

Council
January 25, 1979

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw that the item be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the Committee on Works and the City Solicitor be requested to supply an opinion as to whether or not the Committee can reverse a demolition order.

Alderman Clarke noted the Committee made an order with respect to the properties in question and indicated he would not be willing to reconsider the order unless there is a pressing reason for doing so. Alderman Clarke said he would be against referring the matter to the Works Committee. Alderman Clarke asked whether it would be proper, within the Rules of Order, for the matter to be referred back and debated again.

Alderman Meagher, with the agreement of the Secunder, withdrew his Motion but said he would like the City Solicitor to review the matter saying that if it is possible, perhaps the item could be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting.

Alderman Clarke said he would not agree to having the item placed on the agenda unless the City Solicitor supplies Council an opinion that it is proper to do so.

It was then agreed that the item would not be placed on the agenda of the next Committee on Works meeting unless the Committee agreed to do so and a legal opinion be received from the City Solicitor as to whether or not the item could be placed on the agenda if the majority wished it to be put on the agenda.

REPORT - FINANCE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on January 17, 1979, as follows:

Proposed Park - Negro Point - Supplementary Report

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Clarke that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Park to be developed at the site be, and hereafter, is known as Seaview Memorial Park and further, the City make known to the Canada Permanent Committee on Geographical Names its wish and request that the Committee assent to the change of name "Negro Point" to be "Seaview Point".

Motion passed.



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TELEPHONE
902-425-6536

CITY OF HALIFAX

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA
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January 29, 1979

Mr. Alan Rayburn
Executive Secretary
Geographical Names Committee
12th Floor
580 Booth Street
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0E4

Re: Application for Name Change
from Negro Point to Seaview Point

Dear Sir

Further to Mr. Woods' letter of October 27, 1978, I would like to advise that the matter has been brought before Halifax City Council and on January 25th the following resolution was passed:

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Clarke, the Finance and Executive Committee recommend that the park to be developed at the site be, and hereafter, is known as Seaview Memorial Park and further, the City make known to the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names its wish and request that the Committee assent to the change of name "Negro Point" to be "Seaview Point".

An official certified copy of the minutes of Council is enclosed for your information. I am also forwarding a copy of the report that was presented to Council which provides the background in arriving at the name of Seaview Point, as well as a copy of a plan showing the proposed park site in relation to Negro Point.

Further particulars of the Point as presented in Mr. Woods' earlier letter are as follows:

Name: Negro Point
Feature: Point
Location: South Shore Bedford Basin
Geographical
Position: 44° 41' Latitude
63° 37' Longitude


Mr. Alan Rayburn
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As noted in the staff report appended, the suggested name for the park was derived from the Seaview United Baptist Church which was located in the immediate area of Negro Point. As the name Negro Point is considered offensive to some members of the Black community in the area, it was decided that it might be appropriate to rename the Point to Seaview Point at the same time.

The City hereby wishes to make a formal application for a change of name from Negro Point to Seaview Point. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact

Mr. M. P. Woods
Real Estate Division
City of Halifax
P. O. Box 1759
Halifax, N. S.
(Phone 426-7617)

Yours truly,


G. I. BLENNERHASSETT, (MRS.)
CITY CLERK

Attachments

cc: Mr. H. B. Robertson
Department of Lands & Forests



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TO: R. B. Grant, Director of Development
FROM: G. I. Blennerhassett, City Clerk
DATE: January 26, 1979
SUBJECT: Proposed Park - Negro Point - Supplementary Report

1. FOLLOW UP
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4. COMPLETION DATE

Please be advised that City Council, at a meeting held on January 25, 1979, approved the following resolution:

"That the Park to be developed at the site be, and hereafter, is known as Seaview Memorial Park and further, the City make known to the Canada Permanent Committee on Geographical Names its wish and request that the Committee assent to the change of name "Negro Point" to be "Seaview Point"."

G. I. Blennerhassett
G. I. BLENNERHASSETT, (MRS.)
CITY CLERK

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cc: C. L. Dodge, Development
A. W. Churchill, Real Estate
Mike Woods, Real Estate



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CITY OF HALIFAX

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA
B3J 3A5

January 26, 1979

Mr. H. Blackadar
Maritime Broadcasting Co. Ltd.
5230 Tobin Street
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3J 2R2

Dear Mr. Blackadar:

RE: "Name the Park" Campaign
on CHNS Radio

This is to inform you that at the City Council meeting of January 25, 1979, the following motion was passed:

" that the park to be developed at the site be, and hereafter, is known as "Seaview Memorial Park" and further, the City make known to the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names its wish and request that the Committee assent to the change of name of "Negro Point" to "Seaview Point".

