STREET REPAIRS.

Read report Controller Murphy, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., Sept. 4th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

Something must be done to remedy conditions at present existing on a number of our streets. Jacob, Hurd, Proctor and Cornwallis Streets, from Brunswick Street to Water Street, bar description.

The problem of some permanent remedy for the condition of these cross-streets has not had from our Engineering Department the serious consideration which it deserves. We continue to cart back to these streets the wash-out of every rain, only to repeat the process on the next occasion. Aside entirely from the waste of money thus incurred, the absolutely dangerous conditions of these streets should of itself demand some solution.

We have at our disposal a sum exceeding \$35,000.00 out of which we can draw for work of this nature.

I submit for your consideration the following suggestions:-

That the Assistant City Engineer be relieved of all other work and that he be made directly responsible for the fixing up of our streets.

Failing to obtain the help necessary for this work, that he take tenders on a percentage basis or otherwise to have it done.

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After discussing with a large contractor here, the question of labor, he has offered to help out our situation by placing at our disposal a number of men experienced in this class of work.

I feel this matter is of such importance that drastic steps must be taken to remedy same, and it suggests itself to me that to immediately set somebody aside and make him directly responsible for this work, would help solve it.

John Murphy,  
CONTROLLER.

Moved by Controller Murphy that the report be adopted.

The report is discussed by the Board, with the City Engineer and the Assistant City Engineer.

Moved by Controller Finlay that the report be referred to the City Engineer for report. Motion passed.

The City Engineer informed the Board that he has in course of preparation a report on this matter, which he has been unable to complete because of lack of information up to date regarding the procuring of materials.

At the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor the City Engineer is requested to submit a comprehensive report on the amount of work he expects he will be able to do this year <sup>up to</sup> ~~out of~~ the limit of the Streets appropriation, and also a report on the street work that should be done next year, so that a proper programme may be laid out ahead and adhered to if possible.

ARGYLE STREET PAVING.

The City Engineer is instructed to report on the laying of water pipes and electric wired under ground on Argyle Street this year preparatory to paving the street next year.

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MULGRAVE PARK DUMP.

Controller Hines informed the Board that the past three nights he had to order <sup>a</sup> the fire engine to put out fires in the dump at Mulgrave Park.

The Assistant City Engineer informed the Board that any cost incurred through putting out those fires ~~will~~ should be paid by Caviachi & Pagana who occupy Mulgrave Park without paying rental to the City for the privilege.

HIRE OF STEAM FIRE ENGINE.

Controller Hines informs the Board that Faquhier Bros. desires to hire <sup>a</sup> the steam fire engine from the City for protection of the aerodrome being erected at Eastern Passage. He recommended that the small fire engine "Devonshire" now being held in reserve be leased to them at \$15.00 per day. Approved.

EXPLOSIVES STORAGE.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that James Yates a carpenter, who had also worked at manufacturing explosives told him that two or three tons of dynamite are stored at Waverley, some of it in railway cars, and that the only protection from tampering with it is by the employment of an old man as watchman <sup>at</sup> by night time. He had immediately instructed Detective Kennedy to investigate and report.

EXPLOSION-CITY HALL REPAIRS.

The City Auditor informed the Board that Walter Lewnds desired the payment of \$850.00 for laborers wages and that he could pay the same out of the

Chief Fire Dept ✓

Chief Fire Dept ✓

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balance on hand borrowed from the Relief Commission.

The City Auditor has authority to pay the account.

LOAN \$7500000.00 FROM RELIEF COMMISSION.

Read letter Relief Commission, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S, August 30th, 1918.

J.J.Hopewell, Esq.,  
City Treasurer,  
Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

Confirming our conversation of yesterday afternoon, the reason for our insisting on the rate of interest on the \$25,000., referred to in draft resolution submitted yesterday being 6%, is because of the fact that this loan originally was only temporary, and the understanding was clear and afterwards confirmed at a conference between the Commission and Civic Advisory Committee, that the rate of 5% only held good until such time as the City had obtained legislation authorizing it to borrow money.

Ralph P. Bell,  
Secretary.

The City Treasurer appeared before the Board stating that the Relief Commission desired a slight amendment <sup>to the resolution</sup> passed by the City Council August 26th, and submits the following resolution in which the amendment suggested is incorporated-

WHEREAS the City of Halifax has authority under Cap. 63 Acts 1918 of the Legislature of Nova Scotia to borrow "to defray losses or replacements occasioned to City Property by explosion 6th December 1917 such sums as may be required, to be borrowed from time to time and in such amounts as are required for that purpose not exceeding \$500,000. The sums to be borrowed shall form part of the Halifax Consolidated Fund 1905 and shall be secured by stock or debentures to be issued in conformity with the provisions of that Act at a rate of interest not exceeding 5% per annum and the dates on which the same shall be made payable, shall be determined by the Council,

AND WHEREAS by Sec. 4½ Cap. 60 Acts 1918 authority was obtained to increase the rate of interest from 5% to not exceeding 6% provided that this amendment shall only apply to loans contracted after the passing of this Act.

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AND WHEREAS the City of Halifax has borrowed from the Halifax Relief Commission the sum of \$25,000. on which by Agreement the rate of interest was 5% per annum to May 1st, 1918 and thereafter the rate will be 6% per annum and the sum of \$110,000. bearing interest at 6% per annum and will further require from time to time \$365,000.00 the balance of the loan authorized at a rate not exceeding 6% per annum and the said Commission will accept dollar for dollar as collateral security, only, our stock certificates due and payable January 1st, 1920 for such advances, the rate on said certificates to be payable on the first day of January and July in each year.

THEREFORE RESOLVED that the offer of the Halifax Relief Commission to finance the amounts required under Sec. 63 Acts 1918 as above recited be accepted.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to execute and deliver unto the Halifax Relief Commission all such stock certificates made necessary by payments received from time to time and generally do and perform all such acts and things as may be ~~consent~~ essential in order to carry this Resolution into effect.

The Treasurer suggests that if the Board took the matter up with the Relief Commission they might under existing circumstances be willing to accept the resolution <sup>as</sup> <sup>by</sup> passed the Council August 26th.

It is decided that His Worship <sup>Controller Finlay</sup> the Mayor and <sup>present,</sup> the two members of the Board on the Advisory Committee with the City Auditor and City Treasurer take the matter up with the Relief Commission this afternoon.

RIOT-REPAIRS TO POLICE STATION.

After discussion with the City Auditor the Board decides to continue the repairs to the police station caused by the Riot of May 25th, 1918.

RESIGNATION ALDERMAN GILLIS.

The City Clerk submits resignation of Frank A. Gillis, Alderman for Ward No. 2, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. September 2nd, 1918.

L.F. Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk, City.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to tender herewith my resignation as Alderman for Ward "2".

Frank A. Gillis,

The Board adjourned.

*L.F. Monaghan*  
CITY CLERK.

*R.P. Bell*  
*Treasurer*

*Auditor*  
*Engineer*

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

September 5th, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10.45 o'clock, present His Controller Murphy in the chair, and Controllers Finlay, Hines and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Drain #59 Victoria Road.  
Fire Department Blinds.  
Rubbish on Streets.  
Resignation of Aldermen.  
Cash Statement City Treasurer for August.  
Fire Alarm Boxes.  
City Home Monthly Report.  
Chairman.  
Brister Property Illegal Use of Water.  
Garage in Residential District-Edward Maxwell.  
Hydro-Electric Power-Halifax Power Company.  
Parade Fence.  
Smith Street.  
Billiard Room License-117 Gottingen Street.  
Security for Loan From Relief Commission.  
Dump Mulgrave Park-Fires.  
Police Womens Uniforms.  
City Prison, City Hall and Infectious Diseases Hospital Heating.  
Underkeepers and Watchman City Prison,  
City Prison Military Prisoners.  
Boat Landing Privileges North West Arm.  
Tracey Liquor Enquiry.  
Financing City Works.  
North West Arm Trunk Sewer.  
Storage of Explosives at Waverley.  
Accounts.

DRAIN #59 VICTORIA ROAD.

David Andrews appeared before the Board complaining of trouble with his drain at #59 Victoria Road.

Referred to the City Engineer to investigate and report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BLINDS.

Acting  
Read report/Chief of Fire Department J.E.Keefe,  
as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 5/18

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

Re tenders for blinds for engine houses having been referred to us for report we beg to leave to recommend the tender of Gordon & Keith as the most advantageous to the city of the following tenders;

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J. O'Brien	\$650.00
Holland & Kuhn	477.72 (3 blinds short)
N.S.Furn. Co.	407.20
Brander & Morris	416.50
Gordon & Keith	403.35 (12 additional blinds)
T.H. Francis tendered for	380.00 with additional \$20.00 for installation.
	400.00 ( 4 Blinds over)

c We beg to state that we have interviewed Messrs. T.H. Francis and Gordon & Keith in regard to their tenders. Both parties allow a lower amount of blinds to the city of their contract price which governed us in the selection of the above tender.

J.E.Keefe,  
Acting Chief,  
W.B.Fiddler.

Approved.

RUBBISH ON STREETS.

Read letter Relief Commission, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 4, 1918

F.H.Bell, Esq., K.C.,  
City Soliditor,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your of September 3rd., we have immediately issued instructions to see that the nuisance to which you refer to be taken care of as far as possible. You can, of course, readily appreciate the fact that with the extraordinary amount of work now under way, it is next to impossible to immediately remove each pile of rubbish which happens to be cleared out from a residence. Moreover, I think a careful investigation would show, that in the majority of cases where the material is left on the street for any length of time, it is not the Commission's Reconstruction Department who are guilty of negligence, but rather some of the smaller contractors, who are doing work, and who perhaps have not the necessary transportation with which to remove the debris.

Ralph P. Bell,  
SECRETARY.

Filed.

RESIGNATION OF ALDERMEN.

The City Clerk submits a memorandum proposed to be inserted by him in <sup>the</sup> Minutes of the City Council respecting the resignations of Aldermen, as follows:-

*Chief Fire Dept  
Council*

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Office of City Clerk,  
Halifax, N.S. September 5th, 1918.

The Board of Control:

Gentlemen:-

I deem it incumbent upon me to inscribe on the official Minutes of the City Council for the purposes of record that the following named members of the City Council resigned their respective offices of Aldermen by resignations in writing signed by them and addressed to the City Clerk and received by me dated as shown below-

Ward No. 1	Alderman	H.S. Colwell,	August 31st, 1918.
"	"	"	Hugh E. Macnab, September 2nd, 1918.
Ward No. 2	"	R.B. Colwell,	August 30th, 1918.
"	"	"	Frank A. Gillis, September 2nd, 1918.
Ward No. 3	"	J.E. Furness,	August 30th, 1918.
"	"	"	E.J. Kelly, September 3rd, 1918.
Ward No. 4	"	W.G. Foley,	August 31st, 1918.
"	"	"	H.L. Hatt, August 31st, 1918.
Ward No. 5	"	Michael Day,	August 31st, 1918.
"	"	"	R.D. Guildford, August 31st, 1918.
Ward No. 6	"	"	"

I am advised by the City Solicitor that the action taken by the Aldermen constitutes their resignation of office and that they are no longer members of the City Council.

L. Fred Monaghan,  
CITY CLERK.

Approved.

On motion of Controller Finlay the City Solicitor is instructed to submit his opinion in writing giving his interpretation of the statute relating to the resignation of aldermen and the effect on the business of the City.

CASH STATEMENT CITY TREASURER FOR AUGUST.

Read cash statement City Treasurer for the month of August. Referred to the City Council for its information.

FIRE ALARM BOXES.

Read report City Electrician, as follows:-

September 5th, 1918.

Halifax, N.S. Sept 4th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Dear Sir,

The following fire alarm boxes have been inspected and found in good working condition.  
No. 36, 37, 34, 38, 212 and 4.

P.R. Coppitt,  
City Electrician.

Filed.

CITY HOME MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report City Home for the month of August,  
as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. September 5th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Members of the Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit the following report of the Charities Department for the month of August 1918. The Superintendent's report shows that during the month there were 20 persons admitted into the City Home, 2 born, 27 discharged, and 5 died. Of the number admitted 6 were chargeable to the Province and 14 to the City.

The total number of inmates on August 31st, was 273, made up of 150 men, 118 women, and 5 children. On the same date last year there were 155 men, 112 women and 11 children, a total of 278.

There were 2 patients admitted into the Nova Scotia Hospital during the month whose maintenance is chargeable to the City and 2 patients so chargeable were discharged.

J. J. Hines,  
Controller.

Referred to the City Council for its information.

CHAIRMAN

His Worship the Mayor arrives and takes the Chair.

BRISTER PROPERTY ILLEGAL USE OF WATER.

Read report City Engineer as-fell- covering copy of letter from Admiral Story and report from the Naval Store Officer, as follows:-

*Council  
Suppl. City Home*

September 5th, 1918.

Halifax, N. S. Sept. 3, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

I beg to forward herewith copy of letter from Admiral Storey with copy of the conditions on which the Naval authorities are using the Brister property, which shows that Mr. Brister agreed with the Naval authorities to pay for all water used, and that Mr. Brister was to lay the pipe and maintain it and undertake to supply the Naval vessels with water at all times.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

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Halifax, N. S. August 31, 1918.

The City Engineer,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your letter of the 22nd of August, I herewith enclose for your information a copy of the agreement between the Naval Department and Messrs. Charles Brister & Son, re Naval Department's vessels watering at Messrs. Brister & Sons' Wharf.

You will see that Messrs. Brister & Sons are entirely responsible for the tapping of the City main, the Department naturally concluding that they on their part, before making the agreement, had obtained the necessary permission from the City Authorities.

I understand that at the present time the water is shut off and our vessels are unable to obtain a supply.

--Storey,  
Admiral Superintendent.

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Halifax, N.S. Jan. 23, 1918.

Messrs. Chas. Brister & Son,  
City.

Dear Sirs:-

With reference to your letter dated Nov. 29th to Capt. Hose in regard to least of your wharf for use of patrol vessels, I beg to confirm the understanding made as follows-

- 1st. The Lessor to repair his wharf so that our vessels maybe safely and conveniently moored alongside.

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- 2nd. He to run a pipe at least 3 inches in diameter connecting the main with the wharf.
- 3rd. He to maintain the pipe and to undertake to supply our vessels with water at all times.
- 4th, The Department to pay rent of \$1500. for first year and \$500. per year thereafter, and to pay for all the water used. Agreement to be cancelled on 3 months notice from either party.

I shall be obliged if you will acknowledge receipt of this letter and state whether the agreement is in accordance with your understanding.

NAVAL STORE OFFICER.

The City Engineer is instructed to forward to Charles Brister & Son an account for the maximum quantity of water the pipe laid to his property can deliver at the proper meter rate for such quantity and the City Engineer and city Solicitor are requested to report as to what other action should be taken by the City in the matter.

GARAGE IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT EDWARD MAXWELL.

The Secretary is instructed to notify the interested parties that the application of Edward Maxwell for permission to erect a garage on his property Cedar Street, will be heard by the Board at its meeting on Tuesday next, at 10 o'clock.

HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER-HALIFAX POWER COMPANY.

Read opinion City Solicitor, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., Aug. 30, 1918.

Secretary Board of Control.

Dear Sir:-

The answer to the question whether or not the proposition of the above company that the City should immediately issue Bonds or debentures to the amount of \$400,000.00 and deliver the same to the Company

*Engineer ✓  
Solicitor ✓*

*Letters ✓  
Maxwell ✓  
Kennedy ✓  
Maxwell ✓*

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or its contractors, the same to be disposed of and the proceeds retained until a demonstration of the success of the undertaking had been made, can be legally entertained depends on the construction to be put on Chapter 88 of the Acts of 1917.

The first paragraph of that Act authorizes the City to borrow \$400,000.00 and to issue its bonds or debentures. The second provided that the amount so borrowed may be loaned to the Company or the bonds themselves delivered to the Company upon the terms of the memorandum of agreement between the Company and the City set out in the schedule to the Act.

On turning to the schedule we find that clause 4 provides that the City is authorized to deliver the bonds of the City to the Company only in the event of the demonstration proving successful. The City has no power to borrow except in accordance with the legislative sanction, and it appears clear to me that the condition imposed must be strictly complied with and that the demonstration must be satisfactory to the City before the bonds can be delivered. In discussion of the point with me it was suggested that a distinction might be drawn between the issue of the bonds and their delivery. There may be cases in which such a distinction could be drawn, although it is not easy to see what they would be; but in my opinion no such distinction can be drawn here and the phrases are practically synonymous.

The bonds are not issued until they are delivered and when they are delivered nothing remains to make the issue complete.

I would have arrived at the above conclusion independently of the other clauses of the agreement; but to make the point still more certain clause 7 provides that if the demonstration is not made to the satisfaction of the City, the City is to be under no liability whatever, and that no advances in cash or bonds are to be made by the City until the demonstration is complete and approved. Furthermore, the bonds are only to be given in exchange for a first mortgage on the Company's property, and as this property can only be created by the expenditure necessary to make a satisfactory demonstration it appears obvious that bonds cannot be given until the Company is in a position to give the mortgage.

For these reasons it appears clear to me that the request of the Company or the contractors cannot be legally entertained by the City.

F.H. Bell,  
City Solicitor.

The opinion of the City Solicitor is approved by the Board and the City Clerk instructed to forward a copy of it to the Halifax Power Company.

Roswell - Call  
Hal Power Co ✓  
Auditor ✓  
Treasurer ✓

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PARADE FENCE.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., Aug. 29, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

In compliance with instructions of the Board of Control I beg to report that the Acting City Engineer, Mr. Johnston, obtained prices after the damage to the parade fence, and gave an order for the repairing of the fence as soon as the necessary railing could be supplied, and we are pressing for an expedition carrying out of the order.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Filed.

SMITH STREET.

Read letter F.M. Burton, 26 Green Street, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Aug. 22nd 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor,  
and Board of Control.

Dear Sirs:-

I am the owner of a property at the upper end of Smith Street, on which taxes have been paid for years. Just lately this end of the street has been fenced off, and a thoroughfare to Queen Street that has been used by the public for over fifty years, is now cut off, and the property in this locality depreciated in value on this account, and the kind of work that is being carried on, in the place.

Trusting this will be placed in the hands of those who are appointed to look after such public matters.

F.M. Burton,  
26 Green Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

BILLIARS ROOM LICENSE 117 GOTTINGEN STREET.

Read application J. Gordon for a license to open a public billiard room at 117 Gottingen Street.

Referred to the Chief of Police for report.

SECURITY FOR LOAN FROM RELIEF COMMISSION.

Read report His Worship the Mayor re the handing over to the Relief Commission of security for loans secured from them to date amounting to \$185,000.00 as follows:-

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Halifax, N.S. Sept. 5th, 1918.

The Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to report that in conjunction with Controller Finlay, the City Auditor and City Treasurer I waited upon Chairian Rogers Halifax Relief Commission in re funds for repairing explosion damages to City Property. The result of the Conference is that the Halifax Relief Commission will accept the resolution passed by the City Council on August 26th 1918 pending an amendment (copy attached) relating to the first loan of \$25000. to be passed as soon as it is legally possible fixing the rate of interest on that loan at 6% from May 1st, 1918.

In accordance therewith I will issue, as collateral dollar for dollar, stock certificates for 250 shares (\$25000) of City of Halifax Consolidated Fund 1905 with interest at 5% and 1600 shares (\$16000) with interest at 6% payable on the first day of January and July in each year and the principal on January 1st, 1920.

These certificates will cover advances to date of \$140,000 and a further sum of \$45000 for work now in process of completion.

A.C. Hawkins,  
MAYOR.

Approved.

DUMP MULGRAVE PARK-FIRES.

On motion of Controller Hines the Chief of the Fire Department is instructed not to respond to any more calls, to put out fires in the dump in Mulgrave Park unless Cavicchi and Pagano agree to pay any cost to which the Fire Department may be put.

POLICE WOMENS UNIFORMS.

Read letters (2) Mrs. Ella M. Paint, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. Sept, 3rd, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

Enclosed you will find <sup>two</sup> suggestions for the

*RP Belle  
Treasurer ✓  
Auditor ✓  
Council*

*Chief Fire  
Dept ✓*

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policewomans uniform, for Halifax, the result of practical experience . I would also call to your mind the urgent necessity of adding a rogues gallery to the information cards now in use in- at City Hall. It is never easy to locate any criminal, man or woman unless an exact description is kept and valuable time would be saved if a photo of all persons committed in our courts for any serious offence were taken. In the case of girls committed to Homes in this Province it is very necessary to have such photos. Only this week I was asked by Mr. Blois to locate a girl who with another had escaped from the Truro Home, he could not give me any description of the girl whatever, by a mere chance I located both girls, but as they had been out three weeks when I was called in to help, you will see how much time could have been saved.

Ella M. Paint,

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Halifax, N.S. Sept, 3, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir.

By last night's paper I notice you are asking suggestions re Policewomans uniforms. From personal experience I know skirts hamper a Policewoman seriously. I would suggest divided skirts made in bloomer style to just below the knee, leather leggings like those worn by our motor cycle men, a coat, Russian style, long, to within three inches of bottom of skirt, leather belt at waist. Cap similar to that now worn by our Police force, or round felt hat in winter and white panama in summer. a great coat for winter, and rain coat, common sense boots necessary for walking and standing, or the uniform of the New York Car Conduetress which consists of riding breeches leather leggings coat to the knees belt and cap is even still more suitable.

*Chief of Police ✓*

E.M. Paint.

Referred to the Chief of Police for report.

CITY PRISON, CITY HALL AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL HEATING.

Controller Hines verbally reports that he and Controller Taylor and the City Engineer had agreedably inspected to resolution of the Board investigated the heating apparatus at the City Prison and the old Infectious

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Diseases Hospital. In his opinion and that of the City Engineer ~~th~~ a saving in fuel at the City Prison would be effected if the large boiler now there, were removed and two smaller boilers installed in ~~it~~ its place. The large boiler at the City Prison would be quite suitable for the City Hall where it is necessary to install a soft coal furnace. To remove the boiler from the City Pirson to connect it up in the City Hall would cost about \$400.00 The two new boilers for the City Pitson would cost about \$1438.

Engineer ✓  
Common Grant ✓  
Auditor ✓

The boilers in the old Infectious Diseases Hospital are broken from the frost as is also most of the piping and plumbing. He recommends that the purchases and changes be made and the matter left in the hands of the City Engineer and Controller Hines providedg satisfactory financial arrangements can be made.

UNDERKEEPERS AND WATCHMEN CITY PRISON.

Auditor ✓  
Common Grant ✓

Moved by Controller Taylor seconded by Controller Hines that the pay of the underkeepers at the City Prison be increased to \$900. a year from September 1st, and that two guards and a watchman for the prison be at once employed at salaries of \$900. each. Motion passed unaniquously.

CITY PRISON MILITARY PRISONERS.

Read report Controller Murphy, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept, 4th, 1918.

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

Under a ruling received from Ottawa the paymaster of this division has declined to contribute to

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the maintenance of prisoners committed to the above institution. This is a very serious matter to the City. I do not think it was ever intended that the rate-payers of this City should be asked to maintain prisoners committed to this institution purely for some breach of military discipline.

The authority quoted for this refusal is a letter from the Deputy Minister of Justice, bearing date of April 13th, 1917, which reads:-

"The Governor, Keeper, or Warden of every goal, prison or penitentiary in Canada, shall receive under the hand of any District Officer Commanding or other person authorized under the Regulations to issue a Warrant and delivered into his custody and shall confine such prisoner until discharged or delivered over in due course of law."

The communication from the Department of Militia goes on further, as follows:-

"The law and resolutions thus quoted were made under the authority of the Dominion Parliament and wardens goalers, etc., are bound to receive prisoners handed over to them by warrant duly signed by one of the Officials mentioned, and to detain and deal with such prisoners in the same way as they would detain and deal with prisoners committed by Civil Magistrates. The prisoners thus committed are offenders against the law of the land, that is against the Militia Act, and there is no more necessity for a Commanding Officer of the Militia Department to make an arrangement with a goaler for the maintenance of a prisoner than there is for a Civil Magistrate to do so when he commits to goal a person who has been convicted of, say larceny. In view of the above it is considered that the Militia Department should not be held responsible for the payment of this claim and the claimant should look to either the municipality or provincial authorities for settlement."

Situated as Halifax is, it can be readily seen how serious this matter is to us, particularly as the terms for the offences usually committed range from 3 to twelve months. I feel that the matter should be placed fully before the Minister of Justice, so that some provision could be made to have the City relieved of this expense with which it is in no way connected.

Governor Grant has asked that additional keepers be appointed at this institution. This, in part, is made necessary by the fact that during the month of August, twelve of the inmates committed there were for some breach of Military or Naval regulations - seven of these committed being for a term of eighteen months each.

If some satisfactory arrangement cannot be made with the Department of Militia on this question of maintenance, the situation might be met by the City placing at their disposal a portion of this institution to be operated entirely by them.

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I would recommend that the matter be taken up fully with the proper authorities, with a view of having some equitable understanding reached, as the present conditions are most unfair to this City.

John Murphy,  
CONTROLLER.

By the unanimous vote of the Board the City Clerk is instructed to write the Officer Commanding Military Division No. 6 informing him that in future no more military prisoners charged with breaches of military discipline will be received by the City Prison, and that those now there will be released on September 15th inst. or handed over to a military escort, if the military authorities so desire., unless satisfactory arrangements are made with the City for the payment of the cost of maintenance of such prisoners in the institution.

Letter ✓  
General Officer  
Commanding  
District No 6

BOAT LANDING PRIVILEGES NORTH WEST ARM.

Halifax, N.S. August 19th, 1918.

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

I hereby apply for a renewal of the ten year lease of landing and for a renewal of ferry privileges from the foot of Coburg Road, under the same terms and conditions as that previously granted me, and which expires on May 1st, 1919.

B/C

Mrs. Catherine Marr,  
22 Duncan Street.

Consideration deferred.

TRACEY LIQUOR ENQUIRY.

Read letter from His Honor Judge Wallace, as follows:-

Halifax, NS, Sept. 5th, 1918.

The City Clerk,  
City Hall,  
City.

Dear Sir:-

After consulting with Mr. R.H. Murray K.C., We have concluded that the investigation which

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the City Council desire me to make, in relation to the liquor stoled from the City Hall, would not lead to any definite result, and that all essential facts may be brought out in another, way at the hearing of the complaint against the ~~adused~~; in the pending criminal proceedings.

It would therefore, seem desirable to save the funds of the City by ~~abandoning~~ the proposed investigation by the County Court Judge.

B  
W. J. Wallace,

Referred to the City Council for its information.

FINANCING CITY WORKS.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that the Clerk of Works reportd to him that the City Auditor had stated that because of the fact that the City's borrowings on capital account had not been finally settled by the City Council and that through the resignation of the Aldermen there is now practically no City Council, he will not pay out any money in future except those provided for in the Civic Estimates.

The City Auditor being sent for informed the Board that the sewer account his already overdrawn and that he would be unable to pay out any more money on that account or on account of any capital expenditure until cash is placed to the credit of any such account. So far as workmen's wages are concerned for work already in progress/that it is only right that he should pay workmen's wages up to say- \$1000. for the fort- night which ~~is~~ <sup>has</sup> now been entered upon.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER.

On motion of Controller Murphy the City Engineer is requested to report on the present condition of the North West Arm Trunk Sewer contract, how much has

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Engineer ✓  
Auditor ✓

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been paid the contractors and otherwise, on account of the sewer how much is now due, and how much it will cost to finish the work.

STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES AT WAVERLEY.

Read report Detective Kennedy, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., Sept. 5th, 1918.

His Worship  
Mayor Hawkins.

Dear Sir:-

In accordance with your instructions to investigate a complaint regarding dynamite belonging to the Canadian Explosives Co. being brought to Waverley in car loads, I went there yesterday to Waverley and found that there have been car loads brought there from time to time, which remained on the siding for two or three days, practically without protection in the day-time.

There is supposed to be a watchman at night to watch the cars and also the magazines. There are two magazines on the property of the Canadian Explosives Co., about one-half mile apart. These are locked with padlocks and, in my opinion, it would not be much trouble for anyone so inclined, to get into these magazines and cause a lot of damage.

As I said before, there is supposed to be a watchman to watch the cars and magazine during the night but during the day there they are practically without protection.

I have interviewed several citizens of Waverley, and they express themselves as being very much concerned about the state of affairs there.

Horace Kennedy.  
DETECTIVE.

The City Clerk is instructed to forward copies of the report to H.M. Wylde, Manager of the Canadian Explosives Limited, and the Warden of the County and to request that he meet His Worship the Mayor at his office at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning for the purpose of discussing the matter.

ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts are passed for payment. The account re Gardens Commission to be paid out of contingent accounts.

Engineer ✓

H.M. Wylde ✓  
C.E. Smith ✓

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Accounts re Garden Party and Concert for Returned  
Members of His Majesty's Overseas Forces, held in  
the Public Gardens, August 16th, 1918.

J. A. McDonald, Piano Music Co. Ltd.	\$10.50
Chronicle Publising Co.	5.60
Halifax Herald	6.68
Blackadar Bros.	6.20
Bens Ltd.	44.09
W. H. Donovan \$44.50 & \$2.25	47.05
Richard Power	1.00
Garrison Band	30.00
W. A. Shanks	9.88
Richmond Paper Company	2.25
J. L. Connolly	2.50
Wentzells Limited	6.00
Baldwin & Co.	5.00
Imperial Tobacco Co.	110.70
Scotia Pure Milk Co.	52.50
D. G. Stewart, Contractor	31.56
E. H. Blois	4.00
N. S. Tramways & Power Co., Ltd.	20.00
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	\$ 395.51

City Home.

Wentzells Limited	Groceries	1064.93
H. L. Williston	Meats	595.68
Davis & Fraser	Meat Pork	140.00
Smith & Proctor	Butter	217.98
Leonard Fisheries Ltd.	Fish	45.10
Frank W. Fraser	Forage	35.22
A. Fordham & Co.	Leather	20.20
F. W. Keddy	Milk	186.00
N. S. Tramway & Power Co.	Light	20.66
W. Y. Kennedy	Dry Goods	191.52
Flieschmann Co.	Yeast	4.90
Jas. Simmonds Ltd.	Sundries	11.73
A. L. Melvin	Shovels	5.00
Wm. McFatridge	Rope	25.00
Snow & Co. Ltd.	Coffin Fixt.	14.80
Baldwin & Co.	Crockeryware	.59
Geo. E. Boak & Son. Ltd.	Coke	12.25
J. T. Dorey	Electric Lamps	9.72
H. V. McLeod	Clock	2.00
John F. Outhit	Potatoes	50.00
Nickerson & Crease Ltd.	"	57.50
H. McFatridge	Horseshoeing	6.15
Victoria Gen. Hospital.	Med. 3 months	126.81
National Drug & Chem. Co	Sundries	3.65
Hillis & Sons Ltd.	Repairs to Range	8.80
Amherst Boot & Shoe Co.	Boots	26.70
Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow	Iron Pipe	5.77
Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Ex. Service	3.75
Alfred Carter	Rep. to Harness	4.25
J. H. Buchanan	Cash. Ex.	233.40
Salaries	pay sheet	932.49
Buckley Coal Co.	Coal	200.00
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		\$ 4272.95

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Improvement Account.

Brookfield Bros. Cement & Sons. 28.75

Chargeable to 1917 and 1918 Account.

Gordon & Keith	Furniture	248.95
Ameriean La. France Co.	Clocks	169.80
Truro, Nova Scotia.	Maintenance & etc.	53.45

Fire Department.

Frank Fraser	Feed	428.36
N.S. Tramway & Power Co.	Light	20.98
James Simmonds Ltd.	Hardware	30.11
Chas. Brister	Motor Supplies	7.40
Lawrence Hardware Co.	Hardware	4.53
David Roche	Paints	2.72
J. MacInnes & Son	Lumber	17.25
H. McPatridge	Vet. Services	23.35
A. J. McNutt	Horshoeing	13.50
Maritime Tel. Co.	telephone	19.58
Blackadar Bros.	Advertising	4.65
Grant Bros.	Hubber Goods	28.00
Halifax Herald	Advertising	6.27
Imperial Oil Co.	Gasoline	68.83
H. D. McKenzie	Fuel	30.50
O. C. Marriott	Horshoeing	12.75
National Drug Co.	Stores	1.10
Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow	Hardware	16.00
Ungar's Laundry	Laundry	21.67
Burns & Kelleher	machine sup;	42.15
Halifax Marine Engineer Co.	" "	77.80
	Total.	\$ 880.05

Public Gardens.

Halifax Seed Co.	Seeds	5.00
W. P. Meyer	Brooms	17.70
Austen Bros.	Oil	3.00
A. J. McNutt	Carriage Work	24.00
		\$ 49.70

Police Department.

Maxwells Limited	Uniforms	\$ 1946.64
T. J. Whalen & Co.	Caps & Cov.	62.40
W. B. Williams	Services	3.00
H. McPatridge	Services	4.65
Morton & Thomson	Brushes	.80
Mar. Tel & Tel. Co.	Account	18.59
Wood Bros.	Drygoods	11.30
	Forward....	2047.39

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Police Department, Continued 2047.39

Pugh Specialty Co.	Whistles	5.40
Copies Halifax Directory		22.50
Postage		.36
J.I.Kirkwood	Services	1.25
City Taxi Service		2.00
F.W.Fraser	Feed	18.18
T.C.Allen	Stationery	9.85
Elijah Flint	Services	16.00
A.H.Lamphier	Repairs etc.	60.50
Brookfield Bros.	Acct. Rend.	.38
Lawrence Hardware Co.	Hardware	5.50
		<u>\$ 2189.30</u>

General Accounts.

T.C.Allen & Co.	Printing & etc.-	
City Solicitor	2.50	
" Clerk	62.30	
Collector	7.25	
"	<u>28.00</u>	100.05
A. & W. MacKinlay Ltd.	Books.	.80
Blackadar Bros.	Advertising	
	18.80	
	10.00	
	<u>9.30</u>	38.10
Halifax Herald	Advertising	
	13.38	
	5.01	
	5.01	
	23.44	
	<u>4.18</u>	51.02
Dr. Finn, Medical Examiner.	Certificate of Death	
Harry O'Keefe	4.00	David Gray, 4.00
A. & W. Burley	4.00	Jean L. Dufour 4.00
Wentworth Sisco	12.00	..... 28.00
E. Montgomery Veith.	Services	10.00
E.L. Ruddy Co.	Post. Bills	9.00
L.C. Smith & Bros.	Carbon Paper	4.00
"	Typewriter	121.00
Royal Print & Light Co.	Directories	
City Assessor	9.00	
Collector	13.00	
Clerk	<u>4.50</u>	26.50
British Am. Bank Note Co.	Changing Plate	47.50
Financial Times	Subscription	3.00
Chronicle Pub. Co.	Advertising	
	4.20, 4, 20, 4, 20	31.50
		9.10
		<u>53.20</u>
		\$492.17

*Council*

The Board adjourned.

*L. H. W. Wagoner*  
CITY CLERK

MAYOR.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

September 10th, 1918.

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.

Hack License-R. Malcolm.  
Garage in Residential District.  
Circus on Common- Peddlers Fees.  
Quinpool Road-Shop in Residential District-H.J. Barrowman.  
Tuberculosis Hospital Site.  
City Prison Plumbing.  
Early Closing of Shops.  
Dublin Street Water Extension.  
Hydro Electric Power-Halifax Power Company. Bonds.  
Street Sprinkling Machinery.  
Grafton Park Fence.  
Police Department Ulsters-Tenders.  
City Prison Electric Lighting.  
Storage of Explosives.  
Electric Wiremen's Pay.  
City Electrician Parker R. Colpitt.  
North West Arm Trunk Sewer.  
Sewer Work.  
Street Repairs.  
Sons of Temperance Hall-Cornwallis Street.  
Police Department.  
Explosion-Schools Loan from Relief Commission.  
Charles Street Extension.  
Street Signs.  
Water Meters.  
Coal.  
Overdue Taxes.  
Explosion-Tax Exemptions in Devastated Area.  
Cast Iron Water Pipes.  
City Prison Revenue.  
Taxation Act.  
Isolation Hospital Morris Street.  
Underkeepers City Prison.  
High Service Water Supply-Pumping Plant.  
Maintenance Military Prisoners at City Prison.  
Drainage of Willow Park Railway Property.  
Willow Park Round House Drain C.H. Morash.  
Fuel Commissioner.  
Public Safety Committee.

HACK LICENSE-R. MALCOLM.

Read application R. Malcolm for a horse-drawn hack license. The license is ordered to be granted subject to the approval of the Chief of Police.

*Chief of Police  
asst. by chief.*

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GARAGE IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

The application of Edward Maxwell for permission to erect a garage on his property Dedat Street, in the residential district is taken up for consideration see Minutes Board of Control August 8th, 13th, 1918.

D.W. Kennedy and R.T. MacIlreith as Solicitor appears and addresses the Board in opposition to the granting of the permit and Edward Maxwell addressed the Board of behalf of his application.

The application is referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion as to whether it can lawfully be granted.

CIRCUS ON COMMON-PEDDLERS FEES.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the fees for concessions for peddlers occupying fruit and soft drinks stands on the Common during the holding of the Williams Standard Shows, September 11th to 21st be \$15.00 for each stand to be 15 feet and \$1.00 per foot for each additional foot after the first 15 feet, no person to have the privilege of more than one concession and structures and locations to be under the supervision-<sup>to</sup> and/ the satisfaction of the Chief of Police and the City Engineer, Motion passed.

