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HALIFAX HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Time: 8:15 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Date: September 21, 1962

Place: 5787 Ogilvie Street, Halifax, N. S.

Present: Fred Brodie, Harry Carter, Mr. & Mrs. Donald F. Maclean, Lloyd Shaw, Joseph Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Steed, and H. A. J. Wedderburn.

The Minutes of Meeting, August 22, 1962, were adopted as read.

It was moved by Mr. Wedderburn, seconded by Mr. Brodie, and agreed unanimously that the Rev. Mr. Coleman, Cornwallis Street Baptist Church, be invited to become a member of the Committee.

It was moved by Mrs. Maclean, seconded by Mr. Carter, and agreed unanimously that Mrs. W. E. Colpitts be invited to become a member of the Committee.

The Committee decided unanimously that its function, at least for the present, would be (1) to advise local groups or individuals that undertake to initiate action concerning protection or advancement of human rights, and (2) to submit briefs, as from time to time may be required, to appropriate government authorities.

The Committee decided unanimously (1) to submit a brief requesting the Government of Nova Scotia to publicize fully the fair employment and fair accommodation practices legislation enacted by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, and (2) as an initial step, to request endorsement of the brief by the following organizations:

1. Halifax-Dartmouth District Labour Council
(Mr. Brodie to introduce)
2. Seaview Association
(Mr. Steed to introduce)
3. Voice of Women
(Mrs. Maclean to introduce)
4. Halifax Council of Churches
(Mr. Shaw to introduce)
5. Halifax Welfare Council
(Mr. Shaw to introduce)

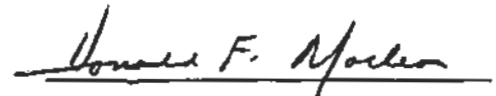
6. Canadian Legion
(Mr. Skinner and Mr. Carter to introduce)
7. Home Mission Board, the African Baptist Association
(Mr. Wedderburn to ask the Rev. Mr. Coleman
to introduce.)

The Committee decided unanimously to defer possible submission of a brief concerning Africville, until information anticipated from Mr. George Davis had been received.

Mr. Steed volunteered to confer with Mr. Vaughan, concerning Africville property values, and to report to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee decided unanimously to appoint a permanent chairman at the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee accepted with thanks Mr. Wedderburn's invitation to meet next, at 8:15 p.m., Thursday, October 18, at his house, 29 Fader Street, Westphal.



Donald F. Maclean
Secretary PROTEM

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HALIFAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Minutes of Meeting

Time: 8:45 p.m. - 11:15 p.m.

Date: November 15, 1962

Place: 6910 Armview Avenue, Halifax, N.S.

Present: Fred Brodie, Miss Dulcie Conrod, George Davis, Ian MacKeigan, Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Maclean, Deacon Mantley, Lloyd Shaw, Joseph Skinner, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Steed, H. A. J. Wedderburn

Chairman: H. A. J. Wedderburn

It was moved by Mr. Brodie, seconded by Mr. Steed and agreed unanimously, that the minutes of Committee's meeting, November 4, 1962, be adopted as read.

Mrs. Maclean reported that Rabbi Deitcher, and Rabbi Goldsmith, had accepted the Committee's recent invitation to become members of the Committee.

Mrs. Maclean reported that the following organizations had endorsed the Committee's draft brief concerning fair employment practices and fair accommodation practices legislation, and that endorsement by one or two additional groups is anticipated: Voice of Women (Halifax), Nova Scotia Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, Halifax Ministerial Association, Halifax Council of Churches, Halifax Board of Trade, Halifax-Dartmouth and District Labour Council.

Mr. Davis reported that he had been promised by City Hall that written answers would be forwarded to him, in response to the Committee's questions submitted orally at the recent meeting, between the Committee and City Hall representatives.

It was decided unanimously (1) that the Committee seek an early opportunity to present a brief, either to the Premier or to other members of the Cabinet; (2) that Messrs. George Davis (spokesman), H. A. J. Wedderburn, and Rev. Charles Coleman be a Committee to proceed with this matter and to make the presentation; (3) that every member of the Advisory Committee make a special effort to attend the presentation; and (4) that each of the bodies that have endorsed the brief be requested to send a representative to the presentation.

It was decided unanimously to consider later the possibility of requesting that a special commission consisting, for instance, of two judges of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, be instituted to direct special enquiries and to order a special survey concerning titles and possession of properties in Africville.

Mr. Davis indicated that he would attempt to obtain, from City Hall, a land survey of Africville.

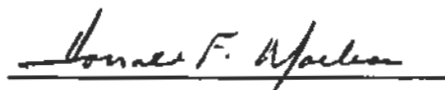
It was agreed unanimously that the citizens of Africville be invited, by means of a mailed announcement, to attend a meeting in the Africville Church, at 8:30 p.m., Monday, November 26, 1962, for the purpose of preparing for (1) a meeting to be attended by the Committee, residents of Africville, and representatives of City Hall, and (2) a meeting of the Committee and residents of Africville to consider matters for possible inclusion in a brief to City Council.

It was agreed unanimously that the mailed announcement state that the November 26 meeting will discuss (1) the results of the recent survey (consisting of four questions) conducted, in Africville, by the Committee, and (2) related matters.

Mr. Steed agreed to obtain an address list of persons to whom notices should be sent for the November 26 meeting and to forward the list to Mr. Wedderburn.

Miss Conrod agreed to act on the Committee's suggestion that she request the Managing Editor of the Halifax Chronicle-Herald and the Halifax Mail-Star to observe that the Committee does not want publicity for the forthcoming November 26 meeting.

The Committee accepted unanimously an invitation to hold a meeting, at 8:30 p.m., Thursday, December 6, 1962, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maclean, 5787 Ogilvie Street, Halifax, N.S.



Donald F. Maclean
Secretary

HALIFAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Statement Concerning Meeting

Wednesday Evening, November 26, 1962

This meeting was concerned largely with a reading and interpretation of (1) questions which the Committee had submitted to City Hall, and (2) reply letter received from City Hall.

Discussion by the approximately fifty Africville residents present made clear that the following views and questions are representative:

1. The \$500 proposed as compensation, to persons who do not have clear titles, is inadequate; this amount would not make possible the acquisition of alternate accommodation.
2. Africville residents do not want to become permanent "welfare cases".
3. Africville residents want to be near a church building of their own.
4. Africville residents want clarification of the City's stated view that the City's principal reason for deciding to expropriate Africville is to remove sub-standard dwellings, and want to know to what extent a desire to obtain Africville for industrial use was a factor in the City's decision.
5. The City has indicated that Africville has no designated boundaries. How were the boundaries determined for the Africville polling district?
~~Is not Africville an electoral polling district?~~
What are the boundaries designated for this purpose?
6. Why are lands for prospective industrial use not deemed to be high in value?
7. What City service is received in return for taxes paid on Africville properties?
8. Who were the Africville residents who received building or alteration permits in the period immediately prior to 1950.

9. Why are assessed values not regarded, by the courts, as a basis for compensation upon expropriation?
10. What is the minimum rent paid in city-owned multiple-housing developments?
11. Is all of the land area of Africville designated for industrial use? If not, could Africville residents be located on land in the vicinity of Africville?
12. Will special provision be made for the accommodation of unemployable widows and pensioners who are unable to pay the full amount of minimum rents?
13. Will the City include, in the terms of expropriation, a clause to the effect that if expropriated lands are not sold for industrial use by a specified date, the people from whom they were expropriated will retain a right to reacquire the land for an amount not greater than the amount for which they were expropriated?
14. Would it be ^{feasible}~~possible~~ to organize a co-operative housing project on land in the vicinity of Africville?

Donald F. Jackson

HALIFAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Minutes of Meeting

Time: 8:45 p.m. - 11:15 p.m.

Date: Thursday, December 6, 1962

Place: 5787 Ogilvie Street, Halifax, N.S.

Present: Fred Brodie, Rev. Charles Coleman,
 Mrs. W. E. Colpitts, John Horricks,
 Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Maclean,
 Deacon Mantley, Lloyd Snaw, Joseph Skinner,
 Mrs. Leon Steed, H. A. J. Wedderburn
 Guest: Robert Grant, Development Officer,
 City of Halifax

Minutes: H.A. J. Wedderburn

The Secretary read a statement of sixteen views and questions expressed by the meeting which the Committee held at Africville, on the evening of November 26, 1962. Mr. Grant commented fully with reference to the questions, and indicated that he would be pleased to prepare a written statement for the Committee's information.

Donald F. Maclean
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 Secretary

HALIFAX HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

- Time: 2:55 P.M. - 4:25 P.M.
- Date: January 6, 1963
- Place: 5787 Ogilvie Street, Halifax, N.S.
- Present: Fred Brodie, Harry Carter, Rev. Charles Coleman, Rabbi Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Maclean, Ian MacKeigan, Deacon Mantley, Mr. Leon Steed, H.A.J. Wedderburn
- Chairman: H. A. J. Wedderburn

It was moved by Mr. Brodie, seconded by Mr. Carter, and agreed unanimously, that the minutes of the Committee's meetings, November 15, November 26, December 6, be adopted as read.

The Chairman introduced Rabbi Goldsmith and welcomed him as a member of the Committee.

Mr. Steed reported that he had in his possession a map of Halifax which designated as "Nigger Head" an area in the vicinity of Africville. It was moved by Rabbi Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. Carter, and agreed unanimously that the Secretary write to the publishers of the map requesting that the designation be changed. To this end, Mr. Steed indicated that he would forward his map for the Secretary's reference.

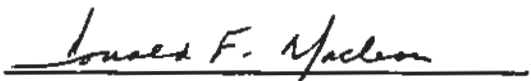
It was agreed unanimously that the Secretary ask Mr. Robert Grant, Development Officer, City of Halifax, to suggest a date for a meeting between members of the Committee, citizens of Africville, and representatives of the City.

The Chairman reported that Mr. George Davis had appeared recently at a meeting of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union, with reference to the Committee's draft brief concerning fair employment practices and fair accommodation practices legislation, and that Mr. Davis will report to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee recalled that, at its meeting on November 15, 1962, it had decided unanimously "...to consider later the possibility of requesting that a special commission consisting, for instance, of two judges of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, be instituted to direct special enquiries and to order a special survey concerning titles and possession of properties in Africville." The Committee agreed unanimously that the Secretary write to the Mayor of Halifax requesting that the City obtain Provincial legislation authorizing it to obtain a special commission to review all questions concerning titles and possession of Africville properties and their evaluation, and that the Secretary first make enquiries concerning precedents which could usefully be cited. Mr. MacKeigan expressed his willingness to advise the Secretary in this undertaking.

Messrs. Carter and Steed reported that a number of Africville residents recently have received notices indicating property assessments lower than those for the previous year and that some Africville people have received notices either for the first time or for the first time in many years. Mr. MacKeigan commented that apparent inconsistencies in assessment of property would not have an adverse effect on expropriation settlements, for expropriation settlements are related to fair market value, and that assessment notices themselves can be regarded by people who are receiving them for the first time as an acknowledgment of some rights in the properties that they possess.

The Secretary was directed to find out when the name "Africville" was applied first in place of the earlier "Campbell Road", and, with a request that the earlier designation be revived to Campbell Road Development Area, to bring the facts to the attention of the City of Halifax, the Halifax Chronicle-Herald, the Halifax Mail-Star, and local radio and television stations.


Donald F. Maclean
Secretary

HALIFAX HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Time: 8:45 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Date: February 13, 1963

Place: 29 Fader Street, Dartmouth, N. S.

Present: Harry Carter, Rev. Charles Coleman, George Davis, John Horricks, Donald F. Maclean, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Steed, Rev. A. W. Verrall, H. A. J. Wedderburn

Chairman: H. A. J. Wedderburn

The minutes of the Committee's last meeting, January 6, 1963, were adopted unanimously as read.

The Secretary reported (1) that "Negro Point" (the designation of an area in the vicinity of Africville which appears on a map forwarded to the Secretary by Mr. Steed) is listed in the 1961 edition of Gazetteer of Canada: Nova Scotia; and (2) that since information concerning the inclusion of this name proved unavailable from the Board's member from Nova Scotia, the Secretary has written to the Chairman of the Canadian Board on Geographical Names, Ottawa.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Robert Grant, Development Officer, City of Halifax, had stated that it would be impossible for him to meet with the Committee during January, in view of his commitments concerning the Woking Project, but that he is available now to meet on a mutually convenient date.

The Secretary reported that he had discussed with Mr. Grant the Committee's interest in the possible institution of "a Special commission consisting, for instance, of two judges of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, "to direct special enquiries and to order a special survey concerning titles and possession of Africville properties and their evaluation..." Mr. Grant replied that the City was developing a formula for dealing with property settlement, and that one resident of Africville already had approached the City concerning the disposition of his property; Mr. Grant suggested that the Committee observe the application of the formula to a particular case before formulating plans for further action. Several members of the Committee expressed dismay that the City was being approached by an individual resident of Africville, (rather than by residents acting collectively) and requested that the Secretary arrange for the Committee to meet with Mr. Grant on the first mutually convenient Thursday evening.

