

TRACEY LIQUOR ENQUIRY.

July 25th, 1918.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At the meeting of the City Council held July 25th Alderman Hart suggested that R. H. Murray K. C. be retained in connection with the enquiry to be held before the Judge of the Halifax County Court into the matter of theft of liquor from the office of <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Temperance Act Inspector Tracey.

The accompanying report from Deputy Mayor Godwin is recommended for the concurrence of the Council.

The Attached letter from His Honor Judge Wallace is submitted for the information and consideration of the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

*L. J. O'Connell*

Secretary Board of Control.

Halifax, N. S., July 23rd., 1918.

To  
The Members of the Board of Control  
And City Council.

Gentlemen:-

On further consideration of having the matter of the Police Department investigated by a County Court Judge, as passed by the Council, and feeling it very necessary that we obtain the fullest information from same, it occurred to me that the onus of responsibility of being Chief Inquisitor should not rest with our City Solicitor but rather with some person not connected with Civic affairs at all.

This remark is not made with any intent of casting reflection on the character or ability of our Solicitor, but rather to relieve him of the embarrassing position, and merely viewing the situation clearly in the face, and wishing to obtain the best results.

For the above reason I wish to recommend for your consideration that R. H. Murray, K. C. be engaged by the City to conduct the investigation with a County Court Judge; he to notify witnesses and ask whatever questions are necessary, etc.

Respectfully submitted,



DEPUTY-MAYOR.

HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

July 25th, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the resolution of the City Council, in which a request is made that an enquiry be instituted by the Judge of the County Court, in relation to the recent theft of liquor from the office of Inspector Tracey.

In acceding to this request, I must point out that in the preamble to the resolution it is stated that the theft, in the opinion of the Council, reflects upon the good Government of the City, and that charges have been made in the public press, reflecting upon the Council and the officials of the City in connection with the same.

It would seem desirable, before entering upon such an investigation, in which Counsel may be engaged, that some particulars be furnished or some more precise statement or charge be formulated so that the scope of the enquiry may be properly regulated, and a prolonged enquiry and considerable expense be avoided.

Yours very truly,

W B Wallace  
Judge County Court