QUINPOOL ROAD-SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT-  
H. J. BARROWMAN.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

*Engineer ✓  
Solicitor ✓*

*E H Blois ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Chief of Police ✓  
and City Clerk ✓*

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The Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to report that application has been filed by H.J. Barrowman for permission to erect a dwelling and shop on the North side of Quinpool Road, between Harvard Street and Monastery Lane in the residential district. Notice of the application has been published in the newspapers in accordance with the regulations in that behalf and no objections have been lodged in this office.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

The City Engineer is authorized to grant the permit applied for.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL SITE.

Read letter J.A. Thompson, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 9th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Board of Control.  
City.  
Gentlemen:-

In the matter of purchase of the above property I write to inquire when I may expect a cheque in settlement of same, as I am anxious to get the matter closed up without further delay. I have been given to understand that there are no legal difficulties in the way as regards title, that having been made satisfactory to your solicitor.

J.A. Thompson,

The City Solicitor informs the Board that in connection with this matter he had waited upon the Honorable G.E. Faulkner, in the absence of Premier Murray and that Mr. Faulkner informed him that in all likelihood the Provincial Government would advance to the City the money necessary for the purchase of the Tuberculosis Hospital Site, and that a definite answer would be given upon Mr. Murray's return, which is expected in a few days.

*Engineer*

*Letter  
J.A. Thompson  
Solicitor*

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The City Clerk is instructed to inform Mr. Thompson that they expect to be in a position within a few days to pay for the property and to request him to leave the matter standing for that length of time.

CITY PRISON PLUMBING.

Read reports City Engineer and Plumbing Inspector as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 7th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Attached is a copy of report from the Inspector of Plumbing on the plumbing at the City Prison.

Mr. Morrissey states that it is practically impossible to take tenders for this work and recommends that Mr. Stewart, who has the contract for the repairs at the Prison, be instructed to carry on the plumbing work under his contract. I endorse Mr. Morrissey's recommendation.

F.W.W. Doane,  
CITY ENGINEER.

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Halifax, N S. Aug., 28/18

Mr. F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Sir,

I beg to report that the following defects in the plumbing system at the city prison have been caused by exposure and shock resulting from the explosion of Dec. 6th, 1917.

No. 1-A Corridor

The water closet out of repair, tank and seat defective and also rim on water closet rusted.

No. 2-B Corridor.

The water closet out of repair, tank and seat defective, also rim of closet rusted.

No. 4-D Corridor.

The water closet out of repair, tank and seat defective.

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No. 3- C. Corridor.  
The fixture not in working order.

Governor's Bathroom.  
No water on the fixtures, also the tank defective.

Keepers' bathroom.  
Closet tank destroyed, water pipes disconnected,  
basin off the wall and no water on fixtures.

Governor's kitchen.  
Sink torn from wall, water supplies broken,  
also taps destroyed and supports for sink lost.

Corridor under No. 1-A.  
Waste pipe leaking.

No. 5-B- Corridor  
fixtures not working.

No. 6-F. Corridor  
fixtures not working.

The entire plumbing and heating systems receive  
attention and the water put on them when the repairs  
to the building are finished.

W.P. Morrissey,  
Inspector of Plumbing.

*Engineer* ✓  
The City Engineer is requested to submit a  
report as to the approximate cost of the work necessary  
to be done with the view to letting the contract to a  
local plumber.

EARLY CLOSING OF SHOPS

*H. W. Mayor* ✓  
Mrs. David Kaplan, 1-3 Upper Water Street appeared  
before the Board stating that her business of selling  
oil-clothing and rubber boots to fishermen is mostly  
carried on in the evenings and that the law relating  
to early closing seriously interferes with her business.

The matter is referred to His Worship the Mayor.

DUBLIN STREET WATER EXTENSION.

*Engineer* ✓  
Charles A Norton appeared before the Board urg-  
ing the early construction of water extension in Dub-  
lin Street. Referred to the City Engineer

for attention.

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HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER-HALIFAX POWER COMPANY BONDS.

Roderick McColl representing the Halifax Power Company appears before and addressed the Board and submits the following letter:-

Halifax, N.S.  
September 9th, 1918.

A.C. Hawkins, Esq.,  
Mayor City of Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of opinion of City Solicitor re Halifax Power Company. In reference thereto we quite agree with the Solicitor's opinion, but unfortunately there has been a mistake as to our proposal. We never suggested that either bonds or cash be delivered to our selves or contractors before the work had been completed. We are perfectly aware that the City cannot legally deliver bonds to us now, but we are advised by our Solicitor that there is nothing to prevent the City selling their bonds and putting the money in the Bank if a better price could be obtained now than when the work is completed.

In other words, the question at issue is not when we are to receive our loan from the City, as that is settled, namely, when the work is completed. The question to be decided is when can the bonds best be sold to advantage. As a depreciation in the market for City bonds would increase the fixed charges for interest to be paid by the Power Company. The Company naturally asks the City to take the advantage of the present market price instead of taking the chance of having to market the bonds under a forced sale in a possibly unfavourable market.

R. McColl.

Filed.

STREET SPRINKLING MACHINERY.

Read letter E. J. Kelly, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept, 10/18

To His Worship the Mayor  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to remind you that on May 15th your Honourable Body, with the permission of a majority of the City Council, awarded a contract for the purchase of a Motor Street Sprinkler at a cost of \$6840.00. the terms of the contract requiring delivery in 30 days.

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This transaction has evidently been forgotten, because there is no record of any effort having been made by the City to hasten delivery and as the season is drawing to a close, I beg to suggest, in order to save interest on the outlay and the cost of storage, that the order be cancelled. I would not bother you in this way were it not for the fact that at present there is no Council to take this necessary action, but it occurred to me that when this matter would be brought to the attention of Your Honourable Body, that you would be interested in saving the city this untimely expenditure. Nothing can be gained by storing this expensive machine for the winter. Besides you may learn on further investigation that the city requires this money for more essential and more practical equipment, such as a stone crusher, blocks for paving the hills, and oil for the streets, preservative - the thing Halifax most needs.

Filed.

E.J.Kelly

The City Clerk is instructed to acknowledge receipt of <sup>the letter</sup> ~~same~~ and to inform Mr. Kelly in reply that since the awarding of the contract for purchase of a motor sprinkler the Board ~~is~~ has constantly followed the matter up and kept in touch with the contractors and that they have under existing conditions done all in their power to expedite delivery of the same. The Board is informed by the Engineering Department that the equipment is in transit to the City.

GRAFTON PARK FENCE.

Read letter Grafton Street Methodist Church,  
as follows:-

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Sept. 9/18

The Board of Control.  
City.

Dear Sirs:-

Please take notice.  
The line fence between Grafton Park and Grafton Street church property was blown down by the storm on Friday evening last, Sept 6th.

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In talking this matter over with the City Engineer he informed us there were no funds available at the present time for the purpose of erecting same.

We now propose to have this work done as per the City Engineer's advice and when completed will hand you the account for your share of the amount.

Grafton St. Methodist Church,  
A.L.Melvin, Secretary.

*Engineer* →  
The City Engineer is instructed to communicate with A. L.Melvin, Secretary of the Church with the view of ascertaining as to whether the Church would be willing to do without erecting a fence altogether ~~this~~ or defer the matter until Spring or until they hear further from this Board.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ULSTERS-TENDER.

Read tender Clayton & Sons for police department ulsters, covering samples, as follows:-

August, 19th, 1918.

Chief of Police,  
F.Hanrahan, Esq.,  
CITY.

Dear Sir:-

*Chief of Police* →  
As requested we have pleasure in enclosing sample of the A.P.H. Overcoating which is made from pure Nova Scotia Wool and which we can make in ready made Ulsters @ \$29.00 each. The measures needed are breat measure and length of Ulster. If brass buttons are wanted these must be supplied by the Department.

Hoping this tender will meet with your approval we shall be pleased to receive your order for the fifty Ulsters.

Clayton & Sons.

Referred to the Chief of Police for report as to the price for made to measure uniform alsters.

CITY PRISON ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

*Electrician* →  
Read report City Electrician covering specification for renewal and repairs to electrical lighting fixtures <sup>at City Prison</sup>.

The City Electrician is instructed to call for tenders upon the specification submitted, alternative bids to be asked for wiring concealed or exposed.

September 10th, 1918.

STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Read letters Canadian Explosives Limited and the  
Military Authorities re storage of explosives at  
Waverley, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 7/18

L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 5th, enclosing copy of a report made by Detective Kennedy in regard to the practice of the Canadian Explosives Limited, in the handling of Explosives at Waverley Station, and the storage of same in their Magazines near Waverley.

In reply I beg to advise you that the Canadian Explosives Limited on each and every occasion when Explosives are handled at Waverley Station, either inwards or outwards, make every effort to avoid having the cars while loaded stand over night at the Station. On rare occasions when it has been found impossible to complete the unloading of the contents of a car in one day, or when a loaded car has not been moved by the Railway, and consequently has lain at Waverley Station over night, a night watchman has been put over on the car. This practice went into force on July 13th last, and has been continued since that date. On no occasion has a car loaded with Explosives stood at Waverley Station for more than one night. In the date time cars are under the supervision of the Station Agent at Waverley. My statements can be substantiated by reference to the Station Agent at Waverley.

With regard to our Magazines, these buildings are built of stone with iron doors, secured by heavy padlocks, an armed watchman at night guards our two Magazines in which the explosives are stored. During the day our Magazine keeper is as a rule engaged about our Magazine, and our Superintendent has a general supervision over our property at all times. I beg to advise you, however, that since the receipt of your communication an armed watchman during the day has been placed over the Magazine.

I would ask you to be good enough to communicate the above facts to the Board of Control, and also to the Citizens of Waverley to whom Mr. Kennedy in his report makes reference.

H. M. Wylda  
District Manager.

.....

September 10th, 1918.

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 9th, 1918.

L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:-

Writing in reply to your favor of the 7th inst., which has crossed mine of even date, I wish to further assure you that the Canadian Explosives Limited are taking all precaution possible to safe guard the Explosives stored at Waverly.

These Explosives are now stored in one Magazine, as described in my previous letter, to you which is continually guarded by a day and a night watchman, for which purpose we employ two constables who have been duly sworn into office. The only parties who have the means and right of access to this building are our Magazine Keeper and Teamster and our Superintendent.

H. M. Wylde,  
District Manager.

..... HEADQUARTERS, Military District No. 6,  
Halifax, N.S., 9th, Sept., 1918.

To- The City Clerk  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication dated 7th inst., and enclosure, regarding the Waverley Plant of the Canadian Explosives, Limited.

The action taken by you in this matter would appear to be the best possible, under the circumstances.

E. D. Bucknan, Major,  
A/D A.A.G.M.D. No. 6.

Filed.

ELECTRIC WIREMENS' PAY.

Read report City Electrician, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., Sept. 9th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,

Dear Sir,

Referring to our recent conversation regarding inspector Wilson's pay, I find that all three-men of my men are dissatisfied with the present wages, and are threatening to go elsewhere.

Wiremen throughout the City are not being paid at the rate of 50¢ per hour, to be increased the first of December to 55¢. This amounts to \$4.25 and \$4.68 per day respectively., while my men are being paid but \$3.60 per day with an average of one half hour per day less time.

September 10th, 1918.

Two of them however, Emmerson and Ross, who have to work either at night or Sunday on Fire Alarm trouble if necessary, get no extra time for this work.

I think the pay for Ross and Wilson should be not less than \$4.00 per day, and that for Emmerson not less than \$4.25.

The difficulty is in not having enough money in my appropriation to do this, or in fact any of Wilsons salary, unless the \$1,800.00 that I have estimated for labor on account of the explosion can be used.

P.R.Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

It is decided to pay the indreases of wages recommended. The wages of one of the employees of the Electrical Department working on repairs to the fire Alarm System necessitated through the Explosion of December 6th, <sup>to</sup> be charged to explosion account.

CITY ELECTRICIAN-PARKER R. COLPITT.

The City Engineer is instructed to report as to how long clerical assistance has been employed in the City Electricians office, <sup>and</sup> the amount of salary paid to date.

Controller Finlay agains reports to the Board that Mr. Colpitt has been drawing the full salary appropriated in the estimates, notwithstanding that he is not devoting full time to the City's service.

The City Engineer is instructed to report as to whether Mr. Colpitt proposes to devote full time to the City's service or to resign from his position, and as to how much time he has lost from the City's service during the darrent year.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER.

Read certificate, Assistant City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 3/18

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

Certificate #12.

I beg to recommend payment ot the Cook

Electrician ✓  
Auditor ✓  
Chief Fire Dept ✓

Electrician ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Auditor ✓

September 10th, 1918.

Construction Co. & Wheaton of the sum of seven thousand six hundred and forty-one dollars and seventy four cents (\$7641.74) on account on their contract for the building of the North West Arm Sewer from Oakland Road to Chain Rock -

Estimated value of work done	\$143,433.75
Less. 10% retained	<u>14,343.38</u>
	129,090.37

Paid on certificates 1 to 11	121,682.92
	<u>7,407.45</u>

Extra- Making connection at Coburg Rd. 234.29

Recommended for payment \$7,641.74

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer

The account is passed for payment

SEWER WORK.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., Sept. 9/18

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

The resignation of nearly all the aldermen has created an emergency which was unforeseen, especially in reference to work in connection with the construction of sewers.

We have ~~been~~ under contract ~~the~~ construction of the trunk sewer along the North West Arm and also several sewers, the construction of which has been awarded to Morrison & Company. Further, we are doing certain work by days work and we require an amount which I estimate as \$70,000. to complete the work which has ~~allowed~~ already been ordered by the City Council.

Will you therefore, under the authority conferred upon you by section 341 of the City Charter, authorize the completion of this work, including the purchase of such supplies as may be necessary.

It will, in my opinion, be more advantageous to carry on the work now than to leave it until next year, as the difficulty in obtaining labor, and the advance in wages and the cost of material will mean a much larger cost next year than this year, whether the war is over or not.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Taylor that the report be adopted and His Worship the

*Auditor  
Engineer  
Chief of works*

Engineer  
auditor  
the Mayor

September 10th, 1918.

the Mayor authorized to make any financial arrangements that may be necessary. Motion passed unanimously.

STREET REPAIRS.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 9/1918

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir,

On the 8th day of August I was instructed by the Board of Control to prepare and submit a comprehensive report on the paving of all the streets in the City which I would recommend for pavement, with recommendations as to the different coverings suggested for thoroughfares and by-streets.

I had been at my desk less than a month, but I had already been studying seriously the question of repairs and maintenance of the streets in the City, and I have continued to prosecute the study strenuously ever since. I am informed that last winter was so strenuous that it clearly accounts for the condition of the streets this season. I am also informed that the delay in overtaking the street repair which would be possible under our appropriation, is caused by the practical impossibility of obtaining the necessary labour without paying a rate away beyond the limit established by the City Council, and the prohibitive difficulty in obtaining the broken stone and other material required for street repairs.

I took up the problem at once and have been making a strenuous effort to remove both features of the problem named. In addition, before or about the date referred to in August, I inspected Cornwallis Street in company with Controller Murphy and repeated to him opinions in reference to street repairing and paving, which I have given many times before. Notwithstanding this experience, Controller Murphy on the 4th of September has submitted a report to the Board of Control, which has been referred to me for further report, in which he repeats, as his own, opinions which I gave him that day on Cornwallis Street and which I had also given to the City of Halifax in my last published annual report, suggesting the solution of the repairing and paving problem, and having adopted my opinion as his own, condemns my department as not giving the question the serious consideration which it deserves, and which, inferentially, he had given it.

The question, however, which the Board of Control and the City of Halifax wants decided, is not the settlement of such a childish dispute, but what is the best way to pull the City out of the difficulty in which it finds itself.

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For many years there seems to have been a tendency to allow the total cost of any proposed improvement to loom so large that any benefits to be obtained, were hidden. In consequence, we have delayed permanent improvements which should have been made years ago. While I do not speak with any intention to criticize, I desire to point out in order to strengthen my arguments, the grave mistake (in my opinion) at any rate) which was made in not paving Argyle Street this year. It is generally admitted that Argyle Street, Blowers and Grafton Streets should be paved. If I am correct in that statement, then the mistake is beyond question, as it is necessary under present conditions to spend the interest on half the cost of the work and probably more, in repairing those streets and keeping them in repair, and look what we have for that expenditure in comparison with what we might have had if we had paved the street. In addition to what would have been the cost of the work this year, we must add the ever-increasing cost of wages and materials, the increased cost of asphalt from 25% to 30%, the increase in cost of wages and the loss of material that would have been taken off these streets and been used in repairing other streets where we have been absolutely unable to obtain the material for repairs. I might go further and say that from the information available, I believe that asphalt cannot be obtained at all now, and will not be obtainable until after the war, so that the chance which was in the hands of the City Council has been lost and a similar opportunity will not be again presented.

There are two difficulties which prevent us from overtaking the street repairs in a satisfactory manner with the appropriation provided by the City Council this year. The first is the scarcity of labor which prompts the competing employers of labor to bid higher than the City can afford to bid. I say this advisably, because, once the City raises the rate of wages which will be paid, it will never come down, while private employers can bid now and reduce the rate later if they find it necessary or advisable to do so. The second is the difficulty in obtaining the broken stone and other material which is necessary for street repairs, fast enough to overtake the work within the working season. There are two reasons for this latter difficulty - first, the difficulty which employers have in obtaining labour, and second, the difficulty in obtaining proper transportation. If we could have had at our disposal motor trucks to carry the material, it is quite possible that we could have got the material, but we have no available transport facilities and consequently are severely handicapped. The solution of the problem in my opinion is not very much changed on account of the changes in conditions.

As stated in my last annual report and on many occasions formerly, we are wasting money in carrying material back to our hill streets to repair washouts. While I cannot submit the actual figures to prove this statement, I have no doubt that the actual arith-

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metical proof can be provided. Even if the balance were on the side of the repairs, I think it would be decidedly in the interests of the City to make a larger expenditure to obtain satisfactory conditions, rather than to continue with the very unsatisfactory conditions which are repeated with every violent rain and wind storm.

As stated in the first part of the report, I have been trying to solve the problem for several weeks, and I believe now that I can get the materials to carry out the recommendations which I submit.

I would recommend that the two lower blocks of Cornwallis and Jacob Streets be paved with granite blocks on concrete foundation, this year, and that the surplus material which will have to be taken off these blocks, be used to repair other streets which are very much in need of it.

I would recommend that Duke Street from Barrington to Brunswick Street be paved with bituminous macadam without concrete foundation, this year. This work to be paid for from the street appropriation, and all surplus material from Duke Street to be used as recommended in connection with Cornwallis and Jacob Streets.

Controller Murphy has taken an interest in a very limited district in the neighbourhood of Cornwallis Street, but I have been obliged to study the problem for the past weeks with a knowledge that beyond question Buckingham Street is in the worst condition of any street in the City - That Duke Street, George, Prince, Sackville and the lower block of Salter Street, are in very bad condition- that Argicola Street, Barrington Street north of North Street, Morris Street particularly west of Park Street and east of Hollis Street, Inglis Street and many other streets in the City are in just as bad condition as the average of the streets he has named, and in addition, every one of them is far more important than either Proctor or Hurd Street.

With some reservation I make a general recommendation for the paving of the streets of the City because this work like all other practical work, changes from time to time, and even since my last report on this matter, progress has been made. I believe that granite blocks for our neighbourhood, is the most advantageous pavement, considered from all angles, for heavy traffic streets, and that it must be adopted for streets like Cornwallis Jacob, and Buckingham Streets, but I think some less expensive material should be adopted for the less important hill streets, so that we may make some progress in permanent pavement in the central portion of the City.

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I agree with His Worship the Mayor that the dust problem can be overtaken much more rapidly by permanent work than by any other method, and I have no confidence that it can be overtaken or kept down by the use of water or by the use of oil, with our revenues. The two lower blocks of Prince Street and the south block of Granville Street, Argyle Street, Blowers Street, and the south block of Grafton Street, should be paved with asphalt on concrete foundation. The other hill streets' un-paved, in my opinion should be paved with bituminous macadam until the time comes when the traffic is so heavy and the revenues of the City sufficiently elastic to enable us to pave with more permanent materials. The experience we have had on Sackville Street between Granville and Barrington Street, justifies me in recommending a similar material for these hills, as the comparative permanence of the material used, and the freedom from dust which we have obtained ~~from~~ by the use of it, more than offsets any disadvantage to traffic.

Buckingham and Jacob Streets should be paved with granite blocks and concrete foundation. Without naming the other streets in the City I think this will give a sufficient guide for the program which should be followed in the future, until engineering progress suggests a change. The experience of the past proves that it is not safe to lay down a program for any extended period, as scientific progress is bound to indicate certain lines which would be an improvement on our present decision. As time is an important feature in connection with this matter, if your Board agree with my recommendations, I would recommend that I be authorized to purchase the material required for such work, as we may be able to do this year, on the most advantageous terms; otherwise, I do not think there is time this season to carry out the work which we could accomplish if this recommendation is adopted.

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There is another point in Controller Murphy's report which I feel bound to deal with, although I have tried to make this report as brief as possible, and that is that Mr. Johnston, should be relieved from all other work and detailed to attend to street repairs solely. Mr. Johnston is by far the best qualified and most important man on my staff, and if he were taken from other work, it would be a very serious handicap to me on the rest of the work. If it were necessary, I should not hesitate to recommend it, but I cannot see any necessity for such a course. Mr. Johnston would undoubtedly direct the work in any case, but that he should be relieved of all other work, is out of the question. Our staff is very small, and Mr. Johnston's qualifications and his long familiarity with the routine, make it practically impossible for me to get along without his services

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No business institution would think of such a course unless it were absolutely necessary, and in this case I have no hesitation in saying that it is not absolutely necessary; and in fact Mr. Johnston can give all the service of which he is capable toward the street work, without affecting his work in other lines. To adopt this feature of Mr. Murphy's report would be an unnecessary waste of public money.

I think it would be in the interest of next year's work for the Board also to express an opinion on the work that should be carried out next year, so that any preliminary work could be done at an early date, instead of leaving it to this late stage in the year to carry out such important work. I shall submit a later report dealing with the machinery which I consider absolutely necessary to enable us to carry on next year's work in the face of the labor shortage.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Moved by Controller Taylor seconded by Controller Hines that the report be received and approved and the City Engineer instructed to proceed with the paving recommended and to submit to the Board at its next meeting a formal resolution ~~dealing~~ authorizing the work. Motion passed unanimously.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE HALL CORNWALLIS STREET.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 9th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

The Asst. Building Inspector has reported on the condition of the Sons of Temperance Hall on the south side of Cornwallis St. between Brunswick and Gottingen Streets, and complaint has also been made on behalf of the School Board for the children in the near-by school, showing that the Sons of Temperance Hall is in such a state of non-repair as to be no longer suitable for habitation or any business purpose. I am informed that such condition has existed ever since the explosion, which is not less than six months since the date of the Act referred to.

*Engineer  
see p/c  
minutes  
Sept 17/18.*

September 10th, 1918.

The building in its present condition is a public disfigurement and is reported by the Assistant Inspector as a menace to the public and to the school children playing in the neighbourhood. I have given Mr. Andrew Hubley, trustee, who is reported as representing the owners of the building, notice to appear before the Board at their meeting on Sept. 24th 1918 at 10.30 a.m., to be heard respecting the matter of such reports.

F.W.W.Doane,  
City Engineer.

Approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Read letter Hon. A.K.McLean, as follows:-

Ottawa, September 7th, 1918.

E. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk,  
Halifax, N.S.  
Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 26th, and which I have not had opportunity to acknowledge heretofore.

I am quite in sympathy with the view that Halifax needs adequate police protection at the particular moment, and I shall be pleased to present your request to the proper authorities for consideration. I might say that I am impressed with the necessity of adding to the Government Police and Intelligence Agencies at Halifax, and I may inform you that the matter is now having consideration. I should not like, however, to express an opinion as to the advisability of assigning such additional force as may be made by the Government to the Halifax police. However, I shall be pleased to give very sympathetic consideration to your suggestion.

A. K. MacLean.

Filed.

EXPLOSION-SCHOOLS LOAN FROM RELIEF COMMISSION.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 10/18

His Worship the Mayor, and Board of Control.

Gentlemen.-

Referring to the Order in Council, 30th

September 10th, 1918.

Day of July, asking the City of Halifax to issue its debentures to raise \$275,000.00 for permanent repairs to the City Schools.

By order of the School Commissioners, I hereby apply for \$50,000.00 on this account.

S.J. Wilson,  
Secretary.

Referred to the City Treasurer for payment.

CHARLES STREET EXTENSION.

Read report Controller Murphy, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 9th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The monthly statement of amounts on hand has for a considerable time, shown a balance of \$208.42 to the credit of the above account. As this street is in need of repairs caused by the extension and widening I would recommend that the Engineer be instructed to apply this amount to the fixing up of same.

John Murphy,  
CONTROLLER.

Approved.

STREET SIGNS.

Read report Controller Murphy re Street Signs,  
as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 9th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

Indicating signs such as shown on the attached bulletin are coming into extensive use. These signs you will note among other things the following :-

"Hospital Zone - Pass Quietly".

"One Way Street- Do Not Enget Here."

" No Parking Near Hydrant."

"School - Go Slow."

"Do Not Park Vehicles Here."

These signs are known as "silent policeman" and as the cost is very low, it suggests itself to writer that we could locate a number of them to advantage ~~throughout~~ throughout the City.

I would recommend the City Engineer be instructed to order whatever quantity of these signs he think s necessary.

John Murphy,  
CONROLLER.

Auditor  
Treasurer

Engineer  
Clerk & works  
auditor

Engineer

September 10th, 1918.

Approved.

WATER METERS.

Read report Controller Murphy re water meters

as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 9th, 1918.

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

Referring to recommendation recently submitted by the City Engineer for the purchase of an assortment of over 800 water meters, I feel that a full knowledge of the circumstances will satisfy the Board that it is impossible for us to place an order for any such quantity of meters at this time.

In our Water Estimates for the present civic year an amount of \$6,000.00 was provided for the purchase of meters. Of this amount, \$3,379.00 has already been expended, so that the balance to the credit of this amount is \$2,621.00. The assortment of 833 meters recommended by the Engineer involves an expenditure in the neighborhood of \$22,000.00. I feel sure the Board would not consider any such outlay.

In the Engineer's report it was set out as one of the grounds justifying the purchase of these meters, that there was a considerable loss of meters in the devastated district. As an actual fact, however, only forty-seven meters were destroyed in the disaster.

A further reason advanced is that the Relief Commission will have about 500 houses ready for occupancy by the spring. This does not look very probable.

The Engineer, in his report of Aug. 30th., replying to the question as to where the money would come from to meet this expenditure, stated that there was a credit to Water Maintenance Account of \$14,863.72. It would seem however, that the Engineer was misinformed on this point, as the City Treasurer's statement to the date given shows a balance of only \$1,613.30 to the credit of this account.

The details given herein should be sufficient to show that no such expenditure as involved in this report can be incurred.

I would therefore recommend that the City Engineer be asked to revise his recommendation so as to make it conform to the appropriation at our disposal.

John Murphy.  
Controller.

Approved and referred to the City Engineer.

COAL.

Read correspondence between Controller Murphy and

September 10th, 1918.

J. D. LeBlanc, Moncton, N.B., re coal, as follows:-

Strathcona No. 1 slope Moncton, N.B. Aug. 26th, 18

To the City Clerk of Halifax, N.S.  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

Would you be good enough to give me a list of large coal buyers of bituminous coal in Halifax. I have considerable coal to offer, from different collieries and am prepared to supply large quantities, and give prompt service.

Thanking you in anticipation for the above information.

John D. LeBlanc,  
Wholesale Coal, Agent,  
616 Main St. Moncton, N.B.

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Halifax, N.S. August 28th, 1918.

John D. LeBlanc, Esq.,  
616 Main Street,  
Moncton N.B.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of the 26th, we would be pleased to receive full statement of coal, which you have to offer, giving quantity available, points of shipment, name of mine from which the coal comes, and if you feel so disposed, prices at which you are prepared to offer same.

You asked in your letter for a list of the largest dealers, this you will find below:

- Geo. E. Boak & Son Ltd. 95-101 Lower Water St.
- Buckley Coal and Contracting Co. Morris Street.
- S. Cunard & Co. 79 Up. Water Street, & 35 Lr. Water
- Dartmouth Coal and Supply Co, Ltd. cor Water and Portland Street, Dartmouth.
- H.D. MacKenzie Co. Ltd. 462 Barrington Street.
- Wm. Roche 165-167 Upper Water Street.

Trusting you will give me the desired information, hoping to hear from you.

John Murphy,  
CONTROLLER.

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Moncton, N.B. 616 Main St.,  
August 30th, 1918.

To the City Clerk of Halifax,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your esteemed favor of the 28th instant, I beg to quote you the following prices on the different collieries The Union Coal & Securites Co., Control.

September 10th, 1918.

Twin Seam	\$5.60	
Jubilee	5.35	
Strathcona No. 1 slope	5.35	All Run-of-mine,
" " " " " 2 "	5.60	2000 per ton f, o b.
Maple Leaf	5.85	cars mines siding.
Joggins	5.35	
Pictou coal	4.85	

We have 2000 tons of coal for immediate acceptance. If you feel like accepting any of our offering, communicate with us by wire and we will give your Orders our most careful attention. I might add, these coals are invoiced direct from the above Company, Orders of instructions must be sent to myself.

John D. LeBlanc,  
Wholesale Coal Agent.

I if you have any prospective buyers in view, we are prepared to supply them from 1 to 5 cars per day. Should you feel like trying out any of this coal, I would advise you to place your order now before any congestion occurs, which is always the case later in the season.

Copies of the correspondence are ordered to be forwarded to the City Engineer and the School Board.

OVERDUE TAXES.

Read report City Collector, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 5th, 1918

To,  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

Previous to receiving the request of Deputy Mayor Godwin of May 2nd, I had a similar request made by the Relief Commission for a large portion of the north end of the City, mostly ward six. These must of necessity take precedence and have taxed to the utmost the staff at my disposal.

R. Theakston,  
City Collector.

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

EXPLOSION-TAXES EXEMPTIONS IN DEVASTATED AREA.

The City Assessor is requested to submit to this Board a copy of the statement furnished by him to

*Commissioner*

*Engineer ✓  
School Board*

*Engineer  
Alderman  
City Works*

*Alderman Godwin*

September 10th, 1918.

the Relief Commission, showing the tax exemptions in the devastated district.

CAST IRON WATER PIPES.

Read report Assistant City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 7.18

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

Last winter a contract was made with Drummond, McCall & Co. Ltd., for cast iron water pipe, which was to be manufactured in Great Britain. In May they received notice from the War Trade Board that the pipes would not be allowed to be exported from the other side. On May 10th they notified us to this effect.

The matter was taken up with the Canadian War Trade Board and with the High Commissioner's Office in London, to try to have this ruling reversed. Drummond McCall were devited with the cablegrams sent by the Canadian Ware Trade Board, and I have a letter from them asking to be reimbursed for the cost of those cablegrams, as they were acting in our interest. The amount of the account is \$31.01

In my judgment this is a reasonable request, as every effort had to be made to secure these pipes, and if this firm had not sent the cables, they would have been sent by us. The failure to fulfil the contract was not due to any fault of the contractor, but solely to war conditions, and it does not seem fair that they should have to pay for the cost of these cablegrams, as immediately on receipt of the notice that the pipes could not be exported from the other side, they could have dropped the matter entirely.

I would recommend that this bill be paid.

H.W. Johnston  
Asst. City Engineer.

Approved.

CITY PRISON REVENUE.

Read reports Governor Grant and City Auditor, re City Prison Revenue 1917-18, as follows:-

City Prison, Aug. 29th, 1918.

W.W. Foster, Esq.,  
City Auditor.  
Dear Sir:-

The following is a report as requested:-

*Assessor*

*Engineer  
Auditor  
City works*

September 10th, 1918.

SALES.

June -	\$ 7.32-	Calf
July -	36.15-	Bones
August -		
Sept. -	2.40	Broken Stone.
<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>		
Nov. -	65.50	Vegetables.
Decem.-	90.00	"
Feb.-	27.00	"
Apr.-	22.50	"
" -	10.50	Calf
May.-	4.80	Broken Stone.
" -	8.25	Vegetables.
July.-	40.65	"
Aug.-	15.00	"
Spet.-	30.00	"
	<u>\$ 360.07</u>	

BOARD NAVAL PRISONERS.

July -	\$44.00
Aug.-	44.50
Dec.-	30.50
Jan.-	98.00
Nov.-	39.00
June.-	44.50
	<u>\$ 300.50</u>

MEMO.

Board of Naval Prisoners..	\$300.50
Sales.....	360.07
Total.....	<u>\$660.57</u>

George Grant,  
GOVERNOR, CITY PRISON.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 4th, 1918.

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

I enclose statement of Governor Grant, Rock-head, showing as requested, income at City Prison for the civic year 1917-1918 :-

Board of Naval Prisoners.....	\$300.50
Sales of vegetables, etc.,.....	360.07
Total....	<u>\$660.57</u>

Which agrees with the books of the City.

W.W.Foster,  
CITY AUDITOR.

Filed.

September 10th, 1918.

TAXATION ACT.

Read letter Deputy Provincial Secretary, as follows:-

Halifax, 7th September, 1918.

L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk,  
Halifax, N. S.  
Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of May 29th, to my predecessor in office respecting the Tax Act of the City of Halifax, I beg to advise you that an order of the Governor in Council has been passed approving the same, and that said order and Act has been published in the "Royal Gazette" of September 4th, I enclose herewith certified copy of said order.

Arthur S. Barnstead,  
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

Assessor.  
Filed and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the City Assessor.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL MORRIS STREET.

Read reports City Health Board covering correspondence relating to Isolation Hospital, Morris Street, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 7th, 1918.

Chairman & Members  
Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

Attached for your information and action is a report from W. J. Busch, Architect, stating what is required, with an estimate of the cost, to properly ventilate the new Infectious Diseases On Morris Street. The School Board is very anxious to have this building cleared of patients but until the ventilation in it is made satisfactory this cannot be done by the Health Board. The building is practically without ventilation and it is considered unwise by the Chairman to admit any patients into the building until the recommendations of Architect Busch with respect to ventilation are carried out. I am directed to request that steps be taken at once to carry out the said recommendations at once.

J. A. Watters,  
Secretary C.H.B.

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Halifax, N. S. September 5th, 1918.

N. S. MacKay, MD.,  
Chairman City Health Board.  
Dear Sir:-

In accordance with your request I have inspected.

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the new Infectious Diseases Hospital and would report to the Health Board, as follows:-

(1) I do not consider that the transoms over the stationary windows would give sufficient and adequate ventilation. In addition to the Opening transoms, the lower sash in each window should be made to raise, with pulleys and weights to allow for a circulation of air in the lower part of rooms. To alter and change the windows would probably cost \$1,500 and in my opinion the alterations, for various reasons, should be done before admitting patients to the Hospital.

In regard to the lavatories special ventilation should be provided, as the open windows, would, when the wind is in a certain direction force the foul odours into the wards.

Regarding the private rooms, the adopted standard for space per patient should not be less than 1,500 cubic feet. None of the private rooms approach in any way this standard.

W.J.Busch,  
Architect.

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The building should be mechanically ventilated by means of fan heaters, tempering coils and air conditioning apparatus, so that air may be taken in from outside, at a wall chosed location, passed over tempering coils through air washers with eliminator plates, and humidity controller, etc., so that the air, distributed to the various sections will be of a high standard of purity with the proper temperature and percentage of humidity. The distribution would be accomplished by the fan through separate ducts for each room. Outlet for exhaust air would correspond to the supply, but discharged to the outside air above the roof.

The building is of poor construction throughout with wall board instead of plaster. One stairway in centre of the building four feet wide serves the upper floor. Stand pipes with hose reels have been provided as local protection against fire but it is considered that on account of the nature of the building and its use that adequate fire escapes be provided at each end of the building so that patients could easily and quickly be removed to safety.

W.J.Busch,  
Architect.

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Halifax, N.S. September 9th, 1918.

Sir:-

I am directed to send to you for your consideration

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and action Architect Mr. W. J. Buch's report on the ventilation of the Morris Street Infectious Disease Hospital. You will also find enclosed the questions submitted to him by the Chairman of the Board, to which the report is an answer.

The Board finds it difficult to understand why so important a building as an Infectious Disease Hospital, should be built nowadays without any regard for ventilation, but this has unfortunately been done under the direct supervision of your architects and inspectors. The new Infectious Disease Hospital on Morris Street, erected by you for the city, has no more ventilation than an ordinary stable, not even as much as a good stable.

We are told through the press that the plans for this building were to be prepared by expert architects in hospital construction. To all appearances the plans of it were prepared without any provision of any kind being made for ventilation, other than the transoms over the window, nor for wiring; and the contractors were allowed, by your architects and inspectors, to finish the building without either wiring it or making any provision for ventilation.

This is an unfortunate thing which we think should be remedied immediately by your committee without any additional cost to the city or Health Board, as your architects and inspectors are solely to blame in this matter. To install the cheapest system of ventilation will cost about \$1,500 and the City is not in a position to borrow a dollar in its present chaotic condition.