The Secretary reported, with reference to the origin of the names "Africville" and "Campbell Road", that he had obtained the following information from Miss Phyllis Blakeley, Assistant Archivist, Province of Nova Scotia: "Campbell Road was named in August 1838 after Lieutenant-Governor Sir Colin Campbell who had improved the roads leading to Halifax making it much easier for farmers to come to market..." The name Campbell Road appears in "...a petition to the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia dated

March 22, 1860 for help in starting a school... Yet in the same year in a petition of William Brown dated March 31, 1860..." the name Africville appears.


The Secretary reported that a letter, dated January 9, 1963, had been received from Mrs. M. Forman, Secretary of the Board of Governors of the Shaar Shalom Synagogue, advising that the Board "...has unanimously approved the Draft Brief to be sent to the Premier of Nova Scotia by the Halifax Advisory Committee on Human Rights, and wishes to have its name signed to the Brief."

Mr. George Davis reported that he had discussed with the Hon. J. Kennedy Jones, the Committee's draft brief. Mr. Jones indicated that the Province's Committee on Human Rights had noted that, although the Province has fair employment practices legislation and fair accommodation practices legislation, apparently many employers remain unaware of its provisions and implications. Mr. Jones stated further that the Committee was soon to undertake an educational program which would be even more comprehensive in scope than that recommended in the draft brief of the Halifax Advisory Committee on Human Rights. Mr. Jones stated that, although he would be pleased to facilitate the submission of the Committee's brief to the Cabinet, he felt that it would be unnecessary; in any event, he would be in touch soon again with Mr. Davis concerning the plans of the Province's Committee.

Mr. Davis reported that he had discussed the brief with representatives of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union, who agreed to give it their endorsement.

The Committee decided unanimously that Mr. A. Alan Borovoy, Executive Secretary, Labour Committee for Human Rights, Toronto and District Labour Council, and Mr. David Orlikow, Chairman, of the Canadian Committee on Human Rights, henceforth be sent a copy, marked "Confidential", of the Minutes of every meeting of the Committee.

The Committee decided unanimously that the Secretary write to Mr. C. W. MacAllister, Manager, Halifax Housing Authority, to obtain a statement of the official policy governing the processing of applications and admissions, and the follow-up procedure applied to persons whose names are on waiting lists.



Donald F. Maclean
Secretary
Halifax Human Rights Advisory Committee

HALIFAX HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Time: 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Date: February 21, 1963

Place: 5787 Ogilvie Street, Halifax, N. S.

Present: Rev. Charles Coleman, George Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Maclean, Joe Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Steed, Rev. A. W. Verrall, H. A. J. Wedderburn;
Visitors: Robert Grant, David Smith

Chairman: H. A. J. Wedderburn

The minutes of the Committee's last meeting, February 13, 1963, were adopted unanimously as read. The meeting decided unanimously to dispense with business that might arise from the minutes, in order that all available time be used for discussion with Mr. Grant and Mr. Smith.

The Chairman asked Mr. Grant to describe the formula which the Committee understands that the City has developed for dealing with properties in Africville. Mr. Grant replied that the residents of Africville will be given all the priorities of a Clearance Area and that Africville residents will not be requested to move until public housing is available for them.

The following priorities were indicated:

- (1) First priority: Any family, regardless of income, that has been displaced from an area cleared by the City; if the income exceeds \$3900, the family shall not remain longer than one year.
- (2) Second priority: Any family whose house has been declared sub-standard and ordered demolished, provided that the family's income does not exceed \$3900.
- (3) Third Priority: Any family that has applied for housing and whose application has been rated according to a point system and placed on a waiting list. (Receipt of an eviction order, for other than non-payment of rent, rates about fifteen points.) Every application is classified according to merit; every six months a card and self-addressed envelope are mailed to applicants, who are asked if they want their applications retained. If applicants reply that they do, the housing circumstances are examined again and applications are classified accordingly.

If any individual resident of Africville with a clear title were to approach the City for settlement, the City would be obliged to negotiate with him, although the City would function, wherever feasible, in communication with the Human Rights Advisory Committee.

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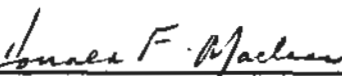
The Chairman suggested that the City be asked to build new houses, on city-owned land in the North End, and sell them on a long-term basis to individual residents of Africville. Mr. Grant replied that there is no reasonable basis on which home ownership can be subsidized. Mr. Coleman asked if such a project could not be undertaken as an "act of retribution", in view of the circumstances beyond their control to which residents of Africville and their ancestors have long been exposed by the majority race. Mr. Grant replied that an undertaking of this kind would involve a policy decision which it would not be his function to make.

Mr. Grant indicated the possibility that if there were a determination of the number of Africville residents willing and able to relocate, the City would proceed to select a site for possible development. If applicants were able to make manifest that they could build houses at the required standard, the City could sell them lots at cost. Mr. Grant doubted that a standard house of any description could be built within Halifax for less than a minimum of \$8,000.

Mr. Grant indicated that the City would propose to pay \$500 to any Africville citizen who has no claim to land (not even squatter-rights) but who has a possessory claim to a dwelling on land; that is, in a given situation, the City would pay one person for land and another person for a structure on land. Citizens would be paid, in every case, fair market value for property to which they had a recognized claim or title.

In response to a question, Mr. Grant indicated that an independent appraisal of property would cost, on the average, approximately seventy-five dollars.

The Committee decided unanimously that its next meeting would be a public meeting in Africville, held sometime after mid-March 1963, and preferably not on a Thursday evening. Mr. Grant indicated that he would be able to be present.



Donald F. Maclean
Secretary
Halifax Human Rights Advisory Committee

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Time: 8:30 p.m. - 10:40 p.m.

Date: April 2, 1963

Place: 5787 Ogilvie Street, Halifax, N. S.

Present: Harry Carter, Mrs. Donald F. Maclean, Deacon Mantley, Lloyd Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Steed, H. A. J. Wedderburn
 Visitor: Robert Van Alstyne

Chairman: H. A. J. Wedderburn

In the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. Maclean recorded the following notes:

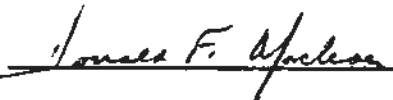
The following information was obtained, through discussion, with Mr. Van Alstyne:

The cost per house would be approximately \$9,000 for a three-bedroom house with three rooms downstairs and a basement. With co-op. building, the cost might be as little as \$6,000 per house.

Approximately three to four acres of land would be required to build row-housing to accommodate eighty households, as contrasted with sixteen acres for an 'ordinary' project. (Presumably some money could be realized, in effect, through a land exchange.)

An advantage of row-housing is that heating costs are cut by approximately one-half.

Co-op. housing comes under Section 36 of the Nova Scotia Housing Act. A limited dividend company could be formed, under Section 16 of the National Housing Act, for the purpose of developing a row-housing project.



 Donald F. Maclean
 Secretary
 Human Rights Advisory Committee

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Time: 8:40 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

Date: Thursday, April 25, 1963

Place: 5787 Ogilvie Street, Halifax, N. S.

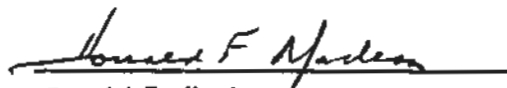
Present: Rev. Charles Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Maclean,
Deacon Mantley, Joe Skinner, Mrs. Leon Steed, H. A. J.
Wedderburn

Chairman: H. A. J. Wedderburn

The Minutes of Meetings, February 21 and April 2, 1963, were approved as read, with one correction; in the Minutes for February 21, page one, last paragraph, line three: the word "prefer" was substituted for the words "be prepared".

The entire meeting was spent in general discussion of the types of housing accommodation, particularly row housing, which it might be feasible to consider recommending for the accommodation of Africville citizens.

The Committee decided unanimously to hold a meeting at Africville on Wednesday evening, May 1, 1963, preparatory to the meeting scheduled already for the evening of May 2 and at which Mr. Robert Grant will be present.


 Donald F. Maclean
 Secretary
 Human Rights Advisory Committee

HALIFAX HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Time: 8:35 p.m. - 11.05 p.m.

Date: Wednesday, May 15, 1963

Place: 5787 Ogilvie St., Halifax, N. S.

Present: Harry Carter, George Davis, Rabbi Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Maclean, Deacon Mantley, Mrs. Leon Steed, Rev. A. W. Verrall, H. A. J. Wedderburn, and Mr. Edward L. Roach

Chairman: H. A. J. Wedderburn

The Minutes of Meeting, April 25, 1963, were approved as read.

The Secretary reported to the Meeting that Mr. Joe Skinner had telephoned him on May 15, 1963, to say that he had decided to resign from the Committee.

The Chairman welcomed to the Meeting Mr. Edward L. Roach, President of the Halifax Homeowners Association, who had offered to submit to the Committee a statement on housing which he believed would be of interest.

After the Chairman had thanked Mr. Roach for reading his statement, it was moved by Mr. Davis, seconded by Deacon Mantley, and agreed unanimously that the Secretary make available, to every member of the Committee, a copy of Mr. Roach's statement, and that Mr. Roach's statement be discussed further at the next meeting of the Committee.


 Donald F. Maclean
 Secretary

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Minutes of Meeting

Time: 8:45 p.m. - 10:40 p.m.

Date: Tuesday, ^{August 29,} ~~September 3,~~ 1963

Place: 5787 Ogilvie St., Halifax, N.S.

Present: Harry Carter, Rev. Charles Coleman, George Davis, John Horricks, Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Maclean, Dawson Mantley, Rev. A. T. Oliver, Mrs. Leon Stead, H.A.J. Wedderburn

Chairman: H. A. J. Wedderburn

The Minutes of Meeting, May 15, 1963, were approved as read.

The Chairman submitted a suggestion that the Committee invite to its next meeting several members of City Council, with a view to receiving opinions and comments that might serve assist the Committee in preparing a submission to City Council.

He stated further that, in anticipation of the Committee's acceptance of his suggestion and in order to avoid delay, he had asked the Secretary to prepare a draft statement for the Committee to consider. The Committee accepted unanimously the Chairman's suggestion and spent the remainder of the evening discussing and developing the Secretary's draft.

Donald F. Maclean
Donald F. Maclean
Secretary

HALIFAX HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Time: 7.45 p.m. - 10.40 p.m.

Date: Thursday, September 5, 1963

Place: 5787 Ogilvie St., Halifax, N. S.

Present: D. C. Brodie, Harry Carter, Rev. Charles Coleman, George Davis, John Horricks, Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Maclean, Deacon Mantley, Rev. W. P. Oliver, Lloyd R. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Steed, H. A. J. Wedderburn,
Visitors: Aldermen J. L. Connolly, Mrs. Abbie Lane, Donald LeBlanc, Allen O'Brien

Chairman: H. A. J. Wedderburn

The Minutes of Meeting, August 27, 1963, were approved as read.

Prior to the arrival of the Aldermen who had been invited to meet with the Committee at 8.30 p.m., the Committee reviewed the revised draft (prepared by the Secretary, in light of discussion at the Committee's meeting on August 27, 1963) for presentation as a letter to City Council.

After the visiting Aldermen had been welcomed by the Chairman, at 8.30 p.m., the meeting discussed the draft, with special reference to its form and content, questions to which it might give rise in Council, and the draft's reception by Council. The Secretary was requested to alter the draft accordingly, to arrange through the City Clerk for consideration of the Committee's letter at Council's next meeting, on Thursday, September 12, and to notify Committee members concerning the arrangements.

The Chairman concluded the meeting by thanking the visiting Aldermen for accepting the Committee's invitation to be present and for their helpful discussion.

Donald F. Maclean
Donald F. Maclean
Secretary

REPORT OF THE ADHOC COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Minutes of Meeting

Date: Monday Evening, November 25, 1963

Place: Church Hall, Cornwallis Street Baptist Church, Halifax, N.S.

Present: J. Rodie, Miffi Holdsworth, Harry Carter, Rev. Charles Coleman, George Davis, John Morrisicks, Donald F. Maclean, Deacon Bentley, Rev. W. T. Cliver, Lloyd Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Stead, Rev. A. J. Verrall, W. A. J. Wedderburn. Visitor: Dr. Albert Rose, Department of Social Work, University of Toronto.

This meeting was called for the purpose of conferring with Dr. Albert Rose, who had been invited, in response to the Committee's submission to City Council (September 1963) to visit Halifax.