The name of Seaview Memorial Park was suggested by City staff and is in memory of the former Seaview United Baptist Church which was located adjacent to the proposed park site.

On behalf of the City, I would like to personally thank you for your most generous assistance provided in arriving at a name for the park.

Thanks again for your co-operation.

Yours truly,

G. I. Blennerhassett
G. I. Blennerhassett (Mrs.)
City Clerk

MPW/jep

MC Mike Woods

Finance
January 17/79

Proposed Park - Negro Point - Supplementary Report

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A supplementary staff report dated January 10, 1979, was submitted. 10a

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Clarke the Finance & Executive Committee recommend that the Park to be developed at the site be, and hereafter, is known as Seaview Memorial Park and further, the City make known to the Canada Permanent Committee on Geographical Names its wish that the Committee assent to the change of name "Negro Point" to be "Seaview Point".

Motion passed.

TO: His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the Finance & Executive Committee

FROM: Paul Calda, P. Eng., City Manager

DATE: January 10, 1979

SUBJECT: Proposed Park - Negro Point

At the December 20, 1978 meeting of Committee of the Whole, a report was presented recommending the name "Seaview Memorial Park" be adopted for the proposed park site in the vicinity of Negro Point. It was further recommended that official application be made to the Permanent Committee on Geographical Names to change the name of Negro Point to "Seaview Point." It was agreed that the matter be deferred pending distribution of the staff report to all those who had submitted names in the CHNS "Name the Park" campaign, in an effort to obtain their reaction to the proposed name.


Staff has received responses from one half of the fifty people who had submitted names in the "Name the Park" campaign. The summary of the comments received indicates that 83 percent of those who had submitted names were quite pleased with the proposed name of Seaview Memorial Park. The general consensus of opinion in that group was that the name was quite appropriate in view of the past history of the area.

Staff was also in contact with Mrs. Ruth Johnson, one of the additional names which Alderman Sullivan had asked the City to contact in the above regard. Mrs. Johnson is a former resident of Africville whose great-great-grandfather was J. T. Brown, the first community teacher for the area and one of the original settlers. It was Mrs. Johnson's view that whereas the community of Africville had been settled and developed by her forefathers and many others that perhaps an appropriate name for the park would be Africville Settlers Park or Africville Community Park. Her third preference in terms of a name for the site was Seaview Community Park. She also felt that Negro Point might be appropriately re-named Africville Point.


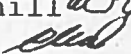
There were two other contestants interviewed who had no serious reservations against the name Seaview Memorial Park, however, they both felt that perhaps some reference could be made to the former original leader of the Baptist Church, Reverend Richard Preston. It was their feeling that it might be appropriate to re-name Negro Point to Preston Point in Reverend Preston's memory. The Names Committee in Ottawa did indicate that they prefer not to use personal names in naming geographical locations unless that particular person had made a substantial contribution to the area under consideration. It would appear that Reverend Preston would meet this criterion in this instance.

Concern was also raised by one contestant over the fact that the proposed park site did not present a view of the sea, as the proposed name suggests. It is felt that this problem can be overcome by the erection of a dedication plaque or monument at some significant location in the park which outlines the circumstances for the naming of such.

As public reaction has been quite favourable to the proposed name of Seaview Memorial Park, staff would re-affirm the recommendations as presented at the December 20, 1978 meeting in Committee of the Whole.


Paul Calda, P. Eng.
City Manager

MPW/jep

Prepared by: M. P. Woods
Approved by: A. W. Churchill 
C. L. Dodge 

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Proposed Park - Negro Point

A staff report dated December 7, 1978, was submitted.

Alderman Sullivan advised that he received a call from a person representing the interests of the former Africville residents who would like an opportunity of submitting some other suggestions on their behalf. Alderman Sullivan said he advised that a letter should be addressed to Council on the matter and felt an opportunity should be given to review the suggestions. Alderman Sullivan suggested the item be deferred to the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting.

His Worship noted the Mayor's office did meet with a broadly representative community group and suggested that a copy of the staff report could be sent to the persons who made suggestions advising them of Council's proposed action.

Alderman Clarke noted that \$40,000 has been included in the 1979 budget for design as well as \$15,000 for the next five years and expressed the hope that it will not be five years before the Park becomes operational.