To obtain the simplest and cheapest form of ventilation all the window frames have to be taken out and new ones put in, and new sashes made and put in with weights and cords to raise the sash. This is quite a job which cannot be done properly with sick patients in the building. It would be a serious matter for the sick to be subjected to the noise and turmoil, etc., etc., incidental to such work and it might cost some of them their lives. The Board does not want to assume such a responsibility.

We are very anxious to hand over Oxford School to the School Board and we trust that you will take this matter into your favourable consideration, and do this very necessary work at once so as to enable us, with the least possible delay, to take the building over and have the sick removed into it.

J. A. Watters,  
Secretary C.B.B.

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Halifax, N.S. Sept 10th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor Hawkins,  
& Members Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

Submitted for your information is a list of

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questions sent to Architect W.J. Busch bearing on the ventilation of the new Infectious Diseases Hospital and also a copy of a letter sent by the City Health Board to the Relief Commission on the same subject.

*Engineer*

proposed installation of a pumping plant to pump water from the low service main to the hill. J.A. Watters, Secretary, C.H.B. :::::::::: :::::::::: ::::::::::

MAINTENANCE MILITARY Halifax, N.S. August 30th, 1918.

W.J. Busch, Esq., Military Authorities, as follows: Architect. Halifax, N.S., Sept. 10th, 1918.

Sir:- Would you be good enough to inspect the new Infectious Diseases Hospital on Morris Street and make a report to the Board on the following points:-

*L.H. G. G. G.*

- (1) Are the transoms over the windows sufficient to ventilate this Hospital and provide fresh air for the sick?
- (2) Which is the cheapest method of ventilation this hospital should have, before the Board would be justified in taking it over and putting sick persons in it for treatment? How could this be best provided, and what would have to be done, and what would the probable cost be? Include in your report the lavatories and the private rooms.
- (3) How should a modern up-to-date hospital for Infectious Diseases be ventilated?
- (4) Is there ample provision made for the safety of the patients in the event of fire?

N.F. MacKay, Chairman City Health Board.

Referred to the City Engineer for report as to whether the building complies with the plans and specifications and as to what is necessary to be done to have the plans and specifications complied with. The Board decides to inspect the building in company with the City Engineer tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*Engineer*

UNDERKEEPER OF CITY PRISON.

Read resignation Freeman White an underkeeper at the City Prison. Accepted.

*Governor City Prison*

F.W.F. Deane, City Engineer.

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HIGH SERVICE WATER SUPPLY-PUMPING PLANT.

*Engineer ✓*  
The City Engineer is instructed to report on proposed installation of a pumping plant to pump water from the low service main to the Reservoir on Shaffroth's Hill.

MAINTENANCE MILITARY PRISONERS AT CITY PRISON.

Read letter Military Authorities, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., Sept, 6th, 1918.

To:- L.F. Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk, Halifax, N.S.

Military prisoners committed to jail.

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of evendate, enclosing copy of letter of Controller Murphy, re subject marginally named.

*Letter Col Thompson ✓*  
This matter has been referred to the Adjutant-General, Ottawa, and it is suggested that no further action be taken until the decision of the Adjutant General is received.

W.E. Thompson, Colonel,  
for Major-General,  
Commanding Military District No. 6/

Agreed To.

DRAIN-AGE OF WILLOW PARK RAILWAY PROPERTY.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sep. 6, 1918.

His, Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

Kempt Road has been put in good condition throughout its whole length, but there is one portion of the road that is liable to be washed out again by the surface drainage from the eastern side of the Willow Park Railway yard.

*Engineer ✓*  
The water runs down along the tracks until it reaches the wall of the subway at the rail way bridge, where it runs over the wall on to the road.

The Railway Department should be obliged to divert this water to the sewer, either by carrying it westwardly through their railway dump or by conducting it directly to the nearest portion of the sewer.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Approved.

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WILLOW PARK ROUND HOUSE DRAINAGE-CHARLES MORASH.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sep. 6, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I have investigated the matter complained of by Mr. Chas. H. Morash and find that the sewage discharge from the sedimentation tank at Kempt Road is not clarified and is grey in color at the mouth of the pipe. Further down, the water becomes more clarified, but the bed of the brook is coated with brown. At Mr. Morash's property there is no apparent color in the water, but Mrs. Morash informs me that the water taken from her well, which is a short distance from the brook, has at times a thick skum on it when boiled, and that it has a bad taste and odor.

The brook runs very close to the house of another man of the same name, the house fronting on Kempt Road. Mrs. Chas. Morash states that her children have all been sick from time to time, and it is evident that the presence of the sewage in the water of the brook may be the cause of past trouble and is liable to be the cause of future trouble.

A few years ago the railway department proposed carrying the sewage down Kempt Road to the Basin. This matter should be dealt with promptly and the Railway Department requested either to filter the sewage or to construct a sewer carrying it out of the Basin. The latter would be the most satisfactory remedy.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Approved.

FUEL COMMISSIONER.

Read letter R.H. MacKay, Fuel Administrator, as follows

New Glasgow, N.S. Sept. 5th, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

Your of 4th inst., just received and I am pleased to know that you have appointed Controller Murphy, Fuel Controller Commissioner for the City of Halifax. I will get in touch with the Commissioner at once, and assure you as Fuel Administrator for the province, I will give your Commissioner every assistance I possibly can in connection with your required supply of fuel during the coming Winter.

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Thanking you for dealing with this matter as you have for in my estimation at least, I think it is of the utmost importance that a Commissioner should be appointed for your City.

*Cont Murphy ✓*

R. H. MacKay,  
Fuel Administrator.

Filed.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

On motion of Controller Murphy His Worship the Mayor is authorized to pay any necessary expenses incurred by the Citizen's Public Safety Committee.

*Letter ✓  
to Macgillivray*

FLEMING PARK.

The City Engineer is instructed to prepare specifications for comfort stations at Fleming Park.

*Engineer ✓*

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

The following account chargeable to Works Department are passed for payment.-

Sept. 5, 1918.

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

Attached hereto are accounts amounting to the sum of \$5118.77, chargeable to the following services:-

*Council*

Water Maintenance	\$ 1526.88
Cleaning paved streets	33.95
Market Revenue	146.77
Fuel City Hall	6.20
Internal Health	251.01
City Property	63.25
Streets	21.66
Teams & Stables	421.90
City Hall Lighting	51.01
Street Lighting	2180.44
Public Baths	81.92
Telephones	43.28
Fleming Park	19.00
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	\$5118.77

Sewerage

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

The Board adjourned.

MAYOR.

*L. Fred Newagen*  
CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

September 12th 1918.

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.

Fire Alarm Boxes.  
Tracey Liquor Enquiry.  
Queen Hotel Excavation.  
Willow Street Sewer.  
Policemen.  
Dilapidated Building Cor. Almon & Gottingen Streets.  
Resignation- Aldermen.  
Briester Property Illegal Use of Water.  
Drain #59 Victoria Road.  
Fire Engine "Chebucto".  
Gratuity to Widow of Janitor of School Building.  
Fire Department Expenditure and Revenue.

FIRE ALARM BOXES.

Read report City Electrician, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 11th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Dear Sir:-

The following Fire Alarm Boxes have been inspected and found in good condition.  
Nos. 24, 25, 26, 29, 214, 3, 31, 312, 74, 75, 93, 94, 95.

P.R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

Filed. Controller Hines reports Box 41 out of order. Referred to the City Electrician for attention.

TRACEY LIQUOR ENQUIRY.

Read letter R.H. Murray, K.C., as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 10th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

After consultation with Judge Wallace some days ago we decided that the holding an inquiry into the theft of liquor from the office of Mr. Tracey- the thief having been discovered in that instance- would serve no useful purpose. All the facts may be brought out at the investigation when

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Horton is prosecuted and tried and this, without expense to the City.

*Council*

R.H. Murray.

Filed.

QUEEN HOTEL EXCAVATION.

Read letter Willlam Mombourquette, Manager of Queen Hotel, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 10th, 1918.  
Private Office.

Board of Control.  
City.

Gentlemen:-

At the request of Mr. Doane we had our engineer interview Mr. Soper of the Tram Co. to find out if their Pipe Pusher could be used in connection with getting the pipe line accross the street to our Annex, but Mr. Soper says that this instrument has never proved a success.

Mr. Doane advises us that we apply for permission to break through side-walk and between car-tracks, but not to interfere with asphalt. If You will grant us a permit for this, we shall be very glad to comply and proceed with the work at once.

*Engineer*

Wm. Mombourquette. Mgr.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Finlay that the permission asked for be granted, in accordance with recommendation of the City Engineer.

Motion passed.

WILLOW STREET SEWER.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sep. 11, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

For some time there has been some difficulty in settling the policy to be followed in reference to the construction of a sewer in Willow Street between Dublin and Windsor Streets.

*City of  
Police*

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In 1914 the construction of a sewer was ordered, provided that two houses should be under construction, that all the owners would sign an agreement to a limit the value of the houses to be built to a minimum price of \$3000; that plans and specifications be approved by the City; that a building line of 15 feet on each side of the street should be established, and it was also agreed at that time by the owners that they should grade the street to the satisfaction of the City.

I am informed that the grading of the street has been carried out. Since that time, a portion of the property fronting on the street has been sold to St. John's Presbyterian Church, and a building has been erected which encroaches over the 15 foot restriction. This seems to have been done inadvertently, and I recommend that a sewer be constructed under the same conditions as already named, waiving it in the case of the Church property under the circumstances, provided the property owners will agree to pay the regular assessment provided by the City Charter, notwithstanding the failure or neglect of the City or property owners to call out all the requirements of the City Charter and Acts respecting the construction of sewers and streets.

The estimated cost of constructing the sewer is \$8300.00.

F.W.W.Doane,  
City Engineer.

Messrs Hart and McDonald appeared before and addressed the Board urging the construction of the sewer on Willow Street.

Referred to the City Engineer to call for tenders to see what the work would cost, or in the alternative to devise me steps to meet the situation.

POLICEMEN.

Applications for positions as policemen were received from the following:- Patrick Condon, Duncan McKenzie, Arthur Joseph O'Hearn. All the applicants are appointed as temporary Policemen.

DIBARIDATED BUILDING COR. ALMON AND GOTTINGEN STS.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

*Engineer*

*Engineer*

*Chief of Police*

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Halifax, N.S. Sept. 11/18

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

The Assistant Building Inspector reports that the building on the south-west corner of Almon and Gottingen Streets, owned by Mr. C.W. Hayward, is in a very dangerous condition. He also states that the building has been unoccupied for more than six months. Under the circumstances, I beg to recommend the matter to your Board for action.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

The City Engineer is instructed to notify the owner to appear before the Board at its next meeting.

RESIGNATIONS OF ALDERMEN.

Read report City Solicitor, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sep. 11, 1918.

Secretary Board of Control.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to the enquiry of the Board as to the effect of the resignations of ten members of the Council, I beg to say as follows:-

Section 91 of the Charter provides that any ~~xxxxxxx~~ Controller or Alderman may resign office by resignation in writing to be signed by him and addressed to the Clerk, and Section 93 provides that every casual resignation of office from death, resignation, absence or other reason shall be declared by resolution of the Council before proceedings are taken to fill the vacancy. Irrespective of authority upon the point, I should be of opinion that the resignation was complete upon the handing of the written resignation to the Clerk, and that the only effect of Section 93 was that before an election could be held the resignations must be officially declared by the Council, putting a vacancy from resignation ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ on the same footing as a vacancy occurring by death seems to put the matter beyond doubt as it could hardly be said a vacancy had not been created by the death of a member.

But the point also appears completely covered by authority. The sections quoted are almost a copy of Section 36 of the English Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, and under that statute it was held by the Court of Queens Bench in the Queen vs Wigan, 14, Q.B.D 908, that a resignation was complete upon the handing of the

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writing to that effect to the Town Clerk, and that it could not afterwards be withdrawn even with an express resolution of the Council that it should not be accepted.

As the resignations have not left enough members of the Council to form a quorum it appears clear that an election cannot be held. Section 86 provides that the day for an election to fill an aldermanic vacancy must be fixed by the Council, and there is no provision authorizing any other person or body to fix a date in the absence of a Council.

As to the consequence upon the civic government of the absence of a Council until the next time of regularly electing the same, I can only refer to Section 341 of the Charter which sets out with much particularity the powers of the Board of Control to transact business of the City without a resolution of the Council. These are, speaking generally, sufficient to carry on the ordinary business of the City of expending the appropriations and the payment of all statutory charges or other charges which have received the sanction of the Council, but not to incur fresh expenditures or enter into any contracts involving an expenditure exceeding \$500.00. It will be more easy, however, to deal with any action contemplated by the board when it arises than to specify their powers with any exactness in advance.

F.H. Bell,  
City Solicitor.

Filed.

BRISTER PROPERTY ILLEGAL USE OF WATER.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sep. 11/18

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

At the request of the members of your Board I beg to report on a letter which appeared in the Halifax Herald today, signed "Reader". The letter, referring to the water supplied to boats of the Naval Service at the Brister property, states that as there was a meter on the Brister premises, the water would naturally be charged up to that firm and they in turn would collect from the Navy - and that as naval boats only were supplied, it was only a matter of very simply book keeping.

The anonymous writer of the letter is not correct in his statements. The water taken for the boats was drawn through a pipe attached to the fire hydrant on Mr. Brister's premises. There is no meter on the pipe running to this hydrant and there has been no meter on it for years. The water was taken without any notice to the City and without any opportunity for the City to protect itself by providing some measurement by meter of the water taken.

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If the City had had notice, no permission would have been given to use a fire hydrant for such a purpose, causing unnecessary wear and tear on it and risking the possibility of having it out of order should a fire occur; nor would permission have been given to supply water through a leaking pipe, such as our inspectors found in use.

F.W.W.Doane,  
City Engineer.

The report is approved.

DRAIN # 59 VICTORIA ROAD.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 11. 1918

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I have inspected the drain #59 Victoria Road which has an open excavation on it at present, and am unable to determine the cause of the stoppage in the drain. It is a private drain, apparently constructed from the house #59 to the main sewer. The City is in no way responsible for private drains or liable for damage which may be caused to them through no negligence on the part of the City. The City had a right to fill up its own property on to the Street level, and it was not done in any careless or negligent manner. I do not know that that is the cause of the trouble, but if it were, I feel certain that the City is not liable. Mr. Andrews will have to make an excavation at the sewer at his own expense, to ascertain the cause of the trouble.

F.W.W.Doane.  
City Engineer.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to David Andrews.

FIRE ENGINE "CHEBUCTO".

Controller Hines informed the Board that the Motor Fire Engine "Chebucto" arrived in the City today.

GRATUITY TO WIDOW OF JANITOR OF SCHOOL BUILDING.

Read extract Minutes of City Council, July 11th, 1918, as follows:-

" Alderman Parker asked if the gratuity of \$1000. voted for the widow of the Janitor of Richmond Street School killed in the explosion of December 6th is available for payment. Referred to the Board of Control. "

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MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

**FIRE**

On motion of Controller Murphy the City Auditor is instructed to pay over the gratuity.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE.

The City Auditor submits a detailed report showing expenditure and revenue of the Fire Department.

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

The Board adjourned.

WATER SUPPLY PUBLIC WORKS.

John Farrell appeared before the Board complaining that Roche's Glass Works Property, Puper Lane had been without water supply for the past three weeks owing to the break in the supply pipe. Referred to the City Engineer for attention.

MAYOR.

*Edward M. Mearns*  
CITY CLERK.

His Worship the Mayor submits a report from the City Collector re properties appropriated by the Dominion Government, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., Sept. 12th, 1918.

To, His Worship,  
The Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your enquiry as to the number of properties being taken by Dominion Government on East Side of Campbell Road I herewith enclose you a map of same.

E. Davidson,  
City Collector.

*Auditors*

*also Godwin*

*Engineer*

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MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

September 13th, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Water Supply Poplar Grove.  
Properties Expropriated by Dominion Government.  
Cornwallis Street Sidewalk.  
City Hall Tenders for Blinds.  
City Prison Underkeepers.  
Isolation Hospital.  
Water Inspectors.  
Insurance of Firemen.  
Siberian Expeditionary Force.

WATER SUPPLY POPLAR GROVE.

John Farrell appeared before the Board complaining that Roche's Glass Works Property, Poplar Grove has been without water supply for the past three weeks owing to the break in the supply pipe. Referred to the City Engineer for attention.

*Engineer* →

PROPERTIES EXPROPRIATED BY DOMINION GOVERNMENT.

His Worship the Mayor submits a report from the City Collector re properties expropriated by the Dominion Government, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 12th, 1918.

To, His Worship,  
The Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your enquiry as to the number of properties being taken by Dominion Government on East Side of Campbell Road I herewith enclose you a memo of same.

R. Theakston,  
City Collector.

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		Assessment.	Amount.
1911	Lynch's Ltd.	9000.	228.60
1199/1201	Morris Goldberg	2700.	68.58
1205	Francis Power	2100.	53.34
1207	G.W.R. Brown	2200.	55.88
1211/21	Gunn & Co.	10800.	274.32
1223/29	Eugene Sullivan	6500.	165.10
1223	Hfx. Graving Dock	200000.	5080.
	Samuel, Wm & David Orr	9500.	241.30
1251	C. A. Mumford	4700.	119.38
1253-55	Mrs. Mary J. Case	3500.	88.90
1259-63	Acadia Sugar Refinery	4300001	1092.2
1281-3	Est. Cath. Elliott	1000.	25.40
1287	James Elliott	1200.	30.48
1291	Est. Wm. Lovett Sr.	1600.	40.64
1295-7	Cassie Upham	1500.	38.10
1299/1301	Constant Upham	3600.	91.484
1303-5	Marion S. Wright	1000.	25.40
1307/11	Est. Edwin R. Wright	4000.	101.60
1313-27	Acadia Sugar Refinery	above	
1329	Chas. J. Duggan	1200.	30.48
1331	John R. Hall	1200.	30.48
	Est. Edw. Guess	500.	12.70
	Mrs. Cath Shea	1100.	27.94
1341	Est. Edw. Guess	800.	20.32
1343	J. A. & Georgina Adams	1400.	35.56
1347	Wm. Appleton	1300.	33.02
1349	Alex. Wournell	1000.	25.40
1351	P. J. Hartry	1200.	30.48
1355	Dev. Susan Wournell	1500.	38.10
Lot	James W. Wournell	300.	7.62
1359	Ex. Sir Robert Boak	2000.	50.80
	A. S. Burgess	1000.	25.40
1369-71	Est. James Tobin	1500.	38.10
		<u>\$ 710900.</u>	<u>\$18056.86</u>

His Worship the Mayor recommends that the whole question of loss of taxes through the expropriation of properties by the Dominion Government be gone into, and representations made to the Government with the view of obtaining from the Government some recompense for the City's losses of revenue, in his opinion it would be well worth the City's while to send a delegation to Ottawa on this matter.

The City ~~Free~~ Assessor is instructed to prepare and submit to the Board a detailed list of all properties in the City taken by the Dominion Government during the past 25 years, showing the assessed values, the rate of

*Assessor ✓*

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taxation and the City's loss of revenue.

CORNWALLIS STREET SIDEWALK.

Read petition for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the north side of Cornwallis Street, between Breighton and Maynard Streets.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

CITY HALL TENDERS FOR BLINDS.

Read report City Engineer re tenders for Blinds for the City Hall, as follows:-  
Halifax, N.S. Sept. 11/18

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir,

The Assistant Building Inspector asked for prices for blinds required for the City Hall. Instead of specifying the number of blinds, he left it to the judgment of the bidders to specify the blinds which they considered should be replaced; consequently, the number tendered for, is different in each case.

The Nova Scotia Furnishing Co. bid for 79 blinds at an average cost of \$3.85  
Brander, Morris & Co. bid for 89 blinds at an average cost of \$3.82  
Gordon & Keith bid for 70 blinds at an average cost of \$3.70  
Holland & Kuhn bid for 124 blinds at an average cost of \$3.51

As submitted, the tender of Gordon & Keith - average cost of \$3.70 per blind for 70 blinds, is the lowest.

F.W.W. Doane.  
City Engineer.

Referred to the City Engineer to prepare proper specifications for blinds and further report.

CITY PRISON UNDERKEEPERS.

Read applications for the positions of Underkeepers and Guards at the City Prison from the following named:-

John. L. Sweet, Alfred Robinson, J. Northup  
Fred Batch, Thomas Arnold, Harry Thompson.  
Eugene Prodhomme.

Referred to Controller Taylor and the Governor

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

Cont. Taylor ✓  
Governor Grand ✓

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of the City Prison for report.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

Read report City Health Board and letter from His  
Worship the Mayor and the Relief Commission re Isolation  
Hospital, Morris Street, as follows:-

Halifax, NS. September 12th, 1918.

His Worship Mayor Hawkins  
& Members Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

I beg to inform you that at a meeting of the  
Board of Health yesterday it was unanimously decided to  
take over the new Infectious Diseases Hospital on Morris  
Street and that just as soon as the necessary equipment  
is installed in the building the patients in the Oxford  
School be transferred to the new Hospital. It was also  
decided that the matter of carrying out a proper system  
of ventilation be taken up with the Relief Commission and  
that an arrangement be made with the Relief for the  
carrying out of this work within sixty days and it is  
desirable that whatever steps are necessary towards this  
end the Board of Control take them. It is desirable  
that there be no delay in this matter.

J. A. Watters,  
Secretary C.H.B.

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Halifax, N.S. Sept. 13th, 1918.

T.S. Rogers, Esq. Chairman,  
Halifax, Relief Commission,  
CITY.

Dear Sir:-

In the matter of changing the widow frames  
and windows at the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Morris  
Street, this work should be done at once, as the Board  
of Control have undertaken with the Board of Health as  
a condition of taking the Hospital over, that the work w  
will be done expeditiously.

If you are not prepared to do the work, I can  
arrange to have it done by City workmen, if you will  
give us an undertaking to pay the cost.

As this is a matter of considerable urgency, I  
would like an immediate answer as to your intentions.

A.C. Hawkins,  
Mayor.

Approved.

September 13th, 1918.

WATER INSPECTORS.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sep. 11/18

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

A short time ago, one of our water inspectors was visiting a property in the performance of his duty, and was interferred with by an employee of the builders. The story told by the two sides, differs considerably, but there is no doubt that there was friction which should not have occurred.

Our water and meter inspectors are visiting stores and private residences every day. I am informed that there have been reports of men entering private houses who are supposed to be inspectors but who afterwards were discovered to be thieves or burglars. In any case, our inspectors should wear a badge, cap or other distinction to show at once their position and authority. It would be difficult to find in any city the size of Halifax where such inspectors can enter a house without any sign of authority and without dispute.

I would recommend that your Board decided what identification shall be adopted and that our inspectors be required to wear it thereafter.

F.W.W. Doane,  
CITY ENGINEER.

Approved, and the City Engineer is instructed to supply the Inspectors with Badges to his approval.

INSURANCE OF FIREMEN.

Read Policy Accident Insurance of the Railway Passenger Insurance Company., 61 men at \$1000. each total premium \$305.00. Approved and the premium ordered to be paid.

SIBERIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

The City Clerk is instructed to write to the General Officer Commanding Military District No. 6, asking if the Military Authorities will permit the Siberian Expe- Contingent, now at Aldershot, to spend the day

*Engineer ✓*

*Auditor*

*Letter Mayor ✓  
to General  
Fussard*

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in Halifax before proceeding overseas, so that the citizens of Halifax may have the an opportunity of entertaining them.

The Board adjourned.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Siberian Contingent.  
Painting City Hall.  
Move Property Buffum Street.  
Isolation Hospital Morris Street Fire Insurance.  
Purity of Water Supply-Piggery Long Lake Water Shed.  
Barrington and Frooter Streets- Garage.  
City Prison Plumbing.  
Public Safety Committee.  
Summit Street Water Extension.  
Annual City Report.  
Police Department Districts.  
Electric Wireman's Motor Car.  
North West Arm Sewer.  
Street Repairs and Paving.  
Winter Property-Illegal Use of Water.  
City Prison, Syphilitic Prisoner.  
Guards and Watchman City Prison.  
City Prison Guards.  
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Building etc., for City Prison.  
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Fire Alarm Box - Halifax Shipyard Limited.  
Fire Chief's old Motor Car.  
Water Mills.  
Explosion Accounts.

*L. Fred Monaghan*

MAYOR.

CITY CLERK.

SIBERIAN CONTINGENT.

Read letter Major-General Leppard, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. 14th September 18.

His Worship the Mayor of Halifax,  
Halifax, N.S.

Your Worship,

In reply to your letter dated September 1st with reference to the marginally noted subject, I regret to say that the Contingent in question will not pass through Halifax on its way to mobilization quarters.

F. L. Leppard,  
Major General,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

September 17th, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10.15 o'clock. Present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Hines, Murphy and Finlay.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Siberian Contingent.  
Painting City Hall.  
Merson Property Duffus Street.  
Isolation Hospital Morris Street Fire Insurance.  
Purity of Water Supply-Piggery Long Lake Water Shed.  
Barrington and Proctor Streets- Garage.  
City Prison Plumbing.  
Public Safety Committee.  
Summit Street Water Extension.  
Annual City Report.  
Police Department Ulsters.  
Electric Wiremen's Motor  $\frac{3}{4}$  Car.  
North West Arm Sewer.  
Street Repairs and Paving.  
Brister property-Illegal Use of Water.  
City Prison, Syphlitic Prisoner.  
Guards and Watchman City Prison.  
City Prison Guards.  
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Bedding etc., for City Prison.  
Hydro Electric Power- Halifax Power Company.  
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Garage 351 Brunswick Street.  
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Cogswell Street Dilapidated Fence.  
Fire Alarm Box - Halifax Shipyards Limited.  
Fire Chief's old Motor Car.  
Water  $\frac{3}{4}$  Bills.  
Explosion Accounts.

SIBERIAN CONTINGENT.

Read letter Major-General Lessard, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. 16th September 18.

His Worship the Mayor of Halifax,  
Halifax, N.S.

Your Worship,

In reply to your letter dated September 14th with reference to the marginally noted subject:

I regret to say that the Contingent in question will not pass through Halifax on its way to mobilization quarters.

F. L. Lessard,  
Major General,  
Commanding Military District No. 6.

Filed.

September 17th, 1918.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL September 17th, 1918.

PAINTING CITY HALL.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 16th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report respecting Walsh Bros' tender, which was the lowest, for painting the interior of the City Hall, which has been referred to me for report. As to the portion of the painting that can be deferred, Mr. Fegan, Asst. Building Inspector, has gone over the whole building and is of opinion that the City Council Chamber is the only portion of the building for which tenders were taken, which can be left for any length of time. All the other rooms can be occupied except the Library, and as the painting of that room is more urgent than the others in the City Hall, I have instructed Mr. Lownds to prosecute the work, including painting, as rapidly as possible.

If the labor shortage is as serious as the Relief Commission's appeal indicates, other rooms in the City Hall can be used until the more urgent work in the North End is completed. In the meantime, the interior of the building will be in a most unsatisfactory and unsightly condition. In any case, new tenders will have to be taken, as the painting in the Library cannot be deferred without keeping the Library closed.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

The City Engineer is requested to submit his recommendations as to the advisability of having the work done by tender <sup>and</sup> contract or on a cost plus percentage basis, and to also report the total cost of repairs of the City Hall to date.

*Engineer*

MERSON PROPERTY DUFFUS STREET.

*Gottingen St*

J.H. Merson and Alderman Godwin appeared before the Board submitting a plan of the sub-division of Mr. Mersons Property on the North side of Duffus Street East of Gottingen Street showing how his property is effected by the proposed widening of Duffus Street and Gottingen Street by the lines laid down on the Official City Plan. Mr. Merson is requested to submit

*Engineer*

the matter in writing to the Board.

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ISOLATION HOSPITAL MORRIS STREET-FIRE INSURANCE.

Read letters City Health Board and report Clerk  
of Works re Fire Insurance on Isolation Hospital,  
Morris Street, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. September 14th, 1918.

His Worship Mayor Hawkins.

Dear Sir:-

As we are about to take over the new infectious  
diseases hospital on Morris Street, we would suggest  
that arrangements be made, if not already made, to in-  
sure the building against loss by fire.

J.A. Watters,  
Secretary C.H.B.

::::  
Halifax, N.S. September 14/18

Mayor Hawkins & Members  
Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

Would you advise us if fire insurance has  
been placed on the new infectious diseases hospital  
on Morris Street, We are about to tke this building  
over. Fires will be started there today, (Saturday,  
September 14th) if possible.

J.A. Watters.  
Secretary C.H.B.

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Halifax, N.S. Sept. 17/18

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

In reference to the letter from the City  
Health Board in re insurance on Infectious Diseases  
Hospital, Morris Street. I immediately communicated  
with the Halifax Relief Commission and have a letter  
from them under date September 14th, stating that  
they are carrying the following insurance on said  
building, etc., --

Building.....	\$14,000.00
Plumbing, heating, etc.....	9,900.00

This they are continuing in effect, and have noti-  
fied the Insurance brokers that the premises are being  
occupied.

A.F. Messervey.  
Clerk of Works.

The report ~~is~~ of the Clerk of Works is approved  
and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the City Health  
Board.

*City Health Board*

September 17th, 1918.

PURITY OF WATER SUPPLY-PIGGERY LONG LAKE WATER SHED.

Read report City Solicitor, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sep. 13, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.

City of Halifax vs. Purcell.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to bring to your attention the position of the above action brought to compel the defendant to remove his piggery from the water shed of Long Lake.

I obtained an injunction against the continuance of the piggery from Mr. Justice Drysdale, but the Judge directed that it should not be enforced for a short time to enable the defendant to obtain a place to which to remove the pigs, which I believe the defendant did his best to do.

A few days ago on my pressing the defendant's solicitor to comply with the order, he informed me that the defendant was being prevented from doing so by the Agricultural Department of the Dominion of Canada, who had placed the pigs in quarantine and refused to allow him to remove them; but that he was doing his best to comply with the injunction and obtain the requisite permission from the Agricultural Department.

Yesterday I was called on the telephone from New Glasgow by Dr. Townshend, representing the Agricultural Department, who informed me that the defendant would not be allowed by that Department to remove his pigs as they had been placed in quarantine. I told him that I had the injunction of the Court, and so far as I was concerned intended to enforce it. He informed me that the Department would not allow it to be enforced. I pointed out to him the seriousness of the situation endangering as it did the people of the City. He suggested that I should take the matter up with the Department. I told him that I would not. I told him that we were doing our best to enforce the law and protect the people of the City against infection of the water supply, and that if his department prevented us from doing so the responsibility must rest entirely upon them. He told me that he would take the matter up with Ottawa and see what could be done, as quickly as possible.

I bring this matter to your attention without waiting for a meeting of the Board of Control is order to let it be known as early as possible where the responsibility for the continuance of this dangerous nuisance on the watershed lies.

F.H. Bell,  
City Solicitor.

Filed.

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BARRINGTON AND PROCTOR STREETS GARAGE.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sep 17/18

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,-

I beg to report respecting the proposed garage at the north-west corner of Barrington and Proctor Streets, that last Fall Mr. Saunders, the contractor applied for permission to do the excavating for this garage, which was granted, on the understanding that just as soon as the plans were completed they would be submitted and a permit for the whole building obtained, and that they plans would comply with any requirements that the Building Inspector might make.

I inspected the site, and found that the rock excavation encroached slightly on the street, I notified Messrs. Clayton & Sons, and they are taking action to have any stones which encroach on the street, thrown back from the street line. They also state that they have given an order to have a fence erected on the Proctor Street side, so that there will be no danger to the public from the excavation.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

The report is approved and the City Engineer instructed to advise the owners Messrs., Clayton & Sons to put necessary fencing around the property.

CITY PRISON PLUMBING.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sep. 16/18

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

The inspector of Plumbing reports that he estimates that it will cost about \$200 to put the plumbing in the City Prison in good repair.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

The City Engineer is instructed to ask local plumbers under what consideration they will do the plumbing work at City Prison, and report.

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

Read letter Chairman of Finance Committee of  
the Public Safety Committee, as follows:-

uniform plates at Halifax, N.S. 16th, September, 1918.

City Clerk,  
Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

I am pleased, and I am sure the General Committee will be pleased with your letter of 14th instant, respecting the Board of Control's undertaking to pay expenses incurred in connection with preparatory work which the Halifax Committee of Public Safety may consider it necessary to undertake.

I trust the need will be small, and in any case the most rigid economy will be observed.

D. MacGillivray,  
Chairman Finance Committee.

Filed.

SUMMIT STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read petition Gordon Jennings for water extension Summit Street. Referred to the City Engineer for report.

ANNUAL CITY REPORT.

Read report City Auditor as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 16/18

His Worship the Mayor  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The financial departments are closing their books August 31st., and will very soon be in a position to publish the Annual Report. The accounts have been for some months waiting for final transfers, now received. By resolution of the City Council, August 21st, the tenders for Printing Report were sent back to the Board of Control for further consideration. Will you kindly advise me further in this matter.

W.W. Foster,  
City Auditor.

The City Auditor is requested to ask the heads of the departments to submit their annual reports to the Board, so that the Board may decide as to what matter shall be published in the printed report.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT ULSTERS.

*Engineering  
Council  
Chief of Police*

The Chief of Police verbally reports that Messrs. Clayton & Son, who tendered for ready made police uniform ulsters at \$29.00 each, would furnish made to measure ulsters at \$50.00 each.

It is decided to accept the tender of \$29.00 for ready made ulsters.

ELECTRIC WIREMENS MOTOR CAR.

*Chief Hines  
Chief Fire Dept.*

The account of E.S. Cottingham \$680.88 for a Ford motor car for the electric wiremen is referred to Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department for report.

NORTH WEST ARM SEWER.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sep. 14/18

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

*Council*

I have been notified to-day by Mr. J.C. Harris the City's arbitrator, that he and Mr. Roper, acting for the owners, have appointed Mr. Jas. A. McDonald K.C., as third arbitrator for the southern section.

F.W.W. Doane.  
City Engineer.

Filed.

CITY REPAIRS AND PAVING.

Agreeably to instructions given at meeting Sept. 10th, the City Engineer submits the following resolution:-

**RESOLVED** that Cornwallis Street be paved from Water Street to Barrington Street and Barrington Street to Brunswick Street with granite blocks on concrete foundation; that Jacob Street be paved from Water Street to Barrington Street and Barrington Street to Argyle Street with granite blocks on concrete foundation; and that Duke Street be paved from Barrington Street to Brunswick Street with bituminous macadam using granite blocks at the street intersections where the City Engineer considers it advisable to do so.

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AND FURTHER the City Engineer is authorized and instructed to obtain such materials as are necessary for this work on the best terms available.

AND FURTHER that the work be carried out this year if possible, payment to be made from the Street appropriation.

The resolution is unanimously adopted.

BRISTER PROPERTY ILLEGAL USE OF WATER.

Read letter Chas. Brister & Son, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 11th, 1918.

MAYOR HAWKINS,  
City.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to those Water Bills that I sent up to you, I might say that the "Cruizer" "Mulgrave", and the "King Malcolm" and Barge Laugen and "Roseina B", are accustomed to get their Water free at Louisbourg, which they do, enough to do them the round trip, and scarcely ever take Water at Halifax.

The Boats more or less take Water also from any Port they may enter outside of Halifax, and I would be extremely obliged to you if you would interview or write the Admiralty and find out if there was any consersation, questions, etc., in regard to paying for Water between them and myself outside of contract shown.

Trusting you will give this your early attention, we remain,

Chas Brister & Son Ltd.  
Per. J.B.

Referred to the City Engineer for a comprehensive report on the selling of City water by wharf owners and the Dominion Government, and the Charges made to them therefor.

The City Engineer and the City Solicitor are instructed to interview Admiral Storey and obtain from him a detailed statement as to the water supplied at Naval Department ships by Brister's Wharf. (See Minutes Board of Control, Sept. 13/18)

Engineer ✓  
City works ✓  
Auditor ✓  
Council ✓

Engineer ✓  
Solicitor ✓

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CITY PRISON-SYPHILITIC PRISONER.

Governor Grant reports that a military prisoner committed to the City Prison some two months ago, and who escaped and was subsequently re-captured, is suffering from Syphillis, the man's name being Edward Newell.

The Governor is instructed to deliver the man to the Military Hospital and to notify the General Officer Commanding.

GUARDS AND WATCHMAN CITY PRISON.

His Worship the Mayor reports that on the 14th inst, he had appointed Thomas H. Arnold a temporary City Prison Guard and Fred Balch as a temporary night watchman, and that on the 16th instant he had appointed John L. Sweet as a temporary City Prison Guard. Approved.

CITY PRISON GUARDS.

Alfred Robinson of Glengarry, Pictou County, Harry Thomson and Eugene Prodhome, applicants for the positions of City Prison Guards appeared before the Board.

Alfred Robinson and Harry Thomson are appointed as temporary City Prison guards or underkeepers.

MILITARY PRISONERS COMMITTED TO CITY PRISON.

Read correspondence between the City Clerk and the Military Authorities, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. 13th, September 1918.

To-

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

Military Prisoners  
committed to jail.

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to my letter of 6th

September 17th, 1918.

instant on the maginally noted subject, beg to advise you that the following wire has been received from Ottawa -

"Your letter 7th, file 87-S.-40 arrange to postpone action by Municipal Authorities question of maintenance of prisoners in civil jails is being reconsidered".

In view of the foregoing, I reiterate my former request that no action be taken by you until a definite ruling has been received from Militia Headquarters.

W.E. Thompson, Colonel,  
A.A.G. Mil. Dist. No. 6.

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Halifax, N.S. Sept. 14th 1918.