The following observations are set forth in the order in which they were made by Dr. Rose during the course of the meeting:

- (1) We know already, from existing reports and articles, about Africville. If there is removal of persons from Africville, there should be retraining programs to improve employment opportunities.
- (2) Occupants of any given area tend to say that there is nothing wrong with them, or, if they see that something is wrong, they think that they have values which are more important than plans which the authorities may have for improvement.
- (3) It does not really help much now to say that the conditions developed because of neglect by people who should have acted more responsibly.
- (4) It is important for the City to attract industry, and industry may not be willing to pay a high price for land.
- (5) The solution to the problem cannot likely be a single solution, but one that provides alternatives.
- (6) It is important to establish clearly who has an equity in the land.
- (7) Important questions to be considered: (a) Can any modern urban metropolitan area tolerate in its midst a group of buildings that are physically and socially inadequate (b) Can a minority group be permitted to reconstitute itself in a segregated community at a time when segregation is generally condemned in law and in fact (c) Are there solutions to the immediate problem which are just, and which will cause a modest, as contrasted with a massive, disruption of the families involved

(The Committee replied "No" to the first two questions and, in reply to the third question, indicated that there were **no** simple solutions at hand.)

(8) The objective facts about Africville are known. There is needed now an attitude or a view for social action.

(9) Africville must express its needs and negotiate. It should be established that persons who leave Africville and obtain housing must be given additional assistance to help them to make use of their new facilities, and that nobody who cannot pay rent will be evicted from public housing.

(10) Africville should not want to be the only community in North America deliberately seeking segregation.

(11) The public housing program must be big enough to take one Negro family for every four other families admitted.

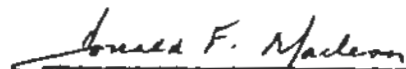
(12) Nobody should be moved unless it is perfectly clear where he is going. The Committee must continue to draw to the City's attention the fact that some people are now living rent-free. Question: Who now is going to pay the rent? Will the City guarantee that no-one will be evicted for non-payment of rent?

(13) The purpose of the Committee will be to interpret some of the things discussed at this meeting, and to make clear to people what their rights are. It will be important to see that action is not taken too quickly, but, rather, that things are done in terms of a clearly worked-out and stated program.

(14) The stated preference of Africville residents for single-unit family dwellings indicate clearly what is needed or wanted but has little reference to the realities of private or public housing costs. There is no such thing as low-cost housing, although there can be low-rental housing.

(15) The basic problem for many families is a lack of minimum wage.

(16) In Africville there are people who are not paying a shelter cost; therefore, some people will have to make a radical adjustment.



Donald F. MacIsen
Secretary

NOTES taken at an informal gathering held at the home of Lloyd Shaw, February 25, 1964, attended by : Lloyd Shaw, Donald F. Maclean, Rev. Charles Coleman, George Davis, John Horricks, H. A. J. Wadderburn.

1. Could we approach the real estate division of reputable trust companies (e.g., Herb Mosher of Eastern Trust) who could assist us by providing information about sound and available properties which would be possibilities for residents of Africville.
2. There might be several residents of Africville who could make a down-payment, but there will be problems of finding housing (outside the redevelopment area) for Negroes, even if they do have the money.
3. We must see that the right price for land and property is awarded in every case.
4. If the City wants land for industrial development or for private housing, this should make an important difference in the amount payable to Africville residents.
5. What can we do now to assure that the City will award the best possible amounts.?
6. George Davis' reference to a test case.
7. Mr. Vaughan's willingness to act as an appraiser (George Davis to be in touch with Mr. Vaughan.)
8. Meeting on March 24, 1964, with Orlikow.

Donald F. Maclean

HALIFAX HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEEMinutes of Meeting

Time: 8.35 p.m. - 10.50 p.m.

Date: May 14, 1964

Place: 5787 Oglivie St.
Halifax, N. S.

Present: Harry Carter, John Horricks, Mr. and Mrs.
Donald F. Maclean, Mrs. Leon Steed,
H. A. J. Wedderburn

The Minutes of Meeting, April 26, 1964, were adopted unanimously as read, with the following addition: "Mrs. Maclean, received the Committee's advice concerning procedures that might be taken in pursuing complaints of discrimination in hiring practices."

Mr. Horricks reported that Mr. Ian MacKeigan prefers to resign from the Committee, in view of heavy additional commitments that he has assumed in recent months. Mr. MacKeigan's resignation was accepted unanimously with regret by the Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Horricks, seconded by Mr. Carter, and agreed unanimously that the Secretary write to Committee members who have been habitually absent from Committee meetings and ask if they would prefer to withdraw from the Committee if they are unable to participate actively.

The Secretary read a letter, dated April 22, 1964, received in reply to a letter sent to R. L. Simmonds, Chairman, Housing Authority of Halifax, which set forth categories or conditions that constitute the Housing Authority's interpretation of "unsatisfactory tenancy" and commenting on tenants' right of appeal from decisions of the Housing Authority.

The Secretary read a letter, dated April 2, 1964, in reply to a letter sent to Mr. R. B. Grant, Development Officer, City of Halifax, which expressed the "... hope that the relationship between the City and the Committee would continue over the three-year relocation period."

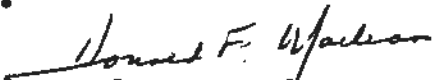
The Secretary reported that he had received information that Mr. Peter MacDonald, the social worker whom the City has engaged with reference to relocation of Africville citizens, will not assume his duties before June 1, 1964. The Committee

decided unanimously to write to Mr. MacDonald expressing pleasure with his appointment, restating the Committee's willingness to participate in the implementation of pertinent sections of the Rose Report, and inviting him to meet with the Committee soon after his arrival in Halifax.

The Secretary read a letter, dated April 23, 1964, in reply to a letter sent to W. S. Kennedy Jones, Chairman of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Human Rights, Province of Nova Scotia, in which the Advisory Committee was invited to make an appointment with the Secretary of the Inter-Departmental Committee with a view to receiving information about the former's activities and projects. The Committee agreed unanimously that Messrs. Wedderburn, Davis, ^{Colman} and Maclean, represent the Committee at such a meeting. ^

The Committee agreed unanimously to request Mr. George Davis to act as Committee Chairman during Mr. Wedderburn's absence during the summer months.

The Committee agreed unanimously to hold its next meeting on Tuesday evening, June 9, 1964.


Donald F. Maclean

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HALIFAX HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Time: 8.45 p.m. - 10.20 p.m.

Date: April 26, 1964

Place: Meeting Room
First Baptist Church
Halifax, N. S.

Present: Harry Carter, George Davis, Mr. and Mrs.
Donald F. Maclean, George Mantley, Lloyd
Shaw, Mrs. Leon Steed, H. A. J. Wedderburn
Visitors: Mrs. Peter Day, Mrs. Lorraine
Green

Chairman: H. A. J. Wedderburn

It was moved by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Steed, and agreed unanimously that the Minutes of Meeting, November 25, 1963, be approved as read.

It was moved by Deacon Mantley, seconded by Mr. Carter, and agreed unanimously that the Minutes of Meeting, January 24, 1964, be approved as read.

The Secretary read a letter, dated March 9, 1964, which he had sent to Mr. R. L. Simmonds, Chairman, Board of Directors, Housing Authority of Halifax, and Mr. Simmonds' reply, dated March 11, 1964, concerning the Authority's policy with reference to eviction of tenants. The Meeting directed the Secretary to request Mr. Simmonds to indicate (a) the categories or conditions that constitute the Housing Authority's interpretation of "unsatisfactory tenancy" and (b) the tenants' right of appeal from decisions of the Housing Authority.

The Committee directed the Secretary to enquire of the Hon. W. S. Kennedy, M.P., Chairman of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Human Rights, Province of Nova Scotia, if his Committee has taken steps, or has initiated projects, about which information is available to us.

The Committee directed the Secretary to restate, to Mr. Robert Grant, Development Officer, City of Halifax, the Committee's willingness to participate in the implementation of pertinent sections of the Rose Report, and to ask for information which would put the Committee in a position to

relate, and to interpret clearly, steps which the City may be now in the process of developing for early implementation of the Rose Report.

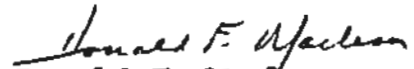
Mrs. Dey and Mrs. Green, whom the Chairman had introduced earlier to the meeting, explained that their YWCA Human Rights Committee had come into existence as a result of the Rose Report's recommendation that the redevelopment of Africville be regarded as a community effort, and that their Committee was concerned that anything which it might undertake would not be a duplication of the efforts of others or be needlessly at cross-purposes with them.

Mrs. Dey and Mrs. Green accepted the Committee's unanimous invitation that they become non-delegate members of the Committee.

The Committee decided unanimously, in response to a suggestion by Mr. Maclean, that Mr. J. A. Coombs, who had expressed interest in the Committee and its efforts, be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee.

Mr. Shaw reported that the City's welfare payments had increased recently by approximately fifty percent. The Secretary was directed to enquire the amount of the present and the previous payments and to find out how these payments compare with welfare payments disbursed in other Canadian cities.

The question was raised about how the Committee should undertake to be kept aware of compensation awarded for properties expropriated in Africville. Mr. Davis indicated that he would undertake to keep the Committee informed of developments that come to his attention.


Donald F. Maclean

HALIFAX HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Time: 8.35 p.m. - 10.10 p.m.

Date: June 9, 1964

Place: 5787 Ogilvie St.
Halifax, N. S.

Present: Harry Carter, Rev. Charles Coleman, J. A. Coombs, George Davis, Mrs. Peter Dey, Donald F. Maclean, George Mantley, Mrs. Wendell Colpitts, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Steed, Rev. A. W. Verrall; and Peter MacDonald and R. B. Grant

Chairman: George Davis

The Minutes of Meeting, May 14, 1964, were approved as read.

The Chairman welcomed, on behalf of the Committee, Mr. Robert Grant and Mr. Peter Mac Donald, City Hall.

Mr. Grant, in introducing Mr. MacDonald, (1) pointed out that Mr. MacDonald's arrival in Halifax was the latest step in the implementation of the Rose Report, (2) explained that a three-man Committee of City Council, composed of Councillors LeBlanc, Richard, and Haley, has been designated to deal with matters, as they arise, pertaining to the Rose Report and Africville, and (3) indicated that when, sometime within the next few weeks, a pattern of procedure has been developed, he and Mr. MacDonald will be in touch again with the Human Rights Advisory Committee. The Committee concluded that the procedure should be interpreted and discussed, at an early date, at a meeting in Africville.

Mr. Grant indicated that the following approach is intended: (1) To deal first with owners of property and to acquire the owners' interest in property; (2) to meet next the requirements of occupants who are not owners; and (3) to offer housing, to anyone being moved, in (a) public housing projects, and (b) units in Uniacke Square. By one arrangement a relocating citizen could obtain the total of the cash to which he would be entitled and then he would assume personal responsibility for relocating; on the other hand, he could receive part of the total of the cash to which he would be entitled, assistance in relocating (with regard to conveyance, furniture, etc.), and, later, a balance of cash.

Mr. Grant reported that some residents of Africville have

indicated already to the City that they want to settle their property and that the City is advising these residents to seek professional advice in order that they may feel confident, before settlement is reached, that their interests have been fully examined and acknowledged. Mr. Grant explained that when agreement is reached between the City and any individual resident, all areas of agreement will be committed to writing and assurance thus afforded that the City is bound to fulfil its commitments. Mr. Grant pointed out that the

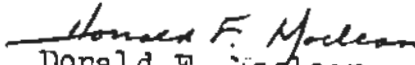
City's Council's Sub-Committee would be available to discuss, with the Human Rights Advisory Committee, any particular settlement. Mr. Grant stated that the Human Rights Advisory Committee would be desired to concur in every proposed decision of settlement with any individual and before the proposed decision is submitted formally to City Council for Council's ratification. Mr. Grant suggested that this arrangement would appear feasible, provided that the Human Rights Advisory Committee will have the time to spend on these matters and provided that residents of Africville consent that information about their affairs come before the Committee. Mr. Coleman emphasized the importance of Africville citizens being willing to co-operate in this way.

Mr. Grant explained that houses are being acquired now, in Uniacke Square, which will be retained, for at least seven years, and be replaced by new housing. People who will be located in the present houses will have a continuing right to be relocated later, at City expense, in the new housing. In reply to a question, Mr. Grant stated that the old city-owned, tenant-occupied, houses in Uniacke Square would be kept in repair.

Mr. Grant pointed out that Mr. MacDonald's term of service with the City will extend until six months after the end of 1966. If it should appear eventually that this period of time is inadequate, the Committee would be in a position to advise accordingly.

Mr. Grant indicated that Mr. MacDonald will have available to him expert advice about real estate, and that Africville citizens would be well advised to consider proceeding through Mr. MacDonald rather than through conventional real estate channels where humanitarian considerations may not be a dominant concern.

In response to questions, Mr. Grant indicated that he would enquire if arrangements, concerning water supply and road improvement in Africville, were being anticipated by City Hall.


Donald F. Maclean

HALIFAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTSMinutes of Meeting

Time: 7:30 p.m. - 9:40 p.m.

Date: Tuesday, July 2, 1964

Place: Cornwallis Street Baptist
Church Hall

Present: Harry Carter, Rev. Charles Coleman, George Davis, John Horricks, Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Maclean, George Mantley, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Steed; and Mr. Peter MacDonald, City Hall.

