

CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Dr. E. M. Fogo

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
January 2, 1964,  
8:00 P. M.

A meeting of the City Council was held on the above date.

After the meeting was called to order the members attending, led by the City Clerk, joined in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

There were present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman and Aldermen Black, Abbott, Lane, A. M. Butler, Meagher, LeBlanc, Trainor, Healy, Richard, O'Brien and H. W. Butler.

Also present were Messrs. P. F. C. Byars, L. Mitchell, R. H. Stoddard, W. J. Clancey, L. M. Romkey, J. F. Thomson, R. B. Grant, V. W. Mitchell, G. F. West, K. Munnich, A. R. Howard and Dr. E. M. Fogo.

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Minutes of the meeting held on December 12, 1963, were approved on motion of Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Trainor.

PETITION FROM RATEPAYERS OF ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO. 3 (SPRYFIELD)  
TO ANNEX WITH CITY OF HALIFAX

A petition, signed by 57 ratepayers of Electoral District No. 3 of the Municipality of the County of Halifax (Spryfield), was submitted requesting City Council to add Electoral District No. 3 to the City of Halifax.

The petition was endorsed by Alderman Richard.

MOVED by Alderman Richard, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the petition be filed. Motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following recommendations were submitted from the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on December 23, 1963:

Report - Dr. Albert Rose Re: Africville

The report of Dr. Albert Rose respecting "Africville" was submitted and the conclusions contained therein were considered as follows:

1. Further studies of the Africville area would not assist in the solution to the problem;
2. The City should declare that it will acquire and clear the properties in the Africville area over a period of about two years and nine months under a carefully phased programme;
3. That persons with title to the property either through possession or by deed should be compensated at full market value. This was in accordance with Staff recommendations;
4. That persons who were the apparent owners of structures but with no legal claim to land should be paid a minimum of \$500.00 with additional compensation to be based on family size and/or marital status.

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The Staff Report recommended a flat payment of \$500.00 in these cases as the owners of the structures would have no legal basis on which to claim compensation;

5. That all families displaced as a result of acquisition and clearance should be offered accommodation in regular public housing projects constructed or to be constructed by the City. Doctor Rose advises against the establishment of a special public housing project for the residents of the area. Doctor Rose's recommendations in respect of rehousing coincide with the original Staff Report;

6. Because of the nature of the community, the problems of employment and accommodation, that extraordinary measures should be taken on the matter of guidance and assistance during the gradual re-allocation process. The detail of the type of assistance suggested is set forth within the body of the report.

Your Committee makes the following recommendations:

(a) that the report of Dr. Albert Rose respecting Africville be approved in principle;

(b) that the City Manager be directed to take the necessary action towards implementation of the specific recommendations contained therein by April 1, 1964;

(c) that the City Solicitor be directed to prepare the draft legislation required to permit implementation of the recommendations.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the recommendation be approved.

His Worship the Mayor said that when the matter of Africville had been considered by Council in September of 1963, before the appointment of Dr. Rose, Mr. Wedderburn, Chairman of the Committee on Human Rights, had addressed Council and had recommended the appointment of Dr. Rose to make a study. He felt that before adopting the recommendation of the Finance and Executive Committee, Mr. Wedderburn, should be given an opportunity to express the views of the Committee on Human Rights on the Report of Dr. Rose.

It was agreed to hear Mr. Wedderburn.

Mr. Wedderburn said that his Committee had not as yet had an opportunity to meet to consider the Report and, therefore, he was not in a position to make any comment.

8:12 p. m. Alderman Macdonald arrives.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that a decision on the matter be deferred until the next meeting of Council, scheduled for January 16, 1964, and that in the meantime, the City Solicitor be directed to prepare the draft legislation required to implement the recommendations of

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the Finance and Executive Committee, to obviate any delay in securing the legislation should Council approve the recommendations. Motion passed with Aldermen Black and Richard voting "against".

Final Closing Date - Mulgrave Park Project Capital Account

It is recommended that authority be granted to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to close the Capital Account of the final 48 units of the Mulgrave Park Housing Project as of December 31, 1962.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

Collection, Emergency Shelter Rent Accounts

It is recommended that outstanding rental accounts owing by former tenants of the Emergency Shelters, totalling \$17,164.39 be placed in the hands of the Halifax-Dartmouth Credit Exchange Limited for collection on the same terms and conditions as previously submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

Property Settlement - No.2661 Dutch Village Road

It is recommended that the sum of \$1,000.00 plus legal expenses, be paid to Mr. Charles H. A. and Gwendolyn Hartlen as compensation in full for a portion of the property at No.2661 Dutch Village Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia, required for street widening purposes.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

Outhit Report - Appointment Sub-Committee

It is recommended that His Worship the Mayor submit his nominations for appointment to a Sub-Committee of the Finance and Executive Committee to consider the recommendations contained in the Staff Study on the Report of W. D. Outhit, Q. C., on Municipal Boundaries and Municipal Representation.

His Worship the Mayor stated that his recommendation is that the Members of the City Charter Committee, (His Worship the Mayor, Chairman and Aldermen O'Brien and Healy) be also appointed the Sub-Committee to consider the recommendations contained in the Staff Study of the Outhit Report.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler, that the recommendation of His Worship the Mayor be approved. Motion passed.

At this time His Worship the Mayor welcomed Mayor Joseph Zatzman of the City of Dartmouth, who was in the gallery as a spectator, and invited him to take one of the vacant Council seats.