

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

January 9th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeem and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Chebucto Road Widening at McFatridge Property.  
North West Arm Trunk Sewer.  
Water Supply V. G. Hospital.  
High Cost of Living.  
G. S. Robinson's Complaint Against Police Sergeant Palmer.  
Certifying City Bonds - Account/  
Young Street School Site Building Lots.  
Strand Theatre License.  
Special Policeman Casino Theatre.  
Returned Soldiers.  
North Park Street Sidewalk.  
Fenwick Street Dump.  
City Clerk's Pay as Secretary License Board.

CHEBUCTO ROAD WIDENING AT MCFATRIDGE PROPERTY.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
January 8th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that Alderman Hines and Foley and I had an interview with Mr. McFatridge with regard to his property on the south side of Chebucto Road between Chebucto Lane and Harvard Street projecting over the sidewalk.

The fence at this property projects in places about seven feet over the general line of the street and over the official street line. Mr. McFatridge has agreed to accept \$150 for the land required by the City, and he will move the fence back to the new line.

In my opinion this is a reasonable proposition, and I would recommend that the offer be accepted.

H. W. Johnston.  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER.

Read report City Clerk of payment into Court of the sum of \$7.00 for right of way, North West Arm Trunk Sewer.

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Forwarded to the City Council for its information.

WATER SUPPLY V. G. HOSPITAL.

Read letter V. G. Hospital, complaining of unsatisfactory and insufficient water service.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Read letter City Clerk of Ottawa, covering copy of a report made to the Ottawa City Council by its special committee with respect to the high cost of living, covering a resolution adopted by the Ottawa Council, December 29th, 1916. Filed.

Also read copies of schedules forwarded by the Ottawa City Council to wholesale dealers, in compliance with Canadian Order in Council respecting the high cost of living. Filed.

The City Clerk submits about 150 replies received to circular letter forwarded to City dealers relating to the high cost of living.

It is decided to employ Mr. Cyril S. Smith to tabulate the answers received, and report the same to the Board.

G. S. ROBINSON'S COMPLAINT AGAINST POLICE SERGEANT

PALMER.

Read letter R. H. Murray on behalf of Police Sergeant Palmer, relating to the charges made by G. S. Robinson against said Police Officer.

The Secretary is instructed to write Mr. Robinson asking him if he desires a public investigation.

CERTIFYING CITY BONDS - ACCOUNTS.

Read account Deputy Attorney General for \$134.50, for certifying 269 City of Halifax debentures.

The City Solicitor is instructed to draft legislation and submit the same to the Board, exempting the city of Halifax from payment of such fees in the future.

*Engineer*

*Letter written ✓  
Mr. James Sullivan  
DO*

*Solicitor ✓*



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*Mayor ✓*  
The account is referred to the City Treasurer to consult with Deputy Attorney General Jenks and request him to make a reduction in the account.

YOUNG STREET SCHOOL SITE BUILDING LOTS.

Read offer Roland H. Lloy, Dartmouth, offering \$325.00 each for lots Nos. 7 and 9 of the Young Street School site.

Referred to the City Engineer for an early report.

*Engineer ✓  
N H Lloy ✓*  
The City Engineer is requested to submit a plan of the Young Street School site, showing the lots sold and the prices paid therefor, and the lots remaining unsold.

The Secretary is instructed to notify Mr. Lloy that he will be informed at an early date as to whether his offer will be accepted or not.

STRAND THEATRE LICENSE.

*Council ✓  
with accounts*  
Read account E. P. Allison, \$25.00, for furnishing the City with an opinion in connection with the application of the Strand Theatre Company for a theatre license.

The account is passed for payment.

SPECIAL POLICEMAN CASINOTHEATRE.

*Casino ✓  
Theatre*  
Read report Controller Harris on application of Casino Theatre for the appointment of a special policeman for said theatre, that the application does not state whether the applicant desires to name a man or whether they desire the City to nominate one.

The Secretary is instructed to write the Casion Co., asking their wishes in the matter.

RETURNED SOLDIERS.

Read letter Secretary Returned Soldiers' Association, as follows:-

Halifax, January 9th, 1917.

To His Worship Mayor Martin.

Dear Sir:-

On behalf of the Returned Soldiers' Association



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I beg to request that in making appointment to fill civic vacancies, the Association will be given an opportunity to get some of its members placed. We appreciate very much what you have already done for us. We feel that you can help some of us from time to time by making our wants known to you. While we do not intend to assume the responsibility of placing returned soldiers in positions, we thought that where vacancies occur in the civic department, or where new appointments are to be made, those who have served their Country and returned, be given consideration. We understand it is proposed to place on duty at the base of the City water supply one or more men, and we believe that some members of the Association who may be out of employment would be in a position to accept and fill such an appointment.

Thanking you for past favors,

W. L. Holmes,  
Secretary Returned Soldiers'  
Association.

The Secretary is instructed to request the returned Soldiers' Association to furnish the City Clerk with a list of all returned soldiers, giving their full names, occupations and addresses.

The City Clerk is instructed to write the Returned Soldiers' Discharge Depot, suggesting that they publish a weekly bulletin of returned soldiers, showing what occupation the returned men are qualified to engage in, and to request them to forward to this Board copies of such lists as published.

NORTH PARK STREET SIDEWALK.

Alderman Hines requested that the City Engineer report as to the advisability and cost of constructing a concrete sidewalk on North Park Street from Cogswell Street to the Armouries.

FENWICK STREET DUMP.

Alderman H. S. Colwell complained of the character of material being placed on the Fenwick Street dump, and of the dumping of said material on the sidewalk.

The City Engineer is instructed to clean off the sidewalk and to stop the dumping entirely until the citizens interested guarantee to stop dumping offensive material, and to prevent obstruction of the sidewalk.



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CITY CLERK'S PAY AS SECRETARY LICENSE BOARD.

Read statement of City Clerk that there is amount due him of \$100.00 for one year's services as Secretary of the Board of License Commissioners.

*Auditor ✓*

Referred to the city Auditor for report.

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*  
P. F. Martin.

MAYOR.

*L. J. Monaghan*  
CITY CLERK.



Council Chamber, City Hall,

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LIST OF HEADLINES.

Victoria General Hospital Water Supply.  
Barrington Street.  
Mrs. G. A. McLeod, Claim for Damages.  
Certifying City Bonds.  
Tax Bill James A. Lindsay.  
Water Bill Plant Steamship Company.  
Water Bill W. J. Hopgood, Argyle Street.  
Water Bill Samuel R. Frame, 7 Belle Aire Terrace.  
Water Meter Bill W. Gaul, 5 Upper Water Street.  
Water Meter Bill Murray Estate, Murray Place.  
Water Bill Estate Charles Kirby, 136 North Street.  
Water Meter Bill 1-3 Bell Street, G. J. Hiseler.  
Special Policeman Casino Theatre.  
Moving Picture Theatres.  
Robinson Charges Against Police Sergeant Palmer.  
Casino Theatre License.

VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL WATER SUPPLY.

Alderman R. B. Colwell appeared before the Board, complaining of insufficiency of water supply at the Victoria General Hospital.

The City Engineer informed the Board that turning the high water system into the low water service to increase the pressure in the Hospital is not justifiable.

The Engineer is requested to visit the Hospital, and give them such improved service as he may be able to.

BARRINGTON STREET.

Alderman R. B. Colwell complained of the condition of Barrington Street, between Bell's Lane and Jacob St.

Controller Murphy informed the Alderman that the Works Department started to clean Barrington Street yesterday.

MRS. G. A. McLEOD - CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

Read letter McInnes, Mellish, Fulton & Kenny,



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*Mc James do  
Engineer  
Solicitor*

solicitors for Mrs. G. A. McLeod, claiming \$200.00 damages for injury sustained by her at the corner of Coburg Road and Larch Street.

Referred to the City Engineer and City Solicitor for immediate report.

CERTIFYING CITY BONDS.

On the account of the Deputy Attorney General, \$134,50, for certifying City Bonds, the City Treasurer reports that Mr. Jenks has agreed to reduce his account by the sum of \$34.50. The balance, \$100.00, is passed for immediate payment.

TAX BILL JAMES A. LINDSAY.

*James Lindsay*

Read report City Assessor that the appeal made by James A. Lindsay against assessment of \$3,000.00 on property #1 Uniacke Street, was not allowed by the Court of Tax Appeals.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Lindsay.

WATER BILL PLANT STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

*Cont Murphy  
Council  
Engineer  
Deferred by order  
of P.C.  
Cont Murphy*

Controller Murphy recommends adoption of the Acting City Engineer's report submitted December 14th, 1916, re water bill Plant Steamship Company, recommending that the bill be made up on a consumption of 1,200,000 gallons. Approved.

WATER BILL W. J. HOPGOOD, ARGYLE STREET.

Controller Murphy recommends that the water meter bill against property of W. J. Hopgood, Argyle Street, be reduced to \$10.00.

Deferred for further consideration.

WATER BILL SAMUEL R. FRAME, 7 BELLE AIRE TERRACE.

Read report Acting City Engineer re water bill Samuel R. Frame, 7 Belle Aire Terrace.

Controller Murphy recommends that the bill be reduced from \$5.57 to \$2.50.



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On motion of Controller McKeen, the report of the City Engineer recommending no reduction is approved, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Frame.

*S R Frame  
Engineer ✓*

WATER METER BILL W. GAUL, 5 UPPER WATER STREET.

Controller Murphy recommends that the water meter bill of W. Gaul, 5 Upper Water Street, be reduced to \$4.00.

*Engineer ✓  
Cont - Murphy*

The report of the Acting City Engineer submitted at meeting December 14th, is referred back to Controller Murphy for further report.

WATER METER BILL MURRAY ESTATE, MURRAY PLACE.

Read letter City Collector to Murray Estate, re water meter bill for property, Murray Place.

*Engineer ✓*

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

WATER BILL ESTATE CHARLES KIRBY, 186 NORTH STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer re water meter bill Estate Charles Kirby, 186 North Street, recommending that no reduction be made.

*Engineer ✓*

Referred to the City Engineer for further report as to the number of taps in the premises.

WATER METER BILL 1 - 3 BELL STREET, G. J. HISLER.

Read report Acting City Engineer re water meter bill 1 - 3 Bell Street, G. J. Hisler, recommending that no reduction be made.

*G J Hisler  
Engineer ✓*

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Hisler.

SPECIAL POLICEMAN CASINO THEATRE.

Read application Casino Theatre for the appointment of A. Osborne as a special policeman at said Theatre.

*R J McAdam  
Chief of Police ✓*

The Secretary is instructed to request R. J. McAdam, the Manager of the Theatre, to send Mr. Osborne to the Chief of Police.

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MOVING PICTURE THEATRES.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that he had obtained a report from the Building Inspector as to the condition of the moving picture theatres, and in consequence of the report made by the Inspector, it was his intention to send for the theatre owners and instruct them to comply with the recommendations of the Building Inspector, otherwise the City would have to take immediate action.

*Engineer ✓  
Mayor ✓*

ROBINSON CHARGES AGAINST POLICE SERGEANT PALMER.

Read letter McInnes, Mellish, Fulton & Kenny, solicitors for G. S. Robinson, stating that it is immaterial to their client whether the investigation is public or private.

*McInnes etc ✓*

Controller Harris verbally reports that he had inquired into the matter, and that Palmer has a good defence, and that Mr. Robinson may bring an action against the officer if he so desires.

CASINO THEATRE LICENSE.

Read letter Casino Theatre Co., requesting that they be charged license fee for only the portion of the year during which the theatre is in operation.

*Cont - Harris ✓  
Solicitor ✓*

Referred to Controller Harris and the City Solicitor for report.

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*  
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

*J. J. McLaughlin*  
CITY CLERK.



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Coburg Road - Mrs. G.A. McLeod Claim for Damages.  
Moving Picture Theatres.  
Dominion Wharf Egress and Ingress Rental - S. Cunard & Co.  
31 Lockman Street - Rain Water Leaders.  
Social Service Congress.  
Ocean Terminals Railway Bridges.  
Bell's Lane.  
Returned Soldiers' Employment.  
South Street Water Supply at McPatridge's House.  
Water Bills George J. Hiseler.  
D. J. McIntosh Superannuation.  
Commutation of Common Lot.  
Electric Wires.  
Special Policeman Casino Theatre.  
War - Enlistment of City Prison Underkeepers.  
Workmen's Compensation Act.  
Acadian School, Albemarle Street.  
Death of P. J. Broderick, Chief Fire Department.  
Firemen's Tappers.  
Cost of Maintenance of Truants.  
City Medical Officer.  
Legislation 1917.  
Infants' Home, Thanks for Increased Civic Grant.  
Salary Clerk Board of License Commissioners.  
Telephone Wires on City Prison Buildings.  
Connolly Road Water Extension.

FENWICK STREET DUMP.

Read letter James Donohoe, complaining of having been stopped from dumping on his property, Fenwick Street.

The City Engineer is instructed to permit Mr. Donohoe to continue dumping at his property, Fenwick Street, provided he undertakes to be responsible for keeping the sidewalk clear, and for the preventing of the dumping of offensive matter.

The Secretary is instructed to advise Deputy Mayor Colwell, who is interested in the matter, of the action taken by the Board.

*Engineer  
as to Colwell*

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COBURG ROAD - MRS. G. A. McLEOD CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

Read report Acting City Engineer and/City Solicitor, <sup>opinion</sup> on letter from McInnes, Mellish, Fulton & Kenny, re claim of Mrs. G. A. McLeod for damages for catching her foot in a wire on Coburg Road.

Solicitor ✓

The City Solicitor is instructed to reply to the letter of Mrs. McLeod's solicitors.

MOVING PICTURE THEATRES.

Read letters from the City Clerks of Toronto and Montreal, covering regulations of those cities in respect to moving picture theatres. Filed.

DOMINION WHARF EGRESS AND INGRESS RENTAL - S. CUNARD & CO.

Read letter S. Cunard & Co., returning a bill for \$50.00 charged for by the City for rent of right of egress and ingress to the Dominion Wharf, stating that they are not liable for the same.

Engineer ✓

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

31 LOCKMAN STREET, RAIN WATER LEADERS.

Read letter J. N. Manson, 33 Lockman Street, complaining of injury to his property through faulty rain water leaders at #31 Lockman Street.

Engineer ✓  
J N Manson ✓

Referred to the City Engineer to instruct the owner of #31 Lockman Street to remedy the conditions complained of.

SOCIAL SERVICE CONGRESS.

Read application Social service Council for a civic grant of \$100.00 towards the expenses of the holding of a Social Service Congress in Halifax.

Cont. McKeen ✓  
RWCW ✓

Referred to Controller McKeen for report.

OCEAN TERMINALS RAILWAY BRIDGES.

G. S. Campbell, Rod McDonald, R. M. Hattie and J. W. Regan appeared before the Board, requesting that the services of an architect be engaged to pass opinion as to the proper ornamentation and architectural appearance of the proposed bridges crossing the Ocean Terminals Railway.



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Mr. Campbell informed the Board that he was of opinion that if the City so desired, the Management of the Railway would bear any expense in this connection.

The delegation was requested to appear again at Friday morning's meeting of the Board at 11 o'clock, when the City Engineer would be present.

BELL'S LANE<sup>3</sup>

John W. Regan, representing Halifax Central Realities, Limited, appeared before the Board and submitted the following letter and petition:-

Halifax, N.S., December 22nd, 1917.

To the Mayor and Members of the  
Board of Control.

Dear Sirs:-

We have completed plans for the improvement of the Parker Block, so called, by the erection of a large commercial building involving an outlay exceeding \$150,000.

It happens that the area of the block is not sufficient in the judgment of the practical people who are financing the proposition and they will not go ahead unless the area reaches a certain minimum dictated by the experience in such matters. The minimum in this case can only be reached by an acquisition of a strip 10 feet wide off the south side of Bells Lane between Barrington Street and Argyle Street. We do not exaggerate the situation when we state that unless this strip can be obtained the project will have to be abandoned and it will be a long time before anything else can be developed.

The erection of such a building as is proposed would be a permanent advantage to the locality and to the city in general, while immediate outlay would be a benefit to the trades involved.

You can readily understand that we would prefer to avoid the trouble connected with this effort to procure this strip of Bells Lane and we would rather restrict our plans to the existing dimensions of the block, but that is impossible. The need for the extra area is partly created by the new building line established by the City on the Buckingham Street front of our block between Barrington Street and Argyle Street. When we undertake to rebuild we will have to go back to this line which takes a strip from 4 to 5 ft. wide off the entire Buckingham Street frontage of our block.

We would naturally expect pretty large remuneration for this strip and it would probably cost the City a good many thousand dollars to settle for it. It occurred to us that a strip off Bells Lane might be transferred to us in partial exchange.



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The traffic at this part of Bells Lane is very light, being purely local and if the lane were reduced from its present width of 22 ft. to the proposed width of 12 ft., we believe that the lane would satisfactorily serve all the traffic which it does at present. We hand you herewith a petition in favor of granting our request.

What we would suggest is that the City obtain legislative authority at the next session of the local house to be in a position to conclude the above arrangement with us.

HALIFAX CENTRAL REALTIES, Ltd.  
John W. Regan.

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Halifax, December 22nd, 1916.

To the Mayor and Members of the  
Board of Control.

Sirs:-

We understand that it is proposed to improve the Parker block with a large modern building, the plans for which require ten feet off the south side of Bells Lane between Barrington and Argyle Streets, without which the improvement would be blocked.

The proposed improvement would be a benefit to the locality and to the City in general.

The traffic on this part of Bells Lane is purely local and the grade sharp. We would consider the remaining width of 12 feet would be as good as the present width of 22 feet for all purposes for which the lane is used.

We, the undersigned residents and property owners of Argyle and Barrington Streets, located near Bell Lane, recommend your favorable consideration of the sale of 10 feet off the south side of Bells Lane between Barrington and Argyle Streets for the purpose of facilitating the proposed improvement of the Parker block.

John F. Outhit & Son,  
The Dean & Chapter,  
G.E.E. Nichols, Agt.

J. N. Brager.  
Brager's Ltd.  
J.N. Brager, Pres.

New York Millinery Co.,  
L. Webber.

Robert McLeod.  
W.J. Hoppood & Son.  
P.T. Shea.  
H. Webber.  
Jas. W. Salterio.

A. Stinchbury.

T.H. & T. Francis.

T.P. McCartney.

Wentzell's Ltd.

Scotia Pure Milk Co.

Ghas. M. Butcher,

Mg. Director.

H.M. Marshall, Ltd.,

H.H. Marshall, Pres.

S. Statson Rogers.

Est. R.N. McDonald,

J.W. McDonald, Exec.

David Roche.

Referred to the City Engineer for report at Friday's meeting.

RETURNED SOLDIERS' EMPLOYMENT.

Read letter W. B. McCoy, Secretary Returned Soldiers' Employment Committee, in answer to request of the Board that they furnish weekly bulletins of the names, occupations

Engineer ✓



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and addresses of returned soldiers.

Mr. McCoy appeared before the Board, and outlined the difficulties met in an attempt to comply with the wishes of the Board, and informed the Board that he is anxious to co-operate in every way.

SOUTH STREET WATER SUPPLY TO McFATRIDGE'S HOUSE.

W. B. McCoy requested the Board for an early determination as to the furnishing of water supply to Archibald McFatrige's property, corner of South and Oxford Streets, which was cut off by the Ocean Terminals Railway.

*Engineer  
W B McCoy*

Mr. McCoy is requested to attend the Board's meeting on Friday morning next at 11 o'clock, when the City Engineer will be present.

WATER BILLS GEORGE J. HISLER.

G. J. Hisler again appeared before the Board, asking for a determination as to certain water bills which he claimed to be excessive.

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Halliday that the Board recommend to the City Council a reduction of 20% in the following bills, and that Mr. Hisler be given the usual caution as to waste of water -

*Council  
Deferred by  
order of p/c  
see March 29/17*

- 181-3 Gottingen Street, \$30.16 and \$30.19.
- 1 - 3 Bell Street, \$39.81, \$49.51 and \$57.40.
- 61 Maynard Street, \$29.80 and \$41.95.
- 78 Upper Water Street, \$25.70.
- 71 Maynard Street, \$16.53.

Motion passed.

D. J. McINTOSH'S SUPERANNUATION.

Read statement City Treasurer re superannuation of Daniel J. McIntosh, cook and baker at the City Home, as follows:-

Halifax, January 16th, 1917.

The Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

In re superannuation of Daniel McIntosh -

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Date of Birth, January 1st, 1846	-	71 years.
" " 1st appointment, October, 1890	-	26 years.
Average yearly paid		\$830.00.
Minutes of Council August 10th, 1916,	adds 2 years' ser-	
vice - 28 years.		
Allowance under that minute of Council,	-	\$464.80.
Officials' Superannuation Fund pays		156.00
Assessment		298.80
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		\$464.80
Allowance asked for by letter		500.00
Increase		35.20
Would make assessment		\$334.00

James J. Hopewell,  
City Treasurer.

*Council ✓*

It is decided to recommend to Council that legisla-  
tion be secured to enable the City to superannuate Mr.  
McIntosh at the total sum of \$500.00 per year, which  
would require the sum of \$35.20 in addition to the  
amount previously recommended.

COMMUTATION OF COMMON LOT.

Read letter Assistant City Clerk as follows:-

Halifax, January 16th, 1917.

The Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of the attached letter from Messrs.  
Henry, Rogers, Harris & Stewart, solicitors for Harold  
S. Freeman, asking for a commutation of part of certain  
common lots fronting on Carleton Street. The particular  
lot is part of Lots Nos. 28 and 29, held under lease by  
the Estate of Charles Barnstead. The City Engineer has  
made a sub-division of the part of the lots mentioned  
that he wishes to commute.

*Council ✓*

There is twenty-one years' rent due up to July 1st  
next, \$41.16, and the portion of the rent chargeable to  
this particular lot with twenty-five years' rental in  
advance, necessary for commutation, makes in all \$90.16.

I would recommend that the City Solicitor be in-  
structed to prepare a deed to Mr. Freeman, as requested  
in letter attached.

