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April 29, 1965.

Statement by Welfare Director Re: Africville

His Worship the Mayor stated that this item had been placed on the Order of Business at the request of Alderman Richard, Chairman of the Africville Sub-Committee, who was unable to attend this meeting.

Alderman Black said he had talked to Alderman Richard and had commended him for the restraint shown by him in his answer to the statement made by the Director of Welfare concerning Africville, as reported in the Press recently.

Alderman Black expressed the opinion that the Director of Welfare should be "castigated, or worse for the very, very improper statement that he made to the Press."

He contended that such a statement is liable to set back the project of Africville for some considerable time, and that the Director of Welfare has no business making declaration on policy matters which have been decided by Council.

Alderman Lane expressed her concurrence with the remarks of Alderman Black and said that she was in complete agreement with the statement made by Alderman Richard.

She stated that if the Director of Welfare had any complaint to make about the policy laid down by Council, he should have done so through the normal channels, and should not have made public criticism of Council, as an employee.

She referred to the fact that Mr. Jones' own qualifications had been questioned by trained social workers in this area; and, also to the fact that the City's Welfare Department had been criticized by local agencies because of the fact that the head of the Welfare Department is not a fully qualified Social Worker.

Alderman Lane concluded her remarks by saying that she is very sorry that Mr. Jones felt he had to express himself as he did and

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criticize what Council has decided is the proper way to handle the Africville problem.

His Worship the Mayor said he had asked the City Manager to look into the matter when the statement appeared in the Press and to report to Council.

The City Manager stated that as soon as he saw the story in the Press, he arranged for the Commissioner of Health and the Director of Welfare to come to his office to discuss the matter.

He then read from notes taken during his discussion with the Commissioner and the Director which indicated that the Director of Welfare alleged that he had been misquoted.

The City Manager said he had asked Mr. Jones to submit a written report on the matter, and had received the following:

Mr. P.F.C. Byars,  
City Manager,  
City Hall.

April 28, 1965.

Dear Mr. Byars:

In response to your request that we send a report concerning the statement on Africville, which appeared in the Halifax Mail-Star on April 26, 1965, we should like to make the following comments:-

1. At no time was the present policy, as authorized by City Council, discussed in any way. It was not even mentioned. We are at a loss to understand how anyone could think that a person in my position would challenge such a policy at this time, especially when one considers that we have been employed by the City for many years.
2. The discussion we had with the reporter was not over one minute in duration and was concerned with the misfortune of a family that had been burnt out. We pointed out that in all probability the family would be housed elsewhere, which indeed is what has taken place.
3. Looking back over the years we did remark that had the City of Halifax provided water, sewage and adequate services, the people of Africville would have given a good account of themselves by providing homes in the Africville area and this would not have necessitated their being moved at this time. We know that City Council, on various occasions, made provision for expenditures to assist in this manner. One

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cannot help but ask why these ordinances were not carried out. This fact we stated while on C.J.C.H. television over a year ago.

We regret that the Halifax Mail-Star used a headline which was not factual and definitely not in context. Such being the case, we regret the inconvenience it has caused you.

City Council,  
Halifax, N. S.

Sincerely yours,

Dear Aldermen:

H. Bond Jones,  
Welfare Administrator

The City Manager stated that he would discuss the whole matter with the appropriate officer of the Halifax Mail-Star and submit a report at the next meeting.

At the request of Alderman Lane, the City Manager was directed to supply the members of Council with a complete record of the qualifications of the Director of Welfare, including his employment history prior to his employment by the City, and his record since his engagement by the City.

Letter - Halifax-Dartmouth and District Labour Council Re: Hiring Consultants

March 31, 1965.

City of Halifax,  
City Council,  
Halifax, N. S.

City Council:

The Labour Council have received word of suggested reorganization of City Hall Departments and that the City of Halifax intend to hire private consultants to do this job.

This Council renew a previous protest which was made to City of Halifax on the hiring of consultants and by so doing cause more expense to Tax Payers.

Yours very truly,

Walter T. Brooks,  
General Secretary

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The City Manager was directed to ensure that the necessary overtures are made if this has not already been done.

Question - Alderman Matheson Re: Parking on Cherry Street

Alderman Matheson asked that the Traffic Authority be directed to submit a report as to the possibility of continuing the parking ban on one side of Cherry Street during the summer months.

The Traffic Authority was so directed.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion to Introduce Ordinance #113 "Noise Ordinance"

Alderman Connolly gave notice that at the regular meeting of Council to be held on Thursday, May 13, 1965, he will move the introduction of Ordinance No. 113 entitled "Noise Ordinance" respecting the control of noise in the City of Halifax.

ADDED ITEMS

Report - Chief of Police Re: Dogs - Africville

A report was submitted from the Chief of Police which contained answers to questions asked by Alderman Doyle at the last meeting respecting the activity of members of the Police Department in eliminating packs of wild dogs at Africville. (Copies of the report had been distributed to the members of Council prior to the meeting).

Alderman Doyle expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Chief of Police for his report and the manner in which he had co-operated with himself and the Steed family in Africville.

Comments by Alderman A. M. Butler Re: Appointment of Architects -  
Halifax Mental Hospital

Alderman A. M. Butler referred to the meeting of the Board of Management of the Halifax Mental Hospital held on April 14, 1965, and the recommendation of the Board emanating from that meeting respecting the appointment of architects to prepare plans and

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Affairs with respect to the attitude of his Deputy concerning withdrawal of the funds from the Sale of Land Account and the general redevelopment plans for the City, and submit a report of the results of his conference to Council. Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - #47 and #48 Africville

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Black that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

1. The City purchase property #47 and #48, City Plan #P55/46 for the sum of \$1,203.53, \$1,200 of this amount to be paid jointly to Mrs. Sarah Bayers and Mr. Artel Bayers and \$3.53 applied to the taxes which are outstanding for 1965.
2. A Quit Claim Deed be signed by Mrs. Bayers and Mr. Artel Bayers in favour of the City for property #47 and #48.
3. If assistance is required for supplementation to Old Age Security and/or for the purchase of furniture that it be processed through the City Welfare Department.
4. Dwelling #47 and #48 be demolished subsequent to Mrs. Bayers' move to Mulgrave Park.

Motion passed. By Alderman Black.

Possible Acquisition - #2237 Brunswick Street

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Black that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$16,000.00 be paid to Sparton Realty Company as settlement in full for all claims arising from the acquisition of their property at #2237 Brunswick Street on the conditions that Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation agree to the inclusion of the property under the partnership agreement for the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Area. Motion passed.

Sale of Land - Dalhousie University

The Committee reported that the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs has indicated that he cannot recommend to his