Colonel W.E. Thompson, A.A.G.,  
Military District No. 6,  
CITY.

Sir:-

In reply to your favor of 13th inst., I am directed by His Worship the Mayor to say, that pending further communication from you with respect to cost of maintenance of Military Prisoners at the City Prison, the Board of Control will afford your Department reasonable opportunity to come to a decision.

L. Fred Monaghan,  
CITY CLERK.

Approved.

BEDDING, ETC., FOR CITY PRISON.

Read list of bedding etc., required for City Prison, as follows:-

25 prs. Blankets weight 7 lbs. each.  
3 doz. top shirts  
3 doz. suits of underclothes.  
4 doz. prs of socks.  
30 prs. Pants.  
2 bales of cotton for sheeting.  
1½ doz. Blue spreads.  
Grey Blankets cannot be bought at J. & M. Murphy's Ltd.

The Governor is instructed to obtain prices and report.

HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER-HALIFAX POWER COMPANY.

Roderick McColl representing the Halifax Power Company appeared before the Board asking that the

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clause be inserted in the proposed agreement providing for an appeal from the decision of the City Engineer in his final report on the demonstration to be made by the Company should the Company desire to make such appeal, <sup>and</sup> also asked that the City determine now as to whether the City will hand over to the Company \$400,000.00 in cash or in bonds, the Company being desirous of obtaining the amount in cash instead of in bonds.

The request for the insertion of the arbitration clause is referred to the City Engineer and the City Solicitor for report.

No determination is made in respect to the application for cash instead of bonds.

PATRIOTIC FUND-CITY'S CONTRIBUTION.

G.S.Campbell, W.A.Black, Hector McInnis, O.E.Smith Hon. E.S.Faulkner, E.J. Murphy and a number of other citizens representing the Canadian Patriotic Fund Committee appeared before the Board asking for a contribution of \$25,000.00 from the City towards the fund.

The Board decides to consider the matter at a special meeting to be held tomorrow morning at 11.30 o'clock.

GARAGE 351 BRUNSWICK STREET.

Read application C.C. Longard for permission to erect a metal garage at 351 Brunswick Street and request-  
ing that <sup>the</sup> a curb stone in front of his gateway be bevelled. Referred to the City Engineer. for report.

LOANS-GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE FOR LEGISLATION.

Read letter from Hon. G.H.Murray, Premier of Nova Scotia, as follows:-

September 17th, 1918.

Halifax, 13th, September 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
City of Halifax.

Dear Sir:- In the Explosion, is being repaired and suggest-

On behalf of the Government I beg to inform you that if the Board of Control borrow on behalf of the City of Halifax amounts not exceeding One Hundred and forty-five Thousand Dollars for purposes already approved by the City Council, namely for; Lateral Sewers \$75,000; widening Streets, \$5,000; Water Extension, \$20,000; Public Abattoir, \$10,000; and Tuberculosis Hospital \$35,000; and sixteen thousand, five hundred dollars on short term debentures for the following purposes, namely; Motor Police Patrol, \$2,000; City Home Improvement, \$6,000; To complete the Assessment Plan, \$2,500 and Fire Department Equipment \$6,000; but for which a formal borrowing Resolution was not passed, the Government will use their good offices to secure the passage of legislation legalizing such borrowings.

G.H. Murray,

Filed. The following accounts for explosion repairs, etc.,

QUINPOOL ROAD SEWERS.

Controller Hines called attention to the open trench for the Quinpool Road Sewer upon which no work is being carried on by the contractor at the present time.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

COGSWELL STREET DILAPIDATED FENCE.

Controller Hines calls attention to the dilapidated fence at the McFatrige property Cogswell Street, west side of Gottingen Street. Referred to the City Engineer.

FIRE ALARM BOX-HALIFAX SHIPYARDS.

Controller Hines informed the Board that he had received a verbal request from the Halifax Shipyards for the installation of a fire alarm box at their plant.

The City Clerk is instructed to ask the Shipyards to reply in writing for the box.

The City Electrician is instructed to install the box upon the receiving the Company's request in writing and the offer to pay the cost of it.

*Chief Fire Dept*  
*Sub-Com*  
*Auditor*  
*Treasurer*  
*Council*

*Engineer*

*Engineer*

*Electrician*  
*Shipyards*  
*Chief Fire Dept*

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FIRE CHIEF'S OLD MOTOR CAR.

Alderman Godwin informed the Board that he understood the motor car of the late Chief Condon which was destroyed in the Explosion, is being repaired and suggested that it be used for carrying small chemical tanks to be used at incipient fires instead of the large motor engines answering chemical calls.

*Chief Fire Dept. ✓*

Controller Hines informs the Board that the Department has the matter under consideration.

WATER BILLS.

*Engineer ✓*

The City Engineer is requested to make an early report on water bills claimed to be excessive.

EXPLOSION ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts for explosion repairs, etc., to City Hall, are passed for payment:-

*Council*

Jas. Simmonds Ltd.	Screws & Butts.	May 27.	\$2.85
Brookfield Bros Ltd.	81 Ft. pine	June 15.	6.48
Rainnie & Keator Ltd.	Insurance Workmen's risk	Aug. 29th	48.14
Evans & Co.	Door, Catch & Glass	Aug. 30	33.80
James Donohue	Roofing supplies	June 29	380.80
Halifax Herald	Advertising	July 6	20.08
do	do	Aug. 7	5.00
Chronicle Pub. Co.	"	July 31	20.90
Blackadar Bros.	"	Aug 6	5.75
do	"	July 31	19.50
W.P. Meyer	Cleaning Supplies	Aug 31	6.25
John McInnis & Son	Bottom rail, side rail,	June 30	11.00
do	Sash bar	July 17	.74
David Roche	Sash bars	July 31	2.63
	Glass		
			<u>\$ 565.66</u>

The Board adjourned.

*L. J. ...*  
CITY CLERK.

MAYOR

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

September 18th, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 11. 30 o'clock, present His Worship the Mayor, and Controllers Finlay and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Telephone Service- Stipendiary Magistrate.  
Patriotic Fund.

TELEPHONE SERVICE -STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE.

His Worship the Mayor is authorized to sign the contract for the telephone service in the Stipendiary Magistrate's residence, Rockingham at the new contract rate.

PATRIOTIC FUND.

The consideration of the application of the Patriotic Fund Committee for a civic grant of \$25,000.00 is deferred for a full meeting of the Board.

The Board adjourned.

SAFETY ROSSUR.

Controller Taylor reports on behalf of the Police Department that a number of pounds were found at large on the street.

*L. J. McLaughlin*  
CITY CLERK.

no pounds to put this in. Referred to the City Engineer for report.

DIFFERS AND DOWLING STREET MURDER PREVENTION DIVISION.

Re: Letter J.M. Evans re the closing of Differs and Dowling Street at his property, as follows:-

*Auditor*

*Chief Clerk  
Deputy  
Secretary*

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

September 19th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

- Storage of Explosives.
- Cattle Pounds.
- Duffus and Gottingen Streets-Merson Property sub-division.
- Grafton Street Church Fence.
- Shipyards- Fire Alarm Box.
- Fire Alarm Boxes.
- Plebiscite as to Form of Civic Government.
- City Hall Blinds.
- Coal Weighers Monthly report.
- Motor Fire Engine "Chebucto".
- Picnic For Orphans.
- City Prison, Bedding Etc.,
- Fallen Tree-Victoria Park
- Patriotic Fund.

STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

The Chief of the Fire Department and the City Engineer are instructed to interview Cavicchi and Pagano in regard to the storage of explosives at their work s in the Shipyards and to instruct them as to precautions to be taken.

CATTLE POUNDS.

Controller Taylor reports on behalf of the Police Department that a number of stray horses had recently been found at large on the streets, and that there are no pounds to put them in. Referred to the City Engineer for report.

DUFFUS AND GOTTINGEN STREET MERSON PROPERTY SUB-DIVISION.

Read letter J.H. Merson re the widening of Duffus and Gottingen Street at his property, as follows:-

*Chief Fire Dept. ✓  
Engineer ✓*

*Engineer ✓*

September 19th, 1918.

Halifax, N.S. Sept 17th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and  
Members Board of Control.  
CITY.

Gentlemen:-

I have subdivided my property on the north side of Duffus Street, on the east side of Gottingen Street, and having sold several building lots on both streets, I now take this opportunity of placing before you for your consideration the very important matter of the street lines, which means the taking of 8332 sq. feet of my property and the giving of 3660 sq. feet in return, making a difference in my favour of 4672 sq. feet, this if arrangements can be made I would be willing to deed to the city at the rate of 15¢ per sq. foot, making a total of \$700.80¢

Thanking you to have this matter considered at your earliest.

J.H. Merson.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

GRAFTON STREET CHURCH FENCE.

Read letter Grafton Street Methodist Church, as

follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 18, 1918.

City Engineer,  
City.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of September 11th, respecting the fence between the Grafton St. Church property and Grafton Park.

The trustees of the Church consider there would have to be a fence in place of the one which was blown down.

We are now having the fence put up the amount will not be very large and we trust the City will pay their half as asked for in a previous letter.

W.G. Brookfield,  
Per. A.L.M.

Filed.

SHIPYARDS FIRE ALARM BOX.

Read correspondence re fire alarm box for the

Halifax Shipyards Limited, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 17, 1918.

L.F. Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

As you are probably aware, a fire occurred in

*Engineer ✓*

*Engineer ✓*

September 19th, 1918.

in our plate shop on Saturday night which would not have reached serious proportions if we had been able to get the City Fire Department promptly on the scene. It took some ten minutes before we could notify them of the fire, by telephone.

In connection with this I called up Controller Hines yesterday and asked him if it would be possible for a fire alarm box to be placed on Barrington Street at the corner of Young Street, practically opposite our office. In reply he told me that this could be done under certain conditions and he would bring the matter up today at a meeting of the Committee.

We offer to pay the cost of the box, which I understand is approximately \$122.00, and also to pay the cost of installing same on the understanding that the City will pay for the maintenance of the box and the line after installation.

If you wish any additional information regarding the above I- and will be good enough to let me know what it is, I will see that the same is furnished promptly.

HALIFAX SHIPYARDS LIMITED.  
J.E. McLurg,  
General Manager.

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Halifax, N.S. September 18th, 1918.

J.E. McLurg, Esq.,  
General Manager,  
Halifax Shipyards Limited.  
CITY.

Sir:-

In reply to your request of 17th, inst., I beg to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Control yesterday, Controller Hines submitted your verbal request for the installation of a Fire Alarm Signal Box at your plant, and the Board decided to comply with the request upon your making the application in writing.

The City Electrician informs me that the cost of a box is about the figure named in your letter, and I have instructed him to procure and install one at the earliest possible moment, with the understanding that you pay for the box, and its installation, and the City to maintain it.

Being impressed with the importance of the matter, I have asked our Electrician to obtain the permission of the Board if possible to use for you a box which he now has on hand, which is intended for another location in the City, and to purchase another in its place.

L.F. Monaghan,  
City Clerk.

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Halifax, N.S. Sept. 18th, 1918.

Mr. L. Fred Monaghan,  
City Clerk  
City Hall,  
Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your favor of 18th inst. advising that the Board of Control has decided to comply with our request for the installation of a fire alarm signal box at the corner of Barrington St and Young Sts.

In note that you have asked your electrician to obtain permission to use a box now on hand and wish to express to you my appreciation for your effort to have this box installed with as little delay as possible.

HALIFAX SHIPYARDS LIMITED.

J. E. McLurg,  
General Manager.

P.S.

Confirming telephone conversation of this afternoon, when we were advised that a mistake had been made in the price of the fire alarm signal box, - we agree to pay the price you ask - \$208.00

J. E. McL.

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Halifax, N.S. Sept 18th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,

Dear Sir,

With reference to the Fire Alarm Box that I understand has been ordered by the Halifax Shipyards Ltd, I find it will be impossible to get delivery of a box inside of about four months.

There is however a box on hand to be installed on Quinpool Road which if thought advisable, could be loaned the Shipyards Co. until the new box arrives, and could be installed without much delay.

The box alone will cost \$208.00 to which should be added an installation charge of about \$20.00

The above work does not include line work which will include part of the work necessary for the devastated area when rebuilt.

P. R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

The City Electrician and the Chief of the Fire Department are requested to report as to the advisability of installing the fire alarm box now on hand at the Shipyards, instead of on Quinpool Road as originally ordered.

*Electrician ✓  
Chief Fire Dept ✓*

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FIRE ALARM BOXES.

Read reports (2) City Electrician, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept 17, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Dear Sir:-

The following Fire Alarm Boxes have been inspected and found in good working condition.  
No. 39, 45, 56, 51, 58, 6, 69, 72 and 73.

P.R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

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Halifax, N.S. Sept. 18, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Dear Sir:-

The following Fire Alarm Boxes have been inspected and found in good working condition.  
No. 34, 41, 42, 43.

P.R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

Filed.

PLEBISCITE AS TO FORM OF CIVIC GOVERNMENT?

Read report City Clerk as follows:-

City Hall, August 28th, 1918.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

I have the honor to report that agreeably to the provisions of Chapter 65 of the Acts of 1918 a Poll of the electors of the City of Halifax was taken this day to ascertain their wishes as to -

- (a) retaining a Board of Control, or
- (b) returning to a Council of eighteen Alderman as formerly, or
- (c) Government of the City by a Commission appointed by the Governor -in-Council.

The Presiding Officers duly appointed have made returns to me of the result of the polling, as follows:-

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	Question No. One Retaining Board of Control.		Question No. Two Return to a Council of Eighteen Aldermen.		Question No Three Commission appoint- ed by Gov. in Council.		Total numb of Ballo Cast
	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against	
Ward 1:	7	51	143	9	32	33	192
2:	12	68	147	12	39	59	257
3:	7	47	90	5	21	26	120
4:	4	46	79	5	10	33	100
5:	11	38	92	19	8	36	127
6:	14	38	103	7	6	32	135
Totals	55	298	654	57	116	219	931

The total number of qualified voters was 7422. The returns show that the total number of ballots cast was 931.

The Act provided that no action should be taken upon the poll unless one third of the voters qualified voted and as one third of the voters did not vote, I have notified the Honorable the Provincial Secretary accordingly.

L. Fred Monaghan,  
Secretary Board of Control.

Filed.

CITY HALL BLINDS.

The report of the City Engineer submitted at meeting September 13th, re tenders for blinds for the City Hall is again read and adopted and the contract ordered to be awarded to Gordon & Keith.

COAL WEIGHERS MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Coal Weighers for the month of August showing each man to have received \$59.39. Filed.

*Council*

*Engineer ✓*

*Council ✓*

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MOTOR FIRE ENGINE CHEBUCTO

Controller Hines informed the Board that the new motor fire engine "Chebucto" supplied by the American La France, Fire Engine Company <sup>which</sup> arrived in the City on the 12th instant will be tested at the Queen's Wharf this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock and requested the members of the Board by present.

PICNIC FOR ORPHANS.

Read letter J. D. O'Connell Sussex N.B., as follows:-

St. John, N.B. Sept. 16th, 1918.

Deputy Mayor Goodwin,  
Halifax, N.S.

Hon. Sir:-

I wrote you from Virginia stating that I would give picnic for orphans of Halifax between the middle and the end of this month. Now as I am very short of time and you having suggested forming a committee to help in the matter, I hope you will do so and make arrangements for Automobiles to carry the children to and from the Park or if all orphanages are on line of St. cars they will do, but "autos" are much better an Automobile Association are generally glad to furnish them free.

The Committee could also buy candy of three or four different kinds at wholesale place, 50 to 100 lbs. of Peanuts two thousand  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. paper bags and have them filled up equally so that there ~~xxxx~~ would be a bag of candy for each child also a bag of peanuts and have cake and Ice cream arranged for. I also put one American nickel in each bag of candy and from one to five new pennies in same bag, all wrapped in paper I have a 25¢ scrap to give each child in addition and see that no orphans of any creed are omitted, also poor children housed or cared for by any Society or person whether orphans or not, the Children's Aid, the Good Sheppard, St. Vincent De Paul Society and all others as well as poor children who live outside of Homes.

You can wire or write me at Sussex N.B. and let me know the prospects and later let me know the date and I will be present also let me have your opinion re coming by Auto how are the Roads and if Autos are easily procured for the occasion. I prefer to go by Rail and any and all suggestions or advice re the whole matter will be gladly received and any and all arrangements made will be carried out by me and all bills cheerfully paid.

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I would strongly advise equal representation from the different Societies and churches to be on that Committee so that all may be treated alike according to the number of children they represent. I leave for Sussex in a few minutes am in a hurry as usual so excuse scribble and haste.

J.D. O'Connell,  
Sussex N.B.

Controller Murphy and E.H. Blois and Aldermen Godwin and Parker are appointed a committee to make the arrangements suggested in Mr. O'Connell's letter.

At the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor it is decided to hold the picnic in the Public Gardens if found feasible.

CITY PRISON BEDDING ETC.

Read report Governor Grant re prices of City Prison bedding, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 18th/18

To His Worship the Mayor  
and  
Members Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-  
ing firms-

I hereby submit the price lists of the following firms-  
J.&M. Murphy Ltd.

Blankets 56x76	\$6.00 per pr.
Penmans fleeced shirts	10.50 per doz.
" " drawers	10.50 " "
light grey socks	2.70 " "
Dark Heavy	4.40 " "
Pants Heavy	3.20 per pr.
Top shirts	15.00 " doz.

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T.J. Whalen & Co.

Blankets	\$8.50 per pr.
Penmans Fleeced Shirts	11.50 " doz
" " Drawers	11.50 " "
Top Shirts	15.00 " "
Pants	4.75 " pr.
Socks	3.50, 4.00, 4.50 per doz.

*Cont Murphy ✓  
E.H. Blois ✓  
Ald Godwin ✓  
Ald Parker ✓  
Supt - Public Gardens ✓*

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Wood Bros. Co. Ltd.

Blankets	Red Wool	\$12.00 per pr.
"	grey	7.75 to 9.00 per pr.
Colored Spreads		4.00 a piece.

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Gordon & Keith.

Blankets.	\$7.50 per pr.
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N.S. Furn. Company.

Blankets.	\$8.80 pr. per.
"	7.80 " "
"	10.50 " "
"	12.00 " "

*Gov Grant's Council*

The Governor is authorized to purchase the materials required at the best prices submitted.

FALLEN TREE VICTORIA PARK.

*Supl. Public Gardens*

The Superintendent of the Public Gardens is requested to give immediate attention to the large tree in Victoria Park thrown down by the recent gale, with the view to re-setting, it if practicable or removing it.

PATRIOTIC FUND.

The Board adjourns to the Mayors Office. Present all the members of the Board and G.S. Campbell, A.S. Barnstead, and E.A. Saunders, representing the Canadian Patriotic Fund Committee who urged that the City contribute the sum of \$25,000.00 to the fund.

The delegation retired.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller ~~Finlay~~ seconded by Controller Taylor that the City contribute \$20,000.00 to the fund, and that the sum be borrowed and paid in five equal annual installments.

Moved by Controller Hines that the City grant the sum of \$15,000.00. Not seconded.

By leave of the mover and the Board Controller

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Taylor withdraws his name as seconded of the motion.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Taylor that the City contribute the sum of \$25,000.00 and that the amount be borrowed and repaid in five equal annual installments. Motion put and passed, Controllers Hines and Taylor and His Worship the Mayor voting for it and Controllers Finlay and Murphy against it.

Controller Finlay asked permission to have his name recorded as in favor of the motion. Approved.

Controller Murphy dissents from the motion.

The City Clerk is instructed to immediately inform the Chairman of the Committee of the action taken by the Board and to further inform him that the recommendation is subject to ratification by the City Council or the undertaking of the Premier that the Government will use their good offices to secure the passage of legislation legalizing the Boards' action.

The Board adjourned.

MAYOR.

*L. J. ...*  
CITY CLERK.

Letter 95 ✓  
Campbell ✓  
Auditor ✓  
Swarner ✓  
Solicitor ✓  
Council ✓

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

September 20th, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10.30  
Present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay,  
Hines, Murphy and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Charles Brister Unlawful use of Water.  
Hydro-Electric-Power-Halifax Power Company.

CHARLES BRISTER UNLAWFUL USE OF WATER.

Charles Brister appeared before the Board stating  
that he had never used for his own purposes water  
from the City's fire hydrant on his property, that he  
had no idea of charging the Navy for the water they  
used, he believing that the Navy had arranged with the  
City as to the price of the water they used.

The City Engineer is instructed to supply the Navy  
with water required by meter measurement upon Mr.  
Brister installing the necessary piping to the sat-  
isfaction of the City Engineer.

The City Engineer is requested to report on the  
probable quantity of water used by the Navy to date.

HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER CO- HALIFAX POWER COMPANY.

Read letter Rod McColl representing the Halifax  
Power Company, covering draft of agreement as proposed  
by the Company, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., Sept. 19. 1918

Dr. A. C. Hawkins,  
Mayor of City of Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

In reference to the proposed agreement be-  
tween the Halifax Power Co. and the City, I beg to state,

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that the City Solicitor and myself have agreed on all except two points, which being matters of policy, I am submitting for your consideration.

The first and most important is that our Company desire provision that should the Company be dissatisfied with the decision of the City Engineer, as provided in Clause 4 of the agreement, viz: in reference to the works being completed in accordance with the Plans and Specifications, and the demonstration being successful, that they shall have an appeal to an arbitrator, or arbitrators, I have submitted a Clause, providing for a Board of three arbitrators as this was the Clause submitted by our financiers, but if it is considered that one independent arbitrator is more satisfactory, we are not specially wedded to the Clause submitted.

The second point, is as follows: The City, under the Solicitor's agreement, provides that on the satisfactory completion of the work, the City has the option of giving the Company \$400,000.00 in cash, or Bonds of the City which will realize \$400,000.00. We ask that this be changed so as to make the payment in cash. This would enable the City to handle ~~the~~ and issue the Bonds at the time it thought most desirable, and therefore, to the best advantage, and at the same time is considered to be advantageous by the Company in their financing. I am submitting a copy of the Agreement as proposed by the Solicitor, and the one proposed by the Company.

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*Agreement as Proposed by the Company*

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT entered into in duplicate this Seventh day of August in the year of Our Lord One Thousand and Nine Hundred and Eighteen.

B E T W E E N THE HALIFAX POWER COMPANY, LIMITED, a body Corporate (hereinafter called the Company) of the First Part, and THE CITY OF HALIFAX, also a body Corporate (hereinafter called the City) of the Second Part.

W I T N E S S E T H:

1. The Company hereby agrees to complete the development of its Hydro Electric Plant at the North East River, Salt Margaret's Bay R including complete dams and storage basins and generating Plant, and also high tension transmission lines from the generating Plant to receiving station in the City of Halifax, distribution system for street lighting, lamps and fixtures, and all other things necessary for the proper construction, in stallation and equipment of a hydro electric lighting system, and for the performance of the contract for street lighting entered into between the parties hereto dated 16th March, 1916, and set out as a Schedule to Chapter 36 of the Acts of 1916.

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2. The said construction, installation and equipment shall in all respects be subject to the approval of and to the satisfaction of the Engineer of the City, and shall be according to the Plans and Specifications hereto attached, and which shall be deemed to be included in and form part of this Agreement.

3. The Company agrees to perform and carry out the work agreed to be done by it in accordance with the said Plans and Specifications hereto attached, and subject to the satisfaction and under the supervision of the said Engineer, the salary and expenses of such Engineer to be paid by the City.

4. The Company agrees to operate the system upon the completion thereof for a period of not less than three months, and to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Engineer of the City at any time or times during said period by test or tests of its machinery and equipment that the same is capable of continuously supplying not less than 6/5 K.W. of electric current at the terminals in the City of Halifax, and has been constructed, installed and equipped in accordance with the said plans and specifications hereto attached.

5. Upon the City being satisfied by such demonstration the City shall give to the Company \$400,000.00 in cash.

6. In exchange for the said cash the Company agrees to give to the City,

(a) A Mortgage or Mortgage Bonds equal in amount to the face value of the Bonds issued by the City to realize the sum of \$400,000.00 to be loaned by the City to the Company;

and

(b) 5100 shares of the Common Stock of the Company.

7. The said Mortgage shall be a First Mortgage on all the Plant, machinery, buildings, lands, water rights, flowage rights, easements and franchises required for the construction and operation of the above mentioned Hydro-electric development and also on all other property of the Company, and shall include or be accompanied by a chattel mortgage upon all the personal property of the Company. Such securities shall be repayable in twenty-five years or at such earlier date in case of default by the Company or failure to comply with the conditions thereof as are therein expressed, and shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, and shall also provide for the payment by the Company to the City of a yearly amount which, together with any difference in interest between the amount payable by the City on any bonds issued to provide the sum of \$400,000.00 loaned to the Company and the interest payable by the Company to the City, will, when compounded, produce in twenty-five years a sum sufficient to discharge any liability incurred by the City in connection with the advance to the Company of \$400,000.00

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8. If the City elects to take the Bonds of the Company, such Bonds to bear interest at Six per cent, and shall be secured by a first Mortgage upon all the real and personal property of the Company and such mortgage shall also contain provisions for the payment of the amount required to produce a sinking fund as set out in the next preceding paragraph hereof.

9. The Company agrees that if the City elects to take the Bonds of the Company, the Company will not ~~use~~ issue any other Bond or security or create any lien or charge upon the property of the Company having prior or equal rank with such Bonds until such issue is especially authorized by the City.

10. The Company agrees that it will not issue any other stock of any description having voting power without the consent of the City so that the control of the Company shall remain vested in the City.

11. The City agrees that it will at any time release and cancel the said Mortgage upon payment by the Company to the City of the amount of principal of the Bonds issued by the City to provide the \$400,000.00 loaned by the City to the Company, together with all interest then due; any amount then standing in sinking fund to be credited as cash paid to the City.

12. The City Agrees to assist the Company in every possible way to obtain authority confirmation of this Agreement from the Legislature of Nova Scotia, and to obtain, if necessary, the approval of a Water Power Commission of Nova Scotia to the said Plans and Specifications hereto attached and also the authorization of the Department of Finance at Ottawa for the issue of the Company's security for payment of the construction, installation and equipment of its system.

13. If the Company is dissatisfied with the decision of the City Engineer under Clause 4 of this Agreement it shall be entitled to appeal therefrom to a Board of Arbitrators. The Company and the City shall each appoint one arbitrator and such arbitrators shall each appoint one arbitrator and such arbitrators shall appoint a third. The decision of any two of the three arbitrators shall be final and binding. Each of the parties shall pay one-half of the expenses of such reference. A party who has not appointed an arbitrator after the other party has appointed one shall do so within two days after being notified in writing by such other party to do so. If the arbitrator of either part shall fail to proceed with the consideration of the matters within three days after being requested in writing by the other party's arbitrator so to do, such other party's arbitrator shall if a third has not been appointed, be at liberty to act as sole arbitrator and his decision shall be final and binding, or the other two arbitrators, if a third has been appointed, may forthwith appoint an arbitrator in lieu of the one who has failed to proceed as aforesaid and the decision of two of such three arbitrators shall be final and binding. If either party has done all in its power to comply with the provisions herein contained as to securing an

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arbitration, but by reason of the default of the other party or of the engineer or of the arbitrator appointed by such party or by reason of the arbitrators being unable to agree, or if no award is made within a reasonable time, such party may take <sup>such</sup> action as would be permissible, in the Courts in the same way as if no reference of the matter in question either to the Engineer or to arbitration had been herein provided for, and the other party shall not be at liberty to object that the remedy is only by arbitration or that arbitration is a pre-requisite to such action being taken or that the appeal to arbitration having proved abortive the decision of the Engineer is final and binding. An award under the provisions of this Article may be made a rule or judgment of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Halifax Power Company Limited has caused these presents to be executed in its name by the President and Secretary, duly authorized in that behalf, and the Corporate Seal to be affixed thereto by its Secretary duly authorized in that behalf, and the City of Halifax has executed these presents by the hands of its Mayor and Clerk and by affixing its Corporate Seal hereto the day and year first above written.

SWORN SEALED and DELIVERED by )  
the Halifax Power Company, )  
Limited in the presence of )

The City Solicitor is authorized to draft a clause to be inserted in the Agreement providing for the appointment of an arbitrator to be agreed upon between the City and the Company or by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia should the City and the Company fail to agree. No action is taken on the Company's request for the delivery of cash instead of in the alternative cash or bonds.

The proposed agreement is referred to the City Solicitor to put into shape and report to the Board.

The Board adjourned.

MAYOR.

*L. J. O'Rourke*  
CITY CLERK.

*Solicitor ✓  
Engineer ✓*

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

September 24th, 1918.

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.

Dangerous Tree, 65 Morris Street.  
Fodder Contract.  
Fire Alarm Boxes.  
City Prison, Winter Clothing.  
City Prison Fence.  
Dilapidated Building, Cunard Street.  
Chestnut Street Widening.  
Sherwood and Patricia Streets, Water Extension.  
Chebucto Road and Mumford Road, Fire Hydrant.  
Metal Garage, C.C. Longard, 351 Brunswick Street.  
Garage, Cedar Street, in Residential District, Edward  
Maxwell.  
Street Pavement, Repairs.  
Street Paving and Materials for Repairs.  
Riot, May 25th- Reardon Account for Glazing City Hall.  
Stone Contract-Progress Payment.  
Isolation Hospital, Morris Street.  
Annual Report City Assessor.  
Tax Exemptions Devastated Area.  
Taxes- Overdue.  
Theatre License Fees.  
Shipyards Fire Alarm Box.  
City Prison-Syphilitic Military Prisoner.  
Stable in Residential District - P.T. Shea.  
Street Railway Service-Public Utilities Investigations.  
Public Utilities Board Enquiries.  
Tree Victoria Park.  
Fire Department Electric Wiremens Motor Car.  
Victoria General Hospital Accounts.  
Sewer #74 Victoria Road- Mrs. James Jackson.  
Henry Street.  
Circus - Williams' Standard Shows.  
Hydro Electric Power - Halifax Power Company.

DANGEROUS TREE 65 MORRIS STREET.

Read report Superintendent Of Public Gardens, as  
follows:-  
Halifax, N.S. Sept 24, 1918.

His Worship Mayor Hawkins & Controllers,  
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Garden  
Commission held yesterday at the City Hall, Secretary  
E.H. Blois called attention to the Commission about a

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lime tree in front of 65 Morris Street, owned by Mrs. Eagen, asking to have same removed as it is partly dead. I would recommend that it be removed as it is of no benefit to the City. Under Section 624 Shade Tree Act.

*Engineer ✓*

Richard Power,  
Supt. Public Gardens.

Referred to the City Engineer to have the tree removed.

FODDER CONTRACT.

Read report Clerk of Works, as follows:-

Halifax, n.S. Sept. 24, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:

*Clerk of Works ✓*

I beg to report that the contract for forage will expire on the 31st of October next, and would ask your instructions in regard to calling for tenders.

A.F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

The Clerk of Works is instructed to prepare a specification for fodder for the next year, giving the probable quantities required.

FIRE ALARM BOXES.

Read report City Electrician, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. Sept, 24, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Dear Sir:-

The following Fire Alarm Boxes have been inspected and found in good working condition.

Sept. 21/18 No. 41, 42, 45, 52, 34, 56, 7, 72,  
Sept. 23/18 No. 75, 69, 67, 6, 29, 12.

P.R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician. Per. M/C.

Filed.

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CITY PRISON WINTER CLOTHING.

Read report Governor Grant, City Prison, as follows:

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 24, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to report that Ulster Coats, Rain Coats and Hats, Rubber boots and Winter Caps for the Prison Staff is required.

George Grant,

The Governor is requested to report to the Board when similiar clothing was previously purchased.

CITY PRISON FENCE.

Read report Governor City Prison as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 24, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to report that the fence surrounding the Prison yard is in a frail condition, the fence is a temporary one, and will not stand the winter storms, and is surely a pending danger, regarding the safety of the prisoners as a secure fence is one of the chief safe guards of the Prison. I would therefore earnestly appeal to the Board on the basis of safety, and would state that this work could be accomplished under a skilled foreman before the frost sets in. The former fence was blown down by the Explosion of Dec. 6th, 1917.

George Grant.

Referred to the City Engineer to prepare an estimate of the cost of construction of a concrete wall, the Engineer to supply sand and cement and a foreman to supervise the work, the City Prison to supply the broken stone and labor free.

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DILAPIDATED BUILDING CUNARD STREET.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sep. 23, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

Some weeks ago Mr. Ead, who owns a dilapidated barn on Cunard Street near Windsor Street, was notified by the Board to appear for a hearing. He was given thirty days within which to comply with the law. The thirty days has expired, and the Asst. Bldg. Inspector reports that the barn is still in a dangerous condition.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

It is decided to give Mr. Ead a <sup>reasonable</sup> extension of time for the removal of the building, and the City Engineer is instructed to ascertain from Mr. Ead whether he has yet adjusted with the Relief Commission his claim in connection with the building, and report.

CHESTNUT STREET WIDENING.

Mr. Roche, owner of a property at the corner of Chestnut and Watt Street appeared before the Board asking for adjustment of his claim for the strip of land proposed to be taken by the City for the widening of Chestnut Street.

The City Engineer is requested to report as to the value of the land proposed to be taken, and the cost of the sewerage frontage passing the property.

SHERWOOD AND PATRICIA STREETS WATER EXTENSION.

Read letter C. P. Bower and petition from property owners for early construction of water service in Sherwood Street ordered by the City Council October 4th, 1917 (see/Minutes City Council, Page 217)

The City Engineer is instructed to prepare the

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usual bond guaranteeing the payment of interest at 6 per cent on the cost of the work and to mail the same to Mr. Bower for signatures of the petitioners.

CHEBUCTO ROAD AND MUMFORD ROAD ~~XXXX~~ FIRE HYDRANT.

On motion of Controller Murphy the City Engineer is instructed to install a fire hydrant on the corner of Chebucto and Mumford Roads.

METAL GARAGE C.C. LONGARD 351 BRUNSWICK STREET.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, Sept. 23, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the accompanying application from Mr. C.C. Longard for permission to build a metal garage in the rear of his house #351 Brunswick Street, that this property is in the brick district, and consequently a metal garage cannot be erected.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

The report is referred back to the City Engineer for further report as to what would be necessary to make a metal garage comply with the law.

GARAGE CEDAR STREET-IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT-  
EDWARD MAXWELL.

Read opinion City Solicitor, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sep. 21, 1918.

Secretary Board of Control.  
Dear Sir:-

I am of opinion that the application of Mr. Maxwell for a permit to erect a garage for general business purposes on Cedar Street cannot be granted by reason of the provisions of the Residential District Act, namely Section 18, subsection 4, Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1915.

F.H. Belly  
City Solicitor.

The Secretary is instructed to forward a copy of the opinion to Mr. Maxwell.

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓  
Edward Maxwell

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STREET PAVEMENT REPAIRS.

and Asst. City Engineer  
Read report City Engineer, / as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sep. 23, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to forward a report from Mr. Johnston in connection with the repairs required on pavements laid by the Barber Asphalt Company. Mr. Johnston notified the Company to repair their pavements but nothing has been accomplished. It is very improbable that the Company will do anything this season, while it is quite possible that we should be in a position to repair the streets ourselves. We have ordered bituminous material from the Warren Bituminous Paving Company, and expect it very soon. In any case, we shall require a repair plant, and I would recommend that the offer of the Company, recited in Mr. Johnston's report, be accepted.

F.W.W. Doane.  
City Engineer.

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Halifax, N.S. Sept. 19th, 1918.

F.W.W. Doane, Esq.,  
City Engineer,  
City Hall.  
Sir,

I beg to report on the offer of the Barber Asphalt paving Company in connection with their contract for the maintenance of streets, that their contract for maintenance of all the streets expired in April ~~1918~~. The Company was notified to make the repairs, and in May their representative came to the City and discussed the matter with me. Owing to the practical impossibility of obtaining material, they suggested that the value of the repairs be estimated, and they would pay the case equivalent.

In May I had the area of pavement that had to be repaired under the Company's guarantee, measured, and estimated the amount at approximately 900 square yards. We were unable to get material, and the matter has been in abeyance until now, and the Company, in order to clean the matter up and be released from their guarantee, offers to give the City the repair plant which is now in our workshop, and which consists of three re-heating pans, one fire wagon for heating tools, one repair wagon, one portable kettle, one steam roller (2½ tons) and to pay \$1600. in cash.

This repair plant is valued, for the purpose of this offer, at \$645. The cost of the plant at April prices of this year would be \$2375. f.o.b. Buffalo, or

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with duty, war tax and freight added, about \$3400. delivered in Halifax. The roller has been in use for a good many years, but I have a certificate from an insurance inspection company that with the exception of two minor defects, it is in good condition. The repair wagon has not been used except on the repair work done in Halifax. This plant, while not large enough for laying any large area of new pavement, is convenient and effective for making small repairs.

The offer appears to me to be one that would be in the interests of the city to accept, as at present prices it will probably be some time before the City can buy a large plant of its own for laying asphalt or bitulithic paving, and in the meantime repairs will be necessary every year on the existing work.

H.W. Johneton,  
Asst. City Engineer.

The City Engineer and Controller Hines are requested to inspect the repair plant referred to and to further report.

The City Engineer is also requested to report on the quantity of repair work involved in the contractor's guarantee and the estimated cost of doing the work under existing conditions.

STREET PAVING AND MATERIAL FOR REPAIRS.