Acting Chairman: George Davis

It was moved by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Carter, and agreed unanimously that the Minutes of Meeting, June 9, 1964, be adopted as read.

Mr. MacDonald informed the Committee that Miss Iona Dixon, a resident of Africville, had indicated that she wants to dispose of a house in her possession in Africville and move into Mulgrave Park, and that, following an appraisal of the house, City Council's Sub-Committee had approved (a) that Miss Dixon be paid for the house \$500 in a succession of monthly installments, (b) that Miss Dixon be relocated at City expense, and (c) that the City waive payment of a \$1500 hospitable bill charged to Miss Dixon.

Mr. Coleman stated that, aware of Miss Dixon's approach to the City, he and an independent appraiser had examined Miss Dixon's house and had concluded that the City's proposed settlement is fair to Miss Dixon.

At Mr. MacDonald's invitation the Halifax Advisory Committee on Human Rights agreed unanimously to concur in the City's steps, as taken or indicated, with reference to Miss Dixon.

The Committee agreed unanimously that it would be important for Miss Dixon's sister and brothers to be aware that Miss Dixon was being paid for the house in which she has been living and not being paid for land on which the house is situated; and that it would be important for Africville residents to be aware that they should approach Mr.

MacDonald, rather than the Committee, to discuss details concerning ^{decided} settlement of specific properties.

Mr. Coleman informed the Committee that he had been advised that the value of expropriated real estate is deemed to be the value of the real estate the day before it is expropriated and that the intended future use of such real estate is not a factor in determining its value at the time of expropriation. Mr. Coleman expressed his view that, in reaching settlements, the City should take into account, in favour of the sellers, that certain municipal services have not been provided to Africville; that a relocation bonus should be accorded solely to claimants who are resident on expropriated property; and that legitimate claimants should be paid enough to enable them to relocate elsewhere in Halifax in dwellings commensurate with their financial situation.

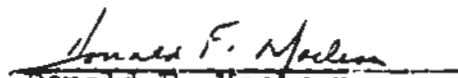
Mr. Coleman explained that any resident who wants an independent appraisal of property should approach him, for he is in a position to assist through an independent appraiser.

The Committee concurred unanimously in the view that the City has a right to decide how relocation money should be disbursed, for relocation money represents an amount beyond what the City is obligated legally to pay possessors of expropriated property.

Mr. MacDonald advised the Committee that an arrangement has been made whereby all welfare assistance to Africville residents would be disbursed, henceforth, through his office.

The Committee agreed unanimously to hold a public meeting in Africville, at 8:15 p.m., Thursday, August 6, 1964, for the purpose of explaining (a) the expropriation procedure that has been developed and (b) the assistance available through Mr. MacDonald and through the Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Horricks, seconded by Mrs. Steed, and agreed unanimously, that the meeting adjourn.


Donald F. Maclean
Secretary

HALIFAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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Minutes of Meeting

Time: 8:40 p.m. - 11:15 p.m.

Date: Thursday, September 10, 1964

Place: Cornwallis Street Baptist Church Hall

Present: Harry Carter, Rev. Charles Coleman,
Mrs. Peter Day, John Horricks, Peter MacDonald,
Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Maclean, George Mantley,
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Steed, Rev. A.W. Verrall,
H.A.J. Wedderburn.

Chairman: H.A.J. Wedderburn

The minutes of meeting, July 2, 1964, were approved as read.

Mr. MacDonald reported that he spends Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Church Hall, Africville, readily available to anyone who may want to confer with him. He gave a progress report of his work in Africville.

Mr. Wedderburn requested the Committee's acceptance of plans that he had conceived and, in part, had undertaken, to arrange a Conference for Human Rights Day 1964..

Mr. Wedderburn explained that, during a visit this summer to New York City, he had met Dr. Martin Luther King. Dr. King expressed a willingness to respond to an invitation to come to Halifax, provided that acceptance would not conflict with his continuing commitments in the United States. If Dr. King could not come to Halifax this year, stated Mr. Wedderburn, it is possible that Dr. J. Oscar Lee, a Director of the National Council of Churches, U.S.A., would be available.

Mr. Wedderburn proposed that the following organizations, and others, be invited to co-sponsor the Conference: the Halifax YMCA; the Halifax TWCA; the NSAACP; the Roman Catholic Charities Organization; the Dartmouth Junior Chamber of Commerce; the Institute of Public Affairs, Dalhousie University; the Halifax-Dartmouth District Labour Council; the Anglican Social Welfare Council; B'nai Brith; the Canadian Jewish Labour Congress; the Halifax Welfare Council; the Dartmouth Ministerial Association; the Halifax Council of Churches; the Nova Scotia Teachers Union; the Halifax Board of Trade; the Inter-Departmental Committee on Human Rights, Province of Nova Scotia.

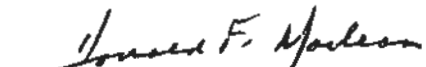
It was moved by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Dey, and agreed unanimously that the Committee arrange a Conference for Human Rights Day, 1964, and that Mr. Wedderburn's proposals be adopted in principle.

The Committee decided unanimously that the Conference Planning Committee consist, subject to acceptances, of H.A.J. Wedderburn (Chairman), Rev. Charles Coleman, John Horricks, F.R. Mackinnon, Donald F. Maclean, and Lloyd Shaw.

Mr. Wedderburn reported that secretarial assistance for the Conference would be available from Mrs. Joan Forshner, Dartmouth. Mr. Horricks indicated that secretarial assistance could be made available, also, from the office of the Halifax Welfare Council.

Mr. Maclean read a draft letter (to Mr. F.R. Mackinnon, Secretary, Inter-Departmental Committee on Human Rights, Province of Nova Scotia) which he had prepared in light of a discussion which representatives of the Committee (Messrs. Wedderburn, Coleman, Davis, Horricks, and Maclean) had had with Mr. Mackinnon in late June 1964.

The Committee agreed unanimously that the letter be sent to Mr. Mackinnon, and that a paragraph be added (a) asking Mr. Mackinnon's Committee to co-sponsor the proposed Conference and (b) inviting Mr. Mackinnon to become a member of the Conference Planning Committee.


Donald F. Maclean
Secretary

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HALIFAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Minutes of Meeting

Time: 8:40 p.m. - 11:15 p.m.

Date: Thursday, Sept. 17, 1964.

Place: Cornwallis Street Baptist Church Hall

Present: Harry Carter; Rev. Charles Coleman, Mrs. Peter Dey;
John Horricks, Peter MacDonald, Mr. & Mrs. Donald
Maclean; George Mantley; Mr. & Mrs. Leon Steed;
Rev. A.W. Verrall, H.A.J. Wedderburn.

Chairman: H. A. J. Wedderburn

The Minutes of Meeting, July 2, 1964, were approved as read.

Mr. MacDonald reported that he spends Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Church Hall, Africville, readily available to anyone who may want to confer with him. He informed the Committee of the following circumstances concerning residents of Africville:

- (1) Miss Iona Dixon is situated comfortably in Mulgrave Park, and she is satisfied with the arrangement to pay her in monthly installments.
- (2) Mrs. Teresa Dixon has a deed to property which already the City has appraised. The Committee agreed unanimously (a) that Mrs. Dixon should arrange for an independent appraisal; (b) that an appraisal could be arranged through the Committee; and (c) that Mr. Maclean, in consultation with Mrs. Steed, write to Mrs. Dixon's daughter, stating the circumstances and asking her to advise her mother and, if possible, visit Halifax for this purpose. (Mrs. Dixon has two sons, one in Toronto, the other in Montreal; her daughter lives in Toronto.)
- (3) Mr. Dan Izzard, 612 Chatham St., Montreal, has approached the City with an offer to sell three buildings in his possession (he does not have claim to land), for a total of \$800.00. The City is prepared to pay \$800.00, to waive a tax bill of \$13.00, to waive a hospital bill of \$216.00, and to assure alternate accommodation for the people living in Mr. Izzard's buildings. Mr. Coleman agreed to write to Mr. Izzard and to point out the Rose Report's recommendation, adopted by the City, concerning minimum payments for buildings.

- (4) Mrs. Annabelle Regis has offered to sell to the City a vacant house to which she has claim. Mrs. Regis proposes to live with Mrs. Carvery, the postmistress, until Mrs. Carvery is relocated. The committee concurred unanimously in the proposal that Mrs. Regis' house be appraised before a settlement is made, and that alternate accommodation be assured for Mrs. Regis and her son.
- (5) Mrs. Ethel Carvery's situation is substantially the same as that of Mrs. Annabell Regis. In response to a question, Mr. MacDonald made clear that he had advised Mrs. Regis, Mrs. Carvery, and others, to arrange for an independent appraisal of their properties, and that independent appraisals are available, without cost, through the Committee. The Committee urged Mr. MacDonald to continue this advice, even if it should incur apparent resentment. Mr. MacDonald was asked to let the Committee know of resentments expressed, so that members might attempt to support his efforts.
- (6) Mrs. Viola Carvery, now Mrs. Crawford, has acquired title to a property for which the City is in a position to offer \$4500. and, in addition, (a) to pay \$700.00 to Mr. Charles Crouse, who lives in a house owned by Mrs. Crawford; (b) to provide alternate accommodation for Mr. Crouse; and (c) to provide alternate accommodation for Mrs. Howe and her six children, who live in a house belonging to Mrs. Crawford. The Committee concurred unanimously in the proposed settlement.
- (7) Mrs. Anderson; her sister, Annie; and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Knight, have a claim to land and two houses. Mrs. Anderson approached the City in June 1964 and offered to settle for \$1,000. The City proposed to pay \$1,000 to Mrs. Anderson, \$500 to her sister, Annie, and \$500 to Mrs. Knight. The City proposed further: (a) to pay \$1,000, with provision of alternate accommodation, to Hazel Cassidy, who has clear association with the property; and, (b) to pay \$1,000, with provision of alternate accommodation, to Clarence Brown, who has a share in the land and who, with his children, occupies one of the houses. The particulars of the situation appeared unusually complex to the Committee, and the Committee decided unanimously that, since the interests of a number of people are involved, more than one type of reasonable settlement may well be possible, and that, before expressing advice, the Committee seek an opinion from Mr. George Davis.

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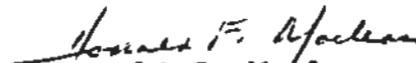
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Donald F. Maclean.

Secretary

November 17, 1964

A meeting of the Hfx Human Rights Comm. was held at Seaview Baptist Church, Tues., November 17, with approx. 12 residents of Africville present.

Chairman Gus Wedderburn. Also present Fran Maclean, Peter MacDonald, Janet Dey and Mr. Brodie.

The sub-comm. of the H. Rights Comm. proposed at last meeting:

It is to be composed of Gus Wedderburn, Peter MacDonald, and Rev. Charles Coleman. Will meet in Africville with interested residents as often as necessary, but at least once a month.

The first meeting of this committee is planned for Tuesday, December 2, after the prayer service at 9:00.

The housing question was brogught up - the complaint is that people are being moved out without being offered other residence - or are offered future-condemned residence. Suggestion made to build houses and allow downpayments or rents towards future ownership.

Mrs. Sparks upset that values of property not being given, therefore no chance of buying homes or building. She did say though that she has not been made an offer yet and that she does not know what other settlements have amounted to.

Peter MacD. reported that there have been 5 settlements. No one is pushed into selling, or buying other property.

Mr. Carter brought our attention to the Appreciation Act. Copies can be had from Fred MacKinnon. The Comm. will study it.

The ladies emphasized that they want to discuss HOMES.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00.

HALIFAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Time: 8.40 P.M. - 11.10 P.M.
Date: January 19, 1965
Place: 5787 Ogilvie St., Halifax, N. S.
Present: Harry Carter, George Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Maclean, Peter MacDonald, H. A. J. Wedderburn
Chairman: H. A. J. Wedderburn

The Minutes of the Committee's meeting held at the Seaview Baptist Church, November 17, 1964, were read by the Chairman. The Minutes were approved after being corrected by the addition of the names of Harry Carter and Mrs. Leon Steed to the names of those present.

Mr. Peter Macdonald indicated, in response to a request by the Chairman, that he would endeavour to obtain twelve copies of a recent Newfoundland Act dealing with housing co-operatives.

The Chairman read notes of a meeting held at City Hall on December 1: (1) The City has accepted an arrangement whereby it will pay legal fees in behalf of Africville residents who require and request legal services related to negotiations about their properties. (2) Announcement was made about an arrangement whereby Mr. Steed would be enabled to acquire a house provided that he obtain a mortgage for a stated part of the value of the houses. Mr. and Mrs. Steed would have a life-interest in the estate, and subsequently their heirs and the City have respectively, a half-interest.

The Chairman reported that recent resolutions concerning Africville would be forwarded to the Human Rights Advisory as soon as the resolutions become available.