H. S. Rhind,  
Asst. City Clerk.

Approved.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Controller Murphy requested that the W. W. Hoyt  
report on inspection of electric wires throughout the  
City be presented to the Board.

At request of Controller McKeen, the matter is de-  
ferred for one week.



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SPECIAL POLICEMAN CASINO THEATRE.

Read report Controller Harris recommending the appointment of Abraham Osborne as a special policeman at the Casino Theatre. Approved.

WAR - ENLISTMENT OF CITY PRISON UNDERKEEPERS.

Read applications William Marriott and Wm. H. Handley, underkeepers at the City Prison, for leave of absence to enlist to go overseas.

It is decided to recommend to Council that the applications be granted.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

Read letter Workmen's Compensation Board, requesting that they be immediately furnished with the City's pay rolls, under the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Referred to Controller Murphy and the City Engineer for report.

ACADIAN SCHOOL, ALBEMARLE STREET.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners as follows, enclosing a bill from S. A. Marshall & Son, for \$2,368.67, for extras on the new Acadian School Building -

Halifax, January 15th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

By resolution adopted by the Board, I am directed to enclose an account of Messrs. S. A. Marshall & Sons for extras in connection with the erection of Acadian School, as these extras were mainly caused by changes made to comply with the wishes of the City Engineer.

S. J. Wilson,  
Secty. School Board.

Referred to the City Engineer for report in detail.

DEATH OF P. J. BRODERICK, CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read letter Ex-Alderman J. A. Johnson, as follows:-

Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 8th, 1917.

P. F. Martin, Esq.,  
Mayor, Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mayor Martin:-

I was very sorry to see by a Halifax paper today that  
Digital copy of Halifax Board of Control minutes (102-2A) provided by Halifax Municipal Archives.  
Request reports, correspondence mentioned in minutes: archives[at]halifax.ca.

Chief of Police ✓

Council ✓

Cont Murphy ✓  
Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓



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Chief Briderick had departed this life. The Fire Department in many ways is the most interesting in the City's affairs. Anything that prevents it being equipped with every modern appliance is false economy. When Chairman of the Board I became intensely interested in it, in a large measure caused by the late Chief's enthusiasm. In spirit I lay a wreath on his grave made up of kindly thoughts and pleasant memories.

J. A. Johnson.

Filed.

FIREMEN'S TAPPERS.

Read extract from minutes of City Council meeting December 28th, 1916, requesting that this Board consider the installation and shifting of tappers in the houses of call men of the Fire Department free of charge.

Referred to Controller Halliday and the City Electrician for report.

COST OF MAINTENANCE OF TRUANTS.

Read extract from minutes of City Council meeting December 28th, 1916, requesting the Board to consider the advisability of applying for legislation to reduce the amount of fees payable by the City towards the maintenance of truants.

Referred to Controller McKeen for report.

CITY MEDICAL OFFICER.

Read extract from minutes of City Council meeting December 28th, 1916, requesting that this Board and the Board of Health consider whether the duties of physician to the County Jail could be performed by the City Medical Officer as part of his duties, and to also consider the matter of duties and salary of the City Medical Officer.

Referred to the City Health board for report.

LEGISLATION 1917.

The City Solicitor is requested to at once prepare all legislation which has been referred to him up to the present time, and submit the same to the Board.

INFANTS' HOME THANKS FOR INCREASED CIVIC GRANT.

Read letter Mrs. Charlotte McInnes, Secretary of the

Council ✓  
Hon. J. Briderick ✓

Cont. Halliday ✓  
Electrician ✓

Cont. McKeen ✓

Health Board ✓

Solicitor ✓



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Infants' Home, Tower Road, thanking the City for proposed increased civic grant to the Institution. Filed.

*Carl McKean ✓*

SALARY CLERK BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

Read report City Auditor covering schedule of amounts paid, stating that the Clerk of the Board of License Commissioners is not entitled to the \$100.00 claimed by him.

Referred to Controller McKean for report.

TELEPHONE WIRES ON CITY PRISON BUILDINGS.

Read letter Maritime Telephone Co. re wires on City Prison property, as follows:-

Halifax, December 11th, 1916.

L. Fred. Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk, Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 7th inst., regarding the request of the Governor of the City Prison that the poles be removed from the City Prison property.

*Carl Harris ✓*

The wires of the Infectious Diseases Hospital cross from the City Prison building over the City Prison property, and in order to remove these poles and at the same time reach the Hospital with service, it would be necessary to build a new pole line along the lane from Gottingen Street to Longard Road. We presume it will be possible to obtain permission for such a pole line in the regular way, in which event, as far as this Company's wires are concerned, we can arrange to discontinue the use of the pole line between the prison building and the hospital.

W. W. Hayes,  
Asst. General Manager.

Referred to Controller Harris for report.

CONNOLLY ROAD WATER EXTENSION.

*Engineer ✓*

Alderman Parker submits a petition for water extension Connolly Road, north from Chebucto Road.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*  
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

*L. Fred. Monaghan*  
L. Fred. Monaghan

CITY CLERK.



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COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

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The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Salaries Plumbing Inspectors.  
City Home Contract for Groceries.  
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London Street - Flooding of Cellar of A. M. Coulstream.  
Coal Weighers' Monthly Report.  
G. S. Robinson Complaint Against Police Sergeant Palmer.  
Young Street School Property - Needham Street Extension.  
Young Street School Site Building Lots.  
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Nova Scotia Car Works Indebtedness to City.  
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Garfield Bowser - Claim for Damages.  
Ocean Terminals Railway Bridges.  
Bell Street.  
Officials' Superannuation Fund.

SALARIES PLUMBING INSPECTORS.

Read report City Health Board re salaries of Plumbing Inspectors, as follows:-

Office of City Health Board,  
January 18th, 1917.

Secretary Board of Control.  
Sir:-

I beg to inform you that at a meeting of the City Health Board on Wednesday, January 17th, the recommendation from the City Council that the salary of Plumbing Inspector Morrissey and Assistant Plumbing Inspector John E. Burns be increased \$100 and \$50 respectively, was received.

The Board considered that the matter of an increase was one for the City Council to deal with.

J. A. Watters,  
Secretary.

Referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion as to whether the City Health Board or Board of Control regulate the salaries of the Plumbing Inspectors.

CITY HOME CONTRACT FOR GROCERIES.

Read offer Wentzell's Ltd., the present contractors

*Solicitor*



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for supplying groceries for the City Home, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 17th, 1917.

Controller Halliday,  
City Hall, City.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to our conversation of this morning, we beg to confirm that we will fill all orders for the Halifax City Home for the next three months starting February 1st.

Wentzell's Ltd.,  
Per J. J. Penny, Secty.

Approved.

WATER SUPPLY VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Read report Acting City Engineer re water supply  
Victoria General Hospital, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
January 18th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minutes of the Board of Control covering complaints of poor pressure from the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Victoria General Hospital, that the Hospital up to the present has been supplied from the High Service system, and the pressure at the gauge in the office of the Secretary ranges from about 50 to 56 pounds. The elevation of the Hospital is such that it should be supplied from the Low Service system and not from the high. Formerly, with the arrangement of pipes, there was no way of doing this, but about three years ago the Low Service main was extended along South Street and to Robie Street, and about the same time a connection was made from this Low Service main to the Hospital service to give a supply, should the High Service be shut off for any purpose.

Last month we connected the College Street pipe from Tower Road to Summer Street. This gave a circulation in the low service, connecting through the Hospital service pipes with the South Street main. The high service was then shut off at College Street, and the Hospital supplied through the low service alone. The pressure obtained at the gauge in the Secretary's office after this work was completed, ranged from 12 to 19 pounds.

We have always endeavored in the Department to restrict the high service to its legitimate district, namely the higher portions of the City, and have always protested against the policy of extending it to lower levels. If dwelling houses were built on the site of the Hospital, the low service system would furnish the supply. Because a public institution requiring a large amount of water is erected on the same locality, I do not think the high service system with the ever-growing demands on it should be burdened with having to supply water to properties



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2which can ordinarily be supplied from the low. I recognize fully that an institution such as the Hospital requires and should have an abundant supply of water, and if there is no other means of obtaining it, would naturally hesitate before recommending reducing the supply and pressure by changing from the high to the low service. But there is such a means open to the Commissioners as by installing a pump and tank and using from the low service, an ample supply may at all times be obtained. Should the low service be at any time disconnected, the high can be let down temporarily by opening the valve at the corner of College Street and Summer Street. As the low service will not at present give the requisite water required, it would only be fair to give the Commissioners time to make the necessary installation to secure it. I would recommend that notice be sent them that after the first of May the Hospital will be placed on the low service.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

*Engineer ✓*

The City Engineer is requested to consult with the Local Government's Engineer and report as to the best means of supplying the Hospital with water from the low service.

LONDON STREET - FLOODING OF CELLAR OF A. M. COULSTRING.

*Engineer ✓*

Read complaint of Alexander M. Coulstring, 68 London Street, of flooding of his cellar.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

COAL WEIGHERS' MONTHLY REPORT.

*Council*

Read report Coal Weighers for the month of December, showing each man to have received \$65.18. Filed.

G. S. ROBINSON'S COMPLAINT AGAINST SERGEANT PALMER.

*Cont-Harris ✓  
McInnes ✓*

Read letter McInnes, Mellish, Fulton & Kenny, asking what the Board proposed to do with the matter of the complaint of G. S. Robinson against Police Sergeant Palmer.

Referred to Controller Harris for report.

YOUNG STREET SCHOOL PROPERTY.- NEEDHAM ST. EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer re Young Street School site building lots, and Needham Street extension, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
January 17th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

In accordance with the accompanying resolution of the Board of Control I beg to report that I have gone



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into the matter of the advisability of extending Needham Street through the school property instead of selling the building lots, and find that to extend Needham Street southwardly in continuation of the existing street, would take the whole of lots 9 and 10 and would leave about 14 feet on the eastern side of the lots 7 and 8 and would also require the purchase of a small strip about 3 feet wide on Kaye Street and 18 inches on Young Street, from the property to the west of the school property.

Lots 5 and 6 have already been sold, so that unless the owner of these lots purchased the 14 feet on lots 7 and 8, this strip would be of no marketable value for the City. Assuming that he would buy, the value of the City land required for the extension of the street would be about \$ 1050. The length of the block on either Young Street or Kaye Street from Gottingen Street to Albert Street is 782 feet and on Young Street from Gottingen Street to Needham Street is 278 feet.

I do not thin, that the number of people that the opening of this street would serve would warrant the City going to the necessary expense. I would therefore adhere to my report and recommend that Mr. Geo. Wambolt's offer of \$325.00 for lot #9 be accepted.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

YOUNG STREET SCHOOL SITE BUILDING LOTS.

Read report Acting City Engineer re re young Street school site building lots, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
January 18th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering a letter from Roland H. Lloy, offering to purchase lots 7 and 9 of the Young Street school lots, at \$325 apiece.

An offer was received last month for lot #9 from Mr. Wambolt, and I reported on the same on December 5th and again on January 17th. The report of December 5th was referred back for further report on the advisability of extending Needham Street through the property, and on January 17th I reported against this, and in favor of accepting Mr. Wambolt's Offer.

I would recommend that Mr. Lloy's offer for lot #7 be accepted.

As requested, I am submitting herewith a plan of the Young Street school site, showing the lots sold, the prices paid therefor, and the lots remaining unsold.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

Controller Murphy asks for the plan referred to in



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the Engineer's report, and it is handed over to him.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

Read report Controller Murphy re Workmen's Compensation Act, as follows:-

Halifax, January 18th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

We have had prepared and submitted to the Compensation Board the necessary information covering the various departments, as required by the Act. This information is based on our expenditure for the year 1915-16, and is segregated to enable the Board to make the necessary classification.

In discussing the question of assessment, it was pointed out that when the returns are all in from the various corporations coming under our classification, the necessary rate will be struck, and assessment based accordingly.

The payments are to be made quarterly, and are subject to readjustment from time to time, as conditions make necessary. After the expiration of a year, should the demands on any particular group make necessary a change in the premium asked, those covered would be credited with any payment over and above the amount required, or in the case of deficit, the additional amount necessary would be called.

Most of the employees governed by this Act, so far as we are concerned, are employed in the construction of our sidewalks, sewers and water extension, and arrangements will be made to portion the premium involved, accordingly; any further segregation to be taken care of through the proper channel.

John Murphy,  
Controller of Works Department.

Filed.

OVERHEAD ELECTRIC WIRING.

Read report Controllers Murphy and McKeen and copy of report of W. W. Hoyt re overhead electric wiring, as follows:-

Halifax, January 18th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

A careful perusal of the report prepared by Mr. W.W. Hoyt for the Public Utilities Board clearly sets out conditions existing in various parts of the City, with regard to overhead wiring, demanding immediate attention.

We think it unnecessary to await action on the part of the Board of Public Utilities, as this is a matter over which the City has the necessary control. Referring to



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page 314 of our City Charter, Ordinance No. 6, Sec. 2, reads as follows:-

"To inspect the condition, insulation, attachments, construction, and arrangements of all posts and wires erected in any street or public place for the transmission of electric current, and to report any violation of the law in respect thereto."

Under the clause quoted above, you will note that the City Electrician has full power to order that necessary steps be taken to have the changes involved made at once, and your Committee therefore recommends that our City Electrician be instructed to take the steps required, and notify the Company accordingly.

John Murphy.  
John McKeen.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
of Public Utilities of the Province of Nova Scotia.

John U. Ross, Chairman.  
R. T. MacIlreith, Vice Chairman.  
P. R. Colpitt.

Gentlemen:-

I have inspected the installation of the Telegraph and Telephone Company and the Halifax Electric Tramway and Power Company's wires, poles, cross-arms, pins, guy-wires, etc., within the City limits, in different parts of this City, from Acadia to Inglis Street and from Water to Oxford Street, and beg to report the work and material as below, on the following streets:

Acadia Street. All the poles on this Street are decayed and have on the top-arms telephone wires and on the arm below arc-circuit and one arc-lamp 110 volt circuit in a dangerous condition. I have taken a photo of this line.

Upper Water Street. From Jacob to Hurd Street the poles are in a vary bad condition, have been in use a great number of years and are decayed. Cross arms on some of these poles are also bad, have been exposed to the weather. The pole at foot of Jacob Street is broken, spliced with a ten pin arm and guy wires are bad; only the wires holding the pole up, very dangerous on this street as both Water and Jacob Streets are narrow, and in case of any wires running at right angles from Water Street breaking, would cause serious damage. I have taken a photo of this also.

North Street. From Robie to Windsor Street the Telephone Company have (late last Fall) erected a pole line on the south side carrying two 200 pair cables with the poles spaced altogether too far apart for this weight, and should not be allowed. Overhead they should have at least twice the number for the same amount of poles and distance.

Robie Street. On this street for blocks there is only one line of poles. The Tram Company and Telegraph Company are using one set of poles. On top arm 17 bronze wires, next to that arm arc-circuit, primary and secondary arc-lamp and one 100 pair cable. Some of these poles want



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renewing, especially the one at corner of Jubilee Road and Robie Street with arc lamp on it. Streets intersecting like Binney Street telephone wires running in bunches of 8 pair, fastened on one pony-insulator on side bracket spiked to side of pole with arc-circuit immediately on a close proximity to these wires with 6 ft. of sag.

Sackville Street. Tram Company have a feeder running up this Street through the Bell Road to Quinpool Road. The cross-arms on some of these poles are bad and pins also and wires are lying on the cross-arms. Wires are too large for insulators and the tye-wires are too small. On the same poles are the arc-circuit and some 12 or 14 pair of telephone wires on side brackets spiked to said side of poles on one pony-insulator with 6 to 8 ft. of sag.

Grafton Street. On one line of poles arc-circuit, telephone wires in between, with swing cross of 8 ft. sag. On same Street there are a bunch of telephone wires on one buck horn nailed to top of decayed pole.

Argyle Street. Corner of Sackville same as Grafton.

Barrington and Hollis Street. These streets have the best line of poles, but mostly all of the intersecting streets off of these two streets are in a terrible state caused by the way the Telephone Company have run their twin wire over and above the Tram Company's high tension and low tension service, which I consider is just as dangerous and more so, as they have 90% more chance of breakage in a storm than larger wires and should be removed at once.

Morris Street. On part of this Street the Tram Company and Telephone Company are using one line of poles, on the top arms the Telephone Company are using 17 bronze copper wire, same has been up some years exposed to smoke and fog which has had a great effect on the durability and strength of same. On lower lines Tram Company have arc-circuit and primary lines. These wires should be removed and cabled as they are on high poles and exposed to all storms from the north and south. Pole line on the north side of Morris Street and from Tower Road to Robie Street these wires should be renewed, also pole at corner Morris and South Park Streets.

Cunard Street. Part of this street is in bad shape, some of the work is shown on one pole at corner of Cunard and Maynard Streets with cross-arms protruding or hanging out on the Street. All braces are tied with wire and all braces broken. Photo marked No. 1.

Water Street. I am enclosing a photo of fire wires belonging to the Halifax Electric Tramway Company on top of two buildings, with structures broken and circuits lying in the snow. If wires are allowed on top of buildings, they should at least be seven feet six to nine feet above building roof, but I believe they should not be allowed there in any case, on account of fire.

I could go on naming as many more such cases as I have done in this report. The tie wires in a great many cases are too small. Some of the larger feeder pins are also bad in some cases, and cross-arms are also bad and in a great many cases guy wires have no braces. In the latest City Rules & Regulations laid down for both of these Companies, (in 1914) these quoted below have been either overlooked or ignored, namely:-



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Page 319, class 4.  
" " " 5  
" 320 " 10.  
" 321 " 18.  
" 322 " 24, 26, 27, 30, 31.  
" 323 " 34.

Not enough care has been taken for the erection of transformers on poles in and about the City. In only a few cases are they erected on double cross-arms and with cross-arm on the bottom and hangers top and bottom. The larger transformers should not be erected on poles for several reasons: First, in case of fire, second, in case of storms. In about half of the City the two Companies are using one another's poles and in every case the Telephone Company have their lines on top of poles. Not enough care has been taken in the construction of the Telephone Company's work, and I cannot see why we have not more accidents by people using 'phones in storms, where there is so much twin wire used on poles with the Tram Company's primary, secondary and are-circuit on the same poles.

One Street in particular I would mention - William street, between Robie and Windsor. One line of poles on north side are in my opinion a disgrace to any Country Town, let alone in a City like Halifax. In some cases I have seen, during my inspection, guy-wires running at right angles to the poles from pole to earth.

In conclusion I would say the principal defects are - the reckless way twin wire is used on Tram Company's poles by Telephone Company; decayed condition of cross-arms, poles, pine and guy-wires. In many places the using of same pole line by both Companies is a very great mistake, and, where if it can at all, should be avoided. A great deal of the Tram Company's wires are without any insulation covering.

The report of Controllers Murphy and McKeen is approved.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS TO CITY.

Read report Controllers McKeen and Murphy re the indebtedness of the Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited to the City, as follows:-

City Hall, January 19th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

With regard to the City's claim against the Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited, we beg to report that we have made enquiry of the present owners, the Canada Corporations, Limited, and find that they have been realizing to some extent on that part of the Company's assets not covered by our security, namely, the stock on hand, such as steel and lumber. The claim under our security up to end of year amounts to \$123,738.33. The amount in arrears for interest and sinking fund amounts to \$32,246.-01. The prospects of this amount being paid up in a few days out of the proceeds of steel and lumber sold as above are good. When this payment is made it will reduce

Electrician ✓  
Council ✓



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our original claim of \$135,476.00 to \$91,492.32. Our mortgage covers real property and plant, with a chattel mortgage over machinery. The Company has exemption from taxation for twenty years from 1911, and 5,000,000 gals. of water free.

The necessary endorsements with respect to the insurance policies have been made since the Canada Corporations, Limited have taken over the property.

John McKeen.

John Murphy.

Referred to City Council for its information.

Controllers McKeen and Murphy are requested to continue as a special committee to follow up this matter, and to obtain if possible, a guarantee that the \$32,246.01 will be paid over to the City when the Company receives its cash for materials sold.

WATER METERS INSTALLATION.

On recommendation of Controller Murphy, a progress payment of \$90.00 due Coolen & Martin on account of contract for installing meters, is passed for payment.

LANE OFF ROBIE STREET.

Pilot William A. Gorman, who resides at #522 Robie Street, appeared before the Board, complaining of a lane which runs immediately north of his property from Robie Street to Clifton Street, north of Cunard Street. The lane is only 17 feet wide, is very much used by heavy teams, which, when passing over the frozen ground, shake his house, causing noise and disturbance. He suggested that the City purchase a strip of land through the Rhodes Curry property north of the lane and construct a new street there, and close up the lane. If this was done, he would be prepared to deal with the City in regard to the disposal of the lane.

Referred to the City Engineer for inspection and report

GARFIELD BOWSER - CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

Read claim of Garfield Bowser, \$10.50, for injury

*Council ✓  
Cont. McKeen ✓  
Cont. Murphy ✓*

*Engineer*



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to his clothing through falling into a gutter, corner of Quinpool Road and Beech Street, December 27th, 1916.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

OCEAN TERMINALS RAILWAY BRIDGES.

G. S. Campbell, R. M. Hattie, Rod McDonald and John W. Regan, representing the Civic Improvement League, again appeared before the Board in connection with the designs of the proposed bridges crossing the Ocean Terminals Railway.

The City Engineer lays the plans of the bridges upon the table, and the same are inspected by the delegation and the Board.

The delegation spoke of the necessity of insisting that the bridges should be of as ornamental a design as possible.

His Worship the Mayor informed the delegation that the City had been in constant negotiation with the railway department for months on this matter, and that the designs for the various bridges have been all practically agreed upon, with the possible exception of the Young Avenue bridge, which the City claims should be the full width of the street.

It is decided to appoint a special joint standing committee on this matter to consist of the above named gentlemen and the members of the Board of Control.

Rod McDonald asked upon whom the duty would fall of maintaining the bridges when constructed.

The City Engineer stated that it will be the duty of the Railway, the bridges being on their property.

These questions are referred to the City Engineer and City Solicitor for report.