The City Engineer verbally reports that he had received a letter from an Ottawa firm who have on hand about 200 tons of asphalt and offering to sell it to the City at \$33.05 per ton f.o.b. Halifax. He stated that ~~he~~ it is difficult to obtain this material and that the price bid is very low and it would be advantageous to the City to purchase it now for repair work and for the paving of Blowers Street and other streets. In his opinion 100 tons or less would be sufficient for all work on present contemplated.

The City Engineer is authorized to purchase at once at the price named not exceeding 100 tons of asphalt.

Controller Finlay dissents from the action of the Board.

*Engineer ✓  
Controller Hines ✓*

*Engineer ✓  
Controller Hines ✓*

*Engineer ✓  
only work ✓*

*Engineer ✓  
Council ✓*

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RIOT MAY 25th, REARDON ACCOUNT FOR GLAZING CITY HALL.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sep. 23, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I have enquired into the correctness of Mr. Frank Reardon's account for glazing, for the purpose of separating it into two charges, riot damages and explosion damages. I am assured by the Assistant Building Inspector and by Mr. Johnston, that the bill attached, is chargeable to riot damage solely.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

The report is approved and the account \$767.71 is passed for payment chargeable to Riot account.

STONE CONTRACT-PROGRESS PAYMENT.

Read certificate Asst. City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sep. 24, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to recommend payment to the Nova Scotia Supply Company of the sum of one thousand six hundred and eighty-seven dollars and sixty cents (\$1687.60)

10,157 bush. 1" stone @ 14¢	\$1421.98
4,343 " bindings @ 14¢	608.02
300 " 2" stone @ 13¢	39.00
300 " 1"&2" stone @ 13¢	40.50
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	\$ 2109.50
20% retained	421.90
Bal. recommended	<hr/>
	1687.60

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

The account is passed for payment.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL MORRIS STREET.

Read account for labor & cleaning the Isolation Hospital, Morris Street \$39.75. The account is passed for payment out of the City Health Board appropriation.

*Engineer ✓  
Auditor ✓*

*Engineer ✓  
Clerk of Works ✓*

*Health Board ✓  
Auditor ✓*

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ANNUAL REPORT CITY ASSESSOR.

Read Annual Report City Assessor.

Consideration of the report is deferred, to be taken up with other annual reports as they are received when the Board will determine as to what portions shall be published in the printed report.

*M/c ✓*

TAX EXEMPTIONS DEVASTATED AREA.

Read report City Assessor, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 23, 1918.

L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,  
Clerk Board of Control.  
Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that I made no report to the Halifax Relief Commission on exempted properties in the devastated area.

Under instructions from his Worship the Mayor I have filed with the City Auditor a memorandum showing all assessments and probable income from same, in this section.

P.J. MacManus,  
City Assessor.

*Assessor ✓  
Asst-Engineer ✓*

The Secretary is instructed to notify the City Assessor and the Asst. City Engineer to appear before the Board in connection with above matter at its meeting to be held on Friday morning next.

TAXES OVERDUE.

Alderman Godwin appears before the Board asking that the City Collector furnish immediately a detailed statement of all overdue taxes to date as per questions asked by him on several occasions- see Board of Control Minutes May 2nd, 1918, page 11; August 29th, page 557 and September 10th, page 622.

*ald Godwin ✓  
Collector ✓*

*Agreed to and the City Collector ordered to be requested to furnish the information*  
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THEATRE LICENSE FEES.

Read opinion City Solicitor re Theatrea Licenses.

On recommendation of His Worship the Mayor the City Clerk is instructed to prepare a petition to the Provincial Government requesting that the Theatre Act as passed in 1918 be not applied to the City of Halifax for the present Civic Year.

The City Clerk prepares and forwards the following memorial to the Provincial Secretary.

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 26th, 1918.

Hon. G.H. Murray,  
Premier Nova. Scotia.

Sir:-

Ever since the creation of the City of Halifax as a corporate body by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, three-quarters of a century ago, the City has enjoyed the right, through the provisions of tis charter, to regulate and charge license fees for theatres, public shows and all exhibitions of whatever name or nature to which admission is obtained by on payment of money.

This right has always been exercised except in cases of whows for religious or charitable purposes, or for public purposes such as the Annual Provincial Exhibition, etc.,

The license fees from shows, theatres, etc., has every year been calculated when making up the City's budget, and under its existing charter, the City in recent years, derived a considerable revenue, sufficient lately to reduce the tax rate about one point.

At a meeting of the Board of Control held on the 24th inst., the City Solicitor presented the following report:-

"Halifax, N.S. Sep. 23, 1918.

The Secretary Board of Control.

Dear Sir:-

In response to the request of the Board as to the efect of the legislation passed last session upon the right of the City to license theatres, I beg to say that Section 5 of Chapter 48 of this year's Acts provides that -

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"Notwithstanding the provisions of any enactment or law made by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, or made under the authority of any such enactment or law, the council of any city, town or municipality, shall not have power to make any by-laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances in relation to any of the matters mentioned in Section 3 of the Theatres and Cinematographs Act 1915 as amended, except the construction of theatres, and all by-laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances of any city, town or municipality in relation to any of the said matters, except the construction of theatres, are repealed and are declared to be inoperative."

Upon turning to Section 3 of the Theatres Act 1915, the first among the subjects mentioned is the licensing of theatres. As our theatre licenses are entirely made under the authority of our by-law it appears clear that that authority no longer exists.

F.H. Bell,  
City Soliditor".

The Board desires to point out to you that in the civic year 1916-17 the receipts from theatre licenses amounted to \$2790.10. In the following year (1917-18) because of Provincial Legislation, this sum was reduced to \$1328.00. The report of the Soliditor indicates that for the current year the City will receive nothing.

The Provincial Public Acts of 1918 deprived the City entirely of this source of revenue, notwithstanding that at the same session legislation was passed approving the civic estimates which affected in this connection, the municipal taxation, to the extent above referred to.

Without prejudice to the City's claim that the Legislature should not after a period of over seventy-five years of enjoyment of this right, suddenly deprive it of this form of taxation, the Board of Control most respectfully submits, for the reasons given, and mainly because our receipts were calculated and approved before the Provincial Act became effective, that the Provincial Act should not be enforced as against the City of Halifax this year, but that we should be permitted to enjoy this revenue as calculated in our civic estimates as approved by your honorable body.

L. Fred. Monaghan,  
City Clerk.

SHIPYARDS FIRE ALARM BOXES.

Read report City Electrician as follows:-

Halifax, n.S. Sept. 21, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

With further reference to the Fire Alarm box for the

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Ship Building Co., I would suggest that, since it will be impossible to instal box 62 on Quinpool Road, for some time, ti be placed at the disposal of the Company until their box arrives.

Awaiting your the further orders regarding the orderging of this<sup>n</sup> box.

P.R.Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

*Electrician ✓  
Chief Fire Dept ✓  
Shipyard Co ✓*

The report is approved and the City Electrician instructed to install the box immediately upon the Company undertaking in writing to the City Clerk to pay any difference between the <sup>Cost of the</sup> box now on hand and the <sup>cost of the</sup> box the City will have to pay for one to replace it.

MILITARY.  
CITY PRISON-SYPHILITIC/PRISONER

Read rpeort Governor of City Prison as follows;

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 24th 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the Board of Control.

Gentlemen;#

I beg to report that I have obeyed the order of the Board of Control regarding the sypphilitic prisoner Edward Newell.

George Grant,

*Major General  
Lassard ✓  
Gov City Prison ✓*

The City Clerk is instructed to notify the General Officer Commanding Military District No. 6 that the prisoner referred to was removed from the City Prison to the Military Hospital, that the hospital authoritis declined to receive him, that he was left there without being guarded and that he is now at large.

STABLE IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT-P.T.SHEA.

Read report City Solicitor, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sep 19/1918

Secretary Board of Control.  
Dear Sir:-

In the above matter Mrs. Frame has begun an action in the Supreme Court for an injunction against the

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continuance of the nuisance complained of. So far as I am aware the action has not yet been tried and is still pending.

F.H. Bell,  
City Solicitor.

Filed.

STREET RAILWAY SERVICE-PUBLIC UTILITIES INVESTIGATION

H.R. Mallison, Managing Director of the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Co. appeared before the Board stating that he was present because of newspaper reports that matters relating to the Tramway Company would be discussed at this morning's meeting and informed the Board that a hearing on Tramway matters was to be held by the Board of Public Utilities on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

The Board decides to attend the meeting of the Utilities Board and postpone its regular Thursday meeting until Friday morning.

PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ENQUIRIES.

The City Clerk is instructed to write the Board of Public Utilities requesting that they may be pleased to notify the City Clerk whenever matters affecting Public Utilities in the City of Halifax are about to be heard by them in order that the City may have opportunity to be represented at such investigations.

TREE VICTORIA PARK.

The City Clerk informs the Board that E.H. Blois Secretary of the Gardens Commissioners has reported to him that Richard Power ex-superintendent of the Public Gardens now acting during the absence of the Superintendent advised that it is not advisable to reset the silver poplar tree in Victoria park recently blown

Letter Sec'y  
to Board of  
Public Utilities ✓

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down by a gale because such trees are short lived in any case and that it would be expensive to reset it. Approved and the tree is ordered to be removed.

*Suplt - Public Gardens - ✓*

FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTRIC WIREMENS MOTOR CAR.

Read account E.g. Cottingham \$680.88 for motor Car for the Electric Wiremen.

*Electrician ✓  
Auditor ✓  
Chief Fire Dept ✓  
Council*

It is ordered that the car shall be subject to the control of the Chief of the Fire Department and the account is passed for payment.

VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS.

Read letter Hon. E.H. Armstrong, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept 19th 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

I beg to remind you that I have not yet been favored by you with a reply to my letter of the 24th of July last with reverence to the above ~~men~~ noted subject matter.

Our Fiscal year ends on the 30th instant, and I am therefore all the more insistent that I should have some adjustment of this account of the lines of our understanding.

E.H. Armstrong,  
Minister of Public Works & Mines

*H.W. Mayor ✓  
Letter to E.H. Armstrong*

Referred to His Worship the Mayor with the request that he submit a report in writing to the Board at its meeting on Friday next.

SEWER #74 VICTORIA ROAD-MRS. JAMES JACKSON.

Controller Hines asked for an early report from the City Engineer as to the Sewer ~~een~~ Victoria Road Mrs. James Jackson.

*Engineer ✓*

HENRY STREET.

At request of Controller Murphy the City Engineer is requested to fix up Henry Street between Coburg Road and Bliss Street.

*Engineer ✓*

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CIRCUS-WILLIAM'S STANDARD SHOWS.

Read telegram from William's Standard Shows,  
as follows:-

"CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I, Sept. 23/18

Mayor Hawkins,  
Halifax, N.S.

In interview with Herald I never said Policemen told me they were prevented from doing their duty by Control Board or men higher up I merely said the courts were apparently too lenient with offenders and from this fact formed by opinion that the force was not receiving proper support and further stated during my interview that the Halifax Police Force was a splendid organization.

Joseph H. Hughes.

The newspaper reporters are requested to give the telegram the same publicity that the statements referred to received.

HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER-HALIFAX POWER COMPANY.

Rod McColl addressed the Board asking for an early decision on the requests made in his letter submitted at meeting of the Board held 20th inst.

The Board adjourned.

MAYOR.

*L. D. McLaughlin*  
CITY CLERK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

September 25th, 1918.

The Board of Control met this day at 12.20 o'clock.  
Present Controllers Murphy (Acting Chairman) Hines,  
Taylor and Finlay.

HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER ~~CO~~ HALIFAX POWER COMPANY.

Rod McColl appears before the Board and submits an amended draft of agreement which the Halifax Power Company is prepared to execute as follows:-

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT entered into in duplicate this Seventh day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen

BETWEEN THE HALIFAX POWER COMPANY, LIMITED, a body Corporate (hereinafter called the Company) of the First Part, and THE CITY OF HALIFAX, also a body Corporate (hereinafter called the CITY) of the Second Part.

W I T N E S S E T H :

1. The Company hereby agrees to complete the development of its Hydro Electric Plant at the North East River, Saint Margaret's Bay, including complete dams and storage basins, and generating plant, and also high tension transmission lines from the generating plant to receiving station in the City of Halifax, distribution system for street lighting, lamps and fixtures, and all other things necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation and equipment of a Hydro Electric lighting system, and for the performance of the contract for street lighting entered into between the parties hereto dated 16th March, 1918, and set out as a Schedule to Chapter 36 of the Acts of 1918.

2. The said construction, installation and equipment shall in all respects be subject to the approval of and to the satisfaction of the Engineer of the City, and shall be according to the Plans and Specifications hereto attached, and which shall be deemed to be included in and form part of this Agreement.

3. The Company agrees to perform and carry out the work agreed to be done by it in accordance with the said Plans and Specifications hereto attached, and subject to the satisfaction and under the supervision of the said Engineer, the salary and expenses of such Engineer to be paid by the City.

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4. The Company agrees to operate the system upon the completion thereof for a period of not less than three months, and to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Engineer of the City at any time or times during that period by appropriate test or tests of its machinery and equipment that the same is capable of continuously supplying not less than 675 K.w of electric current at the terminals in the City of Halifax, and has been constructed, installed and equipped in accordance with the said plans and specifications hereto attached.

5. If any dispute arises under the next preceding paragraphs between the Company and the City Engineer respecting the satisfactory completion by the Company of its undertaking the question in dispute may be referred to another Engineer to be mutually agreed upon by the parties hereto, or if they are unable to agree to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia and the decision of such Engineer shall be conclusive upon the question in dispute.

6. Upon the City being satisfied by such demonstration the City shall loan to the Company \$400,000.00 in cash.

7. In exchange for that sum, the Company agrees to give to the City,

(a) A mortgage or Mortgage Bonds at the option of the City equal ~~to the~~ in amount to the face value of the Bonds issued by the City, to realize the <sup>said</sup> sum of \$400,000.00 to be loaned by the City to the Company; and

(b) 5100 shares of the Common Stock of the Company.

8. The said Mortgage shall be a First Mortgage free from all encumbrances on all the Plant, machinery, buildings, lands, water rights, flowage rights, easements and franchises required for the construction and operation of the above mentioned Hydro-electric development and also on all other property of the Company, and shall include or be accompanied by a chattel mortgage upon all the personal property of the Company. Such securities shall be repayable in twenty-five years or at such earlier date in case of default by the Company or failure to comply with the conditions thereof as are therein expressed, and shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, and shall also provide for the payment by the Company to the City of a yearly amount which, together with any difference in interest between the amount payable by the City on any Bonds issued to provide the sum of \$400,000.00 loaned to the Company and the interest payable by the Company to the City, or if no such difference in interest exists then with a yearly amount in addition to the yearly interest payable on the Mortgage which will, when compounded, produce in twenty-five years a sum sufficient to discharge any liability incurred by the City in connection with the advance to

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the Company of \$400,000.00

9. If the City elects to take the Bonds of the Company, such bonds to bear interest at six per cent, and shall be secured by a First Mortgage upon all the real and personal property of the Company and such Mortgage shall also contain provisions for the payment of the amounts required to produce a sinking fund as set out in the next preceding paragraph hereof.

10. The Company agrees that if the City Elects to take the Bonds of the Company, the Company will not issue any other bond or security or create any lien or charge upon the property of the Company having prior or equal rank with such bonds until such issue is especially authorized by the City.

11. The Company agrees that it will not issue any other stock of any description having voting power without the consent of the City so that the control of the Company shall remain vested in the City.

12. The City agrees that it will at any time release and cancel the said Mortgage upon payment by the Company to the City of the amount of principal of the Bonds issued by the City to provide the \$400,000.00 loaned by the City to the Company, together with all interest then due any amount then standing in sinking fund to be credited as cash paid to the City.

13. The City agrees to assist the Company in every possible way to obtain statutory confirmation of this agreement from the Legislature of Nova Scotia, and to obtain, if necessary, the approval of the Water Power Commission of Nova Scotia to the said Plans and Specifications hereto attached and also the authorization of the Department of Finance at Ottawa for the issue of the Company's security for payment of the construction, installation and equipment of this system.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the HALIFAX POWER COMPANY, LIMITED has caused there presents to be executed in its name by its President and Secretary, duly authorized in that behalf, and its Corporate Seal to be affixed hereto by its Secretary, duly authorized in that behalf and THE CITY OF HALIFAX has executed these presents by the hands of its Mayor and Clerk and by affixing its Corporate Seal hereto, the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED and "DELIVERED")  
by THE HALIFAX POWER COMPANY )  
LIMITED, in the presence of )  
A.E.B. Dauphinee.

Halifax Power Co. Ltd.,  
Samuel Brookfield,  
President.  
W.I. Macdougall,  
Secretary.

SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED)  
by the CITY OF HALIFAX, in )  
the presence of

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o Mr. McColl addressed the Board urging an early decision as to whether the City will deliver to the Company ~~Cash~~ <sup>or</sup> Bonds upon compliance with clause 4 of the draft agreement.

Read telegram as follows:-

" New York, Sept 24th, 1918.

The Mayor,  
Halifax, N.S.

Please advise immediately care Vanderbilt Hotel New York when Council will give decision regarding the proposition laid before you by me when in Halifax also if matter not yet put before council what you consider answer will be. Am holding up other business of importance awaiting your council. Have also telegraphed Mc Coll today to this effect.

S.V.Kendall."

Mr. McColl is informed by the Acting Chairman that the Board will again consider the matter at ~~the~~ <sup>its</sup> meeting ~~of~~ <sup>on</sup> Friday next.

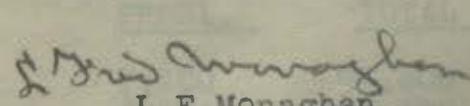
Mr. McColl withdraws from the meeting.

The City Solicitor explains to the Board his reasons for not more expeditiously drawing up a formal contract between the Power Company and the City stating that he has been afraid of serious complications in the future because of anticipated lawsuits respecting lands and water rights and because of lack of knowledge as to the status and stability of the Halifax Power Company.

His Worship the Mayor arrives and the proceedings the the meeting are explained to him.

The Board adjourns.

John Murphy,  
Acting Chairman.

  
L.F. Monaghan,  
CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

Sep tember 27th, 1918.

STREET	LAND	IMPTS.	PRSNL.	TOTAL
Bloomfield	1,300	4,100	750	6,150
Billy	2,300	8,300	1,200	12,800
Colin	2,300	8,300	1,200	12,800

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.

- Explosion-Loss of Taxes.
- Henry Street Catch-Pit.
- Jubilee Road F.C. Stevens Property.
- Tramway Service and Equipment.
- Public Utilities Board Investigation-Notice to City.
- Hydro-Electric Power-Halifax Power Company.
- Loans from the Royal Bank of Canada.
- Fire Department Hose.
- Motor Fire Engine "Chebucto".
- City Home Nurse Mrs. Agnes Bishop.

EXPLOSION- LOSS OF TAXES.

Read report City Assessor, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. July 2/18

W.W.Foster, Esq.,  
City Auditor,  
CITY.

Dear Sir:-

I herewith present a Memorandum showing approximately the amount the City of Halifax is likely to loose in taxes owing to the explosion of December 6th, 1917.

I may say that it includes all land, Improvements and Personal property in the destroyed area, together with all condemned buildings as reported to me by the engineering department.

P.J. McManus,  
City Assessor.

STREET	LAND	IMPTS.	PRSNL.	TOTAL
List of Streets in Ward Six, where properties are condemned or destroyed from effects of Explosion December 6th, 1917, West of Gottingen Street.				

STREET	LAND	IMPTS.	PRSNL.	TOTAL
Agricola	11,600	36,000	7,100	54,800
Almon	x 6,000	22,400	3,200	31,600

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<u>STREET</u>	<u>LAND</u>	<u>IMPTS.</u>	<u>PRSNL.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
Bloomfield	1,300	4,100	950	6,350
Bilby	2,800	8,300	1,800	12,900
Columbus	2,500	6,300	500	9,300
Cabot	4,500	14,850	1,500	20,850
Isleville	2,350	9,550	4,900	16,800
Kane	2,650	11,200	1,400	15,250
Livingstone	3,850	19,100	3,400	26,350
Longard Rd.	6,950	6,150	400	13,500
Merkle	2,450	6,650	600	9,700
Macara	4,200	18,100	3,250	25,550
Sullivan	7,950	18,550	6,800	33,300
Stairs	3,250	8,850		12,100
Stanley	2,450	5,250	200	7,900
W. Young	1,750	5,650	400	6,800
Gottingen	20,000	60,600	10,250	90,850
N. Creighton	3,250	8,700	1,000	12,950
Duffus	2,000	5,000	200	7,200
L. Hammond Rd	500	1,500		2,000
Robie, Cor				
St. Albans	900	3,600	600	5,100
Dom Textile Co.	20,000	80,000		100,000
	<u>113,300</u>	<u>359,500</u>	<u>48,450</u>	<u>621,250</u>

Total Land.....\$113,300  
 Impts.....359,600  
 Prsnl. .... 48,450 \$621,250

Total East of Gottingen Street \$1,779,800  
 Total West of Gottingen Street 621,250  
\$2,401,050.

Rate 2.54

\$2,401,050.00 X 2.54.....\$60,986.67

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List of Streets in Ward Six where properties were destroyed by fire and from the effects of the explosion December 6th, 1917, east of Gottingen Street with value of same.

<u>STREET</u>	<u>LAND</u>	<u>IMPTS.</u>	<u>PRSNL.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Acadia	5,400	11,300	1,700	18,400
Acadia Sq.	200	1,500		1,700
Albert	12,100	42,900	7,100	62,100
Barrington	296,650	207,800	154,600	659,050
Duffus	28,500	41,450	5,200	75,150
Hanover	1,000	4,400	1,500	6,900
Kenny	6,700	16,800	1,800	25,300
Kaye	13,700	58,700	9,200	81,600

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LAND.

<u>STREET.</u>	<u>LAND.</u>	<u>IMPTS.</u>	<u>PRSNL.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
Mulgrave	900	-	-	900
Needham	5,350	12,400	1,400	19,150
Roome	8,150	24,200	3,550	35,900
Richmond	3,800	11,600	2,250	17,650
Russell	19,950	71,800	9,750	101,500
Ross	4,300	3,000	600	7,900
Rector	4,700	8,400	2,000	15,100
Renforth	80,500	32,500	20,000	453,000
School	5,550	17,300	1,300	24,150
Union	9,250	28,350	3,050	40,650
Veith	9,350	34,000	6,250	49,600
E. Young	15,800	54,950	13,350	84,100
	<u>531,850</u>	<u>1,003,350</u>	<u>234,600</u>	<u>1,779,800</u>

Total destroyed east of Gottingen Street

Land.....\$531,850  
 Impts.....1,003,350  
 Prsnl..... 234,600 \$1,779,800

(NOTE: In addition to the above summary the Assessor's report covered detailed list, giving the names and values of each property in the district covered. The report is discussed by the Board with the City Assessor and the Asst. City Engineer.

The City Auditor to whom the report is addressed is requested to turn the statement over to the City Engineer to check up with the information in his office and data obtainable from the Relief Commission.

The City Engineer is requested to prepare and submit a statement as to losses suffered by the Water Department through the explosion.

The City Assessor and the Assistant City Engineer are requested to eliminate from the list any unimproved lands now included in the report. All schedules as amended to be again submitted to the Board.

It is decided to arrange for a conference between the Relief Commission and the City's Advisory Committee in regard to a policy to be fixed as to taxes in the devastated area.

*Auditor ✓  
 Assessor ✓  
 City Engineer ✓  
 Asst. City Engineer ✓*

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HENRY STREET CATCH-PIT.

F.C. Stevens appeared before the Board asking for the construction of a catch-pit on the West side of Henry Street at the head of Binney Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for attention

JUBILEE ROAD F.C. STEVEN'S PROPERTY

F.C. Stevens appeared before the Board claiming that the lines laid down on the Official City Plan deprive him of the use of a strip of land on the South side of Jubilee Road for which he wants to be re-compensated.

The City Engineer informs Mr. Stevens that the new Street line improves his property and that therefore Mr. Stevens should make no claim upon the City.

Mr. Stevens is requested to submit his claim in writing to the Board.

TRAMWAY SERVICE AND EQUIPMENT.

Read report Controller Murphy, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 27th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

At our request the City Solicitor, in a lengthy opinion, bearing date of the 16th ult., outlined the City's powers as provided in the charter covering the public utilities operated by this company. I feel that under same the City has all the powers necessary to compel this company to make such improvement in its service and equipment as will not only better meet public convenience, but also bring a wider measure of public safety. The following section would seem to fully cover the ground:-

"The City shall have power to make such other rules and regulations as may in its judgment be necessary for the safety and comfort of citizens, and to impose such penalty for the breach thereof as it may deem proper."

*Engineer*

*Engineer -  
F.C. Stevens*

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At a hearing held yesterday before the Board of Public Utilities, an official of this company testifying with regard to their rolling stock, is quoted as having stated the following:-

"No car is allowed to leave the power-house without being thoroughly inspected, which guarantees its good running order and eliminates any possibility of defect which might occasion an accident."

If such a statement was made, I would consider it an insult to the intelligence of the Board of Public Utilities and to our citizens as a whole.

Under this Company's charter, the City Engineer is the person authorized to act for the City, and in the interest of public safety, I would recommend that he be asked to have a complete inspection made of the rolling stock, special attention being given to safety defices, such as brakes, fenders, etc., as well as the general condition of cars; also of its overhead wiring. That the company be instructed to have whatever improvements are deemed necessary made; that a reasonable time be allowed to make these improvements and that a fine of \$500,000 per day be imposed for each and every day thereafter, that the improvements have not been provided.

John Murphy,  
CONTROLLER.

H. R. Mallison, Managing Director of the Tramway Company appears before the Board and addressed

Controller Murphy's report is adopted and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Mallison.

Mr. Mallison complained of boys throwing stones at street cars, particularly in the neighborhood of the corner of Almon and Agricola Streets. Last night three head lights were broken by stone throwing, on the previous night a stone was thrown through a pane of glass and hit the conductor; on the 26th a potato was thrown through the window of a car.

Mr. Mallison also complained that a good deal of Street lamp breakage was due to stone throwing. Whenever complaints were made the Police have always

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given satisfactory assistance, but lately the habit has become too prevalent and requested that special attention be given the matter.

The Chief of Police informed the Board that recent investigation had shown that most of the damage to the lights at the rear of the Street cars was caused from the over-crowding of cars.

The complaints are referred to the Chief of Police for attention.

PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD INVESTIGATIONS-NOTICE  
TO CITY.

Read correspondence between this Board and the Board of Public Utilities, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. 24thm September, 1918.

Miss L.E. Taylor,  
Secretary N.S. Board of Public Utilities.  
C I TY.

Dear Madam:-

At a meeting of the Board of Control this morning, I was directed to request that the Board of Public Utilities may be pleased to notify the City Clerk whenever matters affecting Public Utilities in the City of Halifax are about to be heard by your Board, in order that the City may have opportunity to be represented at such investigations.

The courtsey of your compliance with this request will be duly appreciated.

L.F. Monaghan,  
CITY CLERK.

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Halifax, N.S. Sept. 25th, 1918.

Mr. L. Fred Monaghan,  
City Clerk,  
City.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 24th inst. and in reply have, by direction, to say that all notices required by the Public Utilities Act to be given to parties to proceedings before this Board will, as in the past, continue to be given. Such notices are, of course,

*H.R. Wallison  
Chief of Police ✓*

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given by official notice in the press.

L.B. Taylor,  
Secretary.

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Halifax, N.S. 27th, September 1918.

Miss L.B. Taylor,  
Secretary, N/S. Board of Public Utilities.  
C i t y.

Dear Madam;

Your favor of 25th inst. on above matter was laid before the Board of Control at a meeting held this morning when I was directed to notify you in reply that at this morning session Mr. H. R. Mallison, Managing Director the the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company informed this Board, that your Board held an investigation on the morning of the 26th inst. into certain matters relating to his company.

The City had not notice of this hearing through the press or otherwise, from you. This Board considers that they should be notified by you in all such cases so that the City could be represented to obtain first hand information on behalf of the Citizens.

So far as yesterdays hearing was concerned, notwithstanding that the City Solicitor was present during part of the proceedings of your Board. Mr. Mallison informed this Board that the hearing was ex, parte.

L. Fred Monaghan,  
CITY CLERK.

HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER-HALIFAX POWER COMPANY.

Read reports City Solcitor and City Engineer  
re proposed agreement between the City and the Halifax  
Power Company, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 26, 1918.

Secretary Board of Control.

Dear Sir:-

The document now before you conforms to the terms of the agreement between the City and the Company originally set out in the schedule to Chapter, 88 of the Acts of 1917 with the modifications suggested in the negotiations between the Board and Mr. McCall representing certain gentlemen from Toronto who are stated to be willing to finance the undertaking for the Company.

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The important modifications are.-

- (a) the doing away with the option of the City to give bonds in place of cash upon a satisfactory completion of the undertaking by the Company, and
- (b) the addition of a clause providing for a reference to an independent engineer in case of disagreement with the City's engineer. This will be observed applies only to the satisfactory completion of the work not to work as it progresses, which remains to be done to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.

These modifications are matters purely of policy, and I do not feel called upon to say more than that I can see nothing objectionable in them.

As to the request of the Board that I should make a report upon the whole agreement, I beg to say that I do not feel either called upon or qualified to express any opinion as to its merits as a business proposition. That was determined by the action of the Board of Control and Council in entering into the agreement which has been ratified by the legislature, and of which the one now before you is only a comparatively unimportant modification. Under this agreement the City incurs no present liability, but upon the satisfactory completion of the Company's undertaking the City is to give the Company \$400,000.00 in exchange for

(a) a mortgage of the Company's property equal in amount to the face value of the bonds issued by the City to procure the \$400,000.00

(b) A controlling interest in the stock of the Company, and

(c) a contract for the City's lighting deemed more advantageous than can be otherwise obtained.

Obviously the problems and difficulties are mainly in the future. But it is clear that before the agreement can be carried to completion certain legal questions will require very careful consideration. Just what they will be when the time comes it is impossible to foretell, but some at least appear reasonably certain to arise, and it is right not only that your attention should be called to them at present, but it is also only fair to the Company and the contractors to point out some of the things that will be required, so that they may prepare to meet them in time, and not be unexpectedly confronted with them when the work proposed has been completed, with consequent delay in receipt of the agreed sum or even a refusal to hand it over.

Two points will certainly have to be dealt with

1. Is the Company completely organized and is it in a position to make a binding issue of the securities called for with the agreed priorities? At present as far as I am aware the City has no adequate knowledge on this point. If any bonds are outstanding it will be necessary that these should be got at in order that the City's mortgage should rank as a first charge. Similarly it must be made clear that the City can be given 51 per cent of the common stock fully paid up.

2. The possession by the Company of a complete title clear of all encumbrances to all the property and rights of every description necessary for its development. In

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this connection it should be clearly understood that the proposed development relates solely to the North East River. Apparently many persons are under the impression that it will be easy if that development succeeds to proceed with the further development of the Indian River so as to procure a sufficient supply of power for all purposes within the City and the possibility of obtaining this complete development is apparently an inducement with many for the City embarking on the enterprise. It is only right therefore to point out that while the development of the North East River is apparently not affected by any litigation or adverse claims that I am aware of, which is not the case in respect to the Indian River, in respect to which there is outstanding litigation which, if successful against the Company, will prevent a development on that watershed.

F.H.Bell,  
City Solicitor.

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His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

As requested by your Board I beg to report respecting the proposed agreement with the Halifax Power Company that I have endeavoured to protect the interests of the City on the engineering side, and after many conferences and discussions with Mr. McColl and the City Solicitor submit the clauses on which I have been working, as finally agreed up on between us.

For the purpose of record I desire to point out again that this agreement is for the development of the North East River power only. The mention of this matter may seem superfluous as the City has already made an agreement as shown in the legislation of last session, which clearly covers the North East River power only.

In considering the possibilities of this scheme commercially, I reported on it as a development in complete combination of the North East River and the Indian River, and gave the opinion that it was a good commercial proposition. In considering the North East River development only, I have also had in mind the probability of the Indian River being added eventually. I feel strongly that such a water power, economically developed and operated, would be a valuable asset for the City.

Another point which has not, to my knowledge, been pointed out in any report to date, is that the agreement made previous to the last session of the Legislature provides for the development of the power of the North East River and the carrying out of the lighting contract, but does not provide for the use of the whole available power when the development is completed; that is, it does not provide for the equipment and distribution necessary to sell the surplus of power above that required for lighting the streets and City buildings or for working capital to carry on that enterprise. I men-

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tion this, not to criticize what has been done, but merely for record, to that there can be no question that this side of the question was clearly understood. The electors have voted on the scheme on the basis of the agreement made previous to last Session.

No sensible man expects the promoters to give something for nothing; consequently we expect that they will benefit if they carry out the terms of the agreement, on the other hand, I feel certain that they would not ask the City to assist them as the agreement provides, if they could accomplish their development in any other way. If the scheme can be carried out without additional outlay except for further development or for working capital and it pays commercially the \$400,000.00 loan should not cost the City a dollar, which would be a remarkably favourable investment for the City. If there were no risk, however, there would be plenty capitalists to take it up instead of the necessity of asking the City to do it.

Under the system followed since the Public Utilities Commission was organized, I think the commercial possibilities of the scheme are promising, provided the legal difficulties suggested by the City Solicitor do not involve so much added expense that the cost of the City's share in the scheme would be more than it is worth.

F.W.W.Doane,  
City Engineer.

The draft of agreement as submitted by Mr. McGill representing the Halifax Power Company (see Board of Control Minutes September 25th, Page 291) is again read.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that in the judgment of this Board it is not advisable for the City of Halifax to agree to any further amendments to the statutory agreements between the City and the Halifax Power Company.

His Worship the Mayor rules the motion out of order and asks the members of the Board to vote as to whether they are in favor or against the draft agreement now before the meeting.

Controller Murphy in amendment to the question about to be put by the Chair, moved that any claim to be

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executed by the Mayor on behalf of the City shall conform to any legislation now existing surrounding the City's undertaking with the Halifax Power Company.

His Worship the Mayor rules Controller Murphy's motion out of order.

By agreement the whole matter is deferred until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

LOANS FROM THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA.

Read report City Treasurer covering letters (2) from the Royal Bank of Canada re loans for various purposes as follows:- (See letter Hon. G.H. Murray Premier of Nova Scotia, Board of Control Minutes September 17th, 1918, page 656)

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 26th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor Hawkins,  
and  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to report that in compliance with the terms contained in the letter from the Royal Bank of Canada under date Sept, 24th 1918 attached hereto in re loan of \$145,000. for the purposes so specified I have deposited with said Bank, as collateral, a stock certificate of the City of Halifax, Consolidated Fund 1905 for 1571 shares under date October 1st, 1918 and due October 1st, 1919. It is ~~due~~ also to be clearly understood that the rate of interest will be 5½% on actual cash advances as set out in the original letter from the Royal Bank ~~of~~ under date May 13th, 1918. The reply covering authority to draw to the amount specified is attached.

James J. Hopewell,  
City Treasurer.

-: : :-  
Halifax, N.S. Setp 24, 1918.

A.C. Hawkins, Esq., M/D.,  
Mayor, City of Halifax,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to our recent interview in the matter, we beg to inform you that our Directors have authorized us to advance the City of Halifax a sum

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not exceeding \$145,000, for purposes already approved by the City Council, viz, Lateral Sewers \$75,000; Widening Streets, \$ 5,000; Water Extension, \$20,000; Public Abattoir, \$10,000; and Tuberculosis Hospital \$35,000 but for which a formal borrowing resolution has not been passed, and covering which the Hon. Premier on behalf of the Government has promised that they will use their good offices to secure the passage of legislation legalizing such borrowings. As originally arranged, the loan is to be secured by hypothecation of stock or debentures of the City of Halifax for \$157,100 bearing interest at the rate of 5 1/2% per annum.

F.H.Harris,  
Manager.

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Halifax, N.S. Sept. 26th 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

We beg to acknowledge having received from you Certificate No. 0867, for 1,571 shares of the Consolidated Fund of the City of Halifax 1905, as security for a special loan of \$145,000 and have to inform you that these funds are now available to the City for the purposes mentioned in our letter of the 24th instant to the Mayor.

In drawing against this loan, we shall be obliged if you will designate it as above: the loan of \$133,500 against which you have already borrowed \$50,000 to be known as "Special Loan 1917".

F.H.Harris,  
Manager.

Approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSE.

Read report Controller Hines and Chief of Fire Department re tenders for fire hose destroyed in the Explosion, as follows:- (See Board of Control Minutes August 22nd, Page 537)

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 26-18.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

We beg to report that we have gone carefully over the specifications and tenders for fire hose which was burnt due to the Explosion of December 6th, and beg to report as follows:

*Auditor ✓*  
*Treasurer ✓*  
*Council*

Council  
 Auditor  
 Chief Fire Dept.

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That 1500 feet of Keystone Brand, wax and gum treated fire hose be purchased from the Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co. Ltd. at \$1.45 per foot.

Respectfully submitted,  
 J. J. Hines,  
 CONTROLLER,  
 J. W. Churchill,  
 CHIEF H. F. D.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Taylor that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

MOTOR FIRE ENGINE "CHEBUCTO".

Read reports re Motor Fire Engine "Chebucto" as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. Sept. 26-18.

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

We beg to report on test of triple combination, Type 75, La France Engine "Chebucto". Tested on the 19th of September at King's Wharf as follows:-

No. 1.