His Worship suggested the matter could be discussed during the budget sessions saying Council is waiting for further indication of projected design from staff. His Worship indicated that Council should receive some overall conceptual idea of how it will be developed, and the City Manager indicated this could be done.

The Committee then agreed that a copy of the staff report be forwarded to the persons listed on the back of the report as well as to the resident referred to by Alderman Sullivan in order to receive a response, and the item be placed on the agenda of the January 17, 1979 meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

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TO: His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the Finance & Executive Committee

FROM: Paul Calda, P. Eng., City Manager

DATE: December 7, 1978

SUBJECT: Proposed Park - Negro Point

In response to a recent request for an updated report on the proposed park at Negro Point, City Council is advised that staff is presently in the process of developing a conceptual plan for the proposed park site.

It is anticipated that the conceptual plan will be completed by mid January and presented to Committee in early February. If approved by Council in its conceptual form, the plan can then proceed to the detailed design stage and cost estimates prepared at that time. Staff, in the interim, has requested \$15,000 in the Capital Budget over the next five years to provide for infilling at the site.

Staff has written the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names to obtain some direction as to the procedures to be followed in applying for a change of name at Negro Point. A reply has been received from Mr. Allan Rayburn, Executive Secretary to the Committee. It would appear from the information received that the Committee would be prepared to give favourable consideration to a change of name for Negro Point, with preference given to descriptive names and names in particular which relate to the history of an area. In choosing an appropriate name for the park, consideration should concurrently be given to renaming Negro Point. Formal application will have to be made to the Committee on Geographical Names upon selection of a name.

Staff examined the local history of the former Africville Lands and from its findings, would like to suggest the name of "Seaview Memorial Park" as well as renaming Negro Point to "Seaview Point."

The name "Seaview" refers to the Seaview United Baptist Church, which was located relatively close to the proposed park site. This church was, to some extent, "a focal point of community activities at the time and its loss was considered a major physiological cost of relocation by many of the older residents."

*Historical background information on Seaview United Baptist Church obtained from "Africville Relocation Report" prepared by the Dalhousie Institute of Public Affairs; authors Donald H. Clairmont and Dennis W. Magill.

The church was organized by Richard Preston in the mid 1800's. The fact that Africville was set away from the City on a slope by the harbour giving it scenic beauty, "Bedford Basin became an ideal baptismal font and throughout the years, numerous believers were led into the waters at Africville." The first baptism was performed in 1849 by Reverend Richard Preston and the last took place in 1963, shortly before the relocation.

With the coming of the First World War, Halifax resumed its historical role as the strategic war port. Facilities were expanded and railway connections to the port were further developed and the original "little brown church" at Africville was a casualty of this development. Later, the Africville congregation received permission from the City to build a new church on City-owned property in the Africville area. This church stood for some fifty (50) years until it was removed during the relocation period. Soon after the construction of the new church, the name was changed from Africville African United Baptist Church to Seaview African United Baptist Church and later in 1940 its name eventually became Seaview United Baptist Church.

According to testimonials from previous Africville relocatees, "the services at the Africville Church were deeply expressive in their style and the church represented a means of community and communion among the Black people in Africville." Sunday services gave the residents, at the time, a chance to express their problems to each other. Following the services, a strong community spirit was noticeable, as the residents' homes were open to one another and people would go from house to house visiting and talking with each other.

As the Seaview Baptist Church appears to have had a strong identity with the former residents of Africville, in addition to historical significance, it is therefore felt that the name "Seaview Memorial Park" is appropriate for the park now envisioned.

If the suggested name proves favourable to City Council, then members might wish to advertise it and elicit a written response from the general public as to its acceptability.

It is the recommendation of staff that:

- (1) The name "Seaview Memorial Park" be adopted for the proposed park site identified on the attached site plan;

(2) That official application be made to the Permanent Committee on Geographical Names to change the name from Negro Point to "Seaview Point."



Paul Calder, P. Eng.
City Manager

MPW/jep
Attach.

Prepared by: M.P. Woods *MPW*
Approved by: A.W. Churchill *AWC*
R.B. Grant *RBG*

P.S. Subsequent to the writing of this report, a list of suggested names for the proposed park was received from Radio 96 CHNS in response to their "Name the Park" campaign (copy of listing attached). The only name of historical significance which is applicable to the proposed park site is the "Duc d'Anville Park."

