

HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION
ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY

**Read report of the Finance Committee
covering letter of the Halifax Relief Commission
offering to reaccept a voluntary assessment of
\$500,000.00 for a period of five years on Relief
Commission properties.**

November 12th, 1931.

Halifax, Nova Scotia
October 23rd, 1931.

Col. H. J. Stech,
Chairman of the Finance Committee
of the City Council,
City Hall,
Halifax,
N. S.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the conference held at the offices of The Halifax Relief Commission, Thursday, October 8th at 3 p.m. in connection with the assessment of the properties owned by The Halifax Relief Commission which assessment was voluntarily accepted by the Commission under the City of Halifax claim award dated December 30th, 1926, for a period of five years.

The Commission has given full consideration to the case submitted by yourself, Mr. Butler, City Auditor and Mr. MacManus, Chief Assessor, and have decided to reaccept the voluntary assessment of \$500,000.00 in place of the net assessment of \$478,457.50 upon which ex-gratia payment has been made for the year 1931-32. The Commission, however, requires to be included in this amount of \$500,000.00 the assessment of the property #1000-1020 Robie Street known as the Heber Hartlen property, assessed to The Royal Trust Company, but owned by the Commission. The reason for this being that this property came into possession of the Commission through a mortgage loan that was made, not as a Financial Investment, but as a relief measure.

The other properties #1006 Barrington Street, 22 Upper Water Street, 152-154 Granville Street and 163-169 Windsor Street, will not be included in the above assessment as they came into our possession through Mortgage Loans on financial bases.

It is therefore agreed that notwithstanding the provisions of its Act of Incorporation and without prejudice thereto, the Commission voluntarily accepts the assessment of all its properties for a period of five years from May 1st, 1932 upon a valuation not exceeding the sum of \$500,000.00 subject to deduction from this amount from year to year of one-half of the purchase money received by the Commission for any property sold during the preceding year. At the expiration of the five year period suggested the statutory exemption shall then automatically revive, pending re-consideration of the situation as at that date.

The Commission also wishes to continue the further condition upon which the original assessment of \$500,000.00 was voluntarily accepted on December 30th, 1926 viz., that the Richmond Heights District shall receive at the hands of the City the same degree of attention to its streets and general

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civic requirements as is accorded other sections of the City.

We shall be glad to receive a letter from you accepting this offer to the Commission.

Yours very truly,
Halifax Relief Commission

W. E. TIBBS.
COMM. SECRETARY

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Nov. 2nd, 1931.

To His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached letter of the Halifax Relief Committee addressed to the Chairman with reference to the Assessment of the Relief Commission properties and informing the Committee that the Commission will accept a voluntary assessment of \$500,000.00 in place of the net amount of \$487,457.50 upon which ex-gratia payment has been paid for the year 1931-32, this agreement to be for five years from 1st May 1932.

Your Committee recommend that the offer of the Relief Commission be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Daley that the report be adopted. Motion passed.