Two 100 ft.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. hose siamesed to 4 in, deluge set  $1\frac{3}{4}$  in. nozzle, 30 minutes run, from 3.50 to 4.20 with a lift of 12 ft. 3in.

Pump pressure	Nozzle pressure	Gals per minute.
200 lbs.	72 lbs.	771 gals.

No. 2.

One 200 ft. line of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. hose  $1\frac{1}{4}$  in. nozzle discharge taken at five minutes intervals for half capacity.

Time	Lift	Pump pressure	Nozzle pressure	Gals per-M
4.35	10ft. 6 in.	172 lbs.	80 lbs.	412.
4.40	" "	" "	" "	" "
4.45	" "	" "	" "	" "

No. 3.

One 300 ft. line  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hose  $1\frac{1}{8}$  in. nozzle discharge taken at 5 minutes intervals for half capacity.

Time	Lift.	Pump Pressure	Nozzle pressure	Gals per-M.
4.50	9ft. 7in.	250 lbs.	122 lbs.	415.
4.55	" "	" "	124 "	" "
5.00	" "	" "	126 "	" "

No. 4.

Three 100 ft. lengths of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. hose siamesed to 4 in. deluge set  $1\frac{3}{4}$  in. nozzle. Discharge taken at 5 minutes intervals for full capacity.

Time	Lift	Pump pressure	Nozzle pressure	Gals per-M.
5.06	9ft. 6 in.	120 lbs.	88 lbs.	853.
5.11	" "	" "	" "	" "
5.16	" "	" "	" "	" "

As the capacity of this engine is 750 gals we consider this test very satisfactory.

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Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
City Engineer.

J. W. Churchill,  
CHIEF H.F.D.

C.W.W. Wickwire,  
MOTOR ENGINEER.

Halifax, N. S. Sept. 26-18.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

We beg to report that we have gone carefully over the specifications for the new 75 Type La France Fire Engine and find this engine in perfect condition and complying with the specifications in every respect.

Respectfully submitted,

J.W. Churchill,  
Chief H.F.D.

C.W. Wickwire,  
Engineer.

Halifax, N. S. Sept. 26th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen: -

As previously reported all tests of the 75 Type pumper being O.K. and complying with the specifications I would recommend that the exceptance papers be signed and the engine be put in commission at once.

Respectfully submitted,

J.W. Churchill,  
Chief H.F.D.

Approved.

The account \$13,900.00 in settlement of the contract is passed for payment. The City Clerk

is instructed to apply to the Relief Commission for the cash to pay the bill. The following letter is

forwarded to the Relief Commission:

Halifax, N.S. 27th, Sept. 1918.

R.P. Bell, Esq.  
Secretary, Halifax Relief Commission,  
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

At the time of the Explosion, the City

*Handwritten notes in left margin:*  
Under  
City Engineer  
Council  
J.W. Churchill  
C.W. Wickwire  
Sept 27th 1918

*Handwritten notes in left margin:*  
The account  
for the engine

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OWNED one motor pumping fire engine known as the "Patricia" and had another one under construction by the American La France Fire Engine Company of Toronto. The Patricia was destroyed by the explosion and all of its crew (except one) and the Chief of the Fire Department and other firemen who were near it killed.

Steps were taken by the City as soon as possible to procure a new engine in its place, tenders were advertised for in the newspapers and bids received and finally a contract awarded to the American La France Fire Engine Company for a new machine at \$13,900.00 this machine to be called the Chebucto and to be a duplicate of the last one purchased by the City called the Cornwallis. Some slight changes in standardizing in the manufacture of engines since the Patricia was built made it impossible to obtain an exact duplicate of it. So that the Chebucto purchased to replace the Patricia is a duplicate of the Cornwallis.

The Chebucto has been received and tested by experts and found to comply most satisfactorily with the Underwriters requirements in every way respect and has been taken over and placed in commission.

Under direction of the Board of Control I have the honor to enclose herewith the account of the Manufacturers for the price of the Chebucto \$13,900.00 f.o.b Halifax and beg to request that the Relief Commission will pay the amount either direct to the Company or through the City.

L. Fred Monaghan,  
CITY CLERK

P.S.

The contract for the Chebucto provided for payment in cash upon the acceptance of the machine and interest at 6% from that time until paid.

CITY HOME NURSE MRS. A. BISHOP.

.Read application Mrs. A. Bishop, 51 North Park

Street asking for an investigation into here having been suspended as a nurse at the City Home.

Controller Hines informs the Board that the day was set for the investigation into Mrs. Bishop's case but she did not attend on the day fixed.

The City Clerk is instructed to acknowledge receipt of Mrs. Bishop's complaint and to request her to see His Worship the Mayor and make her statement to him.

The Board adjourned.

*L. Fred Monaghan*  
CITY CLERK.

MAYOR.

*Auditor ✓  
Chief Fire Dept ✓  
Council  
Latter Relief ✓  
Commission  
Am La France  
Fire engine Co  
Toronto ✓*

*Mrs A Bishop  
Jos W Byron*

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

September 28th, 1918.

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.

Explosion Account-Repairs to City Property.  
Hydro Electric Power-Halifax Power Company.

EXPLOSION ACCOUNT-REPAIRS TO CITY PROPERTY.

Read account D.G. Stewart \$6848.31 chargeable to explosion repairs to City Properties under the contract of D.G. Stewart. The account is passed for payment.

HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER - HALIFAX POWER COMPANY .

The draft agreement between the City and the Halifax Power Company as submitted by Roderick McColl is again taken up for consideration.

Mr. McColl addresses the Board.

Moved by Controller Finlay that further consideration of Mr. McColl's draft <sup>of</sup> agreement be deferred for two weeks.

His Worship the Mayor puts the question to the Board. "Are you in favor or against the draft agreement submitted by the Halifax Power Company?"

The vote being taken Controller Taylor voted in favor of the agreement as submitted and Controllers Finlay, Hines and Murphy against it.

His Worship the Mayor declares the draft agreement defeated.

The Board adjourns.

MAYOR.

*L. J. McLaughlin*  
CITY CLERK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

October 1st, 1918.

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.

North Street and Oxford Street, Street line Foster Property.  
Lower Water Street widening at Hogan Property.  
Morris Street Boulevard-Dalhousie College-Morash Property.  
Loans from Sinking Funds.  
Preston Street Drain-Max Hornstein.  
Isolation Hospital-Morris Street.  
Isolation Hospital -Furnace Pipes.  
Water Meter Bills.  
Public Utilities Board Investigation.  
Union Street Sewer.  
Sewer Construction.  
Water Pipe Line Right of Way.  
Upper Water Street Encroachment by Dominion Government Freight Shed.  
Non-resident Building contractors-License Fee.  
Spanish Influenza.  
Spanish Influenza- Doctors and Nurses Expenses.  
Policeman Peter Gallant.  
Chairman.  
Alexandra School., Water Supply.  
Smith Street.  
Fleming Park-L.A.Morash.  
Fleming Park-Caretaker.  
Fire Alarm Boxes.  
Chairman.  
Annual Report Chief of Police.  
Policemen Resignations.  
City Prison Keepers Clothing.  
Explosion-Gratuities to Dependents of Firemen.  
Motor Fire Engine Driver Wells.  
City Prison Tubercular Military Prisoner.  
Shipyards Fire Alarm Box.  
Hose Reel Sale to Shipyards.  
City Prison Concrete Wall.  
Summit Street Water Extension.  
Water Supply Relief Houses on Common.  
City Home Water Supply.  
Water Supply Military Hutments on North Common.  
Water Extension -Lady Hammond Road.  
Rubbish on Streets.  
William Henrion Superannuation.  
Accounts.

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NORTH STREET AND OXFORD STREET, STREET LINES  
FOSTER PROPERTY.

Read letter W.W.Foster, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., Oct. 1st, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

Under date of September 6th, 1917, I wrote  
the former Board the following letter:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 6, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I have made application for building permit  
on my North Street front; the 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 vest 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.

Yours respectfully,  
Sgd. W.W.Foster.

but without reply. And on October 15th, 1917, the follow-  
ing:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct 15th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

Under date of Sept. 6th, 1917, I wrote you  
in reference to land taken from my property fronting  
on Oxford and North Streets, for street widening pur-  
poses, but to date have no reply.

I now wish to say that I have commended  
building operations and have complied with the orders  
of your officials by keeping off the lines you claim,  
and would again ask what damages you propose to allow  
me for property taken from me.

Yours respectfully,  
Sgd. W.W.Foster.

without reply.

I feel that I have not received the same  
treatment as given to other rate-payers. Under the  
circumstances I would be willing to have the City ap-  
point one, and if the two cannot agree, they to appoint  
a third if necessary.

W.W.Foster.

October 1st, 1918.

Referred to the City Engineer for an early report.

LOWER WATER STREET WIDENING AT HOGAN PROPERTY.

In connection with the application of W.W. Foster for recompense for land required by the City, North and Oxford Street to make the Street Line conform to the Official City Plan the City Engineer is requested to report as to the widening of Lower Water Street at the property of T. Hogan and Company.

MORRIS STREET BOULEVARD-DALHOUSIE COLLEGE-MORASH PROPERTY.

In connection with the application of W.W. Foster for recompense for land required by the City, North and Oxford Streets to make the Street line conform with to the Official City Plan, the City Engineer is requested to report on the proper acquisition of the Morash Lots for the extension of Morris Street to Dalhousie College.

LOANS FROM SINKING FUNDS.

Read report Trustees of the Sinking Funds, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 30th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor Hawkins,  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I am instructed by the Trustees of the Sinking Funds to offer to loan the City of Halifax the sum of \$18,200. for the following purposes:

- \$1700 for the purchase of Hose under Acts 1917.
- 2000 " " " of motor patrol vehicle under Acts 1918, Cap. 60
- 6000 for the purchase of additional fire equipment under Acts 1918 Cap. 60
- 6000 for the improvement of the City Home under Acts 1918 Cap. 60
- 2500 for the completion of City Assessment Plan under Acts 1918 Cap. 60

The price of purchase being .98 of par; the rate of interest 6% per annum; to be repaid in five equal

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annual installments and the date of issue October 1st, 1918.

James J. Hopewell,  
Sec. Treasurer.

Moved by Controller Murphy that the City Treasurer be authorized to ask the Royal Bank at what rate they will loan to the City the \$18,200, referred to in the reeport of the Trustees of the Sinking Funds. Not seconded.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Taylor that the report of the Trustees of the Sinking Funds be adopted and the offer accepted. Motion passed.

PRESTON STREET DRAIN-MAX HORNSTEIN.

Read report City Health Board, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. October 1st, 1918.

His Worship ~~the~~ Mayor Hawkins,  
and Members Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to call your attention to the condition of the street in front of No 144 Preston Street, owned by Mr. Hornstein. The sewerage comes through the ground and from a test made by one of our inspectors it has been established that this sewerage comes from No. 142 owned by Mrs. Tanner. There is a wooden drain in this street, but Mrs. Tanner says that here premises is connected with the proper city sewer and not with the wooden drain, as we first supposed. The cause of the sewerage coming to the surface is because the regular city drain is broken. Our inspector recommends that the street be excavated along the entire length of the old wooden drain so as to find out the exact source of the trouble. It would seem as though the work is one for the engineer's department. The wooden drain is only a few feet below the surface of the earth.

J.A. Watters,  
Secretary C.H.B.

Max Hornstein appears before the Board in connection with the <sup>above</sup> matter.

Referred to the City Engineer for immediate attention with instructions to do whatever is necessary to remedy the cause of the complaint.

Auditor ✓  
Treasurer ✓  
Council

Engineer

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ISOLATION HOSPITAL MORRIS STREET.

Read account \$28,00 for services of scrub women at Isolation Hospital Morris Street. The account is passed for payment.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL FURNACE PIPES.

Read report Chief Fire Department to City Health Board, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 30th, 1918.

J.A. Watters, Esq.,  
City.

Dear Sir:-

I have been requested to examine the furnace room of the new hospital on Morris Street and find the woodwork entirely too close to furnace pipes.

I would recommend that the woodwork in the North west corner, also the wooden shelves in back of furnace pipes on North Wall be removed and iron bracketts and boiler plate shelves be substituted.

Sgd. J.W. Churchill,  
Chief H.F.D.

Referred to the City Engineer for immediate attention

WATER METER BILLS.

Read report Asst. City Engineer re water meter bills claimed to be excessive, covering schedule, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sep. 27th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I am submitting herewith a list of water meter bills for the half year ending March 1918, for properties the owners of which have applied for a reduction, claiming that the large consumption was caused in consequence of the explosion. The list of properties comprises properties in which the increased consumption was in my judgment attributable solely to the results of the explosion. A further report will be made immediately on the bills which are considered to be larger than usual, owing to other causes.

The question of whether a reduction should be made in these bills, is a question of policy for the Board to decide. In some cases, houses were badly shattered, windows broken, and as there was also a scarcity of fuel for some time, the water pipes were allowed to run to prevent freezing. In other cases the

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the fixtures and pipes being damaged, waste was caused and owing to the disproportion between the immense amount of work to be done and the number of plumbers to do it, considerable time elapsed before it was possible to have repairs made.

It might be claimed that the bills should be collected and the owners apply to the Relief Commission to be reimbursed, but I doubt very much if the Commission would probably be justified in acceding to this, as their contention would probably be that as the City had not lost any actual cash, it should not make money out of circumstances arising from the disaster. Nearly every citizen has suffered more or less from the explosion, and as the amount involved in these bills would be only prospective profits, and not any actual cash loss, the City should bear its share, and it would appear inadvisable in this case, to press the claim for the increased amount of the bills against the properties on the attached list, especially as citizens paying a flat rate were not penalized for the waste that took place immediately after the disaster. Should the Board concur in view, I would recommend that the amounts charged against these properties be the same as for the similar period of the previous year.

Respectfully submitted,

H.W. Johnston,

Asst. City Engineer.

WATER BILLS REDUCED OCTOBER 1st, 1918.

<u>LEDGER NUMBER</u>	<u>PROPERTY BOARD</u>	<u>STREET.</u>
1015	C has. Judge	64 Cornwallis Street. ✓
1021	Est. Mrs. O'Toobe	89 " ✓
969	L. Keshen	35 Cogswell ✓
975	do	47 " ✓
110	Chas. Woods	130 Agricola ✓
116	Mrs. J. Hubley	145 Agricola St. ✓
244	Andrew Hubley	38 Allen ✓
316	L. Keshen	98 Almon ✓
451	J. Linloff	33 Bauer ✓
437	Mrs. R. Murray	16 Bauer ✓
443	G. Outhouse	24 " ✓
782	Fred Coleman	87 Charles ✓
760	Est. Wm. Fegan	49 " ✓
742	J. Bennett	22 " ✓
1372	Nicholas Power	14 Duncan ✓
1374	do	16 " ✓
1148	Halifax Rifles 63rd.	39 Cunard ✓
1157	L. Keshen	65 " ✓
1567	A.L. Miller	206 Gottin gen ✓
1589	Samuel Simon	257 1/2 " ✓
1779	Mrs. E. Hubley	11 Harris ✓
1781	Mrs. E. Hubley	13 " ✓
1783	do	15 Harris ✓
1697	M. Hubley	29 Granville ✓
2183	A. Hubley	9 Lawrence ✓
2182	do	8 " ✓
2186	do	13 " ✓
2148	Est. J. Tynan	13 Kings Place. ✓

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LEDGER NUMBER	NAME	STREET.	STATUS
2468	A.E. Craig	104 Maynard	✓
2469	E.P. Ennis	105 "	✓
2453	Geo. Heisler	71 "	✓
2445	do	61 "	✓
2553	E.J. Heisler	249 "	✓
2472	J.H. Emmatt	109 "	✓
2474	do	111 "	✓
2548	Mrs. H. Peirce	274 "	✓
2400	Est. J. Lannigan	1 "	✓
2523	Mrs. T. Connolly	236 "	✓
2579	J.S. Hubley	4-4 1/2 McCully	✓
2733	Wm J. Tafft	135 North	✓
2763	Est. Chas. Kirby	188 "	✓
2579	Mrs. M. Smith	17 Moran	✓
3367	G. Dixon	656 Robie	✓
3435	A.M. Callahan	5 Sackville	✓
3711	Mrs. Muldowney	9 Sullivan	✓
3974	Thos. E. Chambers	49 West	✓
4001	A.P. Healy	80 West	✓
4196	Samuel Reilem	23 Woodill	✓
4235	J. Burbridge	222 W. Young	✓
4047	A.W. LeBlanc	31 1/2 Willow	✓
4287	Est. C. McGinn	4 West	✓
4413	Mrs. H. Holmes	38 Lawrence	✓
4475	Mrs. M. Phalen	27 Agricola	✓
5297	Mrs. Cullen	282 Agricola	✓

Engineer  
Clerk & Works  
Collector  
Council

Approved.

PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD INVESTIGATIONS.

Read letter Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 30th, 1918.

Mr. L. Fred Monaghan,  
City Clerk,  
City.

Dear Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 27th inst. and in reply have to confirm my letter to you of the 25th inst. regarding notice of proceedings before this Board.

I have further by direction to say that the Public Utilities Act does not require notice to be given in cases where the Board, of its own motion, requires a public utility to appear before it to furnish information on any matter regarding which the Board desires to inform itself.

If the City authorities desire to be heard by the Board in regard to a public utility, the Public Utilities act and the rules of procedure governing matters before the Board, provide the fullest possible opportunity of having a complaint investigated.

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Should the Board of Control desire to be heard on behalf of the citizens of Halifax on any matter over which this Board has jurisdiction, the laying of a formal complaint as provided by Statute will afford such an opportunity.

L.B. Taylor.  
Secretary.

*Engines  
Electricians*

In order that specific complaints may be laid before the Board of Public Utilities and an investigation instituted the City Engineer and City Electrician are instructed to inspect and report upon the equipment and rolling stock and the electric wiring lines of the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company Limited, and report to this Board.

UNION STREET SEWER.

Read letter Relief Commission and report City Engineer re Union Street Sewer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 28th, 1918

Dr. A.C. Hawkins,  
Mayor, Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

The building of this sewer I believe was about at the head of the list for work this year. It is most important that it should be built this fall. An effort is being made to commence the erection of some houses there now and there will be active building operations in the early spring. Will you be good enough to have the necessary steps taken to have the work undertaken immediately if at all possible.

T.S. Rogers,  
Chairman.

£ : :-  
Halifax, Sep. 30, 1918

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached letter from the Halifax Relief Commission asking for the immediate construction of the sewer in Union Street.

The City had ordered the construction of a sewer in Union St. previous to the explosion of Dec. 6th, 1917. It has been the custom not to construct a sewer in any street until houses are under construction. As

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your Board is aware, the houses on Union Street were levelled by the explosion.

The following sewers are on the Order book for construction on streets where houses already are erected, and if we are to follow the custom of the past, the construction of this work should take precedence for the reasons already stated.

Willow Street	From Windsor to Dublin.
Preston "	" Mott St. 230 ft. Southwardly
Chestnut	" Cedar to Shirley
Cambridge	
Beech	
Quinpool Rd.	

As it is not probable that houses on Union Street will be ready for occupation until next season, the claims of owners of houses at present occupied, would seem to be stronger than those of the Relief Commission. I desire to submit the matter, however, without prejudice, for the decision of your Board. In any case, under existing conditions, we shall be obliged to construct all sewer work by contract.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

The report of the City Engineer is approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the Relief Commission.

SEWER CONSTRUCTION.

The City Engineer is instructed to advertise for tenders for trenching and back-filling for all proposed sewers to be constructed during the current civic year.

WATER PIPE LINE RIGHT OF WAY.

The City Solicitor asks for instructions from the Board as to the encroachment on City Property by Messrs. Brandram-Henderson, Young Street and Kempt Road by the erection of a concrete building over the right of way of the city water pipe line and by the construction of a wooden building over said pipe line by J.E. Butler, Chebucto Road.

*Engineer -  
N P Bell  
Council*

*Engineer*

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The City Solicitor is instructed to institute whatever legal proceedings may be necessary to have the buildings removed.

UPPER WATER STREET ENCROACHMENT BY DOMINION GOVERNMENT FREIGHT SHED.

The City Engineer and City Solicitor are authorized to make representations to the Dominion Government looking toward the removal of the recently erected freight shed which encroaches upon Upper Water Street at Deep Water Terminus.

NON-RESIDENT BUILDING CONTRACTORS LICENSE FEES.

The City Solicitor is instructed to bring action at law if necessary for the collection from the Bate McMahon Company of the non-resident building contractors license fee provided for in the City Charter.

SPANISH INFLUENZA.

His Worship the Mayor reports that he had sent the following telegram to Dr. Montizambert of the Dominion Quarantine Department of Ottawa and to Premier Borden :

"Halifax, N.S. Sept. 30th, 1918.

Colonel Montizambert,  
Ottawa.

Eight Sailors admitted military hospital here from Niobe and Donegal, suffering from Spanish Influenza Protest strongly against quarantine officials' action in allowing these patients ashore. Should be sent to Lawlors Island. Also request quarantine department to request arrange to take these and other patients to arriving to Lawlor's Island. Otherwise disease will spread amongst troops and civilian population with disastrous results.

A.C. Hawkins. Mayor."

To the above His Worship had received the following reply:-

Ottawa, Ont. Sept. 30th, 1918.

A.C. Hawkins,

Mayor Halifax, N.S.

Diseases Infectious or otherwise on coast wise vessels and vessels in port come under Municipal or Provincial Jurisdiction not Federal.

Engineer ✓  
Solicitor ✓  
Council ✓

Engineer ✓  
Solicitor ✓

Solicitor ✓  
Collector ✓  
Council ✓

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His Worship took it from the telegram that the Niobe and the Donegal are considered from a quarantine standpoint to be coast wise vessels.

SPANISH INFLUENZA DOCTORS AND NURSES EXPENSES.

Read telegram Dr. E.R. Kelley, Medical State Commissioner of Health of Massachusetts, as follows:-

"Boston, Mass, Sept. 30th 18.

Mayor of Halifax,  
Halifax, N.S.

Massachusetts urgently needs physicians and nurses especially nurses any assistance you can give much appreciated.

Eugene R. Kelley,  
M.D. State Comm. Health."

Read report Halifax Medical Society, as follows:-

To:

His Worship the Mayor of Halifax,  
Halifax, N.S.

SIR:-

I am directed to inform you that the following telegram was sent to the Governor of the State of Massachusetts.

"At a meeting of the Halifax Medical Society, especially convened for the purpose, it was unanimously resolved that this Society extend its sympathy and the Members offer their services to your State, to the utmost limit of their ability, in order to cope with the present serious epidemic of Influenza. Kindly wire your needs immediately.

And further to enquire in the event of help being asked, what share the City would take in defraying the travelling and maintenance expenses of those responding to the call.

Hugh Schwartz,  
SECRETARY,  
HALIFAX MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The Board unanimously decides that the City provide reasonable and necessary travelling and maintenance expenses of Doctors and Nurses answering the call of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for assistance during the epidemic of Influenza, provided the Honorable the Premier of Nova Scotia will give an undertaking

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Council  
Solicitor  
Chief of Police ✓

that the Government will use its good offices with the Legislature at its next session to promote legislation sanctioning the expenditure.

The City Treasurer is authorized to interview the Hon. Mr. Murray on behalf of the City in respect to this matter and report.

POLICEMAN PETER GALLANT.

Read application Peter Gallant for the position of policeman. On recommendation of the Chief of Police Peter Gallant is temporarily appointed a member of the Police Force.

CHAIRMAN.

His Worship the Mayor retires from the meeting to attend the meeting of Physicians and Controller Murphy takes the chair.

ALEXANDRA SCHOOL WATER SUPPLY.

Read report Board of School Commissioners, as follows:-  
Halifax, N. S. Oct. 1, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor, and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly take immediate action regarding the condition of the water supply at Alexandra School. This supply comes in through a court at the back of the School building, and by the report of our Inspector, the water main runs to a dead end in this court. There is a constant complaint from the school of a stoppage of water. This appears to be caused by eels or other impedimenta clogging this dead end of the pipe and coursing back into the school pipes. This is a constant source of danger and annoyance to the school and always when the water is released, as it flows through the pipe, it carries a foul odor, showing the condition of the pipe.

Will you kindly take this matter up at your earliest convenience in order to remedy the dangerous and unhealthy condition of this school.

S. J. Wilson,  
Secretary.

October 1st, 1918.

Referred to the City Engineer for attention.

SMITH STREET.

Read report Assistant City Engineer re Smith Street encroachment by S. M. Brookfield Limited, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sep. 27, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control covering letter from F.M. Burton, complaining that the end of Smith Street had been fenced and a thoroughfare to Queen Street cut off. On examining the locality I find that Messrs. S.M. Brookfield Limited have erected a fence across the end of this street about 390 feet from Barrington Street. The fence as erected encroaches somewhat on the street and also on the property belonging to the City, lying to the south of Smith Street.

I have notified Messrs. S.M. Brookfield Limited to remove this encroachment. Smith Street was deeded to the City by deed of dedication dated Dec. 1st, 1864. The description and plan attached to the deed shows that Smith Street was only deeded to the City for a distance of 390 feet west of Pleasant Street. Some time ago the remainder of the property west of this, was acquired by S.M. Brookfield Limited, and they are now fencing their property in.

The City owns a strip of land 20 feet wide, extending 10 feet on each side of the sewer from the end of Smith Street to Queen Street. While there may have been a path travelled over by certain individuals from the end of Smith Street to Queen Street, I do not see how this could have been used by teams within the past twenty-five years, as the steep bank at Queen and Green Streets was practically impassable for horses and wagons. I do not consider that the public have any rights in this property, although it is possible that Mr. Burton or some individuals may have acquired a right of user through it, but this would be a matter for them to take up themselves, and not for the City.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

The City Engineer is instructed to order S.M. Brookfield Limited to remove a portion of the fence which encroaches on City Property.

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FLEMING PARK-L.A.MORASH.

Read application L.A.Morash re refreshment privileges at Fleming Park, as follows:-

September, 28th, 1918.

To The Mayor and Controllers of Halifax.  
Halifax, N. S.  
Gentlemen:-

Kindly give the following matters your consideration:-

To erect on the rear of main building "Dingle Tea Room", North West Arm, an addition of 20 ft. X 17 ft., and to extend the veranda south 44 ft. x 17 ft., in order to accommodate the people of Halifax in the future.

Also a renewal of lease for same building for five years, as the present lease runs out 1920.

Would like to know as early as convenient, so as to make preparations to start the work.

L.A.Morash.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

FLEMING PARK CARETAKER.

Moved by Controller Taylor seconded by Controller Hines that if his services should be required for next year that William Topple be appointed caretaker of Fleming Park for six months from May 1st, to October 21st, at \$100.00 per month. After discussion the motion is not put but referred to the City Engineer for report.

FIRE ALARM BOXES.

Read report City Electrician, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 26th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Dear Sir:-

The following Fire Alarm Boxes have been inspected and found in good working condition.

Sept. 25/18

No. 61, 27, 12, 15, 14, 18, 17.

P.R. Colpitt,

City Electrician. ZPer.MC.

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CHAIRMAN.

His Worship the Mayor arrives and takes the Chair.

ANNUAL REPORT CHIEF OF POLICE.

Read Annual Report Chief of Police 1917-1918.  
Filed.

POLICEMEN-RESIGNATIONS.

Read resignation of the following named Policemen:  
W.F. Adams, Patrick Condon, Charles M. Boutillier.

The resignations are accepted.

CITY PRISON KEEPERS CLOTHING.

Read report Governor Grant, City Prison, as follows:-  
Halifax, N.S. Sept 1st, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor  
Members of Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to report in re various uniforms for  
Prison Staff, as follows:-

Three ulster coats Dec. 1912, one ulster  
coat Dec. 1913 for an additional officer, Clayton &  
Sons, \$14.00 each. Three overcoats March 1917, W.S.  
Munnis, 2 @ \$18.00, 1- \$17.50. Fiver Raincoats  
Dec. 1914, Colwell Bros. \$13.99 four winter caps  
Dec. 1915, Kline & Mullins \$3.00 each. four prs.  
Rubber Boots, August 1917, Robt. Taylor Co. Ltd.  
\$4.25 per pr.

George Grant,  
Gov. City Prison.

Governor Grant is authorized to purchase the  
clothing recommended in his report submitted to the Board  
on September 24th, 1918.

EXPLOSION-GRATUITIES TO DEPENDENTS OF FIREMEN.

Read report Chief Fire Department, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept 26th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to report re compensation to widows an

*Council*

*Chief of Police*

*Chief of Prison*

*Gov Grant*

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dependents of firemen killed in discharge of their duty on December 6th, as follows:-

Mrs. Mary E. Condon, widow of the late Chief Edw. P. Condon, youngest child 15 years. 69 Brunswick St.  
Mrs. Margaret Brunt, widow of late Asst. Chief Wm. P. 123 Creighton St. No family.  
Mrs. Lottie Leahy, widow late driver Frank Leahy, Block 2-21A Garrison Appts. 1 child 4 years.  
Mrs. Florence Duggan widow of the late Hoseman John Duggan, 130 Creighton St. 5 children from 1 year 6 mos. to 10 years.  
M s. Hennie Maltus widow of the late Hoseman Mickel Maltus, 26 Hunter St. 10 children yungest child 2 years 6 months.  
Honora Hennessy, widow of the late Hoseman Walter Hennessy, 16 Cunard St. no family.  
Mrs. Mary Kileen, mother Hoseman Frank Kileen 161 Hollis St. 2 children 10 and 15 years.  
Mrs. Elizabeth Broderick mother of the late Capt. Wm. T. Broderick, 152 Queen St.  
The heirs of the late John Spruin, exfireman are as follows:- Mrs. Florence Lynch, Mrs. AlbertmH. Tracey, Wm. J Spruin and George Spruin.

J. W. Churchill,  
Chief H.F.D.

The report is filed and the Chief of Fire Department instructed to inquire into the circumstances of each of the families and further report.

MOTOR FIRE ENGINE DRIVER WELLS.

The Chief of the Fire Department is requested to report as to the present <sup>circumstances</sup> ~~condition~~ of motor fire engine driver Wells who is now being carried on the department pay rolls.

CITY PRISON-TUBERCULAR MILITARY PRISONER.

Read telegram from His Worship the Mayor to the Minister of Justice <sup>and</sup> ~~of~~ the Departments reply, re a tubercular military prisoner at City Prison, as follows:-

"Sept. 25th, 1918.

Hon. J. C. Doherty  
Minister of Justice,  
Ottawa.

Pte. Harry Potter, prisoner at City Prison Halifax, is suffering from tuberculosis, an open case. A menace to the rest of the prisoners, Colonel Jacques, A.D.M.S. M.D.No. 6, will take charge of prisoner and place him in sanitarium if released by your department.  
A.C. Hawkins, Mayor."

Chief Fire  
Sept 1  
Council

Chief Fire  
Sept 1

October 1st, 1918.

Ottawa, Sept. 25th, 1918.

His Worship A.C. Hawkins,  
Mayor, Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram, dated 25th inst., with reference to Harry Potter, detained at the City Prison, and stating that he is suffering from tuberculosis, is a menace to the remaining prisoners in the Goal and that the prisoner will be taken charge of and placed in a sanitarium if liberated.

The circumstances of the conviction of this man will be investigated as soon as possible and when a decision is reached you will be informed of the result.

J.D. Clarke  
Acting Chief of Remission  
Branch.

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SHIPYARDS FIRE ALARM BOX.

Read letter Halifax Shipyards Limited, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 27th, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your favor of 26th inst., from which I gather that immediately upon receiving from us an undertaking to pay any difference between the cost of the fire alarm box on hand and the cost of the one the City will have to order to replace it, the City Electrician will instal this fire alarm box at the corner of Barrington & Young Sts.

This is to advise you that we hereby agree to pay any difference in cost to the City between the prices of these two fire alarm boxes.

Trusting that this will enable you to have this box installed at once, and thanking you for the interest you have shown in this matter, I am,

HALIFAX SHIPYARDS LIMITED,  
J.E. McLurg,  
General Manager.

Approved and the City Electrician instructed to at once install the box at present on hand.

HOSE REEL SALE TO SHIPYARDS.

On recommendation of Controller Hines it is decided to sell to the Halifax Shipyards Ltd. for \$75.00 the an old and obsolete fire department hose reel.

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CITY PRISON CONCRETE WALL.

Read report Asst. City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sep. 26, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I am asked to make an estimate of the cost of replacing the east and west fence at the City Prison with a permanent concrete wall. Last November a report was made on the cost of a 14 ft. wall at the eastern side of the Prison Yard, which at that time was estimated to cost \$1200. using Prison Labot. Owing to the increased price of material and truckage, this will now be considerably more. The estimated cost of cement, sand and steel required for the construction of the west wall is \$1688. and for the east wall, \$1122, or a total of about \$2800.

I understnad that the labor and stone are to be provided by the Prison, and have not taken any account of this in this estimate. An additional amount will have to be provided to pay for a foreman, which will would bring the total cost to approximately \$3000.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

The report is approved and it is decided to proceed with the work provided the Honcable the Premier of Nova Scotia will give an undertaking that the Government will use its good offices with the Legislature at its next session to promote legislation authorizing the borrowing of the money necessary to carry on the work. The City Treasurer is authorized to interview the Hon. Mr. Murray on behalf of the City in respect to this matter and report.

SUMMIT STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sep. 26, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached petition from Gordon Jennings asking for the extension of the water service to his house on Summit Street. Only one length of pipe is required to permit of the installation of a pip service pipe to this property. I would recommend that the extension be made. the distict is high service; estimated cost of the extension \$76.20

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

File Hon ✓  
Murray ✓  
Treasurer ✓  
Council

Engineer ✓  
Council

October 1st, 1918.

WATER SUPPLY RELIEF HOUSES ON COMMON.

Read report City Engineer, covering letter sent to Relief Commission, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sep. 26, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

During the last two months there has been a great deal of trouble with the water supply at the relief houses on the Common. Constant leakage has been occurring in consequence of the material used and the manner in which the pipe was laid last winter, owing to the conditions at that time.

I have been unable to get satisfactory consideration from the Relief Commission, and have sent a letter to them today, copy of which is attached. I have discussed the matter with your Worship today and beg to recommend that a meter be installed on the main pipe supplying the houses, to check the quantity of water used, and the Commission charged accordingly. I ~~have~~ <sup>should</sup> have smaller meters installed if we had them, but although I have tried to get them, we are at present without any small meters at all.

F.W.W. Deane,  
City Engineer.

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Halifax, N.S. Sep. 26, 1918.

Halifax Relief Commission,  
City.

Gentlemen:-

When the water pipe was laid to supply the houses off Sackville Street and Bell Road, the climatic conditions were such that it was difficult to do the work efficiently. I also understand that there was difficulty in getting cast iron pipe, and wrought iron pipe with steam fitting joints, was used. Whether or not that is the cause of the trouble, may be a matter of opinion, but today and for some time past, there has been considerable trouble through the failure of this pipe. The pipe is leaking and it is preventing us from filling the reservoir on the High Service system. It is manifestly unfair to the rest of the water takers on the High Service system that this should continue, and when cold weather comes, the loss of pressure through leaks in the pipe supplying the relief houses on the Common, will prevent the water from rising to the higher parts of the High Service district, and water takers in Willow Park and other places similarly situated, will be unable to get a supply at all.

This matter is most urgent, as we are losing our storage at the reservoir, and it takes a long while to replace it. Please give it your immediate attention,

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Approved.

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CITY HOME WATER SUPPLY.

The City Engineer is requested to report on changing over the supplying of water to the City Home from the High Service to the Low Service and the cost of installing a pump if it is necessary to pump the water to the Institution from the Low Service Main.

WATER SUPPLY MILITARY HUTMENTS ON NORTH COMMON.

Read letter Major-General Lessard, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 28th, 1918.

His Worship,  
the Mayor,  
Halifax N.S.  
Your Worship,-

On a recent inspection of the new Military Huts erected on the North Common, Halifax, N.S. it was brought to me attention that the water supply was connected with the city low pressure system.

This gives an entirely inadequate supply for these buildings. Even at the present time with only one unit occupied the pressure is poor and at times there no water is available in the upper story of the Officers Quarters. When the three units are put in use serious conditions will arise as it has been demonstrated that even with two units in use that enough water cannot be obtained.

You, I am sure, will appreciate the importance of sanitary grounds of there being ample supply of water for ablution, bathing and sanitary closets, especially when the large number of men to be quartered in these buildings is considered.

It is therefore requested that the City immediately give permission to turn the high pressure system into the pipes supplying these Barracks.

Failing a favorable reply to this request it will be necessary for me to place the facts before the Militia Council for action.

F.L. Lessard,  
Major-General,  
Commanding Military District No. 6.

The City Engineer is instructed to write Major General Lessard as to the best means by which the Military Authorities could obtain an adequate supply of water.

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WATER EXTENSION-LADY HAMMOND ROAD.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sep. 26, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir,

I beg to report on the attached petition for water extension in Lady Hammond Road.

The district is high service; length of pipe required 995 feet eastwardly from Robien Street; the estimated cost is-

995' 6-in. pipe	\$1791.00
2 - 6" valves	60.00
1 - 6x6x6 for Longard Road	20.40
3 - 6x6x6 for fire hydrants	57.60
995' excavation	1492.50
13 service pipes	650.00
Lead, gasket and paint	30.00
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	\$4031.50

Interest on the estimated cost \$241.89 - special rate for thirteen houses, \$18.61. I would recommend that the extension be made, provided the petitioners will sign a bond for the special rate of \$18.61.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer

Approved.

