

Africville,
May 29, 1967

POSSIBLE ACQUISITION - PROPERTY ORIGINALLY OWNED BY THE LATE
WILLIAM JOHN BYERS, AFRICVILLE

A report was submitted from Staff respecting the negotiations for the above property.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Reverend Bryant that:

1. The City consider Mrs. Wilhelmena Byers and Miss Sarah Byers as the alleged owners of the property originally owned by William John Byers;
2. The City purchase the said property for the sum of \$3,000:

\$1,500 - to be paid to Mrs. Wilhelmena Byers; and
\$1,500 - to be paid to Miss Sarah Byers.

Motion passed.

ESTATE OF DAVID DIXON

A report was submitted from Staff respecting the negotiations which have taken place with the heirs of the late David Dixon for a parcel of land located between the railway tracks, measuring approximately 33 feet by 85 feet, in Africville.

After discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Reverend Bryant that City Staff try to effect a settlement for the parcel of land for the amount of \$3,000.

Motion passed.

POSSIBLE ACQUISITION - SEAVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
AFRICVILLE

The following report was submitted from Staff:

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realized from the sale should be used for education purposes through a trust fund.

It was agreed that a public meeting be held at the Church and that the opinion of the residents of Africville be canvassed. The result was a confirmation of the proposal previously discussed by the Minister and Deacons.

The Education Fund would be used for a negro boy or girl from the area, with preference given to a boy or girl from Africville. The Trusteeship would perpetuate the name of Africville and its residents for years to come.

The proposed asking price for the building plus land is \$30,000. The building is approximately 33 feet by 45 feet and rests on a parcel of land, which is approximately 20,000 square feet in area.

The organizational arrangements as far as a Trusteeship is concerned should be the responsibility of the Minister and the Deacons, with the costs involved (legal, etc.) to be deducted from the purchase price."

4:30 p.m. Mr. Wedderburn arrives.

Considerable discussion ensued, and it was mentioned that the land, upon which the Church is built, is leased from the City of Halifax. It is to be noted that the lease is for a fifty year period and began in 1950.

It was the general feeling of the Committee that the asking price of \$30,000 was rather high and a suggestion was made that further discussions be held between City Staff and the Trustees of the Church in an attempt to negotiate a more realistic settlement.

The Committee agreed to the above course of action.

PROGRESS REPORT - AFRICVILLE RELOCATION PROGRAMME

A general report was submitted from Staff advising of the following:

TO: Members of the Sub-Committee of Council on
Africville and the Representatives of the
Human Rights Advisory Committee

FROM: P. F. C. Byars, City Manager

DATE: May 24, 1967

SUBJECT: Staff Report - Possible Acquisition - Seaview Baptist Church,
Africville

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Respectfully submitted,


P. F. C. Byars
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