BELL STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer re Bell Street, as follows:-



January 19th, 1917.

City Engineer's Office,  
January 19th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the letter from John W. Regan, representing the Halifax Central Realities, and a petition asking that the City grant a strip 10 feet wide off the south side of Bell Street between Barrington and Argyle Streets, to the owners of the Parker Block, so called.

The present width of Bell Street in this block is 22 feet between the official street lines. There is a sidewalk 6 feet wide on the north side of the street, which leaves a 16 ft. roadway. The official lines as laid down in front of the block will require a strip on Buckingham Street about 3.58 ft. wide at Argyle and 1.46 ft. At Barrington; also a narrow piece on Argyle Street running from nothing at Buckingham to 0.79 ft. at Bell Street, or a total area of 430.53 square feet. We have 39.27 square feet on the south side of Bell Street between the official line and the existing line, to give the owners of the property. This would leave a net area required, or 391.26 square feet. To obtain an equivalent area on Bell Street, would require a width of about 3.6 feet.

The assessed value of the land on this block is \$2.50 per square foot, with an increased valuation of another \$2.50 per square foot for the two corners at Buckingham Street.

There are seventeen different properties on Argyle Street between Buckingham and Jacob Streets. Of these, the owners of six have signed the petition. On Barrington Street between Buckingham and Jacob Streets, there are twelve property owners, of whom seven have signed the petition. The other names are those of tenants of some of these properties and also owners and tenants on Buckingham Street.

There is no doubt that the erection of a modern commercial building such as proposed would be an advantage to the locality and to the City in general, but whether to obtain this result, the City would be justified in deeding a portion of one of its thoroughfares, is a question for very serious consideration. This block of this street is used not only by the people doing business in the immediate neighborhood, but also by others living in different parts of the City who find it an easier grade than Jacob Street, and the use of it does not necessitate travelling on the car tracks on Buckingham Street.

Some time ago I understand Mr. Regan obtained a census of the traffic in this block, which may or may not be typical of conditions at the present time. Before the Board comes to any decision in the matter, I would suggest that the police take a census of the traffic and also that the views of the people doing business there through the street, should be obtained.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Mr. Regan appeared before the Board and discussed the proposition.



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The report is referred back to the City Engineer to consult with Mr. Regan and to report as to Mr. Regan's minimum requirements.

*Engineer ✓*

OFFICIALS' SUPERANNUATION FUND.

Alderman Finlay appeared before the Board and recommended that all of the City Officials who, in addition to their salaries, receive the benefit of house rent, fuel, light, etc., contribute to the Officials' Superannuation Fund 4% per annum on the estimated value of the perquisites received.

*Auditor ✓*

The City Auditor is requested to report as to the value of perquisites of the various City Officials receiving house rent, fuel, light, etc.

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

*L. J. McLaughlin*

CITY CLERK.

*City Engineer*



COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

January 23rd, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Longard Road (Robie Street) - Heber Hartlen.  
City Prison Electric Wires.  
Water Bill Charles Kirby, 186 North Street.  
Fenwick Street Dump.  
Lilac Street - Morris Property.  
Acadian School, Albemarle Street.  
Charles Nicholson, Chain Lake Pipe House - Salary.  
Sarah Street.  
Dilapidated Building in Rear of St. Patrick's Girls' School.  
Fire Department Horse.  
Workmen's Compensation Act.  
City Health Board Accounts.

LONGARD ROAD (ROBIE STREET) - HEBER HARTLEN

The City Clerk verbally reported that J. C. Harris, the referee in the matter of the acquisition of land from Heber Hartlen for the widening of Longard Road (Robie Street), had informed him that Mr. Hartlen had paid him \$12.50, one-half of his fee for services as arbitrator.

Read account J. C. Harris, \$12.50, the City's share of Mr. Harris' fees.

The account is passed for payment.

CITY PRISON ELECTRIC WIRES.

Read letter from the Tramway Company re electric wires at City Prison buildings, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., January 20th, 1917.

L. Fred. Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk, Halifax.

Sir:-

With reference to the report of Mr. George Grant, Governor of the City Prison, contained in extract of minutes of meeting of the Board of Control of the City of Halifax, held on the 5th day of December, 1916, we beg to advise that in order to remove the wires referred



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to therein, we would be obliged to instal about seven poles on the right-of-way leading from Gottingen Street to the Infections Diseases Hospital.

As soon as we receive the necessary permission to instal these poles, we will be pleased to put the work in hand.

Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co., Ltd.  
Per W. Soper.

Referred to Controller Harris and the City Engineer for report.

WATER BILL CHARLES KIRBY, 186 NORTH STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer on above matter, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
January 20th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that the fittings in the premises of Charles Kirby at #186 North Street comprise two taps and one closet; the latter was wasting when the inspector went to the house at the beginning of the week.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to Controller Murphy for report.

FENWICK STREET DUMP.

Read report Acting City Engineer on above matter, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
January 20th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying letter from Mr. Walter C. Boak, that the matter of conditions at Mr. Donohoe's property at the north side of Fenwick Street, has been before your Board on several occasions. The last time was on the 16th of January, when the Board instructed me to permit Mr. Donohoe to continue dumping, provided he undertakes to be responsible for keeping the sidewalk clear and preventing the dumping of offensive matter. I had previously notified Mr. Donohoe that the property must be fenced in and dumping stopped.

This resolution was passed at the request of the owner to be permitted to fill in a lot. In accordance with the resolution passed, I have written Mr. Donohoe and told him that if he would keep a man continuously on the dump and see that the terms of the resolution were carried out, he would be allowed to continue.



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While it is always disagreeable to have a dump near one's house, this should minimize the nuisance of it.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to James Donohue.

LILAC STREET - MORRIS PROPERTY.

Read report Acting City Engineer, January 20th, 1917, re acquisition of property of John Morris, Lilac Street, for the extension of Payzant Street and Preston Street, to enable the City to carry the 15-inch encircling main pipe through his property, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
January 20th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that I have written Mr. Morris in connection with the price for the lot on Lilac Street required for the extension of Payzant and Preston Streets, and he has made another offer to take \$1600 for the lot, the City to give him the privilege of buying back that portion not required for street purposes, at the same rate as it pays.

As stated in my report of the 30th of November, the area of the lot under discussion is 6825 square feet. Mr. Morris's offer is at the rate of about 23¢ per square foot. The Assessors' valuation of the land is approximately \$1025. The area of that portion of the lot which is not required for street purposes is 1240 square feet. This at 23¢ per square foot amounts to \$285.20, which would leave the net amount to be paid Mr. Morris for the land required, \$1314.80.

As stated in the above report, there is a break in the 15-inch encircling main in the high service at this point, as not owning the property at the time, we could not make the connection from Lilac to Preston Street. To obtain the full benefit from the construction of this large pipe, this connection should be made and the line completed.

Should the Board decide to accept Mr. Morris's offer, I think that a portion of the purchase price should be taken from Water Maintenance Account, as at present it is more necessary to acquire the land for the extension of the water pipe than for street purposes; although a large number of buildings are going up in this section, and the extension of the street will also be a convenience. I think a fair division would be for one-half of the price to be paid from Water Account and one-half from the Loan for Widening Streets.

H. W. Johnston,



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Read report Acting City Engineer November 30th, 1916, on the same subject. (See Board of Control minutes November 30th, 1916, page 513.).

It is decided to recommend to Council the adoption of the Acting City Engineer's report of January 20th, 1917, with the exception of the following clause:-

"the City to give him (Mr. Morris) the privilege of buying back that portion not required for street purposes at the same rate as it pays."

The City Engineer is requested to make a supplementary report as to the benefit to be derived by the Water Department through the extension of the 15-inch main through the Morris property.

ACADIAN SCHOOL, ALBEMARLE STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer re account of S. A. Marshall & Son for extras in construction of the Acadian School, Albemarle Street, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
January 20th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control and a letter from the Secretary of the School Board, that I do not understand what is meant by the clause in the letter saying that the extras in Messrs. Marshall's bill were mainly caused by changes made to comply with the wishes of the City Engineer.

In 1915 a permit for the erection of the Acadian School on Albemarle Street was applied for. The plans and specifications did not comply with the provisions of the Building Act. The changes required were pointed out, and subsequently revised plans and specifications were submitted, in accordance with the Act, and a permit granted. I notice that the bill of extras submitted by the contractor has been certified correct by the architects, Messrs. Harris & Horton, so I presume they are correct, although I have no means of checking them.

The whole question is a matter for the Board of School Commissioners, as neither the Board of Control nor your Engineer had anything to do with preparing the plans and specifications or the supervision or control of the work.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

The Secretary is instructed to request the School Board to submit a detailed statement to this Board from



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the architects, as to how Messrs. Marshall's bill is made up.

CHAS. NICHOLSON, CHAIN LAKE PIPE HOUSE - SALARY:

Read application Charles Nicholson, Chain Lake Pipe House, for an increase of pay.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

SARAH STREET.

Read letter Eastern Trust Co., re Sarah Street, as follows:-

Halifax, January 17th, 1917.

The Mayor and Controllers,  
City of Halifax.

Dear Sirs:-

As you are no doubt aware the state of the Late Patrick Moran owned some property on the above street, which is now used by the City. We consider the time has now arrived when the City should purchase and take over this property.

We would like this matter settled as quickly as possible, as we are desirous of selling the remainder of the property belonging to the Estate.

The Eastern Trust Co.,  
A. H. Minshull,  
General Manager.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

DILAPIDATED BUILDING IN REAR OF ST. PATRICK'S GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Thomas Netting, Solicitor for Mrs. Jonathan Adams, agreeably to notification sent to her, appeared before the Board and explained that the portion of the dilapidated building in rear of St. Patrick's Girls' School, owned by Mrs. Adams, which was considered dangerous, has been removed, and the balance of the building made safe, though not perhaps beautiful.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HORSE.

Controller Halliday informed the Board that there is a balky horse in the Fire Department which he had an opportunity to exchange for another horse with Robinson

Council ✓  
School Board ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

Carl Halliday ✓  
Chief Fire Dept ✓



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Controller Halliday is authorized to make the exchange.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

The Clerk of Works submits accounts for three months' assessment payable by the City to the Workmen's Compensation Board, chargeable to the following services:-

Sewerage	\$326.33
Permanent sidewalks	308.00
Water Maintenance	163.17

The accounts are passed for payment.

The Board decides to meet tomorrow at 12 o'clock noon to open tenders for the construction of the North West Arm trunk sewer.

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Accounts chargeable to the City Health Board are passed for payment, as follows:-

Dept. Public Health	Antitoxin	20.00
Farquhar Bros.	Electric supplies	2.89
W. & C. Silver	Dry goods	43.00
T. C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	5.35
Blackadar Bros.	By-laws	24.00
Morton & Thompson	Screws	.50
Gunard & Co.	Coal	172.50
A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd.	Stationery	5.40
John Starr, Son & Co.	Battery	.35
		<u>\$ 273.99</u>

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

CITY CLERK.

*Council ✓*

*Council ✓*



COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

January 24th, 1917.

The Board of Control met at 12 o'clock noon today; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER.

Tenders for construction of the North West Arm intercepting sewer between Oakland Road and Jubilee Road, are received and opened from the following:-

Cook Construction Co., & Wheaton Bros.  
R. L. MacDonald.  
V. J. Cavicchi.  
E. R. Orlando.  
Standard Construction Co., Ltd.

The tenders are referred to the City Engineer for report at tomorrow's meeting of the Board.

Rod MacDonald and R. M. Hattie, representing the Civic Improvement League, appeared before the Board.

Mr. MacDonald asked that the awarding of the contract for the construction of the Arm sewer be deferred until it is definitely ascertained whether the proposed sewer will be large enough to drain the area intended to be served by the sewer. He asked to be furnished with information as to the area to be drained, and the number of houses to be served. He protested against the pollution of the Arm with raw sewage from this sewer, and asked the privilege of submitting the plans of the sewer to experts with whom the Civic Improvement League are in touch.

The City Engineer stated that his Department has all the data necessary, and that the sewer as planned is ample.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

*P. F. Martin*  
*L. J. Monaghan*  
CITY CLERK.



COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

January 25th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Halliday, Harris and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

North West Arm Intercepting Sewer.  
Officials Provided with House Rent, Fuel, etc.  
Bell Street - Parker Block.  
Plumbing in Dwelling Houses under Health Rules.  
Street Railway Service.

NORTH WEST ARM INTERCEPTING SEWER.

Read letter Rod MacDonald re North West Arm trunk sewer. Filed.

Read report Acting City Engineer re tenders for North West Arm trunk sewer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
January 25th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report that tenders for constructing the section of the North West Arm intercepting sewer between Oakland Road and Jubilee Road were received from five bidders.

I have made up the estimated quantities of the various kinds of work required, and find that the tender of the Cook Construction Co. & Wheaton Bros. is the lowest. The names of the bidders and the amount of their tenders are as follows:-

Cook Construction Co. & Wheaton Bros.	\$68,093.00
R.L. McDonald, Jas. L. McDonald & R.W. McKenzie	84,819.11
V. J. Cavicchi	85,199.00
E. R. Orlando	90,975.44
Standard Construction Co. Ltd.	109,140.10

The tender of the Cook Construction Co. Ltd. & Wheaton Bros., is in accordance with the specification, and the lowest. I would recommend that it be accepted.

I am attaching hereto a detailed statement of the different tenders.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

It is decided to recommend the report for the approval of the City Council.



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The City Engineer is instructed to make a supplementary report giving general information as to the North West Arm trunk sewer.

OFFICIALS PROVIDED WITH HOUSE RENT, FUEL, ETC.

Read report City Auditor re City Officials provided with house rent, fuel, light, etc., as follows:-

Office of City Auditor,  
January 24th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

In accordance with your request of 19th inst., I hand you attached statement of City Officials provided with house rent, fuel, light, etc., Same is a copy of statement given your Board by me some time ago.

W. W. Foster,  
City Auditor.

*Cont. Mr. Keen ✓  
Ald. Finlay ✓*

	Salary	Rent	Fuel	Light	Living	Total.
Edward Condon	\$950.00	\$200	\$75.00	\$30.00		\$1,255.00
Hennessey	572.00	180	75.00	30.00		857.00
Jos. Johnston	598.00	180	75.00	30.00		883.00
John J. Kline	780.00	200				980.00
Richard Power	1200.00	200	100.00	25.00		1,525.00
B.J. Mulcahy	1000.00	200	50.00	25.00	300.00	1,575.00
Jas. O'Bryan	850.00	200	50.00	25.00	200.00	1,325.00
John Spruin	850.00	200	100.00	25.00		1,175.00
Geo. Grant	900.00)					
Mrs. Grant	500.00)	200	50.00	25.00	300.00	1,975.00
John Dempster	854.00	200	50.00	25.00		1,139.00

Referred to Controller McKeen, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Alderman Finlay.

BELL STREET - PARKER BLOCK.

Read report Acting City Engineer re proposed narrowing of Bell Street and widening of Buckingham Street, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
January 25th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control, asking me to find out the minimum width of Bell Street that would suit Mr. Regan's requirements, that I have a letter from him saying that the minimum frontage he needs on Barrington Street is 134' 6" and on Argyle Street 137' 6". To secure this, would require a strip on Bell Street 7' 3" wide at Argyle Street and



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8' 8" wide at Barrington Street, or an area of 864.70 square feet.

The area of the land owned by the City between the existing south line of the street and the official line is 39.27 square feet. This makes a total of 903.97 sq. feet which Mr. Regan wishes to acquire. The City requires from the property for the purpose of widening and straightening Buckingham and Argyle Streets, 430.53 square feet., which leaves a balance of 473.44 square feet which Mr. Regan requires over and above what is needed by the City.

I have had a census of the traffic made through the block of Bell Street between Barrington and Argyle Sts., and find that on Wednesday, the 24th inst., between 7 in the morning and 7 in the evening, there were 11 double teams, 254 single teams, 2 automobiles and 433 foot passengers used the street. I am also attaching the names of some of the owners of these teams.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

It is decided to advertise in the newspapers as follows:-

(City Arms)

Bell Street.

Office of City Clerk,  
January 25th, 1917.

Any citizens interested are invited to attend a meeting of the Board of Control at the City Council Chamber on Tuesday, January 30th, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m., to express their views on a proposal to close up and transfer a portion of the south side of Bell St. between Argyle and Barrington Streets, in exchange and on other considerations for land required for the widening of Buckingham Street on the north side.

L. Fred. Monaghan,  
City Clerk.

PLUMBING IN DWELLING HOUSES UNDER HEALTH RULES.

Read tenders for plumbing in dwelling houses, #16, 18 and 20 May Street, under City Health Board Regulations, as follows:-

W. S. Craig	\$298.00
Geo. H. Kinsman	379.00

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

STREET RAILWAY SERVICE.

The Secretary is instructed to communicate with H.R. Mallison, of the Tramway Company, requesting him to appear before the Board for a conference, at its meeting on Tues-

*Readers ✓  
mail ✓  
Echo ✓*

*Engineer ✓  
Council ✓*



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*Mr Mullin ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Electrician ✓*

day next, or at the earliest date possible, for the purpose of discussing complaints as to inefficiency of the street railway service; the City Engineer and City Electrician also to be notified to attend.

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*  
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

*L. J. McLaughlin*  
L. J. McLaughlin

CITY CLERK.

Water Supply to Steamships at Deep Water Terminal, Bell Street.  
Water Supply to the Shipyard, 4th Street.  
North Beach Ave. from James Street to Bay.  
Water Supply Willow Park.  
Lumber Yard.  
Bill Posters Library.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Read letter from the Halifax Press Association thanking the City of Halifax for invitation to their body to hold its 1917 convention in Halifax and stating that it had been practically decided to hold said convention in the City of Toronto but the Halifax invitation had been received.

REPORT OF THE WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE

Read report of the Water Supply Committee regarding the proposed extension of the water supply to the Deep Water Terminal, Bell Street, and to the Shipyard, 4th Street.

REPORT OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

Read report of the Health Committee regarding the proposed extension of the water supply to the Deep Water Terminal, Bell Street, and to the Shipyard, 4th Street.

Approved:

REPORT OF THE STREET RAILWAY COMMITTEE

Read report of the Street Railway Committee regarding the proposed extension of the street railway service.



COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

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The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock;  
present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Halliday,  
Harris, McKeen and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Canadian Press Association Convention.  
Water Bill C. A. Norton 89 Upper Water Street.  
Plumbing under Health Rules.  
Dilapidated Building - St. Patrick's Girls' School.  
Water Bills.  
Water Supply to Steamships at Deep Water Terminus.  
Bell Street.  
Water Supply Fenerty's Shovel Factory.  
North West Arm Trunk Sewer Right of Way.  
Water Supply Willow Park.  
Lumber Surveyor.  
Bill Posters License.

CANADIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION.

Read letter Canadian Press Association thanking  
the City of Halifax for invitation to that body to hold  
its 1917 convention in Halifax and stating that it had  
been practically decided to hold said convention in the  
City of Toronto before the Halifax invitation had been  
received.

Filed.

WATER BILL C. A. NORTON 89 UPPER WATER STREET.

Read water bill C. A. Norton for premises 89 Upper  
Water Street, claimed to be excessive.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

PLUMBING UNDER HEALTH RULES.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending the  
acceptance of the tender of W. S. Craig, \$298.00, for  
plumbing work under City Health Board regulations at  
Nos. 16, 18 and 20 May Street.

Approved.

DILAPIDATED BUILDING - ST. PATRICK'S GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

*Engineer ✓*

*Engineer ✓  
Council ✓*



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City Engineer's Office,  
January 29th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control, that the dilapidated building near St. Patrick's Girls' School has been repaired, and is now in a safe condition.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Filed.

WATER BILLS.

Reports Acting City Engineer re water bills against below named properties are submitted and referred to Controller Murphy for report, namely:-

- 119 Cunard Street, J. H. Balcom.  
I.O.O.F. HALL, Buckingham Street. (April 26, 1916).  
15 John Street, Miss Jane Nauffts.  
(22-27 Kaye Street, Geo. A. MacKenzie.  
(77 East Young Street, Geo. A. MacKenzie.  
204 - 8 Argyle Street, W. J. Hopgood.  
114 Maynard Street, W. S. Lavers.  
27 James Street, Heirs Chas. McGinn.  
(31 Maitland Street, Estate Pierce Mullaly.  
(163 Maynard Street, Estate Pierce Mullaly.  
(194 Creighton Street, Estate Pierce Mullaly.

WATER SUPPLY TO STEAMSHIPS AT DEEP WATER TERMINUS.

The City Engineer is instructed to notify the Dominion Government Railway authorities at Moncton that the hydrant at No 2 pier from which ocean going steamships are supplied with water was allowed by the officials to become frozen so that steamships were unable to receive supply therefrom and to request them to make provision that such will not again occur.

BELL STREET.

His Worship the Mayor informed those in attendance that agreeably to advertisement in the newspapers the Board was prepared to hear the views of citizens for or against John W. Regan's proposal for the closing up and the transfer to him of a portion of the south side of Bell Street between Argyle Street and Buckingham Street

*Engineer  
Cont. Murphy ✓*

*Engineer ✓*



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in exchange and on other considerations for land required for the widening of Buckingham Street on the north side.

The Board is addressed in opposition to the proposal by Alfred G. Drake, Geo. J. Hiseler and Alderman R. E. Colwell, and in favor of it by John W. Regan and Samuel Webber.

Those opposed to the proposition claim that the street is too narrow now; that traffic is increasing all the time; that the narrowing of the street would depreciate the value of properties at the eastern end of the lane and that Bell's Lane affords a better grade for heavy hauling than either Jacob Street or Buckingham Street. Mr Regan claimed that the street is now a nuisance; that it is not projected at the proper angle; that it could be widened at the north side and that if he does not obtain the portion asked for the project for the construction of a costly building covering the whole block that the whole proposition owing to financial and other considerations will fall through.

WATER SUPPLY FENERTY'S SHOVEL FACTORY.

