

April 30, 1945.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Batson that the recommendation as contained in the letter be approved and the sum of \$500.00 contributed to the Nova Scotia Talent Trust Fund, same to be charged against the appropriation for advertising.

The motion was put and passed unanimously the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:

FOR THE MOTION:

Alderman Batson
Breen
Hosterman
Adams
DeWolf
Doyle
Walker
Burgess

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"V" DAY PREPARATIONS

His Worship the Deputy Mayor asked the members of Council if they would like to hear from Major O. R. Crowell with respect to preparations for celebrating "V" Day to which the Council agreed.

Major Crowell then addressed the Council as follows:
"The H. C. E. C. was given the job of superintending arrangements; they appointed a committee to carry out these arrangements and they went ahead on this matter. These plans are subject to change on very short notice. We feel that the day should be held in the spirit of thanksgiving and still not overlooking the fact that this day is not the end of the war. There are many people in this City who have lost members of their family. There are many people who feel that this day will be one of

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jubilant and arrangements have been made for these kind of people. The Chief of Police has made the necessary arrangements with respect to safety regulations and has worked out a plan that will be satisfactory. As far as the other phases of the plans we have worked out tentatively a 24 hour program. In brief the Garrison Grounds will be the point of direction for all citizens. We will have the R. C. A. F. sound truck to help lead the people to this area. We have eight bands who will march to the grounds where it is felt they can be handled with the least danger. There are six groups of entertainers organized. They will take turns in trying to keep the people entertained. The churches have almost all indicated that they will have services at 11.00 A. M. on that morning. We are encouraging all people to go to church and worship. At 2.30 the Armed Services are going to hold a service for the Armed Services themselves. The Junior Board of Trade are arranging for street dances on South Park St. and South St. In the evening we have arranged for a display of fireworks on the Harbour. There will be bands and singing on Citadel Hill also. If word came after 2.00 P. M. the day following would be proclaimed a holiday."

The Chief of Police then addressed the Council as follows: "We have had several meetings with the Armed Services and Lt. Com. Woods has assured me that every available man will be called out for service. We are going to pool our Department with the Armed Services. Our own Department will be on two shifts on that day. Everything is being done and we will have a good force to look after things on that day."

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Major Crowell stated that the Committee felt that no matter what time word came the Committee should come to the Mayor's Office.

Alderman Hosterman asked if the Government were going to declare a holiday later on to which Alderman Adams replied in the affirmative.

It was agreed that all the Aldermen should be on that Committee.

Alderman Burgess speaking in regard to the holiday stated that everyone will take a holiday so why not give a holiday anyway

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Walker that the City Hall offices be closed on that day and if anyone else cares to make it a holiday let them follow us. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Walker that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned. - - 5.40 P. M.

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J. E. AHERN,
DEPUTY MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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CITY CLERK.