"NAME THE PARK" CAMPAIGN - CHNS RADIO

NAME OF PARK	NAME AND ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NO.
Peninsula Park	Marion Conrod - 454-6838
Joseph Howe Park	Marion Conrod "
Old Stone Quarry Sports Park	Dorothy Spriggs - Stanley Place
The Narrows Sports Park	Fred Spriggs - 455-8773
Sullivan Park	Mrs. O. Mason - 469-7842
The Sanctuary	Marg Smith - 6416 Roslyn Rd.
Edmund Morris North-end Park	Jamie Cox - 5688 Bilby Street
Joe Howe Park	Mrs. A. Purcell - Port. Cove
Park Canada	D. Andrews - 455-1479
Sullivan's Park	Mrs. W. Edwards - 454-9284
Kensington Gardens	Ann Hull - 455-5183
Park Acadia	Ann Hull "
The Water's Edge	Marg Smith - 6416 Roslyn Road
Edmund Morris Park	Mildred Moore - 423-3246
Park Africville	Beverly Gray - 2092 Creighton Street
Africville Park	Maxine Gough "
Africville Pt. Park	" "
Point Africville Park	" "
Duc D'anville Park	J. Roger Stoddard - 422-2679
Scotia Park	Margaret Nicholas - 479-2688
Lookout Park	Gail Hull - 826-2868
The Green Meadow Park	Kathryn Misciner - 827-2263
Queen Elizabeth Park	" "
The Legere Pleasance	" "
The Queen's Grace	" "
Memorial Park	Mrs. G. Vardy - 477-2334
Phoenix Park	Margaret Smith - 6416 Roslyn Road
The Anchorage	Margaret Smith "
City Squares Park	Marg Nicholas - 253 Herring Cove Road
Spilax	Mrs. Joseph Sheppard - 455-7391
Stanfield Park	Myrna Baird - 435-3003
Paradise Point Park	Eleanor Browne - 2175 Windsor Street
M.E.M. Park	Jean Jackson - 455-2622
Buchanan Park	Lillian Pettipas -- 429-9098
Sunflower Park	Mrs. Cyril Walsh - 469-6996
William Hall Park	Mary Hopkins - 453-4896
Prince Charles Park	Ellen Daniels - 2159 Harvard Street
Edmund Morris Park	Eva Mont - RR 2 Tangier
Convoy Park	Marcus Graham - 3792 Gottingen Street
Park Square	Gerard Swallon - 253 Herring Cove Rd. - 479-2688

Basin Bay Park
The Northern Park
Memory Park
Basinview Park
Stanfield Park
Nova Park
Azure Breeze Park
Citizens Park
Maple Park
Edmund Morris Park
Northern Heights
Recreational Park
Joseph Howe Memorial Park
Park of Green Carpet
B.A. Husband's Park
The Peoples Park
B.A. Husband's Park

Morshepp Park
Park Elizabeth
The Peoples Park
Shore Lion Park
The Family Park
Sunshine Park
Convoy Cape

Mrs. L. Bailey - 477-1947
Mrs. B.A. Hurshman - Box 16, Enfield
Lillian Lohmes - 454-9916
Austin Hull - 455-5183
Ann Hull - 455-5183
C. Blank - 5 Lacombe Drive
Cy Preece - 455-7664
Mrs. John Strong - Columbus Street
Mrs. R. Levy - 454-6287
M. Pinkham - 445-3707
Helen Irving - 463-5238
" "
No name
Dorothy Lowe - 455-2256
Zena Williams - 5793 Sarah Street
Heather Reesor - 463-5612
Edith Cromwell - Box 6, Site 92, Hammonds
Plains
Mrs. H. Howard - 429-4757
Mrs. Robert Gaetz - Hd. Chezzetcook
Marion Randall - 477-1968
Dorothy Lowe - 455-2256
Brian Butcher - 861-3538
" "
Mark McIsaac - 443-2700

Two additional names received on December 5, 1978, have been added to the list:

Kunta Kinte Park
North End Boulevard Park

Miss Muriel Middleton
" " "