Read report Acting City Engineer re application of E. L. Fenerty for water supply for his shovel factory, St. Margaret's Bay Road, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
January 30th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control and letter from E. L. Fenerty, proprietor of the Halifax Shovel Company, asking that the City let down sufficient water daily to run his mills, without regard to the quantity which he is actually entitled to; he to pay for whatever excess may be determined on.

The question of the rights of the mill owners to the water from Chain Lakes has been a continual source of trouble and annoyance to the Department since practically the inception of the works. In 1887 Mr Keating, who was then the City Engineer, in order to settle the disputes suggested an agreement with the mill owners which on its face appears to have been exceedingly fair to them, as it practically provided storage for them, which the City always contended they were not entitled to. He was unable,



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however, to arrive at any settlement with the owners, and in 1905 an action was brought against the City for a declaration of the rights of the mill owners to this storage and also for damages due to the City not letting down the amount of water to which they were entitled.

The City acknowledged that for a short period in the Fall of 1905, owing to the low state of the Lakes, they withheld a certain amount of water which should have run off, and paid into court the estimated damages for these days. This case was tried and the City obtained judgment and a declaration that the mill owners were not entitled to the storage of the lakes, and also that with the exception of the days for which damages were paid, the City had let down the required amount.

Mr Fenerty brought a suit again in 1909 claiming that the City's method of measurement was inaccurate and also claiming damages for water which he considered himself entitled to. This action was also decided in favour of the City. An action on similar lines is now pending in the Courts. In my opinion, in which the City Solicitor concurs, it would be most inadvisable to disturb the statu quo until this suit is settled.

The system which we follow in letting down the water to the mill owners is practically automatic. We measure the run-off from about one-half of the watershed of Chain Lake, which is concentrated in a brook near the head of the second Chain Lake, and let out from the lakes over double this quantity. To let down the water as suggested by Mr Fenerty would require considerably more work and calculation and might open up the way to further disputes. The chief reason, however, why it would be inadvisable to accede to Mr Fenerty's request, is, that in a dry season we require all the storage of the lakes to protect the City against a water famine. When the lakes are full and there is water to spare, it runs over the waste weirs and Mr Fenerty gets the benefit of it. After June, when the Lakes begin to fall, it is impossible to foretell what the weather in the autumn may be and whether there will be sufficient rain to prevent a shortage of water.

In 1905 we had to pump water from Long Lake into Chain Lakes to supply the City. Last Fall the lakes were very low and it was not until the end of November that our fears of a famine were relieved.

I have discussed this matter with the City Solicitor and he is of the same opinion as myself with regard to the undesirability of altering the existing arrangement. I had proposed to have a report from him to attach to this, but owing to his having been laid up in the house, I have been unable to obtain it in time.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Fenerty.



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NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Read notification North West Arm Rowing Club, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 30th, 1917.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and Board of Control .  
Gentlemen:-

Please take notice that the North West Arm Rowing Club is dissatisfied with the amount of compensation awarded and paid into Court by the City of Halifax for the right of way for the North West Arm trunk sewer through the property of this Club and will appoint at an early date an arbitrator to act on behalf of the Club to fix the valuation of said right of way as provided for under the provisions of the City Charter and Acts in amendments thereto.

H. S. Rhind,  
Secretary North West Arm  
Rowing Club.

The Secretary is instructed to request R. T. MacIlreith, president of the North West Arm Rowing Club to attend with other members of said Club at the Mayor's Office tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock to meet the Board of Control and discuss terms upon which the Club would transfer to the City the rights it requires in the Club's property.

WATER SUPPLY WILLOW PARK.

C. S. Pickford appears before the Board complaining of insufficiency of water supply at Willow Park. The Acting City Engineer informs the Board that during the recent cold snap the reservoir on Shaffroth's Hill has been reduced from 21 feet to 6 feet. His Worship the Mayor informs Mr Pickford that he will have the high service supply disconnected from the Victoria General Hospital in order to again ascertain the effect of this upon the higher levels of the high service system.

LUMBER SURVEYOR.

Read application Carl Fox for appointment as a lumber surveyor.

Referred to Controller Harris for report.

*R. T. MacIlreith ✓*

*Engineer ✓*

*Carl Harris ✓*



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BILL POSTERS LICENSE.

*Cont. Harris*

George Lathan, 104 Barrington Street, appeared before the Board asking that he be permitted to distribute hand bills without the payment of the five dollar license fee required by the City Ordinance.

Referred to Controller Harris for report.

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*  
P. F. Martin.  
MAYOR.

*L. J. Monaghan*  
CITY CLERK.



COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

February 1st, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present Deputy Mayor Colwell, and Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

- Water Meter Bills.
- Sewerage Assessment.
- Interest on Cost of Water Extensions.
- City Home - Acting Assistant Superintendent's Pay.
- Tramway Service.
- Ada Irving's Death from Electric Current.
- Allen Street Concrete Sidewalk.
- Barrington Street Hatchway.
- Willow Park Water Supply.
- Assessment Plans.
- Water Supply Fenerty's Shovel Factory.

WATER METER BILLS.

The City Engineer submits reports on water meter bills as below, and the same are referred to Controller Murphy for report.

- 37 Granville Street, Mrs. Harraher.
- Murray Place, Murray Estate.
- Buckingham Street, I.O.O.F. Hall.
- 373 Agricola Street, George Spears.
- 204-8 Argyle Street, W. J. Hopgood.
- 33 Upper Water Street, P. L. Purcell.

SEWERAGE ASSESSMENT.

Controller McKeen requested the City Engineer for a report as to the necessity or advisability of amending section 645 of the City Charter, so as to <sup>provide for</sup> ~~require~~ an increase over the sum of \$1.25 now required to be paid by abutting property owners for each lineal foot of public sewer constructed.

INTEREST ON COST OF WATER EXTENSIONS.

Controller McKeen requested the City Engineer to report as to the necessity or advisability of increasing the amount of interest (now 5%) to be paid by abutters fronting on new extensions of the water service.

*Order for change*

*Engineer ✓  
Cont. Murphy ✓*

*Engineer ✓*

*Engineer ✓*



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ASST.

CITY HOME - ACTING/SUPERINTENDENT'S PAY.

It is decided to pay James H. Dow, Acting Assistant Superintendent of the City Home, during the illness of Superintendent Mulcahy, the sum of \$75.00 per month.

TRAMWAY SERVICE.

In response to advertisement in the newspapers, representatives of the Nova Scotia Tramways Company, and a number of citizens appeared before the Board.

The Tramways Company was represented by H. R. Mallison, P. A. Freeman and James DeYoung.

H. H. Marshall complained of the transferservice at the Academy of Music, from the Belt Line to the Main Line, stating that no attempt was apparently made by the Company to make connections between the two Lines. He suggested the running of an extra car between the Academy of Music and the corner of Coburg Road and Oxford Street at meal hours, to relieve congestion.

Mr. Mallison informed the meeting that the Company is endeavoring to secure cars, but is unable to get them.

Mr. Marshall asked if it was possible to obtain a 15-minute service on the Buckingham Street and North West Arm car.

Mr. DeYoung replied that this car does not pay wages.

In answer to Controller McKeen, Mr. Mallison stated that personally he would like to build the extension across the Common during the coming Summer.

E. L. Fennerty thought the Company should prevent the Belt Line people from filling the Arm Bridge car to the exclusion of those requiring the Arm Bridge service at meal hours and during times of heavy traffic.

Mr. Mallison replied that the Company could not thus control its patrons.

Auditor ✓  
for Bryan ✓



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Charles S. Pickford complained of the Conductors and Motormen on the Willow Park service, stating that they are very unsatisfactory. Frequently they will not wait for passengers in sight.

Alderman R. B. Colwell complained of transfer conditions at the Academy of Music.

W. W. Hoyt and J. B. Kenny complained of overcrowding and general congestion of traffic.

Controller Murphy complained of the condition of the old cars, the smallness of cars, and the character of fenders, and thought air-brakes should be installed on the cars.

Alderman R. B. Colwell asked if exit doors could not be placed in the front of cars.

Mr. Mallison replied that there is a City Ordinance against it.

The City Engineer stated that the City approved of the doors in the front of the "pay as you enter" cars.

Mr. Mallison informed the meeting that they are unable to get enough efficient help to operate their cars.

At request of Controller McKeen, Mr. Mallison agreed to consult with his Board, informing them of complaints made by citizens, and to submit in writing to this Board a definite reply as to what the immediate policy of the Tramways Company is in respect thereto.

ADA IRVING'S DEATH FROM ELECTRIC CURRENT.

Read reports City Electrician and Chief Detective Hanrahan re death of Ada Irving at shop #199 Brunswick Street, on January 30th, 1917, from an electric current, as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,  
January 31st, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-  
Investigation I could,  
Request reports, correspondence mentioned in minutes: archives[at]halifax.ca



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with the time at my disposal, into the cause of the accident on Brunswick and Jacob Streets yesterday afternoon.

One of my men who happened to be passing up Jacob Street about three o'clock, and seeing the fire apparatus at the Courtney Building, stopped to discover what the trouble was, and a few minutes after a man came out of Starr Street enquiring for a Tram Co. man, and stating that there was electrical trouble in Mr. Carnell's carriage shop. On going with him it was found that the tools in the shop were alive so that they could not be handled without shock.

Shortly afterward a boy came in and announced that there were wires burning on Hurd Street, whereupon he went over and found the wires crossed between Starr and Brunswick Streets, and he stayed there till the Tram Co.'s lineman separated the lines, and afterwards again entering the carriage shop and found the abnormal conditions removed.

I arrived about four o'clock, when both the linemen and the fire apparatus had left, and saw that the service wires leading into the Courtney building had been cut clear. After examining the electrical equipment where the fire occurred, I went up to the store on Brunswick Street where the accident occurred, and examined the small motor that is supposed to have been the immediate cause of the trouble. I found nothing to indicate that abnormal current had been impressed on the cutouts or motor at that point.

After my conversation with you this morning, I again visited the premises and tested both the wiring and lighting fixtures, as well as the small motor, and found the insulation resistance satisfactory. I also examined the motor for burn marks which one would expect to find where high tension current had been carried off by accident through the hands or other parts of the human body, but failed to find any indication of burning. It would seem, therefore, if death was due to that cause, that the motor was grasped firmly by one or both hands that were wet in order to give sufficient contact to prevent burning.

In the Courtney building I found the insulation resistance low on all the wiring excepting one circuit, though much of this may be due to the chemical extinguisher that was used to put the fire out. The cutout feeding the circuit to the bottle washing machine was gone, and it would appear that high tension current had arced over at that point, causing the fire.

I found the bottle washer had a ground wire attached to it, but the other end was not grounded at the time though I was informed by the man who operates it that it had been attached to the water tap, this being the case would account for the greater current flow over that circuit.

The service wires were also grounded, indicating a breakdown in the pipe enclosing them, which is carried from the cellar out under the sidewalk to the curb and up the pole.

I made an examination of the outside wiring this



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afternoon chiefly to discover the reason for the cross on Hurd Street, and also to see if the secondary wiring was grounded.

The cross occurred about midway between Starr and Brunswick Streets, causing contact between a primary and secondary conductor, the latter being part of the net-work feeding, with other places, the Courtney Building and the store on Brunswick Street where the accident took place.

The distance between the poles in this span is not more than 126 feet, while the spacing between the wires appears to be ample, probably between 20 to 24 inches vertically. There was not, as I remember it, a high wind at the time, and if there were, the space is so confined, I would not judge its effect to be very great at that place. There remains then the loading effect caused by the snow, which, if heavy enough, might cause a rebound when the load dropped off, and that would throw the lighter wire up and over the heavier primary line.

I did not find the secondary wiring permanently grounded, but was afterwards informed by Mr. Soper, of the Tram Co., that the lead sheath on the neutral wire where it entered the service pipe at the Courtney building had been effectively connected with the conductor, but in cutting the service clear at that point, the bonding had been cut off.

With the neutral wire effectively grounded, I would expect to find the insulation sufficiently low to ground to prevent the accident, and especially so in the case of the Brunswick Street service. It does not, however, appear to have been sufficient, although the present grounded condition of the wires as shown by the test, would indicate that it was sufficient to break down the insulation at some point in the pipe. I find it impossible to make a complete report until these wires have been pulled out and a more thorough examination has been obtained of other conditions.

P. R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

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Office of City Detective,  
January 31st, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

In obedience to instructions given me by His Worship the Mayor, I investigated the circumstances surrounding the death of the late Ada Irving at the shop #199 Brunswick Street, on the 30th inst.

I find that this young lady, just previous to her death was cleaning an electric egg-beater, and that the cause of her death was in consequence of her coming in contact with an extremely powerful electric current, present in the wires connected with this egg-beater.

As the result of my investigation, I have reason to believe that this unusual and extraordinary current



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was due to something having gone wrong with the wires on the street.

Frank Hanrahan,  
Chief Detective.

Consideration of the reports is deferred pending the official investigation by the Stipendiary Magistrate.

ALLEN STREET CONCRETE SIDEWALK.

Engineer ✓

Read petition for a concrete sidewalk on the south side of Allen Street, from Chebucto <sup>Lane</sup> ~~Road~~ to Harvard St.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

BARRINGTON STREET HATCHWAY.

Engineer ✓

Read agreement between the City and J. E. Roy, for permission to Mr. Roy to construct and maintain a hatch on the west side of Barrington Street at the corner of Sackville Street. Approved.

WATER SUPPLY WILLOW PARK.

Engineer ✓

Charles S. Pickford again appeared before the Board, stating that there is no improvement in the water supply at his premises, Willow Park. He asked if the high service supply had been disconnected from the Victoria General Hospital. The Acting City Engineer answered - "partly."

ASSESSMENT PLANS.

Engineer ✓  
Cont. Murphy ✓

H. B. Pickings appeared before the Board, asking for a progress payment on account of work performed in connection with the making of civic assessment plans.

Referred to Controller Murphy for report.

WATER SUPPLY FENERTY'S SHOVEL FACTORY.

Engineer ✓

E. L. Fenerty requested permission to address the Board in reply to the City Engineer's report on his request to be furnished with water for his shovel factory, for which he was willing to pay.

Mr. Fenerty is requested to allow the matter to be deferred until the next meeting of the Board.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

*[Handwritten signatures: P. F. Martin and J. E. Hanrahan]*



COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

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The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Acadian School Building, Albemarle Street.  
Walnut Street - Chestnut Street Straightening.  
Overhead Electric Wiring.  
Casino Theatre License.  
Superannuation Assessments Policeman J.W. Morrison.  
Water Supply Fenerty's Shovel Factory.  
Jubilee Road - Chestnut Street Street Lines.  
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at Beech Hill.  
City Prison Monthly Report.  
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Fire Department Improvement.  
George Street Widening - Property of Cragg Bros.  
Watt Street - McFatridge Lot.  
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Accounts.

ACADIAN SCHOOL BUILDING, ALBEMARLE STREET.

The Board resumes consideration of the letter from the Board of School Commissioners covering account S.A. Marshall & Son, \$2,368.67, for extras on Acadian School Building, construction, Albemarle Street, and report of Acting City Engineer thereon, January 20th, 1917.

H. E. Pyke, Alderman H. S. Colwell and J. D. O'Connor, representing the School Board, and J. C. Harris and W. T. Horton, on their behalf, appeared before the Board.

Ex-Alderman J. C. Harris explained that to meet the requirements of the Building Act, the plans of the Acadian School building were altered after the contract



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had been let.

*Council* ✓  
It is decided to recommend to the City Council payment of the account upon the Board of School Commissioners obtaining the necessary Order in Council directing the City to furnish the funds.

WALNUT STREET - CHESTNUT STREET STRAIGHTENING.

Read report Acting City Engineer re Walnut Street and Chestnut Street straightening, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
February 5th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying letter from the Halifax Properties, Limited, asking that the City come to an agreement with them with regard to the land required for straightening Walnut and Chestnut Streets, that in the original division of the property south of Jubilee Road between Walnut and Preston Streets, known as the Watt Division, Walnut and Chestnut Streets were not laid down in prolongation of the lines of the streets as existing at that time, Walnut Street having a jog of about 47 feet and Chestnut Street 21 feet to the eastward.

When the official plan was made, the new lines were laid down in extension of the old lines to the north and joining the existing lines to the south of the Watt property. The location of the new lines necessitates the acquiring of a strip 47 feet wide from the properties on the west side of Walnut Street, and leaves the City with a strip 47 feet wide on the east side of Walnut Street, which is of no use for street purposes. On Chestnut Street the City requires a strip on the west side 21 feet wide and has a width of 21 feet on the east side to deed to the property owners.

In the Spring of 1915, this matter was brought up and a meeting of the property owners interested was held, but the matter then dropped. The Halifax Properties Limited are the owners of lots 43, 44, 51 and a part of 52 on the west side of Walnut Street and of lots 32, 39, 40 and a part of 41 on the east side of Chestnut Street. They also own lots 22 to 26 on the west side of Chestnut Street and lots 7 and 8 on the east side of Preston Street. The total area required from the Halifax Properties, Limited, for straightening Walnut and Chestnut Streets is 13,777 square feet, and there is also a strip 5 feet wide required from the south side of lot #65 for Watt Street. The land in front of their lots on these streets and Preston Street excepting the east side of Walnut Street, has an area of 3707 square feet or a balance in favor of the Halifax Properties, of 10,748 square feet.

On the east side of Walnut Street the new line is



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47 feet westwardly from the present line and there is an area of 20,915 square feet in front of the lots belonging to the Halifax Properties. The lots on the east side of the street are at present 113 feet deep, and the representatives of the Halifax Properties say that their lots are already deep enough and that to buy the land between the two street lines would make the lots so expensive that it would render them unsaleable at any fair profit.

The Company is willing to buy or sell for 10¢ a square foot for all the land, with the exception of this strip, for which I am informed they absolutely refuse to pay at this rate, but offer to give the City the 10,167 square feet, the amount to their credit, in return for it.

I am inclined to the view that this wide strip in front of the lots will enhance their value for residential property, and yet I do not wish to set my opinion up against men who are in the real estate business who have been interviewed and claim that it will not add greatly to their value.

The original depth of the lots between Walnut Street and Chestnut Street was 112' 6" each. Taking 47 feet off the west side of Walnut Street, leaves the lots facing on this street only 65' 6" deep, but as there is a strip of about 22 feet on the east side of Chestnut Street not required for street purposes, this would give the owners who own from street to street, lots 100' deep by re-dividing their property and acquiring this strip from the City. If the lots 47 feet wide from the east side of Walnut Street be retained by the City, it will mean that the street when finished will have a width of 107 feet for one block and only 60 feet throughout the rest of its length.

The City has legislative authority to sell land not required for street purposes between the old street lines and those laid down as new street lines on the official plan, but I doubt if this would allow it to sell to other than the owners of the lots in front of which it lies; otherwise the access to the street would be cut off.

There is no urgent necessity from the city point of view for acquiring the land necessary for widening Walnut Street at the present time, and under the Charter we can compel the owners to build to the official line. It may, however, be easier to deal with the present owners than later on when the property is sold in smaller lots.

Should the Board decide to settle with the Halifax Properties, Limited at the present time, I think they should pay something for the land on the east side of Walnut Street and I would suggest that they be asked to pay at one-half the rate fixed as the basis for the exchange of the property. This would mean that the City would give them the land in front of their lots not required for street purposes, on the three streets, and they would deed to the City the portion of their lands required for straightening Walnut Street and



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Chestnut Street and pay \$508.35 in cash.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

In connection with this matter, G. McG. Mitchell and Martin Archibald, on behalf of the Halifax Properties, Limited, appeared before the Board.

Mr. Mitchell is furnished with a copy of the report of the Acting City Engineer, and is requested to consult with the propertyowners adjacent to the properties of the Halifax Properties, Limited, and again communicate with the Board.

OVERHEAD ELECTRIC WIRING.

Read report City Electrician re overhead wiring, as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,  
February 5th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

With regard to your order re overhead wiring in which you have instructed me to examine into the infractions of City Ordinance No. 8, "Poles and Wires in the Streets."

In view of the fact that to complete this work will require considerable time, I have thought it best to submit a short report dealing with the question of line construction in the City, for the purpose of showing some of the difficulties to be overcome in framing a set of rules for overhead wiring under conditions that exist in this climate that will be reasonably safe and at the same time not prohibitive in cost.

I remember very distinctly, as Superintendent of one of the then operating Utilities, discussing Ordinance No. 8 with the Aldermen and City Officials before its adoption. As I remember the Ordinance in its original form, it was a very stiff document, and the operating Companies interested opposed many of its conditions very strongly. In fact, it was absolutely unworkable as applied to open line work. However, in many respects it conformed with the best practice of that time, and after some modification was adopted and has not been changed since to any great extent.

Since that time there have been great changes in all branches of the art, including line work, so that what was considered good practice at that time would be considered bad today. For example, it was considered 20 years ago that the best position for signal lines was at the top of the pole and the high tension lines



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underneath. Accordingly, it was specified in the Ordinance that the City should have the free use of the tops of all poles to carry its signal wires. Today, the best practice indicates that this order should be reversed and that the signal wires should be located below the lighting and power wires. This change would involve a large expenditure, but in the interest of safer construction, it probably should be done.

Again, in the practice of 20 years ago, it was considered of great importance to insulate all line conductors; in fact, that was when the points in Ordinance No. 8 that were so strongly opposed, and even as modified, were consented to under protest. Today W. P. insulation on high tension lines is considered more of a menace than a protection, and good practice demands that a secondary conductor for lighting shall be permanently grounded.

I could name other features, but perhaps enough has been said to indicate the difficulty in reconciling old Ordinance No. 8 with what would be considered good practice today. In fact, I may be fairly charged with having urged the Tram Company to reverse one of the sections of that Ordinance, if a strict interpretation was applied to it, and I believe I was amply justified in doing so. In my opinion it would be a great mistake to ask the Utility to conform to lines of construction now obsolete and practically discarded elsewhere, especially as new regulations as to overhead construction are being framed to deal with this whole matter as hereinafter pointed out. For this reason, I would respectfully ask your Board not to require me to see that the conditions laid down in this Ordinance are complied with in their entirety, because of the responsibility it would involve.