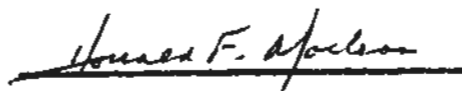
The Committee reviewed its present position in the following terms: The Committee and a Sub-Committee of City Council is to develop jointly a policy on Africville which will require eventual acceptance by City Council. The members of the Sub-Committee are Aldermen O'Brien, Richards, Connolly. It was moved by Mrs. Maclean and seconded by Mr. Steed that Messrs George Davis, H. A. J. Wedderburn, and the Rev. Charles Coleman be the three representatives of our Committee to meet regularly with the Sub-Committee of City Council.

The present arrangement is that (1) every case of property settlement goes before the Sub-Committee of City Council, unless the resident(s) directly concerned requests that his case be not considered by the Committee; (2) the Sub-Committee reports to the Finance Committee of City Council; and (3) the Finance Committee recommends to City Council.

It was decided that the Committee consider further whether it should recommend to City Council that a resident receive "a home for a home" provided (a) that he has enough cash to pay up to X% of the purchase price of another home and (b) that the City retain a 50% survivorship interest in the home.

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Donald P. Maclean
Secretary

HALIFAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Time: 8.30 P.M. - 11.15 P.M.
Date: January 19, 1965
Place: 5787 Ogilvie St., Halifax, N. S.
Present: Harry Carter, George Davis, Mr. and Mrs.
Donald F. Maclean, Peter MacDonald,
H. A. J. Wedderburn
Chairman: H. A. J. Wedderburn

The Minutes of the Committee's meeting held at the Seaview Baptist Church, November 17, 1964, were read by the Chairman. The Minutes were approved after being corrected by the addition of the names of Harry Carter and Mrs. Leon Steed to the names of those present.

Mr. Peter Macdonald indicated, in response to a request by the Chairman, that he would endeavour to obtain twelve copies of a recent Neweundland Act dealing with housing co-operatives.

The Chairman read notes of a meeting held at City Hall on December 1: (1) The City has accepted an arrangement whereby it will pay legal fees in behalf of Africville residents who require and request legal services related to negotiations about their properties. (2) Announcement was made about an arrangement whereby Mr. Steed would be enabled to acquire a house provided that he obtain a mortgage for a stated part of the value of the houses. Mr. and Mrs. Steed would have a life-interest in the estate, and subsequently their heirs and the City have respectively, a half-interest.

The Chairman reported that recent resolutions concerning Africville would be forwarded to the Human Rights Advisory as soon as the resolutions become available.

The Committee reviewed its present position in the following terms: The Committee and a Sub-Committee of City Council is to develop jointly a policy on Africville which will require eventual acceptance by City Council. The members of the Sub-Committee are Aldermen O'Brien, Richards, Connolly. It was moved by Mrs. Maclean and seconded by Mr. Steed that Messrs George Davis, H. A. J. Wedderburn, and the Rev. Charles Coleman be the three representatives of our Committee to meet regularly with the Sub-Committee of City Council.

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HALIFAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Minutes of Meeting

Time: 8:20 P. M. - 11:15 P. M.

Date: March 17, 1965

Place: 5787 Ogilvie St., Halifax, N. S.

Present: F. C. Brodie, Harry Carter, Rev. Charles Coleman, Mrs. Wendell Colpitts, George Davis, Dr. Gordon Hatcher, Peter MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. MacLean, Rev. A. W. Verrall, Mrs. L. Webber, H. A. J. Wedderburn

Chairman: H. A. J. Wedderburn

The minutes of meeting, January 19, 1965, were approved as read.

The committee discussed a recent article on Africville which had appeared in the Halifax Mail-Star. An inappropriate headline, the choice of accompanying pictures, and needless identification of Africville residents received criticism. It was reported to the Committee that the writer of the article was not responsible personally for these matters and that she had indicated her willingness to meet with the Committee for the purpose of explaining her intentions in writing the article.

The Committee concluded that it should clarify misconceptions about Africville and the relocation program. Dr. Hatcher and Mrs. Colpitts agreed to give thought to steps which the Committee might usefully take and to report to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee concluded that:

- (1) The processing of Africville properties is being impeded by the reluctance of claimants to settle for what they deem to be low-value offers for their properties.
- (2) The Committee should request a report from City Council's Sub-Committee on Africville, of the Sub-Committee's decisions and actions to date.
- (3) A target-date should be designated for each of several stages in the Africville relocation program.
- (4) Africville residents require a rehabilitation program with comprehensive provision for job training and job placement.
- (5) Further attention should be given to the possibility of developing a co-operative housing program for Africville residents.

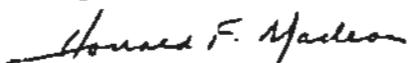
(5) The City should take early steps to provide Africville with an adequate supply of safe water, especially in view of present contamination hazards. Mrs. Colpitts indicated that she would ask the next meeting of the Halifax Council of Women if it would forward to City Council a request; (1) that City Council develop a means of providing Africville with an adequate supply of safe water for as long as Africville is inhabited and (2) that the City defer with residents of Africville in the process of deciding upon appropriate action.

Mr. MacDonald reported that since the last meeting of the Committee; (1) several settlements with residents of Africville either have been completed or are in process, (2) three men have been assisted to find employment, (3) City Council had agreed to provide welfare payments (contrary to the usual practice) to residents of Africville who are recipients of old-age assistance or of pensions for the blind, (4) the City is providing household furniture to the relocating citizens who require it, and (5) the City Engineer had submitted to the City Manager a recommendation concerning the provision of water to Africville.

Mr. Carter reported the situation of a man living in Africville who requires a low-interest or interest-free loan to enable him to acquire a property elsewhere in Halifax. It was moved by Dr. Hatcher, seconded by Mrs. Maclean, and carried that (1) a real estate committee be set up to advise people about available properties and suitable terms of purchase, (2) the following persons be asked to serve on the Committee: H. A. J. Wedderburn, Peter MacDonald, H. K. Noshier, L. Webber, Allan O'Brien, and (3) the real estate committee arrange at once to meet with the man named by Mr. Carter.

The Committee decided; in view of the fact that City Council's Sub-Committee on Africville does not meet regularly, that (1) the Human Rights Advisory Committee representatives on the Sub-Committee seek an early meeting of the Sub-Committee and (2) the Secretary of the Human Rights Advisory Committee prepare an agenda for the meeting.

Mr. Carter reported that attendance at the adult evening class organized for Africville residents has decreased from thirteen to four. Mr. Wedderburn indicated that he would discuss the situation with the instructor and members of the class and report to the next meeting of the Committee.


Donald F. Maclean
Secretary

Minutes of Meeting

Time: 8:20 p.m. - 10:15 p.m.

Date: September 20, 1965.

Place: Halifax Y.C.A.

Present: Rev. Charles Coleman, Rev. Russell Elliott,
Peter Macdonald, Mr. & Mrs. Donald F. Maclean,
Leon Steed, H.A.J. Wedderburn;
Visitor: Miss Phyllis Blakelev.

Chairman: H.A.J. Wedderburn

The minutes of meeting, June 8, 1965, were approved as read.

Mr. Macdonald reported that night classes, open to residents of Africville, will resume (on Sept. 27) at the Bloomfield Junior High School.

The meeting decided, in view of the small attendance at meetings held at Africville in June, to hold in Africville a meeting on either Wednesday or Thursday of the first opportune week, and to follow the arrangements (with reference to chairmanship and agenda) set forth in the Minutes of Meeting, June 8, 1965.

Mr. Macdonald reported that City Council's Sub-Committee on Africville will meet next on the afternoon of September 27, and that, to date, thirteen property settlements have been completed in Africville. He reported, also, that a number of people were not following offered advice about suitable relocation accommodation, but that the assistance of a student at the Maritime School of Social Work, who will be committed to this matter two and one-half days per week this year, will be of great assistance.

The meeting decided (1) to invite Mr. C.W. MacAllister, and Mr. Arthur Manley, who are associated with the Housing Authority controlling Mulgrave Park, to attend a meeting of the Committee in order to discuss points related to situations known to the Committee; and (2) to decide at the Committee's next meeting the date for which the invitation would be extended.

Mr. Steed and Mr. Macdonald reported that there was little apparent interest in Africville in the development of a co-operative housing project, for a minimum of four families, on land which the City has intimated it would make available.

The Committee decided to ask Mr. George Grant, Vice-President of the Nova Scotia Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, to become a member of the Committee.

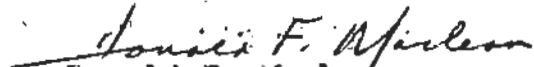
Mrs. Maclean reported that she was expecting soon to hear, from Miss Marjorie Cook, about circumstances related to this year's auxiliary primary class at Richmond School.

The Committee decided to meet regularly at 8:15 p.m., on the first Thursday of every month, and to consider at its next meeting the following questions: (1) Where does the Committee stand at the present time?; (2) Where should the Committee go from here?

(OVER)

Minutes of Meeting, Sept. 20

The Committee decided, following a suggestion of Mr. Elliott, that it discuss at its next meeting the possibility of organizing a Conference (or of taking other steps) to bring into being a Human Rights Commission.


Donald F. Maclean,
Secretary.

HALIFAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTSMinutes of Meeting

Time: 8:45 p.m. - 10.05 p.m.
 Date: November 3, 1965
 Place: 2170 Armcrescent East
 Halifax, N. S.
 Present: F. C. Brodie, Peter MacDonald, Donald F. Maclean, George Rawlyk, Mrs. Arnold Webber, H. A. J. Wedderburn
 Chairman: H. A. J. Wedderburn

The Minutes of Meeting, October 14, 1965, were approved as read.

The Chairman reported that he had chaired a public meeting in Africville, on the evening of October 16, 1965, which decided to send representatives to meet with City Council's Sub-Committee on Africville for the purpose of arranging provision of certain City services to Africville. The meeting with the Sub-Committee was held on October 20, 1965, at which time the following motions were passed:

- "(1) MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Reverend C. Coleman, that garbage collection be put into effect on Friday, October 29th, and that the residents purchase the necessary containers. Motion passed.
- "(2) MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Reverend C. Coleman, that the streets named be included in the regular street plowing routine for the City of Halifax. Motion passed.
- "(3) MOVED by Reverend C. Coleman, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that Item No. 2 be referred to the Commissioner of Works to prepare a report for processing through the Committee on Works and advise -
 1. whether or not official street lines were laid down on this street, and
 2. whether or not it has been accepted as a City street.
 Motion passed."

Mr. MacDonald reported (1) that the City has undertaken to provide a pump shed to prevent freezing of the Africville community pump, and (2) that further progress is being made in relocating residents of Africville.

The Committee discussed whether it might undertake to

establish mutually satisfactory communication between relocated Africville residents and their new neighbours. The Committee decided that if a specific problem should arise, it would give further attention to this matter.

The Committee discussed whether it might assist relocated Africville housewives to make the best use of improved housekeeping facilities. It was pointed out that assistance is unnecessary, for most Africville housewives already have had experience, in their own homes or elsewhere, which would make unnecessary this kind of assistance.

Mr. Wedderburn pointed out that the following committee has been organized to make all arrangements for a program, to observe Human Rights Day, at 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m., Thursday, December 9, 1965: Mrs. Bernard Sheffman (Chairman), Rev. Russell Elliott, Donald F. Maclean, Mrs. Arnold Webber, and H. A. J. Wedderburn. Mr. Wedderburn reported that the committee will arrange sponsorship similar to the sponsorship arranged for the 1964 Human Rights Conference, and that Mr. Lloyd R. Shaw has agreed to act as Conference Chairman.

Mr. Wedderburn indicated that the following format forms the basis of program planning for the Conference:

- 7:00 - 7:30 - Registration (with name tags)
- 7:30 - 8:00 - Statement by the Chairman
- 8:00 - 8:45 - Reports, from participating groups and organizations
- 8:45 - 9:00 - Coffee
- 9:00 - 10:30 - Panel, followed by plenary discussion

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Secretary

Minutes of Meeting - November 15, 1965

Plans for proposed Human Rights Conference.

Chairman: H. A. J. Wedderburn

Present: Mr. and Mrs. Don MacLean, Edmund Morris. Joan Forshner

Place: Home of Mr. MacLean

This was an informal meeting to discuss plans for the conference. The following was decided:

- Date of Conference: Thursday, Dec. 9, 1965
- Place: Room, 21, Dalhousie- Arts and Administration Bldg.
- Time: Registration 7:00, Opening of Conference 7:30 p.m.
- Theme: WORKING TOGETHER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
- Speaker and Consultant: Mr. Leon Glassco, Winnipeg.

Mr. Edmund Morris is taking the place of Jack MacAndrew, Publicity chairman, who has been transferred to Charlottetown.

Mrs. Jean Murphy will help the secretary, Joan Forshner with her paper work at busy times, and whenever possible.

It was decided that one full evening be spent on the Conference rather than an afternoon and evening. Letters to all organizations with committees working in the interest of Human Rights, approximately twenty-five, will be sent at once, asking for full reports on their work over the past year. These will be read by the Consultant, Mr. Glassco, before the evening of the Conference so that a clear picture of Human Rights in Nova Scotia may be presented to him, and discussion will be planned around these reports. It is also hoped to have copies of each report made available to all attending.

