

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Halifax, N. S.,

September 9th, 1915.

The Board of Control met this morning at 11.30 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Halliday, Harris and Murphy.

SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION MERKEL AND AGRICOLA STREETS.

Read reports City Engineer re sewer extension Merkel Street and Agricola Street, and water extension Merkel Street. Approved.

IMPERIAL OIL COMPANY.

The Board resumed consideration of the application of the Imperial Oil Co. in respect to property at Africville, and as to certain concessions from the City.

After discussion the following report was approved and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for adoption:-

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The City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

Having very carefully considered the proposal as set out in communication of July 27th from above Company, the Board of Control beg to make the following recommendations:-

1. Not feeling justified in recommending to your body to treat with the application of the Company for the entire quantity of land involved, it will therefore be unnecessary to make any recommendation for the diversion of Campbell Road at this time. In the course of discussion it was found necessary to treat the closing of Gottingen Street between the Cotton Factory and Campbell Road. For the reason that that privileges for public thoroughfare in this vicinity are very limited and at a not distant date it might be found necessary to have more adequate privileges in this neighborhood, we cannot recommend that either Longard Road or Gottingen Street right of way be given over.
2. We would recommend for your favorable consideration the application for tax exemption on any additional plant erected for a period not to exceed ten years, conditional on this Company's making an undertaking to have available at the expiration of three years buildings and plant property to a valuation of at least \$250,000.00 for assessment purposes at the expiration of exemption period.
3. In reference to their request that we assist them in securing from the Department of Marine and from the Provincial Government necessary permission to construct suit-



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able wharves and docks on their property, we would of course hold ourselves ready to render them any such assistance possible.

4. Realizing that the carrying through of the proposals under consideration would have certain advantages for the City, we would recommend that if it were found necessary we exercise the legislation which we now have for the expropriation of part or the whole of the property known as Africville, retaining the right to treat with the application for whatever part of same may in the opinion of the City Council and of this Board be necessary for the proper carrying out of their undertaking, said portion to be disposed of to them at a price to be agreed upon.

In the consideration of this proposal our Board has been very much handicapped, due to lack of definite information as to just what this Company purposes to do. They have not at the time available such data on the plant which they hope to erect as would enable us to say just what amount of land would be necessary for the proper placing of same, but if such information were forthcoming we could go into this matter further and recommend just what in our opinion would be adequate for their purpose. No doubt the Imperial Oil Co. would be glad to get together such further information as is necessary for this purpose, pending receipt of which we feel that the above will about cover the points immediately up for consideration.

The Board adjourned.

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MAYOR.

*L. Fred Mowbray*

CITY CLERK.