In all probability I could go over the outside equipment of both the Tram and the Telephone Companies and find defects, as I suppose a competent man could find in my fire alarm system, though in the main I believe that it is reasonably good, but when done, it is only touching the fringe of the line situation; what it requires is radical treatment.

The Utility Board is at present engaged in the difficult task of trying to frame a set of rules governing line work in this Province that will conform with modern practice, and at the same time be within reason as to cost, and that will be applicable to urban as well as rural districts. This work, it is hoped to have finished in the near future, when I presume the opportunity will be offered your Board to criticize or make suggestions for its better adaptability to conditions in Halifax.

I am glad of the opportunity this affords me of again directing attention to the desirability of doing away with poles and overhead wires altogether, at least in the downtown district, and in doing so, will simply quote an extract from a report submitted to the City Council in 1912.

"The greatest hindrance to this scheme of lighting for Halifax is the existing pole-lines in the streets. One of the chief attractions in white way lighting is the unobstructed view of a long line of lights placed on ornamental



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by intervening posts of various sizes and shapes, the effect is practically spoiled."

In the Cities heard from, only two, Ottawa and Portland, Me., have overhead construction, and they are now arranging to have all wires in the business districts placed underground.

Underground work, while expensive, is not, I believe, impracticable for Halifax, if confined within reasonable limits, and the cost spread over a term of years. The street railway poles could be replaced by ornamental iron standards to correspond with those required for street lighting, and could, where they serve, be used for both purposes. There are good reasons why this work should be undertaken, some of which indicate that the present time is most opportune. Large additions are about to be made to the capacity of the Tram Co.'s plant, and doubtless this will involve considerable alterations in their distributing system, which, if planned for with a view to underground construction in the near future, would save considerable expense. Overhead construction is dangerous because of the liability of wires falling in storms, and the almost certainty of this in the case of sleet storms. It interferes with the work of the firemen and is a real source of danger to them. I would therefore strongly recommend the removal of the existing poles and overhead construction as a first step toward an improved lighting system.

In all probability the Ontario Hydro line represents the best present practice in line construction that engineering can devise. Toronto is served by a duplicate line from this system, which one would think would be a sufficient guarantee of continuous service, but the fact is, that both of these lines went down and out at the same time, putting the City in darkness. The climate conditions are much worse in Nova Scotia, than in Ontario. I think it can be truthfully stated that to date there is no such thing as safe or reliable overhead line construction for this climate.

P. R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

The Board, with the City Solicitor and City Electrician, discussed the authority and duties of the City Electrician in respect to supervisory over electric wires.

The City Electrician is requested to submit a plan showing various streets through which he would recommend electric wires should be placed underground; to make an immediate inspection of the overhead wiring of the Nova Scotia Tramways, Limited and make an early report thereon; to make a separate report as to whether the complaints and recommendations made in the report of W. W. Hoyt had



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been satisfactorily attended to; to report particularly as to the wiring conditions at Redden's corner and Clayton's corner; where defects are found from time to time during his inspection of the lines, that he immediately notify the Tramways Company to remove all cause of complaint, and that he make a progress report to this Board from time to time as he proceeds with his inspection.

*Solicitor  
Electrician  
Council*

The City Electrician and City Solicitor are instructed to attend the various sessions of the Stipendiary Magistrate's court of inquiry as to the cause of death of Ada Irvine, recently killed by an electric current.

CASINO THEATRE LICENSE.

Read report Controller Harris, stating that in the opinion of the City Solicitor, the Casino Theatre Co. is bound by law to pay the full year's charge for their license fee, as though the Theatre had been in operation for a full civic year. Approved.

*Anal. by clerk.*

SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENTS POLICEMAN J. W. MORRISON.

Read application Allen Joseph Morrison for a refund to the heirs of the late J. W. Morrison of the superannuation assessments paid into the Police Superannuation Fund by him.

*Alc  
a. J. Morrison  
Pictou N.S.*

The application is filed until Mr. Morrison takes out administration papers.

WATER SUPPLY FENERTY'S SHOVEL FACTORY.

E. L. Fenerty appeared before the Board, requesting that he be furnished daily with a uniform quantity of water for his shovelfactory, irrespective of any quantity that he might be entitled to as of right, he to pay the City for any extra quantity delivered under a mutual agreement that this would not affect pending litigation.

The City Solicitor explains how any such agreement



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with Mr. Fenerty might lead to complications affecting litigation now pending in the Courts, or which may arise in the future.

*Engineer  
Solicitor*

The City Engineer is requested to consult with the City Solicitor and submit a further report to the Board.

JUBILEE ROAD - CHESTNUT STREET STREET LINES.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
February 5th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying letter from William Davies re widening of Jubilee Road and Chestnut Street to conform to the official City Plan.

The official street lines at the south-west corner of Chestnut Street and Jubilee Road took off about 21 feet on Chestnut Street and 10 feet on Jubilee Road. Mr. Davies is the owner of lots 3 and 4 with a frontage of 113 feet on Jubilee Road and 100 feet on Chestnut Street.

The proposed improvement would leave a frontage of 93 feet on Jubilee Road with a depth of 90 feet on Chestnut Street and the area of land required from him is about 3020 square feet.

I do not agree with Mr. Davies' contention that the improvement will practically spoil his lots for building purposes, as it leaves lot #3 with the same frontage as previously, namely 56' 6" and a depth of 90 feet, and lot #4 with a frontage of 35' 6" and a depth of 90 feet. I have asked the Assessor as to the value of this land, and he tells me that 15¢ per sq. ft. would in his judgment be a very fair valuation. This would amount to \$453.00.

*Mr. Davies*

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Davies.

NATIONAL BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS' REPORT.

*Engineer  
Electrician*

At request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Engineer and the City Electrician are instructed to make an early report as to the report of the National Board of Fire Underwriters' Engineers, dated December 11th, 1916, on the fire protection facilities and structural conditions and hazards of the City of Halifax.



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MAITLAND STREET - ST. PATRICK'S BOYS' SCHOOL -

EXPROPRIATION HILLS ESTATE.

Read report City Clerk as follows:-

Office of City Clerk,  
February 5th, 1917.

The Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

I have the honor to report that agreeably to resolutions in that behalf passed by the City Council, I did this day pay into the office of the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court at Halifax the sum of \$1500.00 as compensation for land taken by the City of Halifax from the Estate of James Hills, Maitland Street, as part of site for new St. Patrick's Boys' School.

L. Fred. Monaghan,  
City Clerk.

Referred to the City Council for its information.

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following resolution, which is adopted by the Board, and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for approval:-

RESOLVED that at the next ensuing civic election, a plebiscite of rate-payers be taken to ascertain their views as to daylight saving;

AND that the Solicitor be instructed to prepare any legislation necessary to authorize such plebiscite;

AND ALSO to furnish any funds required for that purpose.

Alderman Godwin objects to a plebiscite being taken on the list of City rate-payers, on the ground that the working people affected would have no voice at such a plebiscite.

CHANGE OF CIVIC YEAR.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Harris that the heads of the civic departments be requested to report in writing as to changing the beginning of and closing of the civic year to synchronize with the calendar year.

TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

*Council ✓*

*Council ✓*

*Auditor ✓  
Collector ✓  
Assessor ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Treasurer ✓*



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City Engineer's Office,  
February 5th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

Owing to the difficulty in obtaining and the probability of an increase in price of water pipes, valves and cement, I would ask for authority to advertise for the quantities of these articles required for our work during the ensuing season, at once.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

PURITY OF WATER SUPPLY - EXPROPRIATION OF PROPERTY

AT BEECH HILL.

Read report Arbitrators on expropriation of property at Beech Hill for the preservation of the purity of the City's water supply, as follows:-

Halifax, January 19th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

We, the undersigned arbitrators, representing the City and Mrs. Gross and Richard Hamilton, have agreed on an award of Two Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$280.00) for the property expropriated by the City from Richard Hamilton and shown on the expropriation plan; and on an award of One Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$1,430.00) for the property shown on the expropriation plan as belonging to Mrs. Gross, which includes the so-called Nyles house and the Lopez house.

J. C. Harris.  
Richard Bishop.

It is decided to recommend to Council that the award of the arbitrators be accepted, and that the City Clerk be instructed to pay into Court the difference between the amounts already paid in and the amount of the award.

Read accounts J. C. Harris and Richard Bishop, \$30.00 each, for arbitrators' fees in connection with the expropriation at Beech Hill of properties of Richard Hamilton and Mrs. Gross.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

CITY PRISON MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Governor Grant, of the City Prison,

Council ✓

Council ✓

Engineer ✓



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for the month of January. Filed.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER.

Read letter MacIlreith & Tremaine, solicitors for John E. Burns, declining to accept the sum of \$1.00 as compensation for right-of-way for North West Arm trunk sewer.

Also read letter J. B. Kenny, surviving executor of T. E. Kenny, declining to accept \$1.00 as compensation for right-of-way for North West Arm trunk sewer, and naming H. R. Silver as arbitrator. Filed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENT.

Read report Controller Halliday as follows:-

Halifax, February 1st, 1917.

The Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

I beg to make the following recommendations for improving the efficiency and the economic operation of the Fire Department.

1. That a combined automobile pumping engine, chemical cylinders and hose body to carry 1000 feet of hose, similar to the one now in West Street House, be purchased and stationed in Central House.
2. That an automobile be purchased for the use of the Chief, and kept at Central House.
3. That No. 1 Chemical Engine, now stationed in Grafton Street House, be stored in the Spring Garden Road House, or someother convenient place, and kept in reserve.
4. That one of the old engines be kept in reserve and eventually sold.
5. That the hose waggon now in Spring Garden Road House be shifted to the Grafton Street House, to be drawn by two horses instead of one, as at present.
6. That the steam engine now at Central House be shifted to one of the other Houses.
7. That seven horses be sold, the proceeds to be devoted to the purchase of the Chief's automobile, etc.

The adoption of these recommendations will result in a saving to the City of over \$1700.00 a year, as shown in the following schedules, which are made up from actual known figures, and are not merely an estimate.



Proposed Saving.

Feed for seven horses.....	\$1092.00	
Four Drivers.....	3142.00	
Chemical Operator.....	850.00	
Asst. " " .....	800.00	
Coal for Engine.....	150.00	
Call Engineer.....	275.00	
Stocker for Engineer.....	175.00	
Shoeing of horses.....	196.00	
Harness and repairs.....	70.00	\$6750.00

Proposed Expenditure in lieu of above.

Operator Motor Car.....	1040.00	
Asst. " " " .....	832.00	
Three hosemen.....	2340.00	
Operating expenses.....	200.00	
Interest on capital account 5%.....	592.50	5004.50

Annual Saving.....\$1746.50

Capital Account.

Triple combination motor fire engine....	\$12,000.00	
Chief's Motor Car.....	900.00	\$12,900.00
Less sale of seven horses.....		1,050.00
		\$11,850.00

James Halliday,  
Controller.

Consideration of the report is deferred.

GEORGE STREET WIDENING- PROPERTY CRAGG BROS.

Read letter E. P. Allison, solicitor for Cragg Bros., as follows:-

Halifax, February 5th, 1917.

Messrs. Cragg Bros. Co., Ltd.,  
C i t y.

Dear Sirs:-

As you will remember the amount payable by the City of Halifax in settlement of this action was fixed by arrangement at \$427.73, which covers the amount of agreed compensation for land taken, and interest thereon, and \$10.00 for costs of suit, up to date of settlement on July 4th, 1916.

I herewith enclose my statement of account amounting to \$46.34 for professional services rendered subsequent to above mentioned settlement date in connection with the transfer and vesting of the title in the City of Halifax to the area taken by said City from your property at the corner of Barrington and George Streets. These charges, being wholly necessitated by the expropriation of said area by the City of Halifax, are properly chargeable against the City and should be paid to you by such Corporation.

E. P. Allison.

*Solicitor  
77 Cragg*



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Referred to the City Solicitor for report.

WATT STREET - MCFATRIDGE LOT.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
February 5th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying letter from William McFatrige saying that application was made for a permit to erect dwelling on a lot owned by him on the east side of Walnut Street, which had been refused.

The ground of refusal was that the lot is a portion of Watt Street which is laid down on the City Plan. There is at present a lane running from Walnut Street to LeMarchant Street and westwardly from Walnut Street to Preston Street which was laid down on the old plan of the division and which will eventually form part of Watt Street which is laid out from Henry Street to Preston Street.

The lot has an area of 4237 square feet and is assessed for \$300.00. Mr. McFatrige asks that the City appoint an arbitrator, and he will do the same, to value the lot.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

The report is referred back to the Acting City Engineer to obtain from Mr. McFatrige the amount of the price which he will accept for his property.

ASSESSMENT PLAN - PROGRESS PAYMENT.

Read report Acting City Engineer, recommending that H. B. Pickings be given a progress payment on work already completed in connection with making of assessment plans for the City. Approved.

SARAH STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
January 29th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control and letter from the Eastern Trust Co. asking the City to purchase the lot of land said to belong to the Moren Estate, for the purpose of extending Sarah Street.

This property has been used by the public as a street for a great many years. There are also three

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houses on the north side of Sarah Street now or formerly owned by the Moren Estate, which have their entrances fronting on the lot of land in question. As I understand it, these houses were built by the owner of the property, and it seems a reasonable supposition that he intended to dedicate the lot for street purposes; otherwise, if it were closed, there would be no means of ingress to the three houses.

There is no doubt that the street is a convenience to a number of people and should be kept open. I would suggest that the matter be referred to the City Solicitor to find out whether the public have not acquired a title to the land through user.

I am attaching a plan showing the lot in question and Sarah and June Streets.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer

Consideration of the report is deferred until the City Solicitor submits his report on the matter.

LANE OFF ROBIE STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer re land off Robie Street, between Clifton and Robie Streets, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office  
February 5th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering complaint from William A. Gorman who resides at #552 Robie Street, of the use of the 17-foot lane on the south side of his property by heavy teams.

This lane is a private right of way and is not laid down on the Official City Plan. As far as I can find out, this right of way was laid out when the Harrington property was divided. It shows on a plan filed in the Crown Lands' Office as being twenty feet wide.

In 1913 a concrete sidewalk was built on the west side of Robie Street, and the curb stone was returned on each side of this lane, leaving an entrance ten ft. wide, which should be sufficient to keep the teams about four feet from the houses on either side. The lane comes immediately opposite Carrick Street, a short street running from Davison Street to Robie Street, and is of service to a certain number of the public, inasmuch as it is the only means of getting from Robie St. to Clifton Street between Cunard Street and Charles Street, the distance between the two latter streets being about            feet.

The amount of traffic would not warrant the City acquiring and laying out a sixty-foot street through the Rhodes Curry Company property, as there is not enough to warrant this expense, and the lane is sufficient to accommodate what there is.



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I do not see how the City can do anything to remedy Mr. Gorman's complaint, as they have no rights to the lane between the west line of Robie Street and the east line of Clifton Street, and it has done all that it can between the west curb and line of Robie Street by putting in corner curbs which prevent the teams cutting the corner close to the houses.

*Wm A Gorman*

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to William A. Gorman.

ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts are passed for payment:-

Citizens' Free Library \$51.51; City Prison \$130.44; City Health Board \$177.62.

City Health Board.

Michael Day	Plumbings	\$ 19.35
Nova Scotia Tramways	Light and power	9.08
Halifax Wet Wash	Washing	9.60
T.C.Allen & Co.	Office supplies	8.75
Morton & Cragg	Basins	3.60
Baldwin & Co.	Tumblers	3.60
Maritime Tel. Co.	Phones	16.14
S. Cunard & Co.	Coal	57.50
Wm. Roche	Coal	50.00
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		177.62

City Prison.

J.J.Scriven & Sons	Bread	9.80
E.W.Crease & Son	Groceries	35.34
J.A.Leman & Co.	Oxheads	6.30
G.C.Hartlen & Co.	Stew beef	4.85
S.C.Thompson	Fodder	32.00
D.J.McIntosh	Horseshowing	9.00
Stroud & Eveleigh	Painting sleigh	12.00
Irwin & Sons	Drugs	2.97
T.C.Allen & Co.	Stationery	2.25
Moir's Ltd.	Christmas bread	2.70
Maritime Tel. Co.	Rental	4.70
N.S.Tramsays	Light and power	5.13
Hillis & Sons	Stove fittings	2.30
Neil Fox	Harness supplies	1.10
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		\$130.44

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Library.

T.C.Allen & Co.	Books	3.95
Book Room	Book	.30
A.W.Bowen & Co.	"	25.00
C.D.Cazenove & Son	"	4.14
Chronicle Pub.Co.	Subscription	6.00
College News Shop	Books	1.25
J.L.Connolly	"	2.57
Lowe-Martin Co.	"	8.30
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		\$51.51

The Board adjourned.

P.F.Martin  
MAYOR.

*P. J. Martin*      *L. J. McLaughlin*  
CITY CLERK.



COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

February 8th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Cash Statements City Collector.  
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Nova Scotia Car Works Indebtedness.  
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Lilac Street - Morris Property.  
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CASH STATEMENTS CITY COLLECTOR.

Read cash statements City Collector, taxes and water rates, for the month of December.

Forwarded to the City Council for its information, and copies ordered to be made for each member of the Council.

JUBILEE ROAD AND CHESTNUT STREET STREET LINES.

Read letter William Davies re street lines Jubilee Road and Chestnut Street, as follows:-

Halifax, February 7th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

I beg to inform you that I am willing to accept your offer of Fifteen Cents (\$0.15) per sq. ft. for land that you are taking from me on Jubilee Road and Chestnut Street, and would be very much obliged if you could hasten matters for a settlement.

Wm. Davies.



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Deferred.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read report Chief of the Fire Department for the month of January, as follows:-

Office of Chief of Fire Department,  
February 8th, 1917.

The Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

I beg leave to make the following report for the month of January:-

There have been seventeen alarms of fire from the following causes:- chimneys 10; false 1; drying plaster 1; electric wires 1; thawing water pipes 1; unknown 1; rubbish barrel 1; lamp explosion 1.

Insurance at risk.....	\$67,000.00.
Loss by Insurance.....	\$1102.00
Losses without insurance.....	75.00
	<u>\$1177.00</u>

Recommendations.

I would recommend that James Jerrad be appointed callman on No. 1 Engine, and also Frank Killeen, R. Beck and Thomas Downey be appointed callmen on No. 4 Engine, and E. Sharp be appointed callman on No. 7 Hose.

E. Condon,  
Chief Fire Department.

Approved.

A complaint by the Chief against Captain John E. Burns is referred to Controller Halliday.

CASH STATEMENT CITY TREASURER.

Read cash statement City Treasurer for the month of January.

Referred to City Council for its information.

WALNUT AND CHESTNUT STREETS STRAIGHTENING.

Read report Acting City Engineer re Walnut and Chestnut Streets straightening, submitted at meeting February 6th, 1917. Also read report Acting City Engineer on the matter dated February 8th, 1917, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
February 8th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.

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February 8th, 1917.

I beg to make this further report supplementary to my report of the 5th inst. on the question of exchanging land with the Halifax Properties, Limited, required for straightening Walnut and Chestnut Streets. I am attaching a letter from the Company making a proposition that the land included in the strip 47 feet wide on the east side of Walnut Street which the City does not require for street purposes, be valued at 5¢ per square foot and the exchange made on this basis. This would leave the City in debt to the Company about Fifty Dollars. The latter offer to waive this and make an exchange of properties without any cash consideration.

As the concensus of opinion of real estate men seems to be that the increased depth of the lots would add very little to their market value, and as this strip of land is of no use for City purposes and it will be much cheaper to deal with the present owners of the property before individual lots are sold than afterwards, I would recommend that the City convey the land in front of the Halifax Properties, Limited on the east side of Walnut Street and the east side of Chestnut Street to the Company, provided the latter give the City a deed to the land required for the straightening of Walnut and Chestnut Streets belonging to it.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

G. McG. Mitchell and Martin Archibald, representing the Halifax Properties, Limited, appeared before the Board.

It is decided to recommend to Council that the report of the Acting City Engineer dated February 8th, 1917, be adopted.

CUNARD STREET WIDENING.

Read letter Dr. F. R. Little, asking if it is the intention of the City to widen Cunard Street at the south-west corner of Cunard and Gottingen Streets.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

ALLEN, LAWRENCE AND DUNCAN STREETS.

Read report Acting City Engineer re Allen, Lawrence and Duncan Streets extension, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
February 8th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering request from Alderman Foley that the Board consider the advisability of extending

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Allen, Lawrence and Duncan Streets from Harvard street to Oxford Street.

There is no connection between Harvard and Oxford Streets from Quinpool Road to Chebucto Road. The length of this block is about 1600 feet. The district bounded by Harvard Street, Chebucto Road, Windsor Street and Quinpool Road is rapidly building up and has already a large number of houses in it. The residents of the interior of this district, to get to the district west of Oxford Street between Chebucto Road and Quinpool Road have to go either north or south to these latter streets and then back again in the opposite directions to Oak Street.

Oak Street runs westwardly from Oxford Street through the centre of the block to Pine Street. Allen Street is very nearly opposite the end of Oak Street and at present there are no buildings to interfere with the extension of it. In my judgment the extension of this street would serve all the needs of the district without extending Lawrence or Duncan Streets. The extension of the north line of Allen Street would run along the north lines of lots #55 and #56, and as the lots are laid out 34 feet frontage, the 60 feet required for the extension of the street, would leave 8 feet on the south sides of lots #53 and #54.

As the lots affected by the extension and also the adjoining ones to the south are owned by the same person, it would probably be cheaper, if the Board deems it advisable to make this extension, to deal with the present owner before the lots are sold separately.

The extension as proposed, is shown by red lines on the accompanying plan. From a street planning point of view, an extension on the lines shown in yellow on the plan, would probably be better practice, but the cost of the extension would be considerably more, as we would take portions of five lots instead of four.

The Oxford Street lots are assessed at \$300 each and the Harvard Street lots at \$200. I have asked Mr. Edmunds, who is the owner of the property, for a price, but have been unable to obtain one from him.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Consideration of the report is deferred, and the Acting City Engineer requested to obtain, if possible, from Gabriel Edmunds the terms upon which he would transfer to the City building lots owned by him at the western prolongation of Allen Street.