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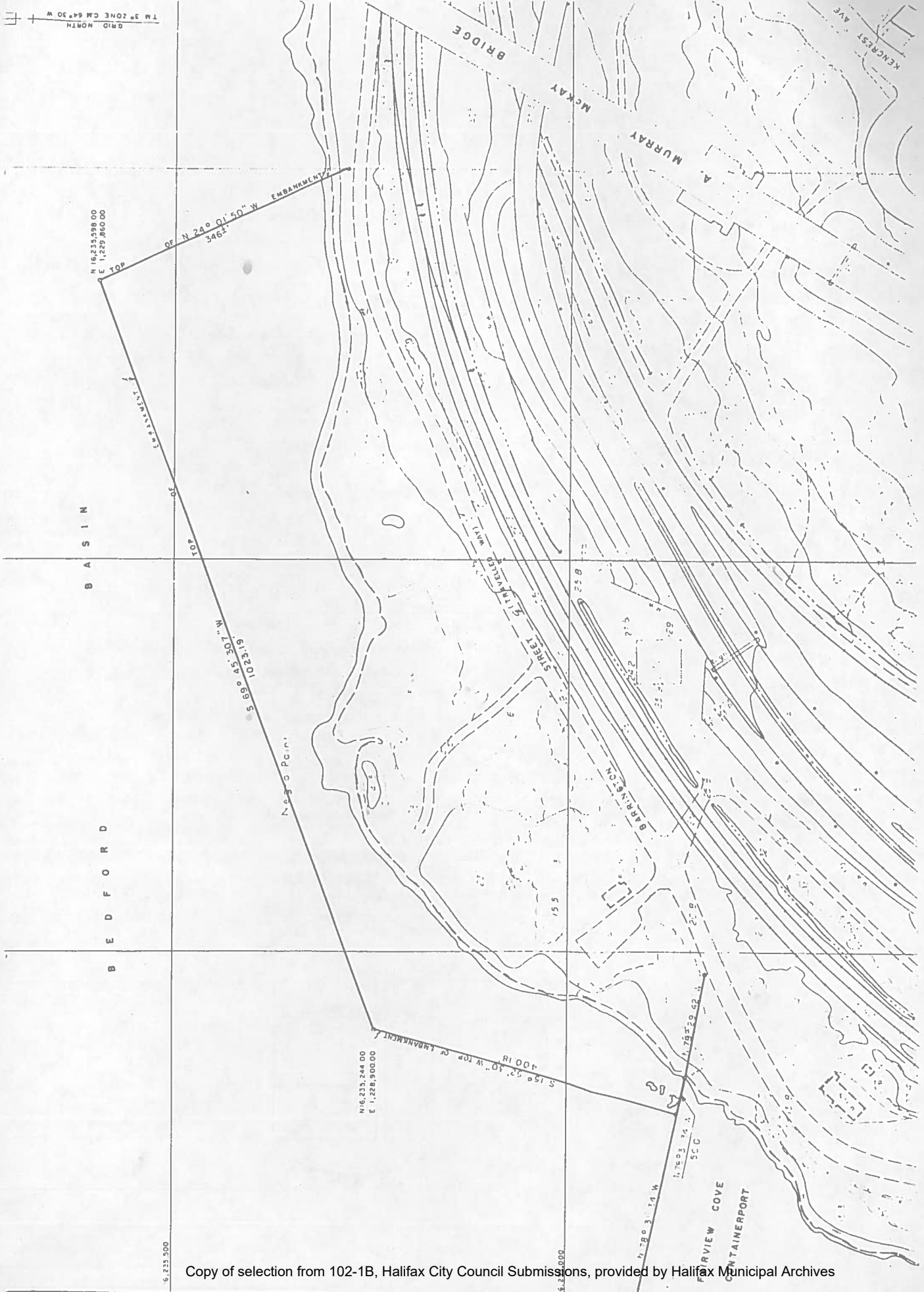
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KENCREST AVE

STINKHEAD WHARF

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BARRING CUL



CARVERY

HAULAGE

AFRICVILLE

NOVA SCOTIA



Phone 422 - 4389

ing of the North End Park

My name is Nelson Carvery, my father was Arron (Pa) Carvery. I would like to propose that the Park be named after William Carvery, my grandfather.

Carvery being one of the oldest names in the Africville area. William was a private Contractor. Enclosed you will find photocopies of business dealings with Canadian National Railways pertaining to the constuction of six new homes for residents of the Africville area. During the 1917 disaster William Carvery refused to leave his home and stayed during these crisis. You will also find photocopies of a grant issued by His Majesty The King to William Carvery, dated the 16th of March 1945 for land. These lands are not situated where the Park is being developed, but the terms of the said land were supposed to be forever, however these lands were sold or taken from his posession. He also had owned real estate in Africville.

His son Arron being the last resident to leave Africville. Enclosed you will find a newspaper clipping which will explain his story. Myself, I am employed with Atlantic Concrete and now became an independent trucker, enclosed you will find my card.

