

October 12, 1944.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved.

Alderman Walker stated that every Department has a Deputy and he couldn't see why the Solicitor's Department should not have such a person and said that he could not see eye to eye with the Solicitor. I stated that Mr. Rooney should be appointed a Deputy so that his opinion could be taken.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Walker that this matter be referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee for further consideration. There was no seconder to this amendment.

The motion was then put and passed with Alderman Walker wishing to be recorded against.

ARTESIAN WELL AT AFRICVILLE

Read letter from the City Solicitor as follows:

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W. P. Publicover, Esq.,
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:

As requested by you this morning I made an enquiry as to the availability or source of funds for the above project. On the basis that it could well be regarded as a part of the water supply of the City, it would be necessary to secure the approval of the Public Utilities Board before proceeding with the same.

The matter was considered by Mr. Doane the Manager of the Halifax Public Utilities Commission, and Mr. J. R. Kaye of Engineering Service Company, and some doubt was expressed as to the advisability of sinking such a well from an engineering point of view. It was felt that no assurance would be given that the project would be satisfactory.

In view of this, I do not think that we have sufficient information to take to the Board of Public Utilities to justify the Board in granting an application for this project and I would recommend that further study be given to the proposal by the engineers and that if the same is considered a feasible project that an application be then made to the Public Utilities Board for permission to proceed.

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Yours very truly,

CARL P. BETHUNE,
CITY SOLICITOR..

Alderman Batson stated that evidently the privy and cesspool will not be satisfactory according to the Engineering Department. Why not take the original suggestion to put sewer and water through. It is a public necessity and we will benefit from it the same as we did on Vestry Street. He said that if an epidemic of diphtheria broke out among the residents of Africville we would have to pay for their hospital care and that would amount to more in the end.

Alderman DeWolf stated that he thought the School Board was looking after this.

The City Solicitor stated that the reason the matter came^{up}/was that under the Public Utilities Act any expenditure for capital for more than \$1,000.00 must be approved by the Public Utilities Board. The main point was where is the money coming from. Mr. Doane stated that the experience in Halifax with artesian wells was not satisfactory. We would have to be in a position to show the Board that this would not be a waste.

Alderman Burgess stated that at the Public Health and Welfare Committee meeting and School Board Meeting he voted against the matter of an artesian well.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman Burgess that sewer and water be constructed instead of an artesian well.

His Worship the Deputy Mayor asked Mr. MacKinnon how much it would cost to install sewer and water facilities at Africville, to which Mr. MacKinnon replied about \$8,000.00.

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Alderman Walker stated that the money has to come from the tax payers anyway so why not put in something permanent.

His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair at 8.35 P. M.

His Worship the Mayor stated that this should be referred back to the Committee on Works.

Alderman Batson stated that this matter has been on the go for two months now and we expect the Engineering Department to have the details for us and I think we should have that information before us now.

Alderman Reardon stated that he was not against the project but contended that we should have more information.

His Worship the Mayor stated that he thought it advisable to have the figures in front of the Aldermen.

Alderman Hosterman asked Mr. MacKinnon what the \$8,000.00 covered, to which he replied the report stated that the construction of a main down to Africville School would constitute that amount of money.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Reardon that the Committee on Works hold a meeting next week and within a week from today a special Council meeting be held, to consider the matter. Amendment passed.

PURCHASE OF MURPHY BUILDING

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:-

October 6, 1944.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, a report from the Safety Committee recommending that a sum not