DUBLIN STREET EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending against the extension of Dublin Street southerly.

Approved, and recommended to the City Council for adoption.

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Engineer ✓*

*Council ✓*



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THRIFT DURING THE WAR.

Read letter The Empire Club of Canada, as follows:-

Toronto, January 26th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Halifax.

Sir:-

I have the honor to transmit to you the enclosed resolution moved by Mr. Fred B. Fetherstonhaugh, K.C., and seconded by Mr. J. Murray Clark, K. C., at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Empire Club of Canada.

At the conclusion of short speeches by the mover and seconder, this resolution, on being submitted to the meeting by the President, was unanimously and enthusiastically carried by a standing vote.

J. B. Perry,  
President.

RESOLVED that in the opinion of the Empire Club, each and every Government, corporation and person throughout the Empire should spend no money except for necessities and the vigorous prosecution of the war; and each person particularly should not purchase luxuries or other articles which will divert labor from the work essential to the production of munitions, supplies and other means for winning the war; and that all such persons should save as much as possible and utilize such savings for war purposes; and that the Empire Club urge the Dominion Government to take such steps as may be necessary to prohibit the importation of luxuries into Canada during the war.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, Prime Minister of each of the Provinces, and mayors of the principal cities of Canada, and be given such further publicity as the Executive may deem advisable.

The resolution submitted by the Empire Club is endorsed by the Board, and the Secretary instructed to inform the Club accordingly.

POLICEMAN JOHN MacMASTER.

Read resignation Policeman John M. MacMaster.

Accepted.

The Chief of Police is authorized to advertise for applications to fill the vacancy.

CAMPBELL ROAD ELECTRIC LIGHT.

The City Engineer is requested to report as to the advisability of installing an electric light on Campbell Road between Hanover and East Young Streets.

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Letter Empire Club  
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Recorder ✓  
Echoes ✓  
Chief of Police  
Engineer ✓



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CITY HOME.

Read report City Home for the month of January.  
Approved and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council.

Council ✓

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

Read application Treasurer of the Canadian Patriotic Fund for payment over to said Fund of the City's 5th instalment of \$4,500.00 contributed to the Fund.

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Treasurer ✓  
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It is decided to recommend to Council that the instalment be paid.

CHEMICAL ENGINE FOR ISLESVILLE FIRE STATION.

Alderman Godwin suggested that the spare chemical engine now stored at West Street fire station be put into commission at the Islesville Fire Station.

Carl Halliday ✓  
Chief Fire Dept ✓

Referred to Controller Halliday for report.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS.

Controllers Murphy and McKeen verbally reported that in round figures the present owners of the Nova Scotia Car Works had this day, of the amount of \$32,000 due for interest and sinking fund, paid over the sum of \$16,000; that they had also paid in cash the sum of \$4,000 for water rates due, and had given a written undertaking to pay the balance due on April 1st, 1917. When this sum is paid on April 1st, the City's interest in the Car Works will amount to about \$91,000.

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Ordered to be reported to the City Council.

LUMBER SURVEYOR.

Controller Harris recommends the appointment of Carl Fox as a surveyor of lumber. Approved.

Council ✓

LEGISLATION 1917.

The City Solicitor submits a schedule of headings of suggested legislation for the approaching session of the Local Legislature.

Members ✓  
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Copies of the list are ordered to be forwarded to



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each member of the Council with the request that they submit to the Board any suggestions they may have to offer.

LILAC STREET - MORRIS PROPERTY.

Read report Acting City Engineer re extension of Preston and Payzant Streets through property of John Morris fronting on Lilac Street, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
February 8th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that at present the 15-inch high service distribution main is laid on Oxford Street, Young Street, Robie Street, South Street, LeMarchant Street, Coburg Road, Lilac Street, Preston Street and Quinpool Road, and forms a continuous line with the exception of about 160 feet through the property owned by Mr. Morris.

By making this connection, full benefit of the circulation through this main would be obtained and a continuous supply should anything happen to any part of it. It would also maintain the purity and give a better supply to the hydrants for fire protection.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

It is decided to recommend to Council the adoption of the Acting City Engineer's report dated January 20th, 1917, with the exception of the following clause:-

"the City to give him (Mr. Morris) the privilege of buying back that portion not required for street purposes at the same rate as it pays".

ACCOUNTS.

Accounts chargeable to various Departments are passed for payment, as follows:- City Home \$5489.03; Fire Department \$1496.94; Police Department \$50.80; Works Department \$4630.70; General Accounts \$1971.47.

City Home.

N. S. Hospital	Maintenance	273.00
Gunn & Co., Ltd.	Flour	368.00
Wentzell's Ltd.	Groceries	449.55
E. & A. Thompson	Meats	380.63
J. A. Leaman & Co.	Pork	60.76
Smith & Proctor	Butter	191.63
A. Wilson & Co.	Fresh fish	43.65
W. Y. Kennedy	Dry goods	167.59
James Watson	Milk	125.55

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The Fleichmann Co.	Yeast	3.90
S. C. Thompson	Forage	29.43
The Buckley Coal Co.	Coal	5.15
Halifax Tram Co.	Light	41.54
A. Fordham & Co.	Leather	.56
T. C. Allen & Co.	Printing	4.50
Hillis & Sons, Ltd.	Repairs	141.60
J. J. Scriven & Sons	Bread	18.56
James Taylor	Repairs to oven	21.40
Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.	Hardware	28.60
W. N. Brown	Iron work	9.00
J. McD. Taylor	Insect powder	1.00
Snow & Co., Ltd.	Coffin fixtures	16.00
Robt. Taylor Co.	Boots	39.60
Brockfield Bros.	Lumber	4.05
Baldwin & Co.	Crockeryware	3.30
Alfred Carter	Repairs	4.30
H. McFatridge	Horseshowing	6.53
The Piercey Supply Co.		10.00
V. G. Hospital	Medicine	151.20
B. J. Mulcahy	Cash expended	152.43
Salaries	Jan. pay sheet	985.88
N.S. Hospital	Maintenance	1749.04
		<u>\$5489.03</u>

Fire Department.

N.S. Tramways	Light and power	47.43
Ungar's Laundry	Work	19.89
Telephone Co.	Phones	28.91
Army Pay Office	Stay wire lease	.25
T.C. Allen & Co.	Diaries	12.00
Dr. A. F. Buckley	Medical attendance	2.00
E.W. Crease & Son	Salt	1.35
G.C. Bateman	Lock repairs	16.15
Farquhar Bros.	Plumbing, etc.	36.24
John Foley	Mason work	9.95
Tournament Committee	One desk	20.00
Neil Fox	Harness work	14.00
Imperial Oil Co.	Gasoline	59.39
A.H. Lamphier	Carriagework	4.00
British Fire Prevention Committee	Membership dues	5.10
National Fire Prevention Association	" "	6.00
W. & A. Moir	Brake gear, etc.	170.00
F. W. McNally	Plumbing	3.60
Melvin & Co.	Hardware	.79
JohnMcInnis & Sons, Ltd.	Lumber	47.08
A. J. McNutt	Carriage work	22.50
Wm. Roche	Coal	110.00
Frank Reardon	Brushes	.90
Wm. Robertson & Son	Sou' Westers	42.50
Robinson Bros.	Exchange of horse	100.00
David Roche	Paint	.90
Stairs, Son & Morrow	Hardware	10.50
J. Starr Son & Co.	Batteries	17.20
Sheehan Motor Co.	Oil	2.00
Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.	Hardware	24.36
S.C. Thompson	Fodder	542.14
Wentzell's Ltd.	Soda	10.80
Freeman & Co.	Bedding	109.71
		<u>\$1496.94</u>

Police Department.

Maritime Telephone Co.	Phones	14.42
T.C. Allen & Co.	Ink	.90
Longard Bros.	Repairs motor cycle	2.40
Farquhar Bros.	Fittings	5.45
Imperial Oil Co.	Oil	.70



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stroud & Eveleigh	Repairs	19.35
Halifax Herald	Advertising	6.27
W. S. Bayer	Laundry	1.25
		<u>250.80</u>

Works Department.

Permanent sidewalks	1.37
Streets	18.07
Street Lighting	2330.36
City Hall Lighting	76.04
Electric Wiring Inspection	5.00
Plumbing under Health Rules	10.00
Fuel City Hall	99.75
Loan Widening Streets	12.50
Telephones	40.19
Night Soil Plant	63.96
Internal Health	38.20
City Property	145.90
Sewerage	440.15
Water Maintenance	1179.53
Water Construction	79.44
Teams and Stables	90.25
	<u>\$4630.70</u>

General Accounts.

T.C. Allen & Co.	Stationery & Printing	
	City Treasurer.....	5.50
	" Collector.....	29.25
	" Assessors.....	9.80
	" Clerk.....	<u>251.24</u>
		295.69
Ross Print	Printing	9.50
A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd.	Books	
	City Collector...	24.55
	" Assessors....	31.40
	" CLERK.....	.90
		56.85
H.W. Marshall	Subscription to Herald	
	City Collector	6.00
Chronicle Pub. Co.	Subscription to Chronicle	
	City Collector.....	6.00
	" Clerk.....	<u>6.00</u>
		12.00
Blackadar Bros.	Subscription to Recorder	5.00
do	Advertising	7.95
Halifax Herald	"	30.64
E. M. Weith	Information for Assessors	10.00
Dr. Finn	Certificates of death	
	Ada Irvinell.....	4.00
	J.E.L. Kellock.....	4.00
	F. Carvery.....	4.00
	Thos. Day.....	4.00
	Sarah Smiley.....	4.00
	C. Skeer.....	<u>4.00</u>
		24.00
John Stonley, et al	Recovery body - McIsaac	5.00
L.M. Green	Furnishing list of deaths	20.00
Royal Bank	Rent of Box	20.00
Loan Expenses	Treasurer	9.14
British American Bank		
Note Co.	Changing plates, etc.	132.50
W.U. Telegraph	Telegrams	3.09
N.S. Nursery	Wreath	10.00
London Rubber Stamp Co.	Supplies Treasurer & Collector	2.45
St. Patrick's Home	Maintenance of boys Feb. 1/17	
	Truants.....	676.03
	Juvenile offenders	200.79
	Neglected children	<u>223.35</u>
		1100.17
Hfx. Industrial School	Maintenance	
	Juvenile offenders	40.82
	Neglected children	<u>187.74</u>
		228.56
		<u>\$1971.47</u>

*P. J. Macdonald*  
MAYOR.

*L. J. Macdonald*  
CITY CLERK



COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

February 8th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this evening at 8 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Halliday, Harris and McKeen.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
February 8th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

Under the provisions of the City Charter the Mayor has called a meeting for Friday the 16th inst., of the property owners interested, through whose lands rights have been expropriated by the City for the construction of the intercepting sewer at the North West Arm.

As the Council may not meet for some time after this date, I would suggest that they appoint an arbitrator on behalf of the City at their meeting tonight, so as not to delay the expropriation proceedings.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

It is unanimously decided to recommend to Council that J. Clifford Harris be appointed arbitrator on behalf of the City.

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*  
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

*L. J. Monaghan*  
CITY CLERK.

*Council ✓*



COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

February 9th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 11 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy.

TEMPERANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT.

A large number of citizens appeared before the Board to urge upon the City the rigid enforcement of temperance legislation.

Charles Bell submits the following letter on behalf of the Halifax Temperance Alliance:-

Halifax, February 9th, 1917.

Statement by the Halifax Temperance Alliance

To

His Worship Mayor Martin and the Board of Control.

The Nova Scotia Temperance Act came into force in Halifax on 1st of July, 1916, and we think that there is cause for pride in the fact that although no special means were taken by the authorities to carry it out, yet on that day, nearly, if not every bar was closed, and the principal Clubs and Hotels complied voluntarily with the law. During the following months the members of the Alliance received from all quarters expressions of gratification at the results of the Act, especially from Employers of Labor and dealers in goods who had increased sales and better collections, also, from other parts of the Province that had benefited in consequence of improvement in Halifax. Under these circumstances we urged that the steps provided in the Act for enforcing the law, viz.- the appointment of inspectors, etc., should be taken at once so that the favorable situation should be maintained, and we now respectfully submit that up to the present these steps have not been taken. We wish, however, to express appreciation of the efforts to have the law enforced, put forth by the Chairman of the Police Committee and members of the Police Force, and also, of the stand in favor of the law taken by the City newspapers. We think that it is due to these efforts and this stand conjoined with the general public opinion in favor of law enforcement that the evil results of liquor drinking as shown in police reports etc., have been so greatly diminished, and while we regret that the situation now is not so good as in the summer of 1916, it is unquestionable that it is much better than previous to the application of the Act. At the time we were requested by you to give all the help possible in enforcing the Act and in response to this request, the Alliance has



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co-operated with the Police during the past seven months, a solicitor was engaged to prepare the papers necessary in Court proceedings, to advise the Police as to procedure, and to conduct prosecutions. This work was voluntarily undertaken by the Alliance at considerable expense, because the City Council has not made due provision for proper enforcement. It is to be noted that in this connection the City is especially indebted to Mr. Rod MacDonald and R. H. Murray, K. G., for assistance rendered in various ways to the Police in the enforcement of the Act. If the Council had, when the Act came into force, conformed to the Law and appointed an Inspector or Inspectors, the Alliance would not have considered it necessary to secure the services of a solicitor. The conduct of all cases could have been in the hands of the Inspector or Inspectors, who could have employed a solicitor to assist them. Sec. 7, amendment of 1913, imposes upon the Council, the Police Committee, Police Officers and Inspectors, the duty of enforcing the Act.

We wish to submit for your consideration the following:-

(1) The N. S. Temperance Act says:- "In every Municipality in which the Act is in force, the Council shall annually appoint one or more persons to be called Inspectors for the purpose of enforcing and carrying out the provisions of the Act."

If, in the judgment of the Council, there should be more than one inspector, or if it were considered advisable to have Police and Sergeants appointed Inspectors, the Council has power to make such appointments.

(2) Inspectors, who have not had previous experience in preparing for and conducting prosecutions, would require the assistance of a solicitor in carrying out their work.

(3) Until an Inspector or Inspectors are appointed, the Police should have the assistance of a solicitor in performing their duty in the matter of the enforcement of the Act. We request that such assistance be given the Police.

(4) The issuance of search warrants calls for great care - greater care than has been exercised in the past. Until inspectors are appointed, police officers shall be enabled to obtain search warrants from the magistrate. No other person, unless the solicitor or the Chief of Police should have information as to the preparation or procuring of search warrants or other papers required.

(5) There should be a suitable place provided for the storage of seized liquors.

(6) It should be understood that the police officers are under obligations as are inspectors to enforce the Act.

The appointment of inspectors would not relieve the Police of their duty to take all necessary proceedings for the enforcement of the Act.

It is clearly the duty of the Council to make all necessary provision for enforcement. The burden should



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not in any measure fall upon private citizens.

When an inspector or inspectors are appointed, he or they should be suitable men, carefully chosen; men of well known temperance principles and sufficiently remunerated to make the position as independent as a proper salary can do, thereby so dignifying the office that it will command the public respect to which it is entitled.

Their success in enforcing the law will depend very largely upon the sympathy and support given them by the Mayor and Board of Control and especially by the Mayor as Chief Magistrate, but we claim that what has already been accomplished is quite sufficient to show that the Act can be enforced if it has the support of the Mayor, Board of Control and City Council, and also that the consequence of enforcement will be of inestimable importance and benefit to the City.

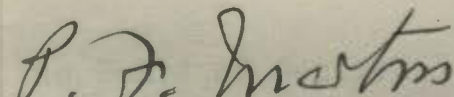
On behalf of the Alliance,

Charles Bell, President.

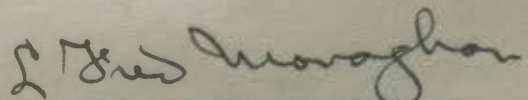
Richard S. Theakston, Secretary.

The meeting is addressed by Charles Bell, Rev. Dr. William Foley, Rev. Canon Vernon, E. J. Clayton, A. Mosher, Hon. George E. Faulkner, Rev. M. Wigle, Rev. Dr. John Forrest, Rod MacDonald, Rev. H. R. Grant, P.F. Moriarty, W.S. Davidson, H. H. Marshall and others.

The Board adjourned.

  
F. F. Martin

MAYOR.

  
L. J. O'Connell  
CITY CLERK.



COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

February 13th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present Deputy Mayor H. S. Colwell, Chairman, and Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Purity of Water Supply - Expropriation of Properties at Beech Hill.  
Nova Scotia Car Works Indebtedness.  
Fire Alarm System in Public schools.  
St. Patrick's Boys' School Site - Hills Property.  
Refund of Liquor License Fees.  
Temperance Law Enforcement.  
North West Arm Trunk Sewer.  
Water Meter Readers - Increase of Pay.  
Cabmen's Shelter on Grand Parade.  
Water Supply Victoria General Hospital.  
Fire Ladder Truck Damaged by Tram Car.  
Nova Scotia Car Works Water Rates.

PURITY OF WATER SUPPLY - EXPROPRIATION OF PROPERTIES

AT BEECH HILL.

Read report City Clerk as follows:-

Office of City Clerk.  
February 12th, 1917.

The Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

I beg to report that agreeably to a resolution passed by the City Council on the 8th inst., I did this day pay into Court the sum of \$330.00 for the heirs of Charles Gross, and the sum of \$80.00 for Richard Hamilton as additional compensation awarded by arbitrators for property taken by the City of Halifax at Beech Hill for the purpose of improving the City water supply.

L. Fred. Monaghan,  
City Clerk.

Ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for its information.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS.

Read letter W. H. Covert re indebtedness of the Nova Scotia Car Works, and opinion of the City Solicitor thereon, as follows:-

Halifax, February 9th, 1917.

F.H. Bell, K.C.,  
City Solicitor.

*Council ✓*



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Referring to two claims which the City filed with The Eastern Trust Company, Liquidator of Nova Scotia Car Works, Ltd., I have been informed that one claim, that for water rates, has been fully paid, and that arrangements have been made by Canada Corporations, Ltd., to pay to the City the entire amount overdue on the mortgage. The statute passed last winter, namely section 13, chapter 36, 1916, continues the mortgage to any company acquiring the land of the Nova Scotia Car Works, Ltd., provided that arrears of interest is paid.

I should think the City should now withdraw any claim against the Liquidator. Kindly have this brought to the attention of the Board of Control at an early day and if it is thought proper to do so, kindly have the claims filed against the Liquidator formally withdrawn.

you will observe on referring to section 76 et seq. Chap. 144 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, the Winding Up Act, that the holder of a secured claim must value his security and since the value of the property mortgaged to the City is beyond doubt greater than \$91,000, the balance due on the mortgage, the City can have no proper claim against the Liquidators.

It is of considerable importance that this matter should be attended to at an early day for there is no doubt other claim which has not been settled as to amount and the Liquidator is very desirous of distributing the moneys remaining in his hands.

W. H. Covert.

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Office of City Solicitor,  
February 10th, 1917.

Secretary Board of Control.  
Dear Sir:-

I beg to hand you herewith a letter received by me today, which I have discussed with Mr. Covert, Secretary for the liquidator.

The substance of the matter is that the liquidator has paid, or arranged for the payment of the entire amount of interest and sinking fund, leaving only the principal of the mortgage. If the claim for this is withdrawn the liquidator will be free to enter into negotiations with any concern or people who propose to endeavor effecting the reorganization of the Company with a view to its future operation. If the claim is not withdrawn the liquidator may be compelled, for his own protection, to proceed to a forced sale of the property.

The practical effect of withdrawing the claim is merely to release the liquidator from any obligation and to permit dealing with the property, subject to the City's claim for the outstanding amount of principal.

F. H. Bell,  
City Solicitor.

The City Clerk is instructed to acknowledge receipt

of Mr. Covert's letter, and to inform him that when the

*Letter  
W H Covert  
Solicitor*



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promised payments are made, the Board will deal with the subject matter of his letter.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners asking to be informed as to what action this Board has taken in the matter of the installing of a fire alarm system in Public Schools.

Referred to the City Electrician for immediate report.

(See Board of Control minutes October 10th, 1916, and October 30th, 1916).

ST. PATRICK'S BOYS' SCHOOL SITE - HILLS PROPERTY.

Read notification from John E. Hills that he and other heirs are dissatisfied with the amount of compensation, \$1,500.00, paid into Court for the Hills property required as part of the site for St. Patrick's Boys' School, and appointing R. A. Johnson, Architect, 56 Barrington Street, as arbitrator on behalf of the heirs.

Referred to the Acting City Engineer for conference with J. C. Harris, who acted for the School Board in connection with the acquisition of the site for this School, and report.

REFUND OF LIQUOR LICENSE FEES.

Controller McKeen submits the following resolution, which is seconded by Controller Harris:-

WHEREAS the sum of \$30,420.00 was paid into the City Treasury by the Licensed Liquor Dealers of the City of Halifax for licenses, and the sum of \$1,693.56 was incurred in connection therewith as expenses, leaving a balance of \$28,726.44. The said licenses were to take effect upon the fifteenth day of March, 1916, for the term of one year.

AND WHEREAS the right to sell liquor under that licenses was cancelled on June 30th, 1916, by an Act of the Provincial Legislature;

THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City of Halifax return, pro rata, to the said licensed liquor dealers the sum of \$22,388.94, that being the amount due them for unexpired period which the license covered, and that the City apply to the said Provincial Legislature for authority to borrow the said sum of \$22,388.94, the

*Electrician ✓  
Public School Board ✓*

*Engineer ✓*



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amount to be assessed in five equal annual instalments.

Moved in amendment by Controller Murphy that the City refund to licensed dealers the entire amount paid to the City by them for liquor licenses without deducting any sum for management or other expenses, in view of the fact of the breach of contract.

Controller Murphy's resolution is not seconded.

After discussion, Controllers McKeen and Harris amend the original resolution <sup>but</sup> providing <sup>ing</sup> that twelve months' management expenses be not deducted from the license fees to be returned, but that pro rata expenses for the period from March 15th to June 30th only be deducted.

The resolution as so amended is adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council, Controller Murphy dissenting.

TEMPERANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Read letters (2) Rod MacDonald, as follows:-

Halifax, February 9th, 1916.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and the Controllers.

Gentlemen:-

When as Vice President of the Halifax Alliance, and especially when acting as Chairman of its Enforcement Committee, I received many proffers of monetary assistance from Citizens, not connected with out organization, I feel free to accept your offer, namely, that if temperance people will guarantee the salary of an inspector from now until April 30th, you will appoint one. At your earliest convenience I shall wait on you and complete this assurance. The only further assurance is that search warrants shall pass direct from Magistrate to Inspector.

Though I have resigned from the Halifax Temperance Alliance, prohibition still claims my best efforts.

Rod MacDonald.

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Halifax, February 13th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Controllers.

Gentlemen:-

It was my intention to appear before you this morning, but I am physically unable. Re my offer to provide funds for Inspector from now until April 30th next, I



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find that an Inspector under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act takes care of his search warrants, so I withdraw the only condition named in my letter of Friday last, making it therefore an absolute acceptance of His Worship the Mayor's offer.

Rod MacDonald.

Consideration of Mr. MacDonald's letters are deferred until the return of His Worship the Mayor to the City.

On motion of Controller McKeen, the City Clerk is directed to write Rod MacDonald, requesting him to lay before the Board in writing, with the view of the holding of an investigation, the statements made by him at the public meeting held on Friday last, in which he intimated that information leaked out from the City Hall to liquor dealers prior to the execution of search warrants.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Halliday that a committee from this Board be appointed to confer with the Liquor Vendors' Board as to the number of Liquor Vendors it would be advisable to appoint, and as to the compensation to be paid them.

The motion is passed, and Controllers McKeen and Harris appointed as such committee.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER.

Read notification by the Estate of James Fraser, that the compensation, \$1.00, offered by the City for certain rights for right of way for North West Arm trunk sewer, is insufficient, and appointing H. R. Silver arbitrator. Filed.

WATER METER READERS - INCREASE OF PAY.

Read applications R. F. Clancy, J. H. Barnstead, R. B. Scriven and M. P. O'Toole, Water Meter Readers, for an increase in pay.

Deferred for consideration with the Water Department estimates.

CABMEN'S SHELTER ON GRAND PARADE.

Alderman Finlay asks as to the advisability of

*Rod MacDonald ✓*

*Cont. McKeen ✓  
Cont. Harris ✓*

*Council ✓*

*M/c ✓*



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of constructing a shelter for cabmen on the Grand Parade

The Alderman is informed that such a shelter would cost about \$7,000.00, and that the City is not at the present time in a position to deal with the matter.

WATER SUPPLY VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL.

The Acting City Engineer is instructed to write to the Hon. Commissioner of Works and Mines and to the Superintendent of the Victoria General Hospital, informing them that the City Engineer is still awaiting an opportunity for a conference as to the supply of water by the City to the Victoria General Hospital, and that the City is anxious to deal with this important matter as soon as possible.

*Engineer ✓*

FIRE LADDER TRUCK DAMAGED BY TRAM CAR.

Controller Halliday verbally reported that while returning from a fire on the S. S. "Amelia", at N. & M. Smith's Wharf, on Monday, the 12th inst., the Grafton Street ladder truck was struck by a tram car and badly damaged. He had informed the Tramway Company and interviewed them as to making good the damage. The truck and ladders are now under repair.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS WATER RATES.

Read letter Canada Corporations, Limited, claiming that the Nova Scotia Car Works are not liable for the sum of \$4,175.35 paid to the City on February 8th for water rates.

*Solicitor ✓*

Referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion.

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*  
P. F. Martin.

MAYOR.

*L. J. Donoghue*  
CITY CLERK.



COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

February 15th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present Deputy Mayor Alderman H. S. Colwell, Chairman, and Controllers Halliday, Harris and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

St. Patrick's Boys' School - Hills Property.  
Watt Street - Wm. McPatridge Property.  
Coal Weighers' Monthly Report.  
Storehouse in Residential District.  
Refreshment Booth at Fleming Park.  
South Bland Street Sewer.  
Nova Scotia Temperance Act.  
Policemen at Theatres.  
Coal Hawkers - High Charges and Short Measure.  
Overloading of Horses.  
Bell's Lane.

ST. PATRICK'S BOYS' SCHOOL - HILLS PROPERTY.

Agreeably to request of the Board, J. C. Harris, the City's arbitrator in connection with the expropriation of the Hills estate for proposed new St. Patrick's Boys' School, appeared before the Board. Mr. Harris stated that so far as he was aware, no agreement was ever made with the representatives of the Hills estate to accept the sum of \$1500.00 as the value of the property to be taken.

Mr. Harris is instructed to proceed with the arbitration proceedings.

WATT STREET - WM. MCFATRIDGE LOT.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
February 15th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

*Engineer ✓*

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that I have written Mr. McPatridge asking him to fix a price for his lot on the east side of Walnut Street lying between the north and south lines of Watt Street as laid down on the Official City Plan. I have had a reply from him asking the sum of \$1000 for the lot, which would be at the rate of about 24¢ per square foot.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.



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Filed.

COAL WEIGHERS' MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Coal Weighers for the month of January, showing each weigher to have received \$63.09. Filed.

STOREHOUSE IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
February 14th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir:-

I beg to submit herewith an application for permission to erect a wooden structure in the rear of #303 Tower Road between Victoria Road and South Street on the premises belonging to Alex. Keith, to be used as a storehouse.

The proposed building is square, 47' x 47' and two storeys in height; sixty feet away from the street line. This is in the residential district.

Section 18, sub-section 8 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1915 provides that -

"A building may be erected or altered and used within the said district as a college, church, library, school house, public hall or other similar public building, or as a hotel or boarding house or shop for the sale of goods by retail, but before any building is erected or altered for any such purposes, the plans and specifications thereof shall be approved by the Inspector of Buildings and permission to erect or alter the building obtained from the Board of Control".

This section does not appear to make provision for a storehouse.

The plans and specifications of the proposed building comply with the Building Act. The matter of granting a permit is entirely in the hands of the Board. In view of the trouble experienced in the past on several occasions by the Board having given a permit for the erection of buildings of the classes mentioned above in the residential district, I would suggest that in future an applicant for permission to erect any of these types of structures within the residential district, be required to advertise in at least two newspapers by two insertions in each, the fact that he was making such application, giving the details of the proposed building, so that the residents in the vicinity could lodge any objections they might have.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Alexander Keith, in response to a telephone message, appeared before the Board, and stated that the original application made as reported by the City Engineer for



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the erection of a building 47' x 47' is an error, the intention being only to erect an addition to an existing building 27' x 25', and to alter the roof of the existing building to a square roof.

The City Engineer is instructed to grant a permit for the altering of the old building and for the construction of a new building 27' x 25' upon Mr. Keith making an amended application for a permit.

The recommendation of the Acting City Engineer that applicants for permission to erect other than dwellings in residential districts be required to advertise in the newspapers the fact that such application is being made is approved, the advertisement in each case to be submitted to the City Engineer before publication.

REFRESHMENT BOOTH AT FLEMING PARK.

Read application James Karus for permission to erect a refreshment booth at Fleming Park in the vicinity of the Memorial Tower.

Referred to His Worship the Mayor and the City Engineer for report.

SOUTH BLAND STREET SEWER.

A..P. Galnen appeared before the Board, again complaining of the backing up of sewage into his cellar from the South Bland Street sewer, on account of construction work for the Ocean Terminal. The sewer was cut off by Foley Bros., Welch, Stewart & Fauquier, the contractors, and every time of heavy rainfall the water backs up into his cellar/ The contractors are proceeding with the work, but not fast enough to satisfy the property owners affected.

The City Engineer is instructed to request the engineers to rush the work, and to ask a representative of the engineers to appear before the Board at its next

*Engineer*

*Mayor  
Engineer*

*Engineer*



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meeting on Tuesday next.

NOVA SCOTIA TEMPERANCE ACT.

Read letter Halifax Temperance Alliance, as follows:

Halifax, February 15th, 1917.

To His Worship Mayor Martin  
and the Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

When on Friday the 9th inst. a delegation consisting of members of the Halifax Temperance Alliance and other citizens waited upon your Worship and the Board of Control to request that provision be made as required by Statute for the enforcement of the Temperance Act, we understood Your Worship the Mayor to say that an appointment would be made if the funds required for the payment of salary of Inspector were provided by private citizens.

At a meeting of the Executive of the Halifax Alliance held last evening, it was decided to inform your Worship the Mayor and the Board of Control that in our opinion it is the duty of the Council to provide all monies to meet expenditures required in the enforcement of the Temperance Act, as in the management of other civic business.

The Act implicitly states that the Council shall appoint one or more persons to be called Inspectors, and that every municipality (City) is authorized to pay out of its funds all costs, charges and expenses of enforcing the Act - Section 15, sub-sections (1) and (4).

We therefore desire to inform your Worship and the Board of Control that it is not the purpose of the Alliance to raise money by subscription or otherwise to provide for the enforcement of the law.

When the Act came into force, the Alliance engaged a solicitor to assist in the conduct of the prosecutions. This action was taken because the City Council failed to conform to the Statutes and appoint an Inspector or Inspectors. In response to your request that we should render assistance, and to prevent the nullification of law, and to demonstrate that the law was workable this burden was assumed by the Alliance. Sixty cases were successfully tried and the law was vindicated at an expense to the Alliance of over \$1100.00. As a result of the prosecutions there was placed in the City Treasury over \$2100.00. In making the Statement we desire to say that we found the Police ready to discharge their duty.

It was expected that within a few weeks the Council would have made the necessary appointments. Citizens expected officials entrusted with the Civic Government to administer this law, and at the meeting on Friday last, many prominent citizens testified to the benefits resulting from even partial enforcement during the summer and autumn of 1916.

It is notorious that at the present time the law is not enforced as it should be, and the evil results are openly evident. This especially to be repeated in the



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case of soldiers and sailors at the time when National Service demands the fullest efficiency everywhere.

As more than seven months have now elapsed since the law came into force and as action has not yet been taken by the Council in line with the requirements of the statute, we submit that the Citizens of Halifax are entitled to information bearing upon this question.

We therefore respectfully request a reply to the following:-

- (1) Is it your intention to appoint one or more Inspectors as required by Section 15 of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act?
- (2) On what date will such appointment be made?
- (3) What salary will be paid to Inspectors?
- (4) Is it your intention to appoint vendors in accordance with the law respecting vendors?
- (5) When will such appointment be made?
- (6) What provision has been made by the Council for the payment of services of Vendors?

A reply at your earliest convenience will oblige

Yours respectfully,

Charles Bell, President.  
Richard S. Theakston, Secretary.

After discussion, the City Clerk is instructed to reply to the communication of the Temperance Alliance that the City took the earliest opportunity available to it by law to make provision for the appointment of an Inspector under the Temperance Act, and included an appropriation of \$1,000.00 in the civic estimates as a salary for such an official, to be appointed May 1st, 1917; that the Board was of opinion that the Temperance Alliance was aware that the City during the current year had no fund at its disposal out of which it could lawfully pay an Inspector; that as to the appointment of vendors the City has absolutely nothing to do, and that the Board of Vendors Commissioners would no doubt be pleased to furnish the Alliance with any information desired in respect to vendors.

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*submitt - the draft of letter to the Board before sending it -*  
*The City Clerk is requested to*

POLICEMEN AT THEATRES.



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that the present system of appointment of employees of theatres as special policemen thereat be abandoned, and that the services of regular policemen be utilized, as formerly, for this duty, the theatre owners to be notified accordingly.

COAL HAWKERS - HIGH CHARGES AND SHORT MEASURE.

Controller Harris verbally reported that he had taken up the matter of reports of coal hawkers charging excessive rates and delivering short measure with the Weights and Measures Department and with the Police.

OVERLOADING OF HORSES.

Controller Harris verbally reports on the letter from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty regarding the overloading of horses on hills, that he had taken the matter up with the Police, who are attending to the subject and co-operating with the S. P. C.

*RH Murray ✓*

BELL'S LANE.

The Secretary is instructed to write John W. Regan requesting him to further confer with the City Engineer as to possible modification of his plans in connection with his application for transfer to him of a portion of Bell's Lane.

*John W. Regan ✓*

The Board adjourned.

*H. Starnell*  
DEPUTY MAYOR.

*L. J. O'Rourke*  
CITY CLERK.



COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

February 20th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Halliday, McKeen and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Good Roads Convention.  
Morris Street Drain - Sidney Locke.  
Nova Scotia Temperance Act.  
Insurance City Property  
Fire Alarm Tappers in Water Foremen's Dwellings.  
War - Police Sergeant Lovett Leave of Absence.  
War - Cultivation of Vacant Land.  
War - National Service Cards.  
Railway Crossing over City Property, Young Street.  
Electric Lighting Contract.  
Nova Scotia Car Works Indebtedness to the City.  
Act to Legalize the Assessment for 1917-18.  
Gunard Street Widening.  
St. Patrick's Boys' School Site - Hills Property.  
Fire Underwriters Engineers' Report on City of Halifax.  
Overhead Electric Wiring.  
Bell Street - Parker Block.  
Fire Alarm System for Public Schools.

GOOD ROADS CONVENTION.

Read invitation to the members of the Board to attend the Good Roads Convention on the 22nd and 23rd inst. Accepted.

MORRIS STREET DRAIN - SIDNEY LOCKE.

Read letter Sidney Locke complaining of injury to drain at #12 Morris Street by the Tramway Company when laying a gas main.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

INSURANCE CITY PROPERTY.

Read reports (2) Clerk of Works re insurance on City property, as follows:-

City Works Office,  
Feb. 20th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

I beg to call your attention to the following



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insurance that will expire on the dates mentioned, and to ask your directed as to renewal of same, viz.-

Policy No.

21532. The Boiler Inspection & Insurance Co. of Canada, A.S. Wylde, Agent } On boiler at Incinerator, against accidents up to \$5,000.00

Premium \$19.00 expiry date 28th inst.

10984496. Commercial Union Assurance Co. Saunders & Duffus, Agents. } On Incinerator.

Amount \$2200.00, divided as follows:-

\$500.00 Brick Building
\$1000.00 Fixed and Movable machinery, including boiler.
\$700.00 Waggon treatle.

Premium \$11.25. Expiry date March 6th.

Respectfully submitted,
A. F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

City Works Office,
February 20th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

I would respectfully call your attention to the fact that the insurance effected with Messrs. Rainnie & Keator, Ltd., under contract for a term of three years and amounting to \$90,000 will expire May 31st next.

Cont. McKeen
Engineer

I thought I should advise you in ample time in case the schedule now in effect might need to be revised before calling for tenders. A copy of present schedule is attached.

A. F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

Referred to Controller McKeen and the City Engineer for report.

NOVA SCOTIA TEMPERANCE ACT.

Agreeably to resolution of 15th inst., the City Clerk submits draft of letter to be forwarded to the Halifax Temperance Alliance in reply to their communication dated February 15th re the appointment of an Inspector under the Temperance Act, and the appointment of Liquor Vendors.

Read printed minutes of City Council August 10th, 1916, page 188, covering letter from His Honor Judge



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and opinion of City Solicitor re the appointment of Vendors.

Moved by Controller Halliday, seconded by Controller McKeen, that the City apply for legislation authorizing the City to pay the two Vendors appointed by the Board of Vendors Commissioners a salary of \$1,000 each per year.

After discussion, Controller Halliday asks permission to withdraw the motion.

Controller McKeen dissents.

The motion is finally withdrawn, and His Worship the Mayor requested to notify the Board of Vendors Commissioners to attend at His Worship's Office at some convenient time, to discuss the matter of remuneration of Vendors.

Controller McKeen dissents.

On motion of Controller McKeen, the City Clerk is instructed to advertise in the newspapers for applications from persons desirous of filling the position of Inspector under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, and it is decided to recommend to City Council that legislation be sought to provide for payment of salary of a Liquor Inspector at the rate of \$100.00 per month for the months of March and April, 1917, and an increase of \$200.00 to the salary of Liquor Inspector for the year 1917-18 over and above the amount of \$1,000.00 included in the estimates.

The City Clerk is instructed to inform the Halifax Temperance Alliance, in reply to their letter of 15th inst., of the action taken by the Board at this meeting.

Read letter Rod MacDonald, as follows:-

Halifax, February 16th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and Controllers.  
Gentlemen:-

There are two communications from me before Your Honorable Body, to neither of which has answer been received. In Chronicle of today, your last meeting is reported as saying to the Halifax Alliance--

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Letter ✓  
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alliance ✓



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"It was decided to inform the Alliance that there were no funds available to pay an Inspector immediately and that a conference was being had with the vendors."

But as previously stated, I am not acting for the Alliance, but for some solid citizens who desire to see the N. S. Temperance Act enforced, as it has not yet been.

If you appoint the Inspector, we stand ready to furnish the funds, so the former offer of the Mayor is met squarely.

Rod MacDonald.

The Clerk is instructed to inform Mr. MacDonald that the City is taking steps for the appointment of a Liquor Inspector and for making provision for the payment of his salary.

Agreeably to resolution passed by the Board on February 13th, Controller McKeen submits an amended statement of the amount to be recommended to Council to be refunded to liquor license holders, as follows:-

Total Receipts \$30,420.00

Expenses.

Mar. 15th to June 30th, 1916,	
2 1/2 mos. @ \$2535.00	\$6,337.50
3 mos. salary Inspector	300.00
License Board	400.00
Sundry expenses, advertising etc.	93.56
	<u>7,131.06</u>

Refund Balance.....\$23,288.94

Approved, Controller Murphy dissenting.

FIRE ALARM TAPPERS IN WATER FOREMEN'S DWELLINGS.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
February 20th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to recommend that fire alarm tappers be placed in the residence of the Asst. Foreman of the Water Department, and also in that of one of the sub-foremen whose duty it is to attend fires.

At present these men are called by the telephone and by the Police, and I think it would improve the service if tappers were installed.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

*Sister  
Rod MacDonald*

*Council*

*Engineer  
Electrician*



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Approved.

WAR - POLICE SERGEANT LOVETT LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Read application Police Sergeant Louis Lovett for leave of absence to enlist in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces. Approved.

WAR - CULTIVATION OF VACANT LAND.

Controller McKeen submits the following resolution:-

RESOLVED that the Board of Control invite a conference with the Director of National Service for Halifax with a view to encouraging the cultivation of vacant land and lots within the City bounds this spring, and if suitable incentive be offered by the National Service Department in the way of seed and fertilizers, that the City undertake to notify all owners of vacant land or lots within its bounds of the provisions made and invite their co-operation in the interests of National Service, with a view to making an effort in the direction of reducing the high cost of living.

John McKeen,  
Controller.

Approved.

WAR - NATIONAL SERVICE CARDS.

The Secretary is instructed to write G. S. Campbell, Director of the Halifax Branch of the National Service Board, informing him that large numbers of National Service Cards left at residences of citizens by the Post Office Department, bearing on the envelope a request that the cards be not mailed and an intimation that they would be called for, have never been so called for, and requesting him to take the matter up with the Post Office Department.

RAILWAY CROSSING OVER CITY PROPERTY, YOUNG STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
February 20th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control and letter from Mr. G. B. Ternan, asking for permission to have a siding laid across the City property at the corner of Young Street and Kempt Road.

I wrote Mr. Ternan asking the purpose for which the

Chief of Police ✓

G. S. Campbell ✓

Letter  
G. S. Campbell ✓



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siding was to be used, and he replied that it was proposed to use it in connection with a lumber yard and storage of builders' supplies by a firm doing business in the City. He also told me that he was not at liberty, pending the completion of negotiations for the property, to mention the name of the firm.

At present the railway runs through the City lot, parallel to and near the east line of Kempt Road, and curves across this road and the corner of the Brandram-Henderson property to the straight track running west on Young Street close to the Exhibition Grounds. Should the Board decide to grant permission to extend the track to the property under discussion, I would recommend that this track on Young Street be extended eastwardly across Kempt Road and Longard Road and into the property. To take it in any other way would interfere and cut up the City lot.

If permission is given, it should be on condition that the track be maintained to the satisfaction of the City Engineer and that it be removed at any time the City gives three month's notice.

It is a question for consideration as to whether, in the case of a siding being extended along or across a City street for private purposes, the parties for whose benefit it is laid, should not pay a substantial rental for the use of the street. Under the street ordinance a man having a hatchway in the street is obliged to pay at the rate of 4¢ a square foot. It might be urged in objection to the rental, that the City should do all possible to encourage the establishment of industries and not hamper them in any way. However, this is a matter of policy for your Board to discuss and decide.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

*Engineer ✓*  
The City Engineer is requested to prepare and submit a plan showing the existing railway trackage, and the trackage as proposed in Mr. Ternan's application.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING CONTRACT.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
February 20th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

The existing temporary contract with the Halifax Electric Tramway Company for lighting the streets was for one year from the 1st of March, 1916. In November, tenders were called for under a new specification. The only one submitted was from the Tramway Company and was considered too high.

In view of the conditions at present existing and likely to continue for the next few months, owing to the instructions from military headquarters as to dimming and extinguishing a large number of the street lights, it would appear inadvisable to enter into a contract for an improved lighting system at the present time.



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I would recommend that the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company be asked to extend the existing contract for a period of one year.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer,

Approved.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS TO CITY.

Read letter W. H. Covert, as follows:-

Halifax, February 17th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.  
Dear Sirs:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th inst. respecting the indebtedness of Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited, to the City of Halifax, and the claims put forward by the Liquidator.