Copies of this letter will be sent to Ward 3, Alderman Graham Downey, and to Ward 10, Alderman Terry Sullivan, and also to Mayor Edmond Morris.

I suggest (William Carvery) or (Carvery) or if you have any other suggestions please advise.

Yours truly,

Nelson Carvery

Mr. Nelson Carvery

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CITY HALL

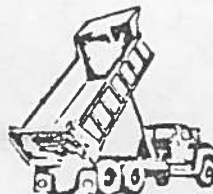
AARON (PA) & SON.

CARVERY

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AFRICVILLE

NOVA SCOTIA



Phone 422 - 4389

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
LEGAL DEPARTMENT-ATLANTIC REGION

E. E. STEVENS
CHIEF CLAIM AGENT, MONCTON N. B.

OUR FILE NO. A-43650

H. S. MANTHORNE
CLAIM AGENT, TRURO N. S.

MONCTON, N.B., December 29, 1941.

Mr. William Carvery,
Africville,
Halifax County, N.S.

Dear Sir:

The matter of giving you a deed to property where your houses are now located and covered by Agreement is receiving attention and it is expected that we will be in a position to give you a deed to property soon.

Yours truly,

E. E. Stevens
Chief Claim Agent.

EES/W.

Halifax, N.S. August 5th, 1941.

I, William Carvery, hereby authorize the Canadian National Railways to pay 50% of the Contract Price agreed on to for the construction of six houses, in the vicinity of to the D.S. Misener Co. Ltd., Halifax, N.S.

Bedford Basin,
I am satisfied with the progress and nature of construction to date.

WITNESS:



Canada

GEORGE THE SIXTH, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India,

TO ALL TO WHOM these Presents shall come,

GREETING:

WHEREAS the lands hereinafter described are vested in Us in the right of Our Dominion of Canada.

AND WHEREAS the said lands are not required for public purposes and under and by virtue of the Statutes in that behalf and pursuant to authority duly granted by Our Governor in Council, the said lands or the

interest therein which is or may be vested in Us for the uses of Our Dominion of Canada have been disposed of to WILLIAM CARVERY, ESQUIRE, of Halifax in the Province of Nova Scotia, hereinafter called

the Grantee, at and for the price or sum of Three hundred dollars.

F. P. Varese
DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE,
CANADA

Offered satchel of money

Negro, 80, pressured to sell, group says

Special to The Globe and Mail

HALIFAX — Mayor Allan O'Brien said yesterday some city hall department heads made "a serious error in judgment" in their dealings with a Halifax homeowner.

The mayor made the statement after the Nova Scotia Association for the Advancement of Colored People demanded an investigation into complaints that Aaron Carvery, 80, was pressured to sell his property in Africville, part of the city's north end.

PC-needles Benson on bill for travels

OTTAWA (CP) — Finance Minister Edgar Benson, who had the highest travel expenses of any cabinet minister in 1968-69, was asked yesterday by Thomas M. Bell (PC, Saint John-Lancaster) whether this is how he developed the idea that people could live on \$30 a week.

Mr. Benson has been needed from time to time in the Commons about a statement last fall that, in some places in Canada, it is possible for a person to live on \$30 a week.

Figures tabled in the Commons show that Mr. Benson received \$10,113 in travel expenses in 1968-69. The minister said that the people of Canada want to be informed and a minister has a duty to travel throughout the country.

The mayor met with NSAACP officials and promised to have the city manager investigate.

NSAACP president H. A. J. Wedderburn said last night that Mr. Carvery's house was the last one standing in Africville, a slum that the city has been clearing for several years.

"They wanted him out of there, but it was his home and he simply didn't want to sell," Mr. Wedderburn said.

He said five city officials took Mr. Carvery into an office in city hall, and showed him a satchel reportedly containing \$14,000 in cash which he could take away with him if he agreed.

"Mr. Carvery looked at it and walked out, but they went to his house the next day and he sold for \$14,387.76—paid by cheque," Mr. Wedderburn said.

"We did not approve of taking him to city hall and flashing a bag of money at him. He has sold and has been given a low-rental house in the city, and he is happy. But we are angry at this kind of approach to an old black man, a poor and supposedly ignorant man. This shows a total disrespect for the gentleman as a fellow human being."

Mr. Wedderburn said his association is satisfied with Mayor O'Brien's apology, but he still seeks an apology to Mr. Carvery, an investigation and an assurance that such incidents will not be repeated.