RUBBISH ON STREETS.

Controller Hines again protests against the employees or agents of the Relief Commission dumping plaster and other refuse on the Streets and allowing it to remain there to be blown about by the wind and washed into catch-pits during rain storms. He referred to the condition of Creighton Street which has existed for a long time and Controller Finlay referred to the similar condition at No. 113 Spring Garden Road.

The City Clerk is instructed to again call the attention of the Relief Commission to the complaints.

The Chief of Police is instructed to have a list made of all dumps of rubbish on the Streets throughout the City and to submit same to this Board and the Relief Commission.

*Engineer ✓  
Council*

*R.P. Bell ✓  
Chief of Police ✓*

October 1st, 1918.

WILLIAM HENRION SUPERANNUATION.

Controller Finlay informs the Board the William Henrion who has been 27 years in the employ of the City Works Department is now unable to perform his duties owing to illness and recommends that he be placed on half pay from September 1st to April 30th pending his superannuation and that such pay be charged to the streets appropriation . Approved.

*Engineer -  
City Works -  
Auditor -  
Council*

ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts are passed for payment:-

Public Gardens.

G.F.Brady	Appraising	\$25.00
A.L Melvin	Hardware	1.90
Hugh D. McKenzie & Co.	Coal	119.00
Brookfield Bros. Ltd.	Sand	6.00
N.S.Furn.Co Ltd.	Chairs	18.00
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		\$ 169.90

Returned Soldiers Garden Party.

Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Long distance Message	\$0.75
City Taxi Service	Service	4.50
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		\$5.25

City Health Board.

C.Pope	Cleaning Chimneys	\$1.50
R.N.McDonald	Groceries	111.77
Morton & Thomson	Knives etc.,	6.75
National Drug Co.	Drugs	65
Royal Print	Directory	4.50
Chronicle Pub.Co.	Advertising	1.40
John Starr	Batteries	1.15
Hillis & Sons	Stove Fittings	2.85
King Edward Stables	Hire	10.00
Do	"	14.00
Cunard & Co.	Coal	62.55
A.E.Carnell	Repair ambulance	40.25
Herald PublCo.	Advertising	1.88
Edw.Sullivan	Whiskey I.H.D.	15.50
O.C.Warner	Milk I.D.H.	39.33
Moris Ltd.	Bread I.D.H.	12.60
Cunard & Co.	Coal	54.80
King Edw.Stables	Conveying patients I.D.H.	62.50
J.A.Kaizer	Fresh Fish	132.37
Dept.Public Health	Anti-toxine & vaccine	60.20
Kinley Ltd.	Drug supplies	1 69.27
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		\$805.82

*Council*

The Board adjourned.  
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*L. J. ...*  
CITY CLERK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

October 2nd, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10.30 o'clock, present; His Worship the Mayor, and Controllers Finlay, Hines Murphy and Taylor.

PUBLIC HEALTH-MASSACHUSETTS HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION.

G. Fred <sup>a</sup>Parson<sub>^</sub> representing the Massachusetts ~~HEX~~ Relief Commission appeared before the Board and briefly outlined suggestions made by the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the expenditure of large sums of money probably between \$60,000.00 and \$75,000.00 per year for five years for the purpose of improving public health conditions in the City of Halifax.

It is proposed if the City of Halifax considers the work would be acceptable and would be of any assistance that a committee be appointed to be composed of representatives of the various bodies actively interested in such work said Committee to act in cooperation with the Massachusette Halifax Relief Committee.

Mr. <sup>a</sup>Parson<sub>^</sub> is requested to forward to this Board a copy of the report of Dr. Victor G. Heiser on "A Constructive Health Programme for Halifax" prepared by him, as a result of an investigation made at the instance of the Massachusetts Halifax Relief Committee. Mr. <sup>a</sup>Parson<sub>^</sub> is also requested to submit in writing as soon as the date is available a memorandum of the scheme proposed.

The further proceedings of the meeting, are outlined in the following letter.

October 2nd, 1918.

Office of City Clerk,  
Halifax, N. S., 2nd, October-1918

G.F. Parson, Esq.,  
Massachusetts Halifax Relief Committee.

Sir:-

I have the honor to inform you that the suggestions outlined by you at the meeting of the Board of Control, this morning on behalf of the Massachusetts Halifax Relief Committee for improving Public Health conditions in this City through the gratuitous expenditure of large sums of money to be contributed by the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts were unanimously approved by the Board on behalf of the City and the Citizens of Halifax and that the Board will be very pleased to act upon the suggestions when they are laid before them in concrete form, as soon as your Committee finally determines upon their course of action.

In order that due consideration may be given the matter by this Board they are desirous that you may be pleased to submit in writing any information necessary to that end.

The Board unanimously passed the following Resolution:

"Resolved, that in the opinion of the Board of Control the very generous suggestions as to improving Public Health conditions in the City of Halifax made by the Massachusetts Halifax Relief Committee are not only heartily appreciated by the City of Halifax but that the general purpose in most necessary under conditions obtaining throughout the City following the Explosion of December 6th, 1917.

Further Resolved that the City of Halifax is desirous of cooperating in every way with the work proposed."

Yours respectfully,  
L. Fred Monaghan,  
CITY CLERK.

The Board adjourned.

*L. Fred Monaghan*  
CITY CLERK.

MAYOR

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

October 3rd., 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10.15  
O'clock, present; His Worship the Mayor and Controllers  
Taylor, Finlay and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

City Prison Underkeepers.  
Loans and Contracts-Undertaking by Government to Ratify.  
Chebucto Road and Mumford Road Fire Hydrant.  
Policeman Hector McLeod, Resignation.  
Policeman Jerry McAdam.  
Water Rates T.L.E. Piers - Jublee Road.  
Jublee Road Sidewalk.  
Willow Street Sewer Construction Tender.  
City Prison Plumbing.  
Theatre Licenses.  
Dilapidated Building Cor. Almon and Gottingen Streets.

CITY PRISON UNDERKEEPERS.

Read resignations John Sweet and Harry Thompson,  
as underkeepers at the City Prison. Accepted.

LOANS AND CONTRACTS-UNDERTAKING BY GOVERNMENT TO  
RATIFY.

Read letter Hon. Geo.H. Murray Premier of Nova  
Scotia as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. 2nd, October-1918.

Dear Sir:-

On behalf of the Government I beg to inform  
you that, in addition to the sums in respect to the  
borrowing of which an undertaking dated 13th September,  
1918, was given for the good offices of the Government  
to secure the passage of legislation legalizing such  
borrowings, I am willing to include a similar under-  
taking in respect to the following amounts for the  
purposes respectively mentioned:- The sum of Three Thou-  
sand Dollars approximately for the building of a concrete  
wall around the City Prison; and a sum for the reason-  
able and necessary travelling and maintenance expenses  
incurred or to be incurred by the City of Halifax in  
sending medical men and nurses to the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts to aid those stricken by the epidemic  
called "Spanish Influenza."

I may further say that the covering legislation  
in respect to both this borrowing and the amounts  
previously sanctioned under date 13th September, 1918,  
will of course include the ratification of contracts  
and the payment for wages and materials made by the  
Board of Control for the expenditure of the amounts  
authorized to be borrowed, and of warrants certified

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by the City Auditor therefor.

Yours truly,  
G.H. Murray,

His Worship the Mayor,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Filed.

CHEBUCTO ROAD AND MUMFORD ROAD FIRE HYDRANT.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N. S. Oct. 2-18.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir:-

Referring to the attached Minute of the Board of Control ordering the installation of a fire hydrant at the corner of Chebucto Road and Mumford Road, I beg to report that there is no City water main anywhere near that corner.

Respectfully submitted,  
F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Filed.

POLICEMAN HECTOR McLEOD, RESIGNATION.

Read resignation Policeman Hector McLeod to take effect October 13th. Accepted.

POLICEMAN JERRY McADAM.

Read application Jerry McAdam for reinstatement as a Policeman.

The Chief of Police in answer to questions states that he would be satisfied that McAdam be reinstated.

Moved by Controller Taylor seconded by Controller Finlay that McAdam be reinstated as a member of the Police Force.

At request of Controller Murphy the matter is deferred.

WATER RATES T.L.E. PIERS-JUBLEE ROAD.

T.L.E. Piers before the Board asking that his dwelling Jublee Road be supplied with water at meter

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rates or that the amount of water rates charged him be readjusted according to the actual benefits derived by him, and others from the cost of construction.- See Minutes Board of Control, April 22nd, 1918.

Engineer ✓

Referred to the City Engineer to further look into Mr. Piers' claim and report.

JUBLEE ROAD SIDEWALK.

T.L.E. Piers verbally requests that the sidewalk on the south side of Jublee Road be fixed up and covered with ashes.

Engineer ✓

Referred to the City Engineer for attention.

WILLOW STREET SEWER CONSTRUCTION TENDER?

A tender is received and opened for excavation and backfilling of a trench for laying Willow Street Sewer, from Peter Mancuso, Prince George Hotel at \$7.50-per lineal foot of trench, covering certified deposit cheque for \$800.00.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Taylor that the tender be accepted and the contract awarded to Mr. Mancuso subject to arrangements satisfactory to the City Engineer being made with the property owners.

Engineer ✓

After discussion the motion is withdrawn and the matter is deferred.

(The tender is handed over to the City Engineer and the cheque to the City Treasurer).

CITY PRISON PLUMBING.

Read report City Engineer re tenders for plumbing at City Prison- see Minutes Board of Control, September 17th, 1918.

The report is approved and the contract ordered

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*Engineer  
for Grant  
Council*

to be awarded to William Hamm.

THEATRE LICENSES.

Read letter Provincial Government re City's loss of Theatre license fees through provincial legislation as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. 1st October, 1913.

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

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Provincial Secretary to acknowledge your letter of 26th September, with respect to Theatre Licenses.

He observes the effect that Provincial Legislation in this matter has had upon your current revenue. The legislation is Provincial in scope and effects all cities and towns in the Province alike. You will therefore realize that the claim such as you make cannot be considered without its effect upon similar claims that might be made with equal force from other towns.

Yours truly,  
Arthur S. Barnstead,  
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

*H. M. H. Murray*

The Secretary is instructed to request the Provincial Secretary to appoint a time and place at his convenience at which this Board would have an opportunity to discuss the matter.

DILAPIDATED BUILDING COR. ALMON AND GOTTINGEN STS.

Read letter City Engineer to C.W. Hayward and letter C.W. Hayward to Controller Murphy as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N. S. Sept. 23-13.

C.W. Hayward, Esq.,  
City.

Dear Sir:-

I am instructed by the Board of Control to ask you to appear before the Board at its next meeting for hearing in reference to the building at the south-west corner of Almon Street and Gottingen Street.

Yours faithfully,  
F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

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Halifax, N. S., Sept. 26-18.

John E. Murphy, Esq.,  
c/o Board of Control.  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed letters we received a few days ago.

This property on the street side, is not in my opinion, in a dangerous condition and the property is not beyond repair and I have it under offer of sale and if I am not successful in disposing of same I intend to have it put in good order. I would appear before the Board and explain fully to them, but at the present time I am not feeling at all well and would like you to explain the matter of the Board for me.

Trusting the Board will give the above their kind attention and allow matters to stand as they are for the present, and thanking you for your trouble, I am,

Yours very truly,  
C. W. Hayward,  
Per. P.

P.S. If there is any particular part of the building which, in the Inspector's judgement, should be removed I will have same attended to.

*Engineer*

Referred to the City Engineer to endeavor to make satisfactory arrangements with Mr. Hayward and report.

The Board adjourned.

MAYOR

*[Signature]*  
CITY CLERK.

CITY HALL,

October 5th, 1918.

A meeting of the Board of Control and heads of Civic Departments was called by written notices for this morning at 10 O'clock. Present His Worship the Mayor, and the heads of Civic Departments. At 10.45 o'clock His Worship the Mayor, Robt. Theakston, City Collector, J. J. Hopewell, City Treasurer, P.J. McManus, City Assessor, F.W.W.Doane, City Engineer, and L.Fred Monaghan, City Clerk proceeded to the office in the Chronicle Building of Hon. A.K. McLean P.C., M.P. for Halifax County.

LOANS OF TAXES THROUGH GOVERNMENT EXPROPRIATIONS & ETC.

His Worship the Mayor explained to the Hon. Mr. McLean that the purpose of the visit was to discuss with him the matter of the immense loss of taxes to the City through the taking over by the Dominion Government of large amounts of assessable properties during recent years in various parts of the City. From time to time the Government for various purposes has acquired buildings and lands in the City which were tax bearing and which upon becoming Government property immediately became non-assessable thus depriving the City of large amounts of revenue. The situation has become so acute that Halifax finds it difficult to raise sufficient revenue to properly carry on the City Services, without an abnormal tax rate.

Mr. McLean. This matter has been up before me time after time and I am familiar enough with the conditions to say that you need not labor the argument. Other municipalities have also submitted similar situations and I believe something should be done for all the Provinces.

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His Worship the Mayor. - During the last few years the City has lost through this cause a cash revenue of about \$106,000.00 on property taken for Government Railway purposes alone.

Mr. McLean. - I can assure you I am sympathetic with your complaint. Get your facts and figures into shape and submit them to me and I will have copies made and present them to all the Cabinet Ministers.

His Worship the Mayor. - I am having the figures tabulated and will submit them to you. The City Assessor is now at work on them but he is busy and it involves a considerable task.

Mr. Theakston. - At the Halifax Ocean Terminals the Government is deriving a considerable rental from properties taken and the City thinks it only fair that the Government should pay taxes on these.

Mr. McManus. - The Hon. Mr. Reid, Minister of Railways agreed that this was a fair proposition but the Government has <sup>not</sup> ~~not~~ paid the taxes.

Mr. Doane. - Mr. Gutilius Superintendent of the Canadian Government Railways, also agreed with the City's claim at the time, but so far as he was concerned it only applied up to the time the first settlement was made between the City and the Government.

Mr. McLean. - Will Mr. Theakston write me a letter on this point especially. I quite agree with the claim of the City and will urge it.

A general discussion took place as to the amount of property in the City owned by the Imperial, Dominion, and Provincial Governments upon all of which the City loses revenue.

Mr. Theakston. - Different consideration may

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possibly have to be given to the City's claims for contributions from the Government in respect to lands owned in the early history of the City and as to tax paying properties recently acquired, but the City does claim, that taxes should be paid on properties which formerly brought in revenue to the City.

Mr. McLean. - In presenting the City's claim it would be servicable if you would include in your schedules, property segregated, all properties of the various classes referred to so that the whole question could be gone into.

His Worship the Mayor. - I will see that that is done.

UPPER WATER STREET ENCROACHMENT BY FREIGHT SHED.

His Worship the Mayor. - Recently in violation of our laws and in contempt of our protest the Railway Dept. built a wooden freight shed in the brick district at Deep Water Terminals, Upper Water Street, which not only adds to the fire menace, but encroaches over the established line of the Street to a considerable extent, and overlaps the lines laid down on the Official City Plan by some twenty feet.

Mr. Doane. - I have received some very curt replies from your Mr. Duff at Moncton in connection with our protests in this matter and some of my recent communications he has not deigned to answer.

Mr. McLean. - I don't believe the Railway Department would encroach on the Street if they knew it. There must be some mistake or misunderstanding somewhere. I will take this up with the Department immediately, or on Monday next. Mr. Doane will you write me a letter about it please?

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*Engineer  
animator*

Mr. Doane. - I will. CITY CLERK, CITY HALL.

**The Conference Closed.**

The Board of Control met this morning at 10:45 o'clock. Present His Worship *J. J. Wray* Mayor, Finlay, Bines, Murphy and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

- Prevent Repairs.
- Isolation Hospital-Harris Street.
- J.S. Evans's Water Bill.
- Spanish Influenza Epidemic-Report Dr. McDougall et al.
- Mr. Doane- Survey City Home.
- Ice Insurance on Carewakers Warehouse Spruce Hill.
- Police Constable Jerry Madden-Re-appointment.
- Painting of Ivy Hall.
- Halifax Power Company-Report R.H. Brookfield.
- Isolation Hospital-Engineers & Co. Ltd. vs the City.
- Hollis's Rectory School Re-appointment.
- Fire Alarm Boxes.
- City Home Monthly Report.
- Public Health-Inspector-Committee - Halifax Health Committee.
- Coal-quality of Supply-R.P. Doolittle.
- Liverpool Street Water Extension.
- Early Closing of Shops.
- Fire Engine Patricia Repairs.
- City Council-Election of Aldermen.
- Fuel Shortage-Controller Murphy.
- Town Planning Act.
- Controller Taylor.
- Notice in Residential District-S.J. Leonard.
- City Prison Graduates Teachers.
- Accounts.

PAVEMENT REPAIRS.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:

Halifax, N.S., Oct. 4th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir,  
In accordance with the attached report from the Minutes of the Board of Control, I beg to report that the quantity of repair work involved in the contract tendered is approximately 900 square yards as stated in Mr. Johnston's report. The contract price for gravel is \$2.25 a yard, making an estimated total of \$2025. The offer of the Barber Asphalt Pavement Company is the lowest at \$1625, and they offer, in addition, to pay \$400 in cash, provided the City will undertake their repair work.

I have received notice of the arrival of the material for gravel, and Mr. Johnston is of the opinion that we can do the work for less than the price

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

October 3th, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10.45 o'clock. Present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Hines, Murphy and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Pavement Repairs.  
Isolation Hospital-Morris Street.  
J.S.Edwards Water Bill.  
Spanish Influenza Epidemic- Report Dr. McDougall et al.  
Wm.Nazer- Nurse City Home.  
Fire Insurance on Caretakers Residence Spruce Hill.  
Policeman Jerry McAdam-Re-Appointment.  
Painting City Hall.  
Halifax Power Company, letter S.M.Brookfield.  
Isolation Hospital-Musgrave & Co. Ltd. VS the City.  
Policeman Hector McLeod Re-appointment.  
Fire Alarm Boxes.  
City Home Monthly Report.  
Public Health-Massachusetts -Halifax Relief Committee.  
Coal-Quality of Supply-W.P.Buckley.  
Liverpool Street Water Extension.  
Early Closing of Shops.  
Fire Engine Patricia Repairs.  
City Council-Election of Aldermen.  
Fuel Shortage-Controller Murphy.  
Town Planning Act.  
Controller Taylor.  
Stable in Residential District-E.J.Leonard.  
City Prison Groceries Tenders.  
Accounts.

PAVEMENT REPAIRS.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S.Oct. 4th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

In accordance with the attached extract from the Minutes of the Board of Control, I beg to report that the quantity of repair work involved in the contractor's guarantee is approximately 900 square yards as stated in Mr. Johnston's report. The contract price for repairs is \$2.25 a yard, making an estimated total of \$2250. The offer of the Barber Asphalt Paving Company valued the plant at \$645, and they offer, in addition, to pay \$1605 in cash, provided the City will undertake their repair work.

I have received notice of the arrival of the material for repairs, and Mr. Johnston is of the opinion that we can do the work for less than the price

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Which would have to be paid the Company. If the City does it, I think we could do it before the season closes, while if we have to wait for the Company, it may not be done at all this year.

F.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Controller Hines and the City Engineer informed the Board that they had inspected the plant and considered it a good buy for the City.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that this report and the reports of the City Engineer and Assistant City Engineer submitted at Meeting September 24th be adopted. Motion passed.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL MORRIS STREET-STOREHOUSE.

Read report City Health Board as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. October 8th 1918.

His Worship Mayor Hawkins,  
& Members Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Board of Health held on Saturday October 5th, it was decided to erect a storehouse in rear of the new isolation hospital, Morris Street. I was directed to write and ask your Board to give permission for the erection of this building. The building will be used for storing stoves, ranges, plumbing fixtures, ambulance and other hospital requisites, removed from Infectious Disease Hospital, Rockhead and Oxford Street School, and would be about 25 x 30 feet.

John A. Watters,  
Secretary C.H.B.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Murphy that the permission asked for be granted and the building erected subject to the satisfaction of the City Engineer. Motion passed.

WATER BILL-J.S. EDWARDS-BELLE AIRE TERRACE.

J.S. Edwards submits to the Board a Water bill which he claims to be excessive. Referred to the City Engineer for report.

SPANISH INFLUENZA-EPIDEMIC -REPORT DR. MCDUGALL ET AL

Engineer ✓  
Auditor ✓  
City Works ✓  
Council

Engineer ✓  
City Health Board ✓  
Council

Engineer ✓

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Halifax Doctors now in the United States rendering assistance during the Epidemic of Spanish Influenza as follows:-

Boston, Oct. 4, 1918.

His Worship Mayor Hawkins,  
Dear Sir,

As we received no special appointment from the Massachusetts Board of Health, we decided to investigate the epidemic from a general standpoint in order that measures to combat the disease, should it visit Halifax, might be inaugurated. During this investigation we have visited various emergency hospitals and consulted with representatives of various health organizations and with those in charge of hospitals., and also those in charge of the district work.

1. All authorities emphasize the suddenness of the onset of the epidemic, the immediate infection of over 5000 in the first 24 hours, and higher figures in the following successive days, the rapidity of the spread where people were massed (shipbuilding plants, factories, etc.,) is practically without parallel.
2. The severity of the infection - the high grade of virulence of the infection, many cases dying within the first twenty-four hours or forty-eight hours - death being due in this type to toxæmia. The appalling death rate in the later stages we learn to be due to a Broncho pneumonia, occasionally one of a Lobar type. The organism found in 90 cases out of 110 autopsies was that of Influenza. Pure Streptococic and pneumococic were also incidentally found in the remaining 20. From these figures it is obvious that the real factor in the epidemic is the Influenza Bacillus and not as some previous impression, that Streptococic were the cause of the high death rate.
3. The symptoms are sudden - practically immediate onset with head ache, muscular pain in the back and limbs, tendency to nausea, chills, rapid rise of fever 103-105 deg. with or without the involment of mucus membrane shown by coryza and bronchitis.
4. Physical examination of the chest should always be made, evidence of pneumonia being frequently found where it was unsuspected until this examination had been made.
5. Mortality as above noted is largely due to (a) an overwhelming toxæmia (b) a Broncho Pneumonia. This Broncho Pneumonia may be an initial feature or may not manifest itself until some days. Relapses during con-

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valsecence usually show pneumonia. Exact figures of mortality are not available, but it should be particularly noted that those cases who continued their work, so called "fighting the disease off" showed an appalling mortality. At the present time, with improved facilities for handling the disease and a better knowledge of the seriousness of delay in coming under treatment, the death rate has considerably diminished. Death rate of pneumonia is considered not less than 50%.

6. Treatment consists mainly of in PROPHYLAXIS, by united action from highest to lowest, from the Provincial authorities to the individual. Every citizen should consider himself an agent to assist in preventing an outbreak. We advise that with the first appearance of the disease, the utmost limit of preventive measure should be used. Such measure as would be used in dealing with any of the dangerous epidemic diseases and used at once.

You will note newspaper clipping that Boston has closed her theatres, moving pictures, schools, bars, soda fountains, and even the closing of the churches on Sunday is recommended. The dust nuisance must be abated and the city streets kept clean, and not trust to Providence to perform this function by rain. The burning of all refuse, waste paper, etc., must be carried out.

House and individual prophylaxis. To maintain good ventilation cleaning of yards, admit sunlight in abundance, general clean up, with house to house inspection, if necessary.

We endorse the compulsory reporting of all cases promptly, today it has been placed on the list of quarantenable diseases with police guard if law is not obeyed. All emergency hospitals are under armed guard, with fixed bayonets - only patients on the Danger lists are permitted visitors. No public funerals are permitted.

Personal prevention - In addition to observance of general cleanliness, so much streets cannot be laid on the importance of thoroughly washing the hands before eating, or the bringing in contact with the mouth or nose of any object that is likely to carry infection, more specifically - avoid the common drinking cup, utensils, not absolutely clean, and among school children pencils, erasers, gum, etc., and touching the mouth and nose with unwashed hands.

In the presence of the disease, Isolate the patient. Gloves, gowns, hoods and face masks should be worn by all doctors, nurses and others in contact with the sick. The mask covering nose and mouth is considered particularly important, and should be changed every two hours. Through disinfecting of the hands after contact. The same precaution for dishes, etc., which would be used in a case of typhoid.

Active treatment - Every person who is affected by what seems at first an ordinary cold, should seek advice early. In actual cases, the sick should be con-

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lined in bed for a period that extends to not less than 48 to 72 hours after the temperature and pulse are normal. This is in order to prevent relapse and pneumonia, which are not uncommon. Forced feeding every four hours. is strongly

Open air treatment/recommended where weather and conditions are suitable. This plan is carried out at the Brooks Hospital Camps with results that impressed us very favorably. In other emergency hospitals, the two bedroom is favored over general ward system, from the standpoint of preventing crossed infection and to avoid distressing psychological effects, Where death was occurring at a rate that undertakers were unable to handle, this feature has impressed us very much.

A vaccine known as the Leary has been prepared and used as a preventive and curative measure. It would appear to have value, but it is too soon to make a definite statement on this point. The supply is very limit, none being available for private use at present.

Drug treatment is used symptomatically. General management and treatment with good nursing, abundance of nutritious food administered every four hours, being most important.

Phenavetine in small doses seems to control pain better than Asperin. Caution should be used from the well known depressing effect of this drug. Codien is used for cough; this is preferred to Turpin. - Hydrate on account of the tendency of the latter to interfere with the function of the stomach and produce vomiting.

Heart failure, shown by rise of pulse rate, cyanosis, sometimes accompanied by falling temperature, is most dangerous. No drugs have been found of much value when this condition is once established. Strychnie camphor in oil and caffien should be tried.

We recommend that the above or any portion thereof be used for the public good and brought to their attention in whatever form you see fit. We also wish to state that the Press reports were in no way exaggerated and what we personally know of the epidemic we cannot too strongly urge the cooperation of all to protect the City and Province. from this terrible scourge.

We remain, sir,  
Yours obedient servants,  
(sgd) T. G. McDougall  
Lewis Thomas,  
J. Fred Lessel.

Copies of the report are ordered to be forwarded to the City Health Board, the Halifax Medical Society, and the Provincial Medical Officer.

WM. NAZER-NURSE CITY HOME.

Read report Supt. of City Home, as follows:-

City Health Board ✓  
Halifax Medical Society ✓  
Provincial Medical Officer ✓  
Mayor ✓

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Halifax, N. S. Sept. 25th, 1918.

John J. Hines, Esq.,  
City Controller,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to an Extract from the Minutes of the Board of Control, August 20th, in re William Nazer, Night Nurse, you were requested to report again on this matter in a month hence. I may say that Mr. Nazer is still unable to perform his duties. Your further instructions in this matter will be gladly received.

Yours very truly,  
J. H. Buchanan,  
Superintendent.

Controller Hines reports that Mr. Nazer's condition shows no improvement and he thinks he will never be capable of resuming his duties.

The Secretary is instructed to notify the Superintendent of the City Home to report as to the capacity in which Mr. Nazer was employed, his age and salary and also to have a report from the City Medical Officer on his condition and probability of his being able to resume his duties.

FIRE INSURANCE-CARETAKER'S RESIDENCE SPRUCE HILL.

Read report Clerk of Works, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. October 8th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The old residence of the caretaker at Spruce Hill Lake was insured for five hundred (500.00) dollars. It is now vacated and the new residence is occupied. After consultation with the City Engineer I wish to recommend that two thousand (\$2000.00) dollars insurance be placed on the new building and that the risk on the old one be cancelled as the building has no real value; and would ask your concurrence. This insurance can be arranged at rate paid on other City Property as per schedule.

Respectfully submitted,  
A.F. Messervey,  
CLERK OF WORKS.

Approved.

*Supl. City Home  
City Medical  
Officer*

*Engineer  
Clerk of Works  
Auditor  
Council*

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POLICEMAN JERRY McADAM - REAPPOINTMENT.

Read application Jerry McAdam for reappointment to the Police Force.

The application is referred to the Chief of Police for report.

With the Chief of Police in attendance the application of Jerry McAdam for re instatement to Police Force is again read.

The Chief of Police verbally reports that he is in favor of the reappointment.

Moved by Controller Taylor seconded by Controller Hines that McAdam be re appointed to the Police Force. Motion passed, Controller Finlay dissenting.

PAINTING CITY HALL.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. Oct. 7th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir:-

This matter was referred back to me for report, but at that time the Asst. Building Inspector has left on his vacation. He returned to work to-day and I have discussed with him and Mr. Johnston the advisability of having the work done by tender and contract or by cost plus percentage system. They have had much experience with the latter system than I have. After discussion I have to report that in our opinion there is likely to be very little difference between the contract system and the cost plus percentage system for this work.

Mr. Lownds will have finished the general repair work in a week or two, while the painting will take some time, and it was suggested during the discussion, that the City would carry on the work itself under Mr. Fegan and save the percentage to Mr. Lownds.

The painters working under Mr. Lownds, have finished the painting of the Library, and to avoid laying the men off, they began the painting of the Assessor's office adjoining the Library, until a decision is made by the Board of Control.

The total cost of repairs of damage caused by the explosion at the City Hall, to date, is reported by the Auditor at \$9049.12.

Respectfully submitted,  
F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

On motion of Controller Murphy, the City Engineer.

*Chief of Police*

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*Engineer ✓  
Asst. Engineer ✓  
Asst. Bldg Inspector ✓*

is requested to confer with the Asst. City Engineer and the Asst. Building Inspector and to obtain their opinion as to whether or not it is in the City's interest to have the work of painting carried on by Mr. Lownds. Approved.

HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER-HALIFAX POWER COMPANY?

Read letter S. M. Brookfield, President Halifax Power Company, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. Oct. 7th, 1918

His Worship Mayor Hawkins,  
and Members of the Board of Control.  
Dear Sirs:-

On the 19th of September we wrote you in reference to the agreement between the Halifax Power Company and the City that we had agreed with the City Solicitor on all except two points, which being matters of policy were submitted for your consideration.

The first provided for an arbitration clause and the second providing that we should be paid in cash on the completion of the work, instead of bonds. In reference to the first clause you authorized the City Solicitor to draft a clause providing for the appointment of an arbitrator, which clause has been submitted and our Company are willing to accept same. In reference to our request that we be paid in cash on completion no action was taken, and we would respectfully request that you give us a decision at your next meeting, as our finances are pressing to get something definite.

Yours respectfully,  
Halifax Power Company Ltd.,  
S. M. Brookfield,  
President.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that in view of the present position of Civic Government the Board decides it does not feel disposed to consider any further changes in the undertaking between the Halifax Power Company and the City.

*S. M. Brookfield ✓  
Read in Coll ✓*

Controller Finlay wishes to be recorded in favor of the motion.

The Secretary is instructed to notify the Halifax Power Company of the <sup>action</sup> motion of the Board.

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MUSGRAVE AND CO. LTD. vs. CITY OF HALIFAX.

The City Clerk submits a writ that was served yesterday on the City at the suit of Musgrave & Co. Ltd. Referred to the City Solicitor for report.

*Solicitor*

POLICEMAN HECTOR McLEOD-RE APPOINTED.

Hector McLeod is re-appointed as a member of the Police Force, on recommendation of Controller Taylor, and the Chief of Police.

*Chief of Police*

FIRE ALARM BOXES.

Read report City Electrician as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. Oct. 7th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Dear Sir:-

The following Fire Alarm Boxes have been inspected and found in good working condition.  
No. 212, 35, 37, 38, 41, 42, 43.

Respectfully submitted,  
P.R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

Filed.

CITY HOME MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Supt. City Home, for month of Sept., as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. Oct. 8th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Members of the Board of Control and  
City Council.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit the following report of Charities Department for the month of September, 1918.

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month there were 25 persons admitted into the City Home, 3 born, 25 discharged, and 5 died. Of the number admitted 6 were chargeable to the Province and 19 to the City.

The total number of inmates September 30th was 270, made up of 147 men, 117 women and 6 children. On the same date last year there were 157 men, 110 women and 8 children, a total of 275.

There was 4 patients admitted into the Nova Scotia Hospital during the month (whose maintenance is chargeable to the City) and 3 patients so chargeable were discharged.

Existing contracts for Dry Goods, Meats, and Fresh Fish, will expire on October 31st next. It will be necessary to call for tenders for renewal of same.

Respectfully submitted,  
J/D. Hines, Controller.

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*Suppl. City  
Home*

The report is filed and the Superintendent instructed to call for tenders for the supplies required.

PUBLIC HEALTH-MASSACHUSETTS HALIFAX RELIEF COMMITTEE.

Read letter G.F. Pearson, Chairman Massachusetts-Halifax Relief Committee, as follows:-  
Halifax, N.S. Oct. 3rd, 1918.

Mr. L. Fred Monaghan,  
City Clerk,  
Halifax, N.S.  
Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 2nd inst. notifying me of the resolution passed by the Board of Control representing the Citizens of Halifax on the 2nd October, which will be transmitted along with the endorsements of other bodies to the Massachusetts-Halifax Relief Committee, Boston, for their information.

I have the honor to be,

G. Fred Pearson, Chairman,  
Massachusetts-Halifax Relief  
Committee (Halifax Branch)

Filed.

COAL-QUALITY OF SUPPLY.

Read letter Buckley Coal and Contracting Co, as follows:-  
Halifax, N.S. Oct. 3rd, 1918.

His Worship The Mayor & Board of Control,  
City.

Gentlemen:-

The coal, that we are supplying, not being up to grade that we would desire the City to have, we have called the attention of The Dominion Coal Co. to the matter and they have consented to allow it to go at a lower price. The City will receive the benefit of same.

I trust that you will call the attention of the Heads of Departments to this, as we have no desire that they should be under the impression that we were putting off a poorer article at the contract price.

We can assure you that the grade, we are delivering, will give excellent results for furnace use. This grade applies to all coal delivered since Oct. 1st.

THE BUCKLEY COAL & CONTRACTING CO. LTD.

Wm. P. Buckley.

*Engineer ✓  
Club & works ✓  
Auditor ✓*

Filed.

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WATER EXTENSION-LIVERPOOL STREET.

Read letter Jane Appleby, 6 Liverpool Street,  
re water extension, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 30th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,

Dear Sir,

I the undersigned want the water extended into my property on Liverpool Street as soon as possible.

I cannot bring the water as it is so far, and I have no one to bring it to me, and another thing I cannot put up with another winter like last winter. So I would like it extended this fall if possible.

Jane Appleby,  
6 Liverpool St.  
City.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

EARLY CLOSING OF SHOPS.

Read letter Secretary Board of Trade, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 4th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of the Board of Control.  
City.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Council of this Board held on Tuesday afternoon last, the violation of Ordinance #29 of the City Charter regarding the early closing of shops, was discussed; these violations are becoming so prevalent that at least one advertiser states his shop is open every night of the week.

I was desired to say, that it was after years of educating and petitioning that the requirements of this Ordinance were fairly well kept - that is, up to a short time ago, but if violations increase, it will mean the opening of stores generally, thus depriving clerks, who at present, have long hours during the day, of six nights of the week - a condition to be deplored.

The Members of Council desired me to write and ask you if you would kindly instruct the Chief of Police who, in turn, would instruct his men, to take active steps towards having this Ordinance obeyed, and where violation continues, prosecute under such Ordinance.

Trusting this request will meet with your approval,

E.A. Saunders,  
Secretary.

Referred to the Chief of Police.

*Engineer ✓*

*Chief of Police ✓  
Secy Board ✓  
Incl. ✓*

October 8th, 1918.

CITY COUNCIL-ELECTION OF ALDERMEN.

Read petition for the holding of an election to fill vacancies caused by resignations of Aldermen as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. 5th October 1918.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.  
City of Halifax,

Gentlemen:-

In the general interests of the City of Halifax, and of all the citizens in all their relationships, the undersigned on their own behalf, and they believe on behalf also of a large majority of rate-payers, respectfully request that you exercise the powers, which, in the circumstances, the undersigned believe you would be justified in exercising, and that on the earliest date possible you will take the necessary steps to declare by resolution the vacancies now existing in the Halifax City Council, and thereafter in due course that you will cause a day to be fixed for the election to fill these vacancies.

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| + - E. H. McCarthy  | Clare L. Nova Scotia |
| H. W. Cunningham    | Gerald Murphy        |
| John Forrest        | M. J. Crowdis        |
| G. E. Faulkner      | A. Crichton, S; A.   |
| Hector McInnis      | C. C. Blackadar.     |
| Henry G. Bauld      | Wm. Dennis           |
| J. L. Connolly      | G. Fred Pearson      |
| J. E. Roy           | F. W. Killam         |
| D. Macgillivray     | J. W. Roland         |
| Wm. McT. Orr        | W. R. Scriven        |
| William S. Davidson | Felix p. Quinn       |
| E. J. Murphy        | Clayton & Sons       |
| G. W. Hensly        | C. H. MacKinlay      |
| C. S. Pickford      | A. MacKinlay         |
| M. O. Crowell       | Michael Dwyer        |
| H R. Silver         | Jas. Hillis          |
| R. J. Flinn         | O. E. Smith          |
| C. A. Evans         | A. H. Whitman        |
| L. A. Miles         | Gavin L. Stairs      |
| W. J. Stairs        | G. MacG. Mitchell    |
| Bernard P. Saunders | H. A. Flemming       |
| J. E. DeWolf        | E. D. King           |
| R. O'N. Duggan      | 7 J. Cragg           |
| Fred F. Ward.       |                      |

His Worship the Mayor submits to the board the following copy of a letter sent by him to His Grace Archbishop McCarthy and His Grace Archbishop Worrell for the petitioners:-

October 8th, 1918.