Mr. Glassco is expected to visit the City a few days before the Conference in order to visit the outlying communities and talk with the residents.

The purpose of the Program this year is:

- To bring together all organizations working with negroes
- To have a greater awareness of what others are doing,
- to be done through the speaker and panel discussion,
- to answer the question, "Would you gain in strength by working with other organizations?"

The chairman, Mr. Wedderburn expressed the hope that from the Conference all organizations could meet as one group, to be always aware of what all are doing. (about 3 times a year)

Mr. Morris suggested that from the Conference it might be agreed that a mimeographed form be sent to each organization at 3 month intervals, a one page summary of the work of each group.

The next meeting will be held November 29th.

Mrs. MacLean served delicious squares and coffee during the meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

Jean Murphy
Asst. Secretary

Nov. 17, 1965

HALIFAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Minutes of Meeting

Date: December 20, 1965
Place: Halifax YMCA *Harry Carter*
Present: Father Colin Campbell, Mrs. Wendell Colpitts,
 George Davis, Rev. Russell Elliott, Dennis
 Grant, Dr. Gordon Hatcher, Mr. and Mrs. Donald
 F. Maclean, Rev. Dr. W. P. Oliver, Professor
 George Rawlyk, Leon Steed, Rev. Arthur Verrall,
 Mrs. Peter Dey; Visitors; Mr. Joseph Williams,
 Mrs. Byers, Mr. George Williams, Mrs. Morris.
Chairman: Mr. George Davis

This meeting was called to consider the Committee's position with reference to the recent death of Mrs. Joseph Williams, Africville. Present by invitation were the Husband of the late Mrs. Williams; Mrs. Williams' mother, *Mrs. Byers* and Mrs. Morris. Mr. Williams (and later in the meeting, Mrs. Byers) described the circumstances of the late Mrs. Williams' death, and their dissatisfaction with medical services rendered to Mrs. Williams.

It was moved by Father Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Donald F. Maclean, and agreed unanimously, that the Committee write to the Halifax Medical Society (a) to enquire whether members of the Society are willing to make house-calls to Africville, and (b) to request that the Society undertake to study the entire problem of emergency medical services for people living, without family doctors, within the area served by the Society's members.

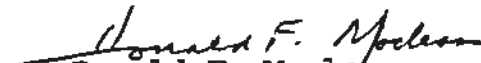
It was moved by Father Campbell, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Oliver, and agreed (with one dissenting vote) that, inasmuch as there is considerable confusion about the facts related to the circumstances of the late Mrs. Williams' death, and to the causation of her death, the Committee request the Attorney General of Nova Scotia to initiate an enquiry to determine the facts. To this motion Mr. Williams and Mrs. Byers expressed their assent.

The Committee accepted unanimously that Mr. George Davis and Mr. Dennis Grant will proceed, in consultation with Mr. Williams and Mrs. Byers, with the formulation and presentation of this request to the Attorney General.

It was moved by Professor Rawlvk, seconded by Dr. Hatcher, and agreed unanimously (a) that the Committee sympathizes with Mrs. Byers, Mr. Williams and his family, in the death of Mrs. Williams, (b) that the Committee urge that adequate medical services be provided to Africville, and (c) that the substance of the present motion, plus that of the motion concerning the sending of a letter to the Halifax Medical Society, be released to the communications media.

It was moved by Father Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Peter Dey, and agreed unanimously that the Committee (a) determine whether, as reported, Alderman Doyle has announced that he is undertaking to act as receiver for public contributions to assist the family of the late Mrs. Williams, and (b) if the report be correct, that the Committee give further publicity to Alderman Doyle's announcement.

Mr. Harry Carter presented to the meeting an anonymous threatening letter that he had received concerning his intention to move to the community of Hammonds Plains. It was decided unanimously that the President and Secretary of the Committee confer with Mr. Carter and assist in the taking of appropriate action with the press, the R.C.M.P., and the Halifax Post Office.


Donald F. Maclean
Secretary

HALIFAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Minutes of Meeting

Date: January 25, 1966
Place: Halifax YMCA
Present: George Davis, Peter MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Maclean, Edmund Morris, Mrs. Fred Murphy, Rev. A. W. Verrall, H.A.J. Wedderburn
Chairmen: First part of meeting: George Davis; Second part of meeting: H. A. J. Wedderburn

4 The Minutes of Meeting, December 10, 1966, were approved in read.

The Secretary read a copy of a letter that he had written (at the direction of the Committee's meeting held on December 10, 1965) to Dr. J. H. Charman, President, Halifax Medical Society, and reported that the letter had not been acknowledged. The Secretary reported that he had written a second letter to Dr. Charman. The meeting directed the Secretary to enquire into the Society's position with regard to the letters.

Mr. Davis reported that he had acted, on behalf of Mr. Joseph Williams, with reference to a magisterial inquiry about the death of the late Mrs. Joseph Williams, Africville, which was held on the afternoon of January 26, 1966, in the Halifax City Court. Mr. Davis indicated that he would report further to the Committee, when the magistrate's decision has been announced.

The Secretary reported a complaint submitted to him by the employer of a woman whose husband alleges that recently he was treated unfairly by an officer of the RCMP. Mr. Wedderburn reported that several law students had expressed to him their willingness to assist the Committee and, in light of this information, the Committee instructed the Secretary to communicate that, if the offended man wished, a law student (acting on behalf of the Committee) would be available to discuss with him his grievance.

Mr. Morris reported to the Committee his belief that Alderman Moir had been misquoted in "The Slow and Welome Death of Africville", an article by Sylvia Fraser, which appeared in the Star Weekly, January 1, 1966. In view of the fact that Alderman Moir has expressed a widely publicized denial of the implication of remarks attributed to him, the Committee decided that its attention to this matter is not required.

Mr. MacDonald reported recent progress with reference to the Africville relocation program.

The Committee requested one of its members to ask the Rev. Charles Coleman if he would counsel a resident of Africville, mentioned to the Committee, who appears to require advice at this time.

It was moved by ^{Mr.} Davis, seconded by Mr. Morris, and agreed unanimously, that the meeting adjourn.

The Secretary reported that he had conferred with Mr. Harry Carter concerning the anonymous threatening letter that Mr. Carter had brought to the Committee's attention at its meeting on ~~December~~ 10, 1965. The matter was publicized in an interview that Mr. Carter had, with Mr. Joe King, on CJCH-Television; brought to the attention of the Halifax Post Office, which explained that it was not in a position to act, for the threatening statements did not appear on the envelope of the letter; and with the RCMP, which conducted an investigation, but was unable to identify the source of the letter.

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HALIFAX HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

*Visitors Mr. Carl Holmer
and*

Hour: 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Date: February 17, 1966
Place: Halifax YMCA
Present: Mr. Harry Carter, Mr. Peter MacDonald,
 Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Maclean, Mrs. Fred
 Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Steed, Rev. Arthur
Chairman: Verrall, and H. A. J. Wedderburn
 H. A. J. Wedderburn

The Minutes of Meeting, January 25, 1966, were approved as read.

Mr. Carter reported that the RCMP had acted with reference to the anonymous threatening letter that he had submitted to the Committee's meeting on December 10, 1965, and that a plea would be entered in Halifax County Court on February 18, 1966.

Mr. *Carl Holmer*, a law student at Dalhousie University, explained that he and several of his associates were prepared to assist the Nova Scotia Association for the Advancement of Coloured People by undertaking to assess complaints that might be brought to them concerning alleged violations of human rights legislation, by making informal enquiries and assisting aggrieved persons to take further action, and by using every appropriate opportunity to interpret apparent injustices and to correct actual injustices.

Mr. *Holmer* reported with reference to the complaint (which the Secretary had brought to the attention of the Committee's meeting on January 25, 1966) of a man who alleged that he had been treated unfairly by an officer of the RCMP. Mr. *Holmer* stated that the man had decided that he did not wish to pursue the matter further.

The Chairman reported that the magistrate inquiring into the death of the late Mrs. Joseph Williams, Africville, had concluded that criminal negligence had not been a factor in Mrs. Williams' death.

The Secretary read a copy of (a) a letter that he had written (at the direction of the Committee's meeting held on December 10, 1965) to Dr. J. H. Charman, President, Halifax Medical Society; (b) a further letter, January 24, 1966, to prompt a reply; and (c) Dr. Charman's reply, January 26, 1966. Dr. Charman's letter did not indicate that the Halifax Medical Society would undertake at this time, as requested by the Committee, to study the entire problem of emergency medical services for people living, without family doctors, within the entire area served by the Society's members. It was moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Carter, and agreed unanimously that the Secretary write, for further advice and assistance, to the General Secretary of the Canadian Medical Association. The Chairman indicated that he would seek advice informally, from Mr. David Orlikow and Mr.

Alan Borovoy, about how the Committee might constructively proceed further in this matter.

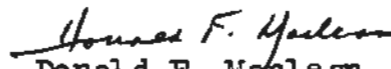
The Committee discussed reported unrest in the relationship between Negro and white families living at Hammonds Plains. The Rev. Mr. Verrall indicated that he would confer with the Rev. Mr. Armstrong, Hammonds Plains, and Mr. Wedderburn indicated that he would confer with the Rev. Messrs. Tanton and Elliott, and report at the Committee's next meeting the result of discussions.

The Committee discussed the present circumstances of the family of Mr. Joseph Williams, Africville. Mr. MacDonald was requested unanimously to indicate to the Children's Aid Society that the Committee would be willing to consider assisting the Society in whatever steps it may decide to take.

Mr. MacDonald reported recent progress with reference to the Africville relocation program and indicated that, since the Committee's meeting on January 25, ten additional families either had begun, or had indicated their intention to begin, negotiation of property settlements with the City of Halifax.

Reference was made to property arrangements affecting Mr. and Mrs. Leon Steed. Mr. MacDonald reported that the matter had been placed on the agenda for the next meeting of City Council's Sub-Committee on Africville.

Mr. MacDonald reported that the adult education class arranged for residents of Africville had been discontinued through inattendance, by all but one person, and apparent lack of interest.


Donald F. Maclean
Secretary

HALIFAX HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Hour: 4:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
 Date: May 7, 1966
 Place: Halifax YMCA
Present: A. Alan Borovoy, Rev. Wrenfred Bryant, Mrs. Wendell Colipotts,
 Rocky Jones, Peter MacDonald, Donald F. Maclean, Miss Sandra
 Paris, George A. Rawlyk, Lloyd R. Shaw, Leon Steed, Miss
 Betty Upshaw, H. A. J. Wedderburn
Chairman: H. A. J. Wedderburn

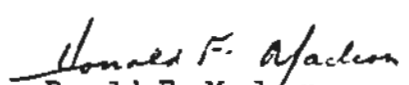
Mr. Borovoy commented, at the Chairman's request, about a brief that had been presented, to the Town of Kenora, by approximately 400 Indians living in the Kenora area. As a result of the brief, a Mayor's Committee to promote Indian employment opportunities was set up. Employment has improved and other services (telephone service, for example) have been provided.

Miss Paris reported that a small group from the Halifax Interracial Council had travelled recently, by invitation, to a meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Second Baptist Church, New Glasgow, at which was considered the possibility of setting up a New Glasgow Interracial Council or its equivalent. Miss Paris reported that Negro high school students and qualified Negroes seeking employment in New Glasgow shops, offices, and banks have not been able to receive their fair share of employment.

Mr. Borovoy indicated that he would give Mr. Wedderburn a list of the kinds of information which, if obtained from the Negro community in New Glasgow, might well be useful to the development of a plan for improvement.

Mr. Borovoy, ~~indicated that he would give M~~ in reply to a question, intimated that he would consider an invitation to go to the New Glasgow area, if he were invited by New Glasgow people to visit them as a human rights worker; it would be understood that decisions made or actions taken would be those which would arise from discussion and not be the result of recommendations by him. It was agreed that investigation is essential before it would be worthwhile for the Committee to consider any further steps and that, as one step, it would be important to isolate instances of anti-Negro discrimination.

The question was raised, without an answer being reached, whether it would be possible for the Company of Young Canadians to be associated with needs in New Glasgow and whether, through their involvement, in some way Mr. Borovoy could be related, as a resource person, to the New Glasgow situation. Mr. Borovoy suggested that anyone being related to the situation should be expected to make at least three visits to New Glasgow, in order to assure a reasonably worthwhile effort.


 Donald F. Maclean
 Secretary

HALIFAX HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Hour: 8:30 p.m. - 10:10 p.m.
Date: August 23, 1966
Place: Halifax YMCA
Present: George Davis, Rabbi Deitcher, Peter MacDonald,
Donald F. Maclean
Chairman: George Davis

The Minutes of Meeting, May 7, 1966, were approved as read.

