

October 15, 1953.

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the City Solicitor advising that Mr. Wilfred A. Rafuse is prepared to accept the sum of \$7,000.00 in full settlement of his claim for the property at #2 Alexandra Place this being \$1,000.00 more than the sum paid into court by the City when instituting expropriation proceedings.

Your Committee recommends that the sum of \$6,600.00 be offered to Mr. Rafuse for his property and if this is not accepted the action to expropriate be carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

The City Clerk read a letter from Mr. Wilfred Rafuse accepting the City's offer of \$6600.00 for his property at #2 Alexandra Place.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Moriarty that the additional sums of \$400.00 for the Amyocny property and \$600.00 for the Rafuse property be paid into court to complete the expropriation of these properties. Motion passed.

Read letter from Mr. S. Goodman advising that Mr. Charles Goodman is willing to accept the sum of \$7,500.00 for his property #10 Alexandra Place.

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the additional sum of \$500.00 be paid into court to complete the expropriation of the property. Motion passed.

AFRICVILLE SCHOOL

Halifax, N. S.,  
October 13, 1953.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend for approval the attached report from the City Solicitor respecting Africville School.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the report be approved. Motion passed.



His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Finance and  
Executive Committee.  
Carl P. Bethune, Q.C., City Solicitor

October 8, 1953.

Re: Africville School.

Dear Sirs:

At a meeting of the City Council held on July 16th, 1953, it was decided, on the recommendation of the Finance and Executive Committee, that the Africville School Building be leased to the Jemmott Club of Africville for the sum of \$1.00 under the trusteeship of a Board to be appointed by the City and the Jemmott Club of Africville, which is to be responsible for any repairs that may be required to the building from time to time.

I would like to suggest that perhaps a simpler method of accomplishing this purpose would be for the City Council to turn over this building to a Committee approved by the Council for the purpose of providing facilities for the residents of Africville or any organized group therein for the holding of meetings, providing recreation and other community objectives. If the Committee should decide to deal only with the Jemmott Club of Africville it could do so under an agreement setting out such regulations as the Committee might decide to make governing the use of the building. In this way the arrangements could perhaps be more flexible than with a formal lease and any provisions as to the making of repairs, etc., could be imposed by the Committee and if necessary the conditions set by the Committee could be approved by the City Council.

Yours very truly,

*Carl P. Bethune*  
CARL P. BETHUNE  
CITY SOLICITOR

CPB:EHJ

October 14, 1953.

TAXES GREENBANK AND AFRICVILLE

Alderman Dewolf: "On the Assessor's property list there are a number of houses on which there are no taxes paid at all. Houses on leased land. Greenbank and Africville pay no taxes, also houses on C. N. R. land. I think it is wrong. They should be put on the list. We should get legislation to see that everybody who enjoys living in a dwelling pays taxes."

REPORT ON POWER ESTATE LANDS

Alderman Lloyd requested that at the next regular meeting of the City Council the Assessor and Solicitor submit a joint report on the question of legal authority for the exemption of lands owned by the Patrick Power Estate.

WATER LOT ASSESSMENTS

Alderman Lloyd said that there is a land use map in the City Assessor's Office and Mr. Dickey has recorded descriptions of water lots. He requested a report from the Assessor why such water lots have not been assessed in the past and what difference exists in the City of Halifax as compared to the Town of Dartmouth where such lots are assessed.

TRANSFER OF T. B. HOSPITAL TO PROVINCE

Alderman Hatfield wanted to know if any developments had taken place with respect to the Province of Nova Scotia taking over the operation of the T. B. Hospital.

His Worship the Mayor: "No. No further efforts. Only the brief submitted more than a year ago."

Alderman Hatfield: "I think it is about time we made some effort."

CIVIC ELECTION PROCEDURE

Halifax, N. S.,  
October 14, 1953.

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

As Returning Officer for Civic Elections I should like to comment on the elections held last spring.