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S. Oct. 5th, 1918.

HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP WORRELL.

Your Grace,

There has been placed in my hands today a petition signed by yourself and a number of other ratepayers requesting that I issue a proclamation and fix a day for an election to fill the aldermanic vacancies caused by the resignation of the aldermen of wards one, two, three, four and five.

I wish to state that at the time these aldermen resigned I consulted with the City Solicitor and he instructed me that there was no provision in the City Charter that gave authority to exercise the powers you suggest and that such a course would be illegal.

In conjunction with the Board of Control, I took the matter up with the Hon. George Murray, Premier. He was of the opinion that it was not advisable for the Government to intervene at this juncture, and if he did intervene the legality of his action might be questioned, and that gentlemen who might wish to offer for the positions would not be desirous of assuming office where their legal status might be questioned; and it would be only for an interim term of a few months.

I shall place the petition before the Board of Control at their earliest meeting; but as the matter stands now any steps that may be taken will have to be taken by the Legislature under whose Charter we exist as a corporate body. These vacancies will automatically be filled in the spring on the day fixed by the City Charter.

A.C. Hawkins,  
MAYOR.

Copies of the petition and letter are ordered to be forwarded to the Premier of Nova Scotia and ~~the Governor-in-Council~~ for an expression of the opinion of the Governor in Council on the matter and advice as to what course they would suggest should be pursued in the premises.

MOTOR FIRE ENGINE PATRICIA.

Controller Hines verbally reported that His Worship the Mayor had proposed that the City should not forward to the American La France Fire Engine Company the full \$6000. for repairs to the Motor

*Hon G. M.  
Murray ✓  
see minutes  
of C Oct 11/18  
Council*

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Fire Engine Patricia because they had promised to contribute \$1500. for dependents of Firemen killed in the explosion and that the cheque should be signed for only \$4500.00

His Worship the Mayor stated he was quite willing to sign the cheque for \$6000. if the Board thought that it was the proper thing to do.

The Board unanimously decides that the Contractor's account should be paid in full, leaving it to them to make their voluntary contribution as promised.

FUEL SHORTAGE-CONTROLLER MURPHY.

Controller Murphy is given permission to leave the meeting to attend a conference with the Provincial Fuel Commissioners.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HORSES, SLEIGHTS Etc., TO BE SOLD.

The Chief of the Fire Department and Controller Hines asked permission of the Board to sell at auction four horses and at private sale some light equipment, sleighs and wagons. The permission asked for is granted.

TOWN PLANNING ACT.

Read letter R.M.Hattie, Secretary Town Planning Board, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 8th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor, the Board of Control, and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

I hereby give you notice, pursuant to the above Act, and Article One of the Town Planning Procedure Regulations, 1916, that application is intended to be made at the expiration of four weeks from the date of service of this notice, by this Board, to the Commissioner of

Auditor ✓  
Council ✓  
Chief Fire Dept ✓

Chief Fire ✓  
Dept ✓

October 8th, 1918.

Public Works and Mines for authority to prepare a Town Planning Scheme in respect of the land situated in the City of Halifax as described on attached sheet and as enclosed within red lines on the plan marked Scheme No. 2, Map No. 1" which has been deposited at the City Engineer's Office, City Hall, Halifax, and which plan will be open to inspection by any person interested without payment of any fee until the 1st day of November 1918, on any Saturday between the hours of 10 A.M. and 1 P.M. and on any week day between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.

I hereby also give you a further notice that if and when application is made to the Commissioner for authority to prepare a scheme, notice of the Application will be given by advertisement in the "Mail" and Echo, newspapers, and if such authority is given notice of the fact will also be given in like manner.

I also give you a notice that if you desire to confer with the Board in regard to the proposed application, the Board will, on being so informed be prepared to arrange for a conference at any time within twenty-one days from the date of service of this notice upon you.

R.M. Hattie,  
Secretary to Town Planning Board.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA.

All that part of the City of Halifax enclosed within the following boundaries. Beginning at a point on the north line of Sackville Street, fromed by the intersection of the said north line of Sackville Street with the prolongation of the west line of Queen Street; thence easterly by the said north line of Sackville Street and a line in prolongation thereof, to the western shore of Halifax Harbor; thence southerly by the said western shore of Halifax Harbor to the north boundary line of property acquired by the Dominion Government for the Halifax Ocean Terminals Railway; thence westerly by the various courses of the boundary line of the said property acquired for the Halifax Ocean Terminals Railway to the east line of Hollis Street; thence southerly by the said east line of Hollis Street to the south line of South Street; thence westerly by the said south line of South Street to the west line of Barrington Street; thence northerly by the said west line of Barrington Street to the north line of South Street; thence westerly by the said north line of South Street to the west line of Queen Street; thence northerly by the said west line of Queen Street and a line in prolongation thereof, to the place of beginning; The said area being enclosed within red lines on a plan entitled "Halifax Town Planning Scheme, #2, Map #1" dated Sept. 30, 1918, and signed by F.W.W. Doane, City Engineer and Town Planning Engineer of the City of Halifax.

*Council  
Letter  
R.M. Hattie ✓*

Filed.

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STABLE IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT-E.J.LEONARD.

Read petition against a stable in rear of property at 67 Jubilee Road, in the residential district, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. October 3rd, 1918.

To the Halifax Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

A matter at present before the Board of Health for consideration concerns the keeping of a horse by E.J. Leonard in a building in the rear of 67 Jubilee Road (residential district). This building is on the line of W.T. Jost's property and is only nine or ten feet from his residence.

Mr. Leonard has built a stall in this building without first obtaining a permit, which we believe is contrary to the law, and has placed his horse in this building, also without obtaining permission from proper official authorities.

This act of Mr. Leonard's, we contend, is contrary to the Act to amend the law in relation to the City of Halifax, passed the twenty-third day of April 1915, Section Eighteen, of which Clauses Four and Five apply to this case.

A stable so located is most offensive and objectionable to those in its near vicinity and to all others in this residential district who are interested and anxious to have the city laws respected and upheld. This stable is a menace to public health, being unsanitary and contrary to the laws of sanitation.

We the signers of this petition, most strenuously request the City Board of Health to see that the law is properly respected in this case and to order this stable nuisance to be immediately removed.

The petition is referred to the Board of Health.

CITY PRISON GROCERIES TENDERS.

Read report Governor Grant, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 8th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor  
Members of the Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to report the contract for the prison grocery supplies ended September 30th the firm refuses to further supply on contract prices. I would therefore suggest that new tenders be called for.

George Grant.

The Governor of the City Prison is authorized to call for tenders for groceries.

*Engineer ✓  
City Health Board ✓*

*Governor ✓  
City Prison ✓*

October 8th, 1918.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts chargeable to various services are passed for payment:-

City Home

Wentzells Ltd.	Groceries.	976.53
H.L. Williston	Meats	626.54
Davis & Fraser	Mess Pork	111.00
F. W. Keddy	Milk	180.00
Smith & Proctor	Butter	181.86
A. Wilson & Son.	Fresh Fish	38.48
W. Y. Kennedy	Dry-goods	100.27
F. W. Fraser	Forage	31.68
Buckley Coal & Con. Co.	Coal	317.23
Halifax Herald	Advertising	2.09
The Fleischmann Co.	Yeast	4.20
T. C. Allen & Co.	Stationary	7.50
H. McFatridge	Horseshoeing	3.00
Jas. Simmonds Ltd.	Sundries	3.38
N. S. Tramway Co.	Light	32.45
Douglass-Fullerton Co.	Grates for Oven	11.70
Stairs, Son & Morrow	Sundries	7.32
A. J. McNutt	Rep. to wagon	.40
C. E. Puttner	Dispensing Medicines	50.00
Geo. E. Boak & Son Ltd.	Pet. Coke	24.50
Hillis & Sons	Waste Pans	51.00
J. F. Outhit & Son	Potatoes	156.25
Nat. Drug & Chem Co.	Tanglefoot	1.06
W. D. Forrest, M. D.	Lunacy Cert.	5.00
Mathers & Doull	Attendance	10.00
J. H. Buchanan	Cash expended	208.31
Salaries	Sept. Pay sheet	906.99
		<u>\$ 4048.74</u>

*Council*

Chargeable to 1917 & 1918 Account.

Gordon & Keith	Obstetrical Bed.	68.82
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Chargeable to Improvement Account.

Builders Supplies & Construction Co.	Crock Pipe & Cement	7.70
Hillis & Sons	Plumbing	67.90

Citizens Library.

Single Tax Review Pub. Co.	Sub.	2.50
Ross Print		6.00
C. D. Cazenove & S n	Sub.	3.50
		<u>\$ 12.00</u>

Public Gardens.

Buckley Coal & Con. Co.	Coal	410.00
A. J. Hunt	Rep/ to Gates	211.50
		<u>\$ 621.50</u>

*L. B. ...*  
CITY CLERK.

MAYOR.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL.

October 10th, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Herald Building Drainage.  
Cash Statement City Treasurer/  
Fire Department-Chief's Monthly Reports.  
Fire Department-Gasoline Tanks.  
City Home-William Nazar Superannuation.  
Morris Street Boulevard-Dalhousie College-Sullivan Property  
Prince Street Paving.  
Sackville Street.  
Nelson Day-Trafalgar Day-Halifax Holiday.  
North West Arm Sewer Right of Way.  
Miss Marion Thomson Leave of Absence.  
Market Restaurant-Receipts and Expenditures.  
Bedford Row-Building Act Violation by Dominion Government.  
Willow Street Sewer.  
Victoria Road Sewer-Mrs. Jackson's Property.  
Cornwallis Street Sidewalk.  
North Park Street Sidewalk.  
Gerrish and Brunswick Streets Sidewalks.  
Clifton Street Sidewalk.  
City Prison Report for September.  
Prison Labor on Streets.  
Coal Weighers Fees Ordinance.  
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Motor Truck and Sprinkler.  
Street Railway Track Allowance Maintenance.  
Barrington Street #122 Water Service.  
Massachusetts Relief-Governor McColl's Reception.  
Accounts.

HERALD BUILDING DRAINAGE.

A representative of the Morning Herald appeared before the Board asking permission to lay a drain from the building to connect with the sewer in Argyle Street. He is asked to apply to the City Engineer for the usual permit.

CASH STATEMENT CITY TREASURER.

Read cash statement City Treasurer for month of September. Filed.

*Engineer ✓*

*Council*

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FIRE DEPARTMENT-CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS.

Read reports Chief of Fire Department for the months of July, August and September, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. October 9th 1918.

His worship the Mayor,  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg leave to make the following report for the month of July there having been 12 alarms of fire from the following cases:  
Automobiles on fire 2, electric wire setting fire to building 1, unknown 3, chimneys 1, gasoline, 1, straw on fire 1, tar pot 1, rubbish 2.

Insurance at risk	\$7200.00	
Loss by insurance		1700.00
Loss without insurance		200.00
		<u>\$1900.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
J.W. Churchill,  
Chief H.F.D.

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Halifax, N. S. Oct. 9th, 1918.

His worship the Mayor,  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg leave to make the following report for the month of August there having been 23 alarms of fire from the following cases:  
Chimneys 2, motor truck on fire 1, tar pot 2, false 2, unknown 6, electric wires 3, rubbish 4, dumps at Richmond 2, motor car on fire 1.

Insurance at risk	\$7000.00	
Loss by insurance		2100.00
Loss without insurance		1300.00
		<u>\$ 3400.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
J.W. Churchill,  
Chief H.F.D.

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Halifax, N. S. Oct 9th, 1918.

His worship the Mayor,  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to leave to make the following report for the month of September there having been 24 alarms of

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fire from the following causes:

Smoke backing down chimney 1, Richmond dumps 2, telephone pole 1, stove setting fire to floor 1, false 2, electric car on fire 1, gasoline 1, tar pot 1, chimneys 2, unknown 3, fire from grate 1, heated coals 1, electric wires 4, fire under range 1, fire around chimney 1, supposed incendiaryism 1.

Insurance risk	\$135000.00	
Loss by insurance		\$28000.00
Loss without insurance		500.00
		<u>\$28500.00</u>

Recommendations.

Arthur McKenzie having resigned from the department on Sept. the 1st, has made application for superannuation paid by him. I would recommend that the same be granted.

Respectfully submitted,  
J.W. Churchill,  
Chief H.F.D.

*Council  
Chief Churchill  
City Treasurer*

The reports are approved and the clause relating to Arthur McKenzie's Superannuation assessment referred to the City Treasurer for report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT-GASOLINE TANKS.

Read report Chief of Fire Department as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 9th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,

and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

*Chief Fire Dept*

I beg to report that we have only one gasoline tank which is installed at West St. Station and which at present is inadequate I would recommend that two, 250 gal. Bowser Tanks or some other reliable make of tank be installed one each in Morrie St. and Brunswick St. Stations.

J.W. Churchill,  
Chief H.F.D.

Approved and the Chief of Fire Department instructed to obtain and submit tenders for the tanks required.

CITY HOME-WILLIAM NAZER SUPERANNUATION.

Read report Superintendent of City Home as follows:

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 9th, 1918.

J.J. Hines, Esq.,  
City Controller,  
CITY.

Dear Sir:⊖

William Nazer was appointed to the position

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of Night Nurse at this institution on October 6th 1902 and performed the duties since that date up to June 16th, of the present year when he strained himself lifting a patient out of bed. His salary is \$550.00 per year and he is 72 years of age.

I am enclosing herewith a report of the City Medical Officer, Dr. Almon, in connection with this matter.

J.H. Buchanan,  
Superintendent.

Also read report City Medical Officer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., Oct. 8th, 1918.

J.H. Buchanan, Esq.,  
Supt. City Home.

Sir,

As requested by you I have again visited Mr. Wm. Nazer an employee of the City Home and find that he is still suffering from pain and loss of power in the right hip which came on immediately after lifting a patient in the City Home, about the middle of June.

Owing to his advanced age and the slowness of his recovery I very much doubt if he will ever be able to carry on his duties again as night nurse.

W.B. Almon,  
Acting City Medical Officer.

The Secretary is instructed to write Mr. Nazer for a certificate from his own physician as to the nature of his injuries and his present physical condition.

The City Medical Officer's report is referred back to him for further detailed report with recommendations.

The Superintendent of the City Home is authorized to procure necessary help to perform Mr. Nazer's duties and to be in the meantime carry Mr. Nazer on the pay sheet for one more month.

MORRIS STREET BOULEVARD-SULLIVAN PROPERTY.

Read letter M. Theresa Sullivan, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., Oct, 9th/18

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

I beg to call your

*Mr Nazer  
City Medical Officer  
Supt. City Home*

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attention to the fact that lot of land corner of Morris and Edward St., belonging to Estate of late Rachel Sullivan is no longer of use as a building lot, said lot being held by City in connection of proposed Boulevard to Studley.

I therefore ask for a refund of money paid for permanent sidewalk and taxes.

When offering property for sale as House and Building Lot, we discovered we had no Building Lot to sell and so suffered financially.

Trusting you will consider the matter favorably,

M. Theresa Sullivan

Referred to the City Engineer for report with recommendations as to the purchase of the whole property referred to and also of other properties in the vicinity required for the Morris Street Boulevard with the view of reselling portions of them or leasing portions not required with the prospect of saving expense to the City.

*Engineer ✓*

PRINCE STREET PAVING.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 10, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

The block of Prince Street between Barrington and Argyle Streets is in bad condition. While the rest of the street is very bad, considerable preparatory work has to be done in the upper blocks before we can pave it, but the lower block could be covered with bituminous macadam practically at once if the work can be overtaken.

*Engineer ✓  
Council*

I would recommend that your Board order the paving of this block with bituminous macadam if we can overtake it this year.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Approved.

SACKVILLE STREET.

On recommendation of Controller Murphy the City Engineer is instructed to repair Sackville Street Roadway between Hollis and Granville Streets.

*Engineer ✓*

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NELSON DAY-TRAFALGAR DAY-<sup>Half</sup> HALIFAX HOLIDAY.

Percy Strong appeared before the Board stating that a general movement throughout the Empire and he believed throughout the allied nations is being promulgated for a general and enthusiastic celebration of Trafalgar Day and asked for the cooperation of the City of Halifax. He asked that October 21st be proclaimed a public half holiday, that the citizens be requested to display flags, on their premises including the flags of the allied nations, and stated that if the epidemic of Spanish Influenza did not prevent it certain public demonstrations would be arranged and religious services held. If possible a public parade of sailors would be made.

*Resolved ✓  
wait ✓  
echo ✓*

His Worship the Mayor is unanimously authorized to proclaim a public half holiday and the Board promises its fullest cooperation, His Worship the Mayor expressing the opinion that had it not been for the British Navy, there would not today be a British Empire.

NORTH WEST ARM SEWER RIGHT OF WAY.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. Oct. 10th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

The right of way for the North West Arm sewer was acquired as far north as Jubilee Road only. Property north of that is changing hands and buildings are being put up here and there, over and near to what must be the line of the sewer. I consider that it is urgently necessary that the right of way for the continuation of the trunk sewer along the arm to the Dutch Village Road should be acquired or settled with as little delay as possible to prevent complications through the properties changing hands or buildings being erected.

Respectfully submitted,  
F.W.W. Deane,  
City Engineer.

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*Engineer ✓*  
The City Engineer is requested to prepare a plan showing the location of the proposed North West Arm Trunk Sewer north of Jubbee Road, and to submit it to this Board in order that if the Board of Control adopts it, it may be submitted to the Town Planning Board for approval as part of their scheme.

MISS MARION THOMSON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Read report City Assessor as follows: (Covering Certificate of Dr. A. I. Mader.)

Halifax, N.S., October 10-18.

To His Worship the Mayor, and  
Members Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I herewith present the application together with physician's certificate of Miss Marion Thomson of our staff, who is asking from the Board a leave of absence for three months owing to illness.

Yours truly,

P. J. McManus,  
City Assessor.

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Halifax, N. S. Oct. 9th, 1918.

This is to certify that Miss Marion Thomson is suffering from an attack of poliomyelitis.

This attack is mild in character, and only affects her right leg.

The disease is now apparently arrested and improvement has begun. The disease will in no way affect her mental power and we anticipate only slight lameness to be permanent.

She will require however at least three months treatment.

sgd. A. I. Mader, M.D.

*City Assessor ✓*  
On motion of Controllers Murphy and Finlay, Miss Thomson is granted three months leave of absence.

On recommendation of His Worship the Mayor the Secretary is instructed to write the City Assessor for the purpose of ascertaining as to whether Miss Thomson was afflicted with poliomyelitis when she entered the City service, whether she has had leave of absence on account of the disease before and whether she has been

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off duty with the illness before and for what periods.

MARKET RESTAURANT-RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Read report St. John Ambulance Brigade, as follows:-

Report of

Market Lunch Room

conducted by

St. John Ambulance Brigade,  
for the month of September, 1918.

Receipts:

Sept. 7th.	\$37.59	
" 14th.	31.87	
" 21st.	36.85	
" 28th.	31.16	\$137.47

Expenses:

License	2.08	
Cleaning Room	4.22	
Oilcloth for tables	1.95	
Truckage of tables and chairs.	2.00	
Utensils for kitchen	5.75	
Mirror	65	
Printing	6.00	
Sundry Expenses	1.71	
Food Supplies	65.91	90.27
		<u>\$47.20</u>

Clara B. Bligh,  
Lady Div. Supt. B. No. 47

Filed.

BEDFORD ROW-BUILDING ACT VIOLATION BY DOMINION  
GOVERNMENT.

Read report Assistant City Engineer covering report  
City Solicitor and letter Assistant City Engineer to  
the General Officer Commanding No. 6 Military District  
re violation of the Building Act on Bedford Row by the  
Dominion Government, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 8, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

The Department of Militia and Defence are altering

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the roof of a building on the east side of Bedford Row immediately south of the Custom House. The roof of this building was formerly covered with slate, and they are replacing this with wood shingles. I reported the matter to the City Solicitor who informs me that he can do nothing in the matter, and he suggested that I write the Department direct. I have done so and am attaching a copy of my letter to the Solicitor and the Department. It would seem, as this is not the first time that this has occurred, that it would be advisable for the Board to pass a resolution calling on the Dominion Government to carry out the provisions of the Building Act of the City, more especially within the building district.

It is of very little use for the City to build up a fireproof district if the Government buildings, scattered through this district are allowed to be constructed of inflammable materials. As I stated in my letter to the Officer Commanding the district, it would appear to be as much in the interests of the Government properties as the City, to have the provisions of the Act strictly enforced.

H. W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

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Halifax, N.S. Oct. 7, 1918.

F. H. Bell, Esq.,  
City Solicitor.

Sir,

The Department of Militia & Defence are removing a slate roof from the building south of the Custom House and replacing same with wooden shingles. They have no permit for this work, and it is a violation of the building Act.

Some time ago, you remember the Department assured us that they would abide by the Building Act in connection with their work within the building district. Immediate action should be taken in this matter, as otherwise the work will be completed and it will be much harder to have it altered to comply with the act than if notice is given immediately.

H. W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

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Halifax, N.S. Oct. 8, 1918.

The General Officer Commanding,  
Military District #6, City.

Sir,

I beg to draw your attention to a violation of the City Building Act at the building immediately south of the Custom House which I understand, belongs to your

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Department. The roof of this building was formerly covered with slates. These are being taken off and a wooden shingle roof substituted. This building is in the heart of the building district, and the work being done is a violation of our law.

Some time ago, buildings were altered by your Department in the district, in violation of the Act, and I had assurance from your headquarters office that in future your Department would carry out the provisions of the Building Act within the building district. I think you will readily see that it is as much in the interest of the Department of Militia and Defence as to any individual citizen, that the building district should be maintained to the utmost. Your Department owns a good deal of property within this district and every precaution taken to prevent the occurrence and spread of fire is to your benefit. I would ask you to please have the work which is against the provisions of the building act at this building, removed, and materials in accordance with the Act substituted therefor.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

*Solicitor*  
The City Solicitor is instructed to draft a letter, and submit same to this Board, directing that the various departments of the Dominion Government obey the provisions of the City Building Laws.

WILLOW STREET SEWER.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 4ml918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the tender of Peter Marduss, \$.75 per lineal foot of trench for the construction of the Willow Street sewer, that the tender is a reasonable one.

*Engineer's  
Comments*  
The construction of this work was contemplated on condition that there should be not less than two houses under construction, and that the owners of property fronting on the street sign an agreement limiting the value of houses to be built to a minimum price of \$3000. and establishing a building line 15 feet back from the street line - the plans and specifications of all buildings to be approved by the City Engineer. It was not the intention of the City that the City should incur any expense in connection with this work until these conditions had been complied with.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

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The City Engineer is requested to report as to whether the St. John's Church building on Willow Street has been partly or wholly connected with the Windsor Street Sewer by a private drain.

*Engineer ✓*

VICTORIA ROAD SEWER-MRS. JACKSON'S PROPERTY.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. October, 7th, 1918

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I have written to the property owners on each side of Mrs. Jackson's property #74 Victoria Road, but they are unable to do anything to assist her to obtain satisfactory drainage, Under the circumstances there seems to be no alternative but to construct the sewer.

F.W.W. Doane.  
City Engineer.

*Engineer ✓  
Council*

The report is concurred in -(see Board of Control Minutes September 3rd, 1918, page 565) and the work ordered to be done at once.

CORNWALLIS STREET SIDEWALK.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 4th 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached petition asking for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the north side of Cornwallis Street between Creighton and Maynard Streets.

The sidewalk at present is in a very unsatisfactory condition. There is a concrete sidewalk on the other side of the street and on the north side from Gittingen to Creighton Street.

I recommend that a concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter be laid on the north side of Cornwallis Street between Creighton and Maynard Streets under the Concrete Sidewalk Act 1906. This is as far as the petition covers, but it would be advisable to have the sidewalk laid all the way to North Park Street. and I so recommend.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

*Engineer ✓  
Council*

The report is adopted and the City Engineer in-

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structed to have the work done as soon as possible.

NORTH PARK STREET SIDEWALK.

On motion of Controller Hines the City Engineer is requested to submit an estimate of the cost of constructing a concrete sidewalk on the east side of North Park Street to Armouries Lane, with his recommendations.

*Engineer ✓*

GERRISH AND BRUNSWICK STREETS SIDEWALKS.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 5th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor  
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached Minute of the Board of Control asking for report on the construction of a sidewalk on both sides of Gerrish Streets from Brunswick to Gottingen, and on the west side of Brunswick Street from Gerrish to Uniacke this season.

The work has not been ordered. The estimated cost if \$9686. and I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter be constructed on both sides of Gerrish Street from Brunswick to Gottinge Street and on the west side of Brunswick Street from Gerrish to Uniacke Street under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906.

Owing to the difficulty in getting material and also the scarcity of labor, we have not been in a position to carry on such work this year. Further, the appropriation is not available until very recently. The season is now so far advanced that it would not be wise to attempt the construction, either by days work or by contract, this year, but provisions should be made during the winter for a supply of material so that there would be no repetition of this difficulty next year.

*Engineer ✓  
Council*

The sidewalks on Gerrish Street being easily washed out, should be laid permanently at any early date, and should be included in the first work undertaken.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Approved.

CLIFTON STREET SIDEWALK.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

October 10th, 1918.

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 5, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached petition asking for the construction of a sidewalk on the east side of Clifton Street from Charles Street to Cunard Street.

This portion of Clifton Street has not been taken over by the City for the reason that the necessary conditions have never been complied with. The street was not graded by the property owners, but that work has been practically overtaken by the City by using the roadway for the disposal of ashes and street sweepings. The principal obstacle in the way of taking the street over, is the encroachments on it, and it could not be taken over until some arrangement is made to free it from encumbrances.

Under the circumstances, I am obliged to recommend that the consideration of this petition be deferred for the present.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

*Engineer ✓*

The City Engineer is requested to prepare and submit a plan of Clifton Street showing all the encroachments thereon and a report as to what arrangements thereon can and be made with the property owners in respect to protecting the rights of the City.

CITY PRISON REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER.

Read report Governor City Prison, for months of September, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 14th, 1918

To His Worship the Mayor  
Members of the Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit the report of City Prison month ending September 30th, 1918, as follows:-

I would report that the Department of Justice report has been filled by me, also a special report from the City Medical regarding the Tubercular Prisoner Potter, also that Joseph McCarthy a prisoner suffering from syphilis was sent to V.G. Hospital for treatment.

I would also report that a hot water boiler be attached to the cookhouse range as the hot water will have to be cut off from the cellar for laundry purposes.

George Grant.

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(NOTE:- the report also contained a schedule of the prisoners committed to the institution during the month, the date of admission, offence, term of sentence and occupation of the offender.)

Engineer  
S. W. C. Prison  
Cont. Hines  
Cont. Taylor

The clause of the report relating to installation of a boiler in the cook house is referred to Controllers Hines and Taylor to make the best arrangement.

PRISON LABOR ON STREETS.

Engineer  
Chief of Police  
S. W. C. Prison  
Council

Controller Taylor reported that owing to scarcity of labor the Assistant City Engineer had asked if the Prison could supply about fifteen men to assist in the work of paving Cornwallis Street, the Works Department to furnish transportation to and from the Prison and the Police Department, through special officers appointed for the purpose, to supply the necessary guards. He recommended that this arrangement be entered into, the prison to be credited with the value of the labor.

Approved, Controller Murphy dissenting.

COAL WEIGHERS FEES ORDINANCE.

S. Cummins

The City Clerk reported that on August 13th, this Board had decided to recommend that the Ordinance respecting coal weighers fees be amended so that in future the weighers will receive a fee of 8 cents per ton instead of 6 cents per ton, as under the present law, but that owing to the resignations of the majority of the members of the City Council the report of the Board of Control had not been dealt with. He further reported that the supervisor of Coal Weighers, Mr. Cummins, had informed him that the Coal dealers are paying the increased fee without protest.

The matter is deferred until action is taken by the City Council.

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EXPLOSION-RUBBISH ON STREETS.

Controller Hines again complained of the plaster and other rubbish deposited and left on the streets by the Relief Commission and those employed by them and by contractors.

The City Clerk is instructed to arrange for a conference on this matter between the Relief Commission and the City's Advisory Committee. (The City Clerk subsequently arranged for a meeting to be held on the 12 inst. at 10.30 o'clock.)

*Engineer  
Bill*

MOTOR TRUCK AND SPRINKLER.

Read report Board of Control to City Council dated August 26th, 1918 and also extract from Minutes of City Council August 26th, 1918, as follows:-

To City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Board of Control beg to report that agreeably to resolution of Council they have given further consideration to their recommendation made June 18th, for the purchase of a motor truck for street sprinkling and other purposes and now again beg to recommend that a "Republic"  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ton truck be purchased from the Cook Construction Company at \$5000. less 5% discount for cash payment.

The City Engineer informed the Board of Control that it is absolutely necessary that the City obtain machinery to do any work that machinery can perform and recommends the purchase of the car herein referred to.

L. Fred. Monaghan,  
Secretary Board of Control

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"Read report Board of Control re purchase of a motor truck and sprinkler.  
Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Murphy that the report be adopted."

Moved by Controller-Hines Taylor seconded by

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Controller Hines that the motor truck referred to be purchased at once at the price mentioned if now available and that it be paid for out of the appropriation for Streets.

Engineer ✓  
Auditor ✓  
Council ✓

Motion put and passed Controllers Taylor and Hines and His Worship the Mayor voting for it and Controllers Finlay and Murphy against it.

In answer to questions the City Engineer replied that his recommendations in favor of the purchase is on file with the Board in writing.

STREET RAILWAY TRACK ALLOWANCE MAINTENANCE.

Controller Finlay called attention to the non-compliance by the Tramway Company of their obligation to maintain in proper condition the portions of the streets between the rails upon which their lines operate and referred particularly to South Park Street and Quinpool Road.

The City Engineer is instructed to call the attention of the Company to the complaint.

The City Engineer informed the Board he had already done so unavailingly.

Engineer ✓  
Solicitor ✓

The City Solicitor is requested to submit his opinion in writing on this matter.

BARRINGTON STREET #122 WATER SERVICE.

The City Engineer is requested to report on complaint as to water service at No., 122 Barrington Street.

Engineer ✓

MASSACHUSETTS RELIEF - GOVERNOR McCALL'S RECEPTION.

Controller Murphy suggested that it would be a graceful and proper thing to extend some courtesies to Governor McCall of Massachusetts during his proposed

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visit to Halifax about the end of next week and suggested that a civic address be presented to him and a civic luncheon tendered.

The suggestion is unanimously approved any expenses to be incurred to be paid out of Contingent Account.

City Solicitor Bell, Controller Murphy and City Clerk Monaghan are appointed to draw up the address.

The City Clerk is instructed to write His Honor Lieutenant Governor Grant asking if the arrangements suggested would be acceptable and to fix convenient dates.

The City Clerk forwards the following letter:-

Halifax, N.S. October, 11th, 1918.

His Honor McC. Grant,  
Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

May it Please Your Honor:-

During the expected visit here next week of His Honor the Governor of Massachusetts it is the desire of the City of Halifax that opportunity be afforded them to mark in some slight way a sense of the appreciation in which His Honor is held by the Citizens of Halifax, and to submit a message that he may be able to convey to the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, whom he so ably represents, in acknowledgment by the Citizens of the City of Halifax, of their deep and lasting gratitude for the generous spirit, the kindly thoughtfulness, and wonderful energy displayed by our cousins following the disastrous catastrophe of December 6th, last, and our thanks for their further offer of very considerable financial assistance for the correction of public health conditions, largely induced by that awful event.

The present purpose of the City Council would be to present an address to Governor McCall at the City Hall and to subsequently tender him a luncheon if your Honor would be good enough to let us know that the suggestion would be acceptable to him, and arrange for convenient dates.

L. Fred Monaghan,  
CITY CLERK.

Auditor ✓  
Solicitor ✓  
Cont. Murphy ✓  
Lieut. Gov. Grant ✓

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ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts chargeable to various services are passed for payment:-

Fire Department.

Frank Fraser.	Feed	339.08
Ungar's Laundry	Laundry	19.27
N .S. Tramway & Power Co.	Light	33.72
Mar. Tel & Tel. Co.	Telephones	8.80
Lawrence Hardware Co.	hardware	4.12
Halifax Vulcanizing Co.	Repairs	21.50
Burns & Kelleher	Machine Repairs	5.10
City Home	Wood	11.50
Imperial Oil, Co.	gasoline	47.17
Nat. Drug & Chem Co.	Stores	9.75
Chas. Brister	motor supplies	81.20
Hillis & Sons	mach. supplies	24.85
H. McFatrige	Vet. Services	27.80
American LaFrance Co.	Motor Supplies	296.97
John MacInnes	Lumber	10.37
Burns & Kelleher	Machine suppl.	39.43
Wm. Collings & Sons.	" "	12.52
Imperial Oil Co.	Gasoline	113.22
T. Hogan	Machine Sup.	8.90
Frank Reardon	glass	4.50
Hamilton Uniform Cap. Co.	Uniform badges	8.90
E. D. Eddy Co.	Stores	5.39
Chronicle Publ C.	Advertising	6.30
Robert Horner	Hobshoeing	45.25
T. C. Allen & Co.	office supplies	6.90
Royal Print & Litho	" "	4.50
Canadian Oil Co.	Stores	3.75
Wm. Regan	Stores	15.00
O. C. Marriott	Hobshoeing	13.35
Gordon & Keith	Bedding	887.48
J. Starr	Elec. Supplies	6.80
Northern Elec. Co.	" "	27.17
Halifax Vulcanizing Co.	repairs	7.50
J. T. Dorey	Elec. supplies	11.50
A. H. L. ampier	Rep/ to carriage	17.50
Jas. Simmonds	Hardware	13.04
A. & W. Mackinlay	office supplies	8.10
Mil. 6th Division		.25
Buckley Coal Co.	Coal	112.78
S. Cunard & Co.	Coal	120.50
		<u>\$ 2434.73</u>

General Accounts.

Office Specialty Col	Mayor's Office	.90
Blackadar Bros.	Advertising	9.30
Chronicle Pub. Co.	"	12.60
Herald Publ Co.	"	16.05

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W.H. Isnor & Son.	Carriage hire	
	Assessor.	25.00
T.C. Allen	Stationery	
City Collector	\$26.50	
" "	12.90	
" Assessor	15.00	
" Auditor	4.50	
" Clerk	3.25	
Mayor's Office	2.00	64.15
Chronicle Publ Co.	Adv. Town	
	Planning Board	66.45
E.M. Veith	Services for Sept.	10.00
Registrar of Deeds		.75
A. Milne Fraser	Rem. Ribbon	4.00
A.W. MacKinlay	Books etc.	
City Collector		98.68
" Assessor		1.20
School for the Deaf - Maintenance of Pupils, 1917-18		437.50
Supertendent Neglected & Delinquent Children for 3 mos. ending October 1st.		498.30
Dr. Blackadar, Deputy Medical Examiner.		
	Certificate of Death of-	
Richard Hamilton	4.00	L. Buskins 4.00
Geo. Davison	\$4.00	R. Culy 4.00
A. Gerrance	4.00	
		20.00
		<u>\$ 1264.88</u>

Police Department.

Wood Bros. Ltd.	Drygoods	8.95
T.C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	10.35
J.C. Foster	1 suit clothes	42.50
Chief of Police	"	42.50
Frank W. Fraser	Hay, etc.,	10.63
Dr. McFatrige	Vet. Services	4.80
Neil Fox	Harness Repairs	5.15
Blackadar Bros.	Adv.	13.05
Chronicle Publ Co.	"	23.10
Herald & Mail	"	13.83
W.E. Palmer	Cap. badge	1.00
T.J. Whalen & Co.	Police caps etc.	62.00
Ross Print	Circulars	1.50
Nova Motor	Vulcanizing etc.	20.60
A.H. Lamphier	Tire	11.00
		<u>\$ 268.69</u>

City Prison.

J.J. Sdriven & Sons.	Bread	89.00
Wentzells Ltd.	Groceries	141.38
G.C. Hartlen & Co.	Beef	37.20
H.L. Williston	Beef	3.60
J.A. Leaman & Co.	O xheads	5.20
Frank W. Fraser	Feed & Oats	44.00
J& M. Murphy	Drygoods	49.55
Robt. Taylor Ltd.	soles & laces	6.05

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Irwin & Sons.	Drugs	5.40
Hillis & Sons.	wash boilers	4.00
J. Wannacot	Keys	4.75
Neil Fox	Supplies	2.00
" "	"	1.85
Chronicle Publ Co.	Advertising	6.30
N.S. Tram. Co.	Current	1.00
A.L. Melvin & Co.	Hardware	11.67
London Rubber Stamp Co.	Stencil	2.75
T.C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	.35
Ross Print	forms	7.00
Halifax Herald	Adv.	8.70
Crowell Bros.	Paris green	4.50
Hfx. Seed store	seeds	7.70
Controller Taylor	Taxi service	2.00
T.J. Egan	Revolvers	29.15
Recorder	Adv.	4.65
A.L. Melvin & Co.	Hardware	11.88
Wentzells Ltd.	Groceries	126.29
W.A. Maling & Co.	Beef	88.96
T.J. Whalen & Co.	Dry-goods	437.00
		<u>\$ 1143.88</u>

*Council*

The Board adjourns.

*L. J. McLaughlin*  
CITY CLERK.

MAYOR.