It was decided to recommend to the next meeting of the Committee: (1) that the Maritime School of Social Work be requested to undertake a study, pertaining to the provision of emergency medical services for families without a family doctor, similar to the request that the Committee submitted, without effect, to the Halifax Medical Society; and (2) that a program and policy be established by which the City of Halifax would provide guidance, after Africville residents have been relocated, for a period of at least six months or a year. It was considered that guidance might usefully be available, for instance, when five-year mortgage refinancing takes place.

Mr. MacDonald reported that, of the approximately 75 families in Africville, 31 have been relocated; 13 have agreed to relocation when acceptable accommodation becomes available; 18 are in active negotiations; 13 have not begun the relocation process. Two basic problems, Mr. MacDonald reported, are: (1) finding alternate accommodation suitable to meet a given family's needs (e. g., many people want to remain in the north end of the city); and (2) the unrealistic asking price of some properties situated in Africville.

It was reported to the Committee that one relocated citizen has requested money to purchase furniture, which money would be additional to \$500 received already for furniture and regarded mutually as a satisfactory and adequate amount at the time of settlement. The Committee concluded that it would not be feasible to recommend that additional furniture money be provided, for if all relocated citizens were given the option of renegotiation, settlements would be inconclusive and the relocation process would become virtually interminable.

Mr. MacDonald reported that City Council's Sub-Committee on Africville will meet next Tuesday, August 30.

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HALIFAX HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Time: 8:20 p.m. - 11:20 p.m.

Date: November 9, 1966

Place: 2953 Winston Place
Halifax, N. S.

Chairman: H. A. J. Wedderburn

Present: Mrs. Arnold Webber, Mrs. Bernard Sheffman, Miss Pat Ross, Cecil Johnson, Dennis Grant, Peter MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Maclean, H. A. J. Wedderburn, Ed. Newall, Edmund Morris, Rocky Jones, Rabbi Deitcher, Rev. A. W. Verrall, Rev. W. Bryant

The Minutes of Meeting, November 1, were approved as read.

Mr. Morris reported that he, Mr. Wedderburn, and Mr. Maclean had called upon Mr. Justice L. D. Gurrrie, who had accepted an invitation, extended on behalf of the Committee, to preside as chairman of the Sunday afternoon session of the 1966 Human Rights Conference, December 4.

After considerable discussion, the Committee decided that it would not undertake to invite Stokely Carmichael, Chairman of SNCC, to address the Conference.

The Committee requested Mr. Wedderburn to ask Mr. Lloyd R. Shaw to chair a Nominating Committee to present, at the forthcoming Conference, a slate of officers for the proposed provincial organization. The Committee decided that the Nominating Committee consist of Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Sheffman, Mrs. Maclean, Mr. MacDonald, and Mr. Wedderburn.

Mr. MacDonald reported that, in an effort to identify a source of furniture for relocated Africville residents desiring furniture in excess of what they were enabled to acquire as a result of property-settlement, he discovered that the Army Benevolent Fund was not a source.

It was decided to indicate in pre-Conference announcements that a registration fee of one dollar per person, to defray conference expenses, would entitle registrants to vote in the election of an executive for the new provincial organization.

The Committee requested Mrs. Maclean to convene a Publicity Committee, whose members would include Stan Fitzner, Mrs. Maclean, Mrs. Colitts, Miss Sheila Urquhart, Dennis Grant.

Donald F. Maclean

HALIFAX HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Time: 8:20 p.m. -- 10:00 p.m.

Date: January 23, 1967

Place: Halifax YMCA, South Park St., Halifax, N.S.

Chairman: H.A.J. Wedderburn

Present: Mrs. Wendell Colpitts, The Hon. Mr. Justice Gordon L. Cowan, Mr. Peter MacDonald, Mr. Donald F. Maclean, Mr. Edmund Morris, Mrs. Bernard Sheffman, Mr. Leon Steed, Mr. H.A.J. Wedderburn.

The Minutes of Meeting, November 9, 1966, were approved as read.

Mr. Wedderburn reported that he had spoken and written to the Hon. Chief Justice L.D. Currie, to express the Committee's appreciation of his chairmanship of the 1966 Human Rights Conference.

Mr. MacDonald reported that, of 79 families resident in Africville at the beginning of the Relocation Program, 49 have been relocated and 14 are in negotiation. He reported, also, that legal advice, and welfare assistance would be available, through the City, after the Relocation period expires officially late next spring.

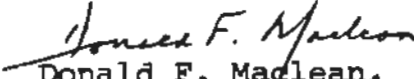
The Committee decided that, although its efforts have been confined almost exclusively to the Africville Relocation Program, there are problems to which the Committee can address itself appropriately when that Program has been concluded.

The Secretary was requested to ask each member of the Committee, prior to the Committee's next meeting, if he will be available to serve as a member during the next twelve months.

The Chairman welcomed a visitor to the meeting, The Hon. Mr. Justice Gordon S. Cowan, Chairman of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Committee.

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Mr. Wedderburn conveyed to The Hon. Mr. Justice Cowan a list of suggestions for the attention of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Committee at its first or subsequent meetings.


Donald F. Maclean,
Secretary

HALIFAX HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Time: 8:15 p.m. - 10:20 p.m.

Date: April 13, 1967

Place: Halifax YMCA

Chairman: H. A. J. Wedderburn

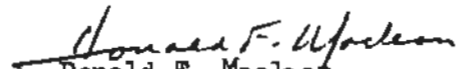
Present: Harry Carter, Rev. Russell Elliott, Peter MacDonald,
Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Maclean, Ed Newell, H. A. J. Wedderburn

The Minutes of Meeting, January 23, 1967, were approved as read.

The Minutes of the inaugural meeting of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Committee, February 19, 1967, were read for the information of all present.

Mr. MacDonald reported progress being made in the Africville redevelopment program. He indicated that ten families who own property have declined to dispose of their properties and to take part in the relocation program. Mr. MacDonald explained that he would be reporting on this matter at the next meeting of City Council's Subcommittee on Africville. The present Committee requested Mr. MacDonald to explore the desirability and feasibility of the Committee's undertaking to hold a meeting, in Africville, with the ten families, for the purpose of encouraging them to respond to the City's proposal concerning their removal.

The Committee decided to give full consideration at its next meeting, (a) concerning what it might undertake to do, in a continuing way, in the interests of Africville residents relocated; (b) concerning its role, with reference to the Nova Scotia Human Rights Committee.


Donald F. Maclean
Secretary

HALIFAX HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Time: 8:35 p.m. - 9:40 p.m.
Date: May 11, 1967
Place: Halifax YMCA
Chairman: Donald F. Maclean
Present: Harry Carter, Charles Carvery, Peter MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Maclean

The Minutes of Meeting, April 13, 1967, were approved as read.

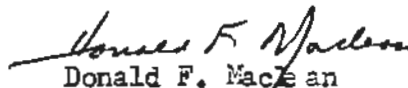
Mr. MacDonald reported that all of the ten families reported upon at the last meeting of the Committee have either relocated or are in the process of relocating.

The Secretary read a letter (May 3, 1967) which the Chairman had written, on his own initiative, to the Deputy Minister of Public Welfare, Province of Nova Scotia, and the Deputy Minister's reply (May 9, 1967).

The former encouraged the Department (1) to facilitate an arrangement whereby Mr. Peter MacDonald could continue in his present capacity, until the relocation program has been completed; the latter expressed the "hope (that) it will be possible to make arrangements...".

The Secretary read a letter (May 9, 1967) which the Chairman had written, on his own initiative, to Mr. Jerrold Kavanaugh, Department of the Attorney General, Province of Nova Scotia, with reference to "the recent case of Curtis Wilson versus the owner of the Casino Taxi Company," for which "an appeal to the County Court for a trial de novo", was suggested by the Chairman.

The Committee decided to address itself to situations where exist human rights problems similar to those that have been encountered with reference to Africville. The Committee considered that its experience to date might enable it to make a useful contribution to the community of Beechville. The Committee decided, therefore, to obtain information about Beechville, preparatory to further discussion at the Committee's next meeting. The Secretary was directed to obtain information from the Rev. Dr. W. P. Oliver, Mr. Donald Oliver, Mr. George Matthews, and any other appropriate sources.


Donald F. Maclean
Secretary

Council,
September 14, 1967

Deputy Mayor Matheson representing the City, the Committee to have the power to add to its membership if necessary.

This Committee will replace the Advisory Committee on the Preservation of Historic Buildings until appointment of the Landmarks Commission has been made."

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved. Motion passed.

Report - Africville Committee

Alderman Connolly submitted and read the following report:

"The Africville Relocation Program became operative in June, 1964. At that time, it was estimated that there were between 75 - 80 families residing in the community of Africville. As of this date:

1. 68 families have been relocated; and
2. 10 families will be relocating within the next two weeks (settlements and accommodations approved) thus making a total of 78 families.

This leaves one family with whom the City has failed to reach a satisfactory settlement. Negotiations with this family are at a standstill because a family member is seriously ill in hospital. Hopefully, a mutually agreeable solution will be found within the next two weeks. Approximately 5 buildings are now in the process of being demolished.

In discussing the Program with Mr. MacDonald, he feels that his work will be completed by the end of September and that there will be one final report presented to Council on September 28, 1967. Mr. MacDonald feels that the success he has had can be directly attributed to the tremendous cooperation given to him by each department of City Hall and particularly by the Committee of Council on Africville and the Representatives of the Human Rights Advisory Committee who gave him advice and direction.

The social significance of the Africville Program is already beginning to show positive results as far as individual families are concerned. The children are performing more satisfactorily in school and they seem to take more of an interest in their new surroundings.

Council,
September 14, 1967

This report is not intended to indicate that the Program has been 100% successful; however, I believe it can be said that it has been at least 75% successful, judging by the comments of the relocated families."

Alderman Connolly was thanked by members of Council for an excellent report.

Africville Acquisitions

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that Council adjourn at this time to meet as Committee of the Whole to consider certain Africville Property Acquisitions. Motion passed.

9:55 p.m. Council adjourned to meet as Committee of the Whole.

Possible Acquisition - Property No. 37, City Plan P500/46, Africville - Owner, Mr. Edward Carvery, Sr.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Ahern that, as recommended by the Africville Sub-Committee:

1. The City purchase Dwelling No. 37 from Mr. Edward Carvery, Sr., for the sum of \$500.00.
2. Dwelling No. 37 be demolished as soon as the settlement is approved.

Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - Property Nos. 136 and 138, City Plan P500/46, Africville - Owners: Miss Hattie Carvery and Mr. Milton Carvery

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Africville Sub-Committee:

1. Miss Hattie Carvery and Mr. Milton Carvery be considered as the owners of Property Nos. 136 and 138, City Plan P500/46, Africville;

Minutes of Meetings

1. September 21, 1962
2. November 15, 1962
3. Statement concerning meeting, November 26, 1962
4. December 6, 1962
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13. November 25, 1963
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15. May 14, 1964
16. April 26, 1964
17. June 9, 1964
18. July 2, 1964
19. September 10, 1964
20. September 17, 1964
21. January 19, 1965
22. March 17, 1965
23. September 20, 1965
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26. December 10, 1965
27. January 25, 1966
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30. August 23, 1966
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TO: Members of the Sub-Committee of Council on
Africville and the Representatives of the
Human Rights Advisory Committee

FROM: S. A. Ward, Acting City Manager

DATE: September 11, 1967

SUBJECT: Staff Progress Report - Africville Relocation Program

A, THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES HAVE BEEN RELOCATED:

1. Mr. Percy Howe
2. Mrs. Helen Anderson
3. Mrs. Ethel Carvery
4. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hill
5. Mrs. Christina Downey
6. Mrs. Sarah Byers
7. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cassidy, Jr.
8. Mrs. Elsie Desmond
9. Mr. and Mrs. William (Patricia Wesley) Desmond
10. Mr. Edward Dunsworth
11. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dixon *
12. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Farrell *
13. Mrs. William Gordon
14. Mr. and Mrs. William Clayton *
15. Mr. and Mrs. C. Marsman *
16. Mr. and Mrs. David Dixon *
17. Miss Phyllis Oulton
18. Mr. and Mrs. James Parris *
19. Mrs. Dora Dixon
20. Miss Helena Parris
21. Mrs. Carter Thomas
22. Mrs. Laura Howe
23. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grouse
24. Mrs. John Carvery
25. Miss Iona Dixon
26. Miss Etta Anderson
27. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Steede
28. Mrs. Hazel Cassidy
29. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown *
30. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brown
31. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carter *
32. Mr. and Mrs. Wenhessen Byers *
33. Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Byers *
34. Miss Frances Flint *
35. Mr. and Mrs. Ceoil Dixon
36. Mrs. Evelina Tolliver *
37. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mantley *
38. Miss Evelyn Thompson
39. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones *
40. Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Jackson
41. Mrs. Annabel Regis
42. Mrs. Effie Flint
43. Mr. Robert Cassidy, Sr.
44. Mrs. Loretta Black
45. Mr. Paul Downey
46. Mr. Nolan Carvery
47. Mrs. Frances Cain *
48. Mrs. Sarah Mantley
49. Mr. Albert Sparks *
50. Mr. Howard Byers *

*Indicates residents who have become involved in home ownership.

A. THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES HAVE BEEN RELOCATED (CONT'D):

51. Mr. Joseph Williams
52. Mr. and Mrs. William Fowler
53. Mr. and Mrs. George Mantley
54. Mr. Harry Nicholas
55. Mrs. Rose Swami
56. Mr. Russel Howe
57. Mr. Ernest Flint
58. Miss Myrtle Carvery
59. Mr. Cyril Cassidy
60. Miss Jeanette Thomas
61. Miss Lucy Carvery - admitted to Basinview Home - to be
relocated at 2308 Barrington Street
62. Mr. and Mrs. George Grant
63. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Chisholm
64. Mr. Edward Carvery, Sr.
65. Mr. Edward Carvery, Jr.
66. Mr. James Whippy
67. Mr. and Mrs. George Broney
68. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carvery

B. FAMILIES ABOUT TO RELOCATE WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS -
SETTLEMENTS APPROVED

1. Mrs. Theresa Dixon
2. Mr. William Welsh
3. Mrs. Ella Thomas
4. Mr. Percy Carvery
5. Mr. Stanley Carvery
6. Mr. Herbert Carvery
7. Mr. Joseph Skinner
8. Mr. Thomas Howe - Application for bachelor apartment at
Uniaske Square approved. Will be
relocated as soon as accommodations
become available.

C. PROPERTIES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ACQUISITION
(OWNER OCCUPIED - LAND AND BUILDING)

1. Mr. Percy Carvery and Mr. Stanley Carvery
2. Miss Hattie Carvery and Mr. Milton Carvery

D. PROPERTIES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ACQUISITION
(BUILDING ONLY - UNOCCUPIED)

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E. PROPERTIES IN NEGOTIATION STAGE:

1. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Elcock:

Mrs. Elcock is seriously ill and will be hospitalized for the next few weeks. This is the only owner-occupied property remaining to be purchased.

2. Seaview Baptist Church:

Reverend Mr. Bryant is vacationing and therefore negotiations cannot be completed until his return.

There are three small unoccupied dwellings remaining, which may be purchased for the sum of \$500 each from the heirs

E. PROPERTIES IN NEGOTIATION STAGE (CONT'D):

and/or owners. These dwellings are vacant and are located on property originally expropriated by the City in 1957.

SUMMARY:

1.	Number of families relocated	-	68
2.	Settlements approved - families about to relocate	-	7
3.	Properties to be considered for acquisition	-	2
	Families involved	-	4
4.	Properties being negotiated (Owner occupied -land and building)	-	1
5.	Properties being negotiated (Dwellings unoccupied)	-	3

Respectfully submitted,



S. A. Ward
Acting City Manager

PJM/bah

TO: Members of the Sub-Committee of Council on
Africville and the Representatives of the
Human Rights Advisory Committee

FROM: P. F. C. Byars, City Manager

DATE: February 20, 1967

SUBJECT: Staff Progress Report - Africville Relocation Program

A. The following families have been relocated:

1. Mr. Percy Howe
2. Mrs. Helen Anderson
3. Mrs. Ethel Carvery
4. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hill
5. Mrs. Christina Downey
6. Mrs. Sarah Byers
7. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cassidy, Jr.
8. Mrs. Elsie Desmond
9. Mr. and Mrs. William (Patricia Wesley) Desmond
10. Mr. Edward Dunsworth
11. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dixon *
12. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Farrell *
13. Mrs. William Gordon
14. Mr. and Mrs. William Clayton *
15. Mr. and Mrs. C. Marsman *
16. Mr. and Mrs. David Dixon *
17. Miss Phyllis Oulton
18. Mr. and Mrs. James Parris *
19. Mrs. Dora Dixon
20. Miss Helena Parris
21. Mrs. Carter Thomas
22. Mrs. Laura Howe
23. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grouse
24. Mrs. John Carvery
25. Miss Iona Dixon
26. Miss Etta Anderson
27. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Steede
28. Mrs. Hazel Cassidy
29. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown *
30. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brown
31. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carter *
32. Mr. and Mrs. Wenneson Byers *
33. Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Byers *
34. Miss Frances Flint *
35. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Dixon
36. Mrs. Evelina Tolliver *
37. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mantley *
38. Miss Evelyn Thompson
39. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones *
40. Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Jackson
41. Mrs. Annabel Regis
42. Mrs. Effie Flint
43. Mr. Robert Cassidy, Sr.
44. Mrs. Loretta Black
45. Mr. Paul Downey
46. Mr. Nolan Carvery
47. Mrs. Frances Cain *
48. Mrs. Sarah Mantley
49. Mr. Albert Sparks *
50. Mr. Howard Byers *
51. Mr. Joseph Williams
52. Mr. and Mrs. William Fowler

* Indicates residents who have become involved in home ownership.

B. Settlements approved - accommodations required:

1. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carvery, Jr. (nine Children):

Occupy City-owned house in Africville. Have asked permission to use \$1,000 approved furniture allowance as downpayment on their home. Would appreciate an additional \$500 furniture allowance. Steadily employed at C. N. R.

2. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Flint and Family (four children):

Occupy City-owned property, Africville. Request permission to use \$1,000 approved furniture allowance as downpayment on a home. Would appreciate an additional \$500 furniture allowance. Steadily employed at the Abbatoir.

3. Miss Myrtle Carvery and Family:

Occupy City-owned property. Application completed for public housing accommodations - Uniacke Square.

4. Mr. Russell Howe and Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Cassidy:

Accommodations required - three-bedroom apartment.

5. Miss Lucy Carvery:

Accommodations required - two-bedroom apartment.

6. Mr. Edward Carvery:

May be going to live with son.

7. Mrs. Rose Swami:

Accommodations required - one bedroom apartment.

8. Mr. James Whippy:

Accommodations required - one bedroom apartment.

9. Mr. and Mrs. George Broney:

Accommodations required - one bedroom apartment.

10. Mr. William Carvery:

Accommodations required - one bedroom apartment.

11. Mrs. Theresa Dixon:

Negotiations finalized. Mrs. Dixon is seeking alternate accommodations.

12. Mr. Harry Nicholas:

Application accepted - Uniacke Square.

C. Properties in process of active negotiations:

1. Mr. Joseph Skinner:
Offer of \$19,000 rejected. Will consider \$25,000.
2. Mr. Kenny Elcock:
Requesting \$15,000 property settlement.
3. Mr. Jack Carvery and Mr. Herbert Carvery:
Property jointly owned by Mr. Jack Carvery, Mr. Herbert Carvery, Miss Myrtle Carvery, and Mrs. Cora Howe. Mr. Herbert Carvery requests \$13,000 for his interest in the property. Mr. Jack Carvery requests \$10,000. Miss Myrtle Carvery and Mrs. Cora Howe are also entitled to a negotiated share.
4. Mr. James Dixon (deceased):
Property deeded to Mr. and Mrs. George (Rose) Grant. Offer of \$8,000 rejected. Negotiating for \$10,000; such amount to include \$1,000 furniture allowance.
5. Miss Hattie Carvery:
Property jointly owned by Miss Hattie Carvery and her brother Mr. Milton Carvery being negotiated through solicitor.
6. Mr. Thomas Howe:
Rejected \$8,000 offer. Will negotiate \$11,000 property settlement.
7. Mrs. Ella Thomas:
Purchase price being negotiated.
8. Mr. David Stewart:
\$6,000 offer rejected. Will accept \$7,000.
9. Mr. Douglas Chisholm:
Property allegedly owned by wife, Mrs. Queenie (Byers) Chisholm. Asking price \$10,000.
10. Mrs. Lina Marsman:
Property negotiations being carried on through Mrs. Marsman's solicitor and City Solicitors Department. Mr. and Mrs. George Mantley occupy the Marsman home on a rental basis. Offer to be discussed at Committee meeting for Mr. and Mrs. Mantley.
11. Mr. William Welsh:
Owns and occupies building only on land owned by Mrs. Ronald Howe. Asking price of Mr. Welsh's home is \$4,000.

C. Properties in process of active negotiations (cont'd):

12. Heirs of Mrs. Jessie MacDonald:

Details of negotiations being finalized. Land only involved.

Actual number of property settlements to be completed is 12.

Actual number of families to be relocated when above settlements are completed is 12.

D. Properties not in process of negotiations:

1. Mr. Percy Carvery:

Contacted on several occasions. Refuses to discuss property settlement with Staff.

2. Mr. Stanley Carvery:

Occupies home on property owned by Mr. Percy Carvery.

SUMMARY:

1. When the Africville Relocation Program began, it was estimated that there were approximately 75-80 families living in the community of Africville.
2. Number of families relocated 52
Settlements approved - families ready to relocate 12

TOTAL 64

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3. Properties under active negotiation 12
Number of families involved 12
4. Properties to be considered for acquisition 1
Number of families involved 1
5. Properties not in process of negotiation 1
Number of families involved 2
6. Total number of families 79

Respectfully submitted,


P. F. C. Byars
City Manager

PJM/bah

TO: Members of the Sub-Committee of Council on
Africville and the Representatives of the
Human Rights Advisory Committee

FROM: P. F. C. Byars, City Manager

DATE: May 25, 1967

SUBJECT: Staff Progress Report - Africville Relocation Program

A. The following families have been relocated:

1. Mr. Percy Howe
2. Mrs. Helen Anderson
3. Mrs. Ethel Carvery
4. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hill
5. Mrs. Christina Downey
6. Mrs. Sarah Byers
7. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cassidy, Jr.
8. Mrs. Elsie Desmond
9. Mr. and Mrs. William (Patricia Wesley) Desmond
10. Mr. Edward Dunsworth
11. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dixon *
12. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Farrell *
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54. Mr. Harry Nicholas
55. Mrs. Rose Swami
56. Mr. Russell Howe
57. Mr. Ernest Flint
58. Miss Myrtle Carvery
59. Mr. Cyril Cassidy

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B. Settlements approved - accommodations required:

1. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carvery, Jr. (nine children):
Occupy City-owned house in Africville; have completed an application for public housing accommodations.
2. Miss Lucy Carvery:
Should be admitted to Basinview Home. City Health Department are aware of conditions and make regular supervisory home visits.
3. Mr. Edward Carvery, Sr.:
May be going to live with son and daughter-in-law.
4. Mr. James Whippy:
Requires a one bedroom or bachelor apartment.
5. Mr. and Mrs. George Broney:
Require a one bedroom apartment.
6. Mr. William Carvery:
Requires a one bedroom apartment.

C. Properties in process of active negotiation:

1. Mr. Joseph Skinner:
Rejected \$20,000 offer. Will complete negotiations for \$35,000.
2. Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Elcock:
Requesting \$15,000 settlement.

C. Properties in process of active negotiation (cont'd):

3. Mr. Jack Carvery and Mr. Herbert Carvery:

Property jointly owned by Mr. Jack Carvery, Mr. Herbert Carvery, Miss Myrtle Carvery, and Mrs. Cora Howe. Mr. Herbert Carvery requests \$12,500 for his interest in the property. Mr. Jack Carvery requests \$10,000. Miss Myrtle Carvery and Mrs. Cora Howe are also entitled to a negotiated share. Mr. Jack Carvery completed an application for Uniacke Square.

4. Mr. James Dixon (deceased):

Property deeded to Mr. and Mrs. George (Rose) Grant. Offer of \$9,500 rejected. Negotiating for \$10,000; such amount to include \$1,000 furniture allowance.

5. Miss Hattie Carvery:

Property jointly owned by Miss Hattie Carvery and her brother Mr. Milton Carvery being negotiated through solicitor. Requesting \$50,000 settlement.

6. Mr. Thomas Howe:

Rejected \$9,000 offer. Will negotiate \$10,000 property settlement.

7. Mrs. Lina Marsman:

Property negotiations being carried on through Mrs. Marsman's solicitor and City Solicitors Department.

8. Heirs of Mrs. Jessie MacDonald:

Details of negotiations being finalized. Land only involved.

9. Mr. Percy Carvery:

Offered \$12,000.

10. Mr. Stanley Carvery:

Occupies dwelling only on property owned by Mr. Percy Carvery.

D. Properties to be considered for acquisition:

1. Mrs. Ella Thomas
2. Mr. David Stewart
3. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Chisholm
4. Mr. and Mrs. William Welsh

Also:

- A. Seaview Baptist Church - Africville
- B. Property of William John Byers - Land only
- C. Property of David Dixon - Land only

SUMMARY:

1. When the Africville Relocation Program began, it was estimated that there were approximately 75-80 families living in the community of Africville.

2. Number of families relocated 59
Settlements approved - families ready to relocate 6

TOTAL 65

3. Properties to be considered for acquisition 4
Number of families involved 5

4. Properties under active negotiation 10
Number of families involved 9

5. Total number of families 79

Respectfully submitted,


P. F. C. Byars
City Manager

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