I could not have made clear the situation as it stands. The Liquidator cannot wait several weeks or months for the City to determine what it is going to do. The Liquidator must distribute the money in its hands amongst creditors who have proved their claims. The City has not proved its claim. While it is a secured creditor it has not said so when filing its claim and it has taken no steps to value its security. The Liquidator thinks the City is perfectly secured, particularly in view of the purchaser being a responsible party. But if the City does not think so it has its remedy. Under the sections of the Winding Up Act already pointed out the City must value its security, and if this is not done promptly we shall be obliged to serve notice of motion on the City in order that the matter may be properly brought before the Courts. The Sections we refer to are:

76. If a creditor holds security upon the estate of the Company, he shall specify the nature and amount of such security in his claim, and shall therein, on his oath, put a specified value thereon. R.S., c. 129, s. 62.
77. The Liquidator, under the authority of the court, may either consent to the retention by the creditor of the property and effects constituting such security or on which it attaches, at such specified value, or he may require from such creditor an assignment and delivery of such security, property and effects, at such specified value, to be paid by him out of the estate so soon as he has realized such security, together with interest on such value from the date of filing the claim till payment. R.S., c. 129, s. 62.
78. In case of such retention, the difference between the value at which the security is retained and the amount of the claim of such creditor shall be the amount for which he may rank as aforesaid. R.S., c. 129, s. 62.

The liquidator wishes to treat the City and all creditors fairly, but it cannot agree to holding up of the



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its hands for several weeks as the City proposes. The unsecured creditors are demanding their dividend.

W. H. Covert.

*Solicitor ✓*  
The City Clerk is instructed to notify the City Solicitor to attend the next meeting of the Board to discuss Mr. Covert's application.

ACT TO LEGALIZE THE ASSESSMENT FOR 1917-18.

The City Solicitor submits an Act to legalize the estimates and the assessment and rating for the civic year 1917-18 as follows:-

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows:-

WHEREAS there has been paid to the City of Halifax by the Government of Canada, in settlement of certain matters arising out of establishment of the Ocean Terminals, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ of which \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is in respect of the taxes assessed and levied, for the year \_\_\_\_\_ upon certain properties in the City, taken by the said Government and which sum has been appropriated by the City to the payment of such taxes;

AND WHEREAS the balance of the amount so paid, namely \$30,000.00 was in respect to certain properties and rights of the City taken or acquired by the said Government;

AND WHEREAS the taxation of the City for the civic year 1917-18 will, in consequence of the establishment of such terminals, and for other causes, be greatly increased, and the Council of the City is desirous of applying the said sum of \$30,000.00 in reduction of such taxation, and has included the same in the yearly estimates, and such estimates are in other respects unauthorized by law, and it is necessary to ratify and confirm the same;

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED:-

1. The appropriation and application of the said sum of \$30,000.00 in the said estimates is hereby authorized, ratified and confirmed, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
2. The estimates of expenditure for the City of Halifax prepared by the Board of Control for the civic year commencing on 1st May, 1917, and approved by the City Council at a meeting held on the 28th day of December, 1916, and every item thereof including the said sum of \$30,000.00 estimated and appropriated therein as hereinbefore set out, are hereby ratified and confirmed and declared to be the true and proper estimates of the City for the said year, and as such to be enforceable and collected upon the inhabitants and property liable to assessment and taxation by the City, notwithstanding that certain items in the said estimates are in excess of the amounts authorized by law in respect to the same, or that the total amount



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proposed to be raised for ordinary revenue exceeds the limit of one hundred and sixty thousand dollars allowed by law for that purpose.

3. Immediately upon the coming into force of this Act the Assessor of the City shall fix the rate of taxation required to produce the amount of the said estimates in the manner specified in Section 413 of the Charter of the City, and the rate so fixed and the amounts rated in accordance therewith are hereby declared to be the true and legal rate and amounts required by law to be so fixed and rated, notwithstanding that the said rate is fixed subsequent to the fifteenth day of March, 1917.

Approved.

Read letter S. J. Harivel, as follows:-

Halifax, February 20th, 1917.

To His Worship the Mayor, Board of Control,  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

I respectfully request that you forward me a copy of the resolution passed by the Board of Control and City Council on December 28th, said resolution if carried out will have the effect of diverting \$30,000 or a portion of the money received from the Dominion Government for streets, etc., from the sinking fund of the City of Halifax. I would also request that you forward me a list containing the names of the Aldermen, Controllers and any other person who moved, seconded or proposed such a resolution. I would further ask for a copy of the legislation in connection with the above resolution which is to be introduced in the Legislature during the present session.

S. J. Harivel.

The City Clerk is directed to comply with Mr. Harivel's request.

CUNARD STREET WIDENING.

Read report Acting City Engineer in reply to letter of Dr. F. R. Little, stating that the City does not require any land at the south-west corner of Cunard and Gottingen Streets for the widening of Cunard Street.

Approved, and a copy of the report ordered to be forwarded to Dr. Little.

ST. PATRICK'S BOYS' SCHOOL SITE - HILLS PROPERTY.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
February 19th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-



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Board of Control that I have consulted with Mr. J. C. Harris, who acted for the School Board in connection with the acquisition of the site for St. Patrick's Boys's School, and he informs me that while different sums were mentioned as to the value of this property, no bargain was ever made with the representatives of the Hills estate.

Mr. Hillek in his letter, refuses to accept the sum of \$1500 paid into Court, and names an arbitrator. The City Council has already appointed Mr. J. C. Harris as its arbitrator, and the whole matter is now in the hands of the arbitrators to deal with.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Filed.

FIRE UNDERWRITERS ENGINEERS' REPORT ON CITY OF  
HALIFAX.

Read reports Chief of the Fire Department and the City Electrician in reply to report of Fire Underwriters Engineers on City of Halifax Fire Department and Water Department.

The Secretary already having forwarded copies of the report to the members of the Board, is instructed to forward copies to the Secretary of the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters, and to inform him that the report of the Acting City Engineer in respect to the Water Department will soon be submitted.

OVERHEAD ELECTRIC WIRES.

The Secretary is instructed to request the City Electrician to immediately submit an interim report on his investigations into overhead electric wiring, together with copies of correspondence between himself and the various owners of electric wires.

BELL STREET - PARKER BLOCK.

The Secretary is directed to request John W. Regan and the City Engineer to appear before the Board at its next meeting for the purpose of further discussing the application of Mr. Regan for the exchange of property on the south side of Bell Street for property on the



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Regan to submit plans of the building he proposes to erect on the Parker Block.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Read report City Electrician re fire alarm system for Public Schools, as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,  
February 19th, 1917.

L. Fred. Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your favor re School signal system, I beg to report that I have asked the Gamewell Co., through the Northern Electric Co., their agents, and to date have only had a partial reply, with the promise that further information would follow.

*Sec'y ✓  
School Board*

I have written them for the required additional data, urging an immediate reply.

P. R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of School Commissioners.

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*  
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

*L. Fred Monaghan*

CITY CLERK.



COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

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The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Tenders for Cement.  
Bells Lane - Parker Block.  
Police Department.  
War - Military Hospitals - Exhibition Buildings.  
Liquor Inspector.  
Ontario Street Sewer.  
Fire Underwriters Engineers' Report on City of Halifax.  
Morris Street Drain - Sidney Locke.  
Gratuity to Widow of P. J. Broderick, late Chief of the Fire Department.  
Expropriation of Land at Foot of Long Lake.  
Acadian School Building, Albemarle Street.  
National Service Cards.  
Railway Siding Through City Property, Young Street.  
Cunard Street Widening - Street Railway Tracks.  
Godwin Property, #180 Gottingen Street.

TENDERS FOR CEMENT.

Tenders for supply of cement for the Works Department are received and opened as follows:-

*Engineer ✓*

	<u>Per 100 lbs.</u>	<u>Bags.</u>	<u>Bags returned.</u>
F. A. Gillis Co., Ltd.	55 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ¢	10¢	8¢
Brookfield Bros. Ltd.	54 1/7¢	10¢	8¢
J. C. Calder & Co.	54 1/7¢	10¢	8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ¢

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

BELL'S LANE - PARKER BLOCK.

John W. Regan again appeared before the Board in connection with his application for the transfer to him of a portion of Bell's Lane in exchange for a transfer of land from his property fronting on Buckingham Street to the City.

Mr. Regan is requested to submit a plan of the building he proposes to erect on the Parker Block.

Mr. Regan informed the Board that it is absolutely vital to his project to obtain the portion of Bell's



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show the plans of the proposed building to His Worship the Mayor, the Controllers and the City Engineer privately, but that he is not in a position to submit them for public information. Mr. Regan stated that he is prepared to submit a guarantee that his principals will proceed with the erection of a building on the Parker Block costing not less than \$150,000.00, not including the value of the land.

*etc*

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Controller Harris submits resignation of Policeman Theophilus L. Beeler, to take effect February 28th.

The resignation is accepted.

Controller Harris submits the following report:-

Halifax, February 22nd, 1917.

The Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

I recommend the appointment of Police Officer Daniel J. McIsaac to be temporary Sergeant in place of Sergeant Louis Lovett, going overseas, and further recommend the appointment of Hugh Ronald Boyd at once, and Harry Ransford Lawlor and Howard F. Richards on March 1st.

*Chief of Police ✓*

G. F. Harris,  
Controller.

Controller Harris' recommendation for the appointment of privates to the Police Force is concurred in. The recommendation as to the appointment of a Police Sergeant is deferred until Tuesday's meeting.

WAR - MILITARY HOSPITALS - EXHIBITION BUILDINGS.

Read letter re Military Hospitals, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., February 21st, /17.

His Worship Mayor P. F. Martin,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

*Mr. Hall ✓*

I thank you very much for your prompt attention to the matter of the buildings suitable for military hospitals. I am looking into the list of buildings with which you supplied me.

If the Department would consider it, would it not be possible to obtain the Exhibition Buildings for this purpose? I should think the facilities and situation would be excellent for the purpose.

W. P. Morrison,  
Dist. Engineer.



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Referred to the Exhibition Commission for attention and reply.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR.

Read applications Private Harry Hall, 93 Lockman Street, and Alden S. Lavers, 38 Acadia Street, for the position of Liquor Inspector. Filed.

ONTARIO STREET SEWER.

Read petition for a sewer in Ontario Street. Referred to the City Engineer for report.

FIRE UNDERWRITERS ENGINEERS' REPORT ON CITY OF HALIFAX.

Read letter Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters, as follows:-

Halifax, February 21st, 1917.

L. Fred. Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 20th inst. is at hand enclosing copies of reports by the City Electrician and Chief of the Fire Department in reference to the report of the National Board of Fire Underwriters Engineers. I am obliged for same, and await the promised report from the City Engineer, which I note will be forwarded as soon as he is able to submit it.

Edward J. Fahie,  
Secretary.

Filed.

MORRIS STREET DRAIN - SIDNEY LOCKE.

Read letter Sidney Locke re drain at #12 Morris Street, claimed by him to have been broken by the Tramway Company.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

GRATUITY TO WIDOW OF P. J. BRODERICK, LATE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read report Controller Halliday as follows:-

Halifax, February 22nd, 1917.

The Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

The application of the widow of late Chief P; F. Broderick of the Fire Department for the usual civic grant in case of death in performance of duty, having been referred to me, I beg to report as follows:-



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From my knowledge of the case, and the testimony of others in the Department,, also the attached certificate of Dr. W. D. Finn, I believe the immediate cause of the death of late Chief P. J. Broderick was from exposure at a fire at Mrs. Paton's store on Gottingen St., November 19th, 1916, as he was not able to attend to his duties afterwards.

I would therefore recommend that legislation be obtained, and the sum of One Thousand Dollars paid Mrs. Broderick, as has been done on several occasions, and under similar circumstances.

James Halliday,  
Controller.

Also read certificate of Dr. W. D. Finn.

Controller Halliday's recommendation is approved.

EXPROPRIATION OF LAND AT FOOT OF LONG LAKE.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
February 22nd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report that the arbitrators have filed an award in the case of the expropriation of land belonging to James LeMarchant near the foot of Long Lake, and two of the three arbitrators have awarded him the sum of \$2,000.00. The amount paid into Court for this property was \$1400.00.

I would recommend that the City Clerk be authorized to pay into Court the difference between these amounts, namely, \$600.00.

The owners of the other three properties expropriated by resolution of Council November 9th, 1916, have accepted the amount paid into Court.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

ACADIAN SCHOOL BUILDING, ALBEMARLE STREET.

Read notification from the Provincial Secretary that the Governor in Council would, at 11 o'clock on Wednesday, 21st inst., consider the application from the Board of School Commissioners for an order directing the City to issue debentures to the amount of \$2,368.67 for the completion of the Acadian School Building, Albemarle Street.

The City Clerk informed the Board that before the time set for this meeting, the Deputy Provincial Secre-

Council ✓  
Solicitor ✓

Council ✓



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tary had telephoned him, asking if it was the intention of the City to oppose the application of the School Board, and that he had informed the Deputy Provincial Secretary that the City did not intend to offer any opposition. Approved.

NATIONAL SERVICE CARDS.

Read letter G. S. Campbell, Director of Nation Service for Military District No. 6, thanking the Board for calling attention to the non-collection of the National Service Cards, and stating that he is ataking the matter up with the Post Master here. Filed.

RAILWAY SIDING THROUGH CITY PROPERTY, YOUNG STREET.

In connection with the application of Gerald B. Ternan for the provilege of constructing a railway siding through the incinerator lot on West Young Street to the Hennessey Field property, so-called, the Acting City Engineer submits a plan showing the railway sidings as they now exist in that neighborhood, how the City lot would be affected by Mr. Ternan's application, and an alternative suggestion as recommended by himself.

Mr. Ternan is requested to take the matter up with the railway authorities, and to afterwards bring the matter before this Board again, if necessary.

CUNARD STREET WIDENING - STREET RAILWAY TRACKS.

Controller Murphy and the Acting City Engineer are requested to inspect the situation at the corner of Gottingen and Cunard Streets at Dr. Little's property, with the possible view of widening Cunard Street at this point.

The Engineer is requested to report as to the shifting of the tramway tracks to a permanent location in the centre of Cunard Street.

GODWIN PROPERTY, #180 GOTTINGEN STREET.

Controller Murphy reported that he had requested the

9 B Ternan ✓

Cont. Murphy ✓  
Engineer ✓



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City Clerk to gather together all reports and correspondence relating to the disputed ownership of the Godwin property, so-called, at #180 Gottingan Street, and laid the same upon the table. Controller Murphy suggested that the matters in dispute as to this strip of land be, without prejudice, laid before arbitrators, both parties to be subject to the arbitrators' award.

*Cont-Murphy ✓*

Controller Murphy is requested to confer with Mr. Godwin and report.

In the meantime, the matter is further deferred.

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*  
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

*L. J. McLaughlin*

CITY CLERK.



City Engineer's Office,  
Feb. 26, 1917

WATER SUPPLY

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report as follows on the conclusions and recommendations of the engineers of the National Board of Fire Underwriters in connection with the water supply, dated Dec. 11 1916 and addressed to the N.S. Board of Fire Underwriters.

The Water Works Department is under the management of the City Engineer and one of his qualified assistants has charge under him. This is the most economical and satisfactory method, as the work of the Department would not warrant the employment of a qualified man solely for it. On account of the war and other causes, the organization of the office has been more or less disrupted, and at the time of the visit of the National Board's engineers, was just getting into shape again. Until the return of the members of the staff, who are on active service, it would be most inadvisable to make any more permanent appointment, as the work can be properly handled in the meantime with our temporary organization.

I agree with the recommendation that proper qualifications for the appointment of employees, with removal only for cause, should be required; as a matter of fact, this latter condition is in operation now and I cannot recall the case of any employee in the water works being discharged except for cause. For the past three years, owing to the causes mentioned, the plotting of the records of the Department has got behindhand, but is now being overtaken. We have the information in our notebooks, but have not yet had an opportunity of putting it on the plans.

The Venturi meters recording the total consumption at the Lakes, should be thoroughly overhauled and repaired. This should be done by the makers, and I would suggest that a man be obtained from them to do this work. About five years ago this was done, but unfortunately the three men who were instructed in the work, have left the service.

The overflow at the waste weirs has been taken and recorded daily since practically the inception of the works. We have a general plan of the distribution system, showing the size of the mains, connections at street intersections, valves, hydrants, etc., but have few large scale detail plans, although we have most of the important locations. It is my intention to recommend that when the city plan, now being prepared, is completed, a man be employed to plot on it all data in connection with the system which we now have on our note books. This will bring our records up to date.

The recording gauge in the foreman's office is in working order, but two new recording gauges, one to take the place of the present gauge at the foreman's house, and the other to be installed at some suitable location on which is called the northern low service, is a good suggestion, and I would recommend that this be carried out.

I do not agree with the conclusion arrived at that under present conditions the provision for response to fire alarms is inadequate, and the recommendation that an employee of the Department be stationed in a centrally located fire station and respond to all alarms of fire. At present a sub-foreman of the Water Department lives at quarters at the City Workshop, adjoining the stables. There is a fire alarm bell in the stables, and on an alarm of fire coming in, he immediately responds with the foreman's



team. The location of the stables is in my judgment, a more favorable location for this employee to be stationed than in one of the engine houses, as it is on the top of a hill and immediately adjoining the stable, and a quicker response to alarms should be made from here than from any of the engine houses, except to a fire in the immediate vicinity of the latter. There is a tapper in the house of the Foreman of the Water Department and two others are being installed, one in the Asst. Foreman's residence and another in one of the sub-foremen's, whose duty it is to attend fires. The other water works employees are called both by telephone and the Police when an alarm of fire is sent in.

The recommendation that a pumping station be built near Robie and Young Streets has already been reported on and recommended by your engineer under practically the same conditions as recommended by the Engineers of the National Board. Their statement that at the present rates of consumption the ultimate dry year capacity of the watershed has been reached, has also been reported on and pointed out to the Council, and if measures are not taken to reduce the consumption, and additional source of supply will have to be secured.

Last year a thorough preliminary survey of the high service distribution systems for leaks was made, and several were discovered and repaired, as a result of which the pressures on the hydrants were increased from 3 to 10 pounds. I am now obtaining information and terms from the Pitometer Company of New York, who specialize in making leakage surveys, with a view to recommending to the Council its employment to make a survey of our low service system.

With the existing low service mains capable of supplying over eleven million gallons a day, I do not think that the expenditure required for laying a 24-inch main from Lower Chain Lake to the City, would be at present justified by the benefits obtained, as it would practically mean bringing in more water to waste, and the existing mains are capable of bringing in the estimated dry weather flow of the watershed.

The check valve spoken of in the recommendation was bought on purpose to instal at the location suggested. The reason it was not done last year was on account of the impossibility of getting the necessary fittings. These are now on hand and the work will be proceeded with early in the Spring.

The 27-on. low service supply main has been in use since 1894 and I think should be cleaned. We have no scraper of this size and it will be necessary to make one. We shall do this at our workshop, and on its completion, have the main cleaned.

It is undoubtedly better water works practice to have all valves in the distribution system open. However, in our case, owing to the topography of the City and the distribution of the excessive consumption, it is necessary to keep certain valves closed to maintain pressures at the higher elevations and in certain districts.

The engineers recommend that the Department continue the installation of meters so that all services will be metered within three years, and that the pernicious prac-



tice of abating large water bills due to carelessness and waste, be abandoned. This recommendation is simply a confirmation of all reports that have been made at various times by the City's own engineer and any outside engineers employed either by the City or by the underwriters, the only difference being that the present recommendation is to instal meters so that all services will be metered within three years. In my opinion, as already recorded, the work should be done in a year, so as to reduce the consumption on the low service sufficiently to allow the proposed pumping station to be installed, which latter will not only improve the conditions on the high service, but also on the low.

I presume it is unnecessary for me to enlarge any further on the question of meters, as the matter has been thoroughly threshed out and the various reports are on record in the Minutes of the Council. I can only regret that all the City's own engineers and any outside engineers who have reported on the question, are of one mind as to the necessity for and the benefit to be obtained from their installation.

With regard to the second part of the recommendation, when a large water bill is due to circumstances beyond the knowledge or control of the owner of the property, and measures are taken by him immediately on the matter being brought to his attention, there may be some justification for reducing the bill, but in the case where the large amount of water is due to carelessness and deliberate waste, I do not consider there is any reasonable excuse for reducing it.

In recommendation #9 the National Board's engineers make recommendations as follows - that the reliability of the system be improved by using in the future only such pipes and methods of making joints as have proved reliable and are in accordance with modern practice; the discontinuance of the practice of laying mains in newly excavated trenches over other underground structures, and testing all mains in the trench before backfilling, to a hydrostatic pressure of 125 pounds.

Our mains are invariably cast-iron and our present specifications for the pipe are practically the same as those adopted by the New England Water Works Association as standard. We have a considerable number of joints made of wood, although for the past 28 years or more, all the pipes about 4-in. in diameter, have been laid with turned and bored joints. The National Board's engineers make the same statement as Mr. Chipman did, with regard to the amount of leakage from wooden stave pipe joints. While there may be a greater tendency for blow-outs and leaks in this type of joint than in turned and bored joints, a large number of our old wooden jointed pipes in the distribution system have been in recent years renewed with turned and bored joints, and the last time we tested the supply mains we found the joints tight; and in renewing service pipes and taking up and renewing old mains, no undue amount of joint leakage has been discovered in the wooden jointed pipe.

Apparently the engineers reporting have not had experience with turned and bored joints, and most certainly from their report have not a practical knowledge of them. Our experience with the turned and bored joints, extending over a period of nearly 30 years, has been most satisfactory. During this period, we have had only three cases of leakage from turned and bored joints, two of these being caused by the settlement of the pipes. This same re-



sult would have occurred just as easily if the joints had been ordinary lead joints. In view of our satisfactory experience with the turned and bored joints, which, especially in the larger sizes, are more economical than the lead joints, it would be folly to discard them in favor of the latter.

There is undoubtedly a danger in laying water pipes in sewer trenches, more especially when the latter are being excavated during freezing weather when it is hard to be certain that the foundation and blocking under the pipes is absolutely solid. Our present practice is to cut a berm on one side of the trench to rest the pipe on. The laying of the water pipes in the sewer trench is purely a matter of economy. Owing to the rock formation underlying the peninsula, trench work is necessarily expensive, and the increased saving by laying the water pipes and sewers in the same excavation, probably compensates to a large extent for the cost of making repairs in the few instances where these are made necessary by the settlement of the pipe. It is our usual practice to test all mains in the trench before backfilling.

The recommendation of the Board's engineers of the quantities of water for fire supply are the highest given by any authority for cities of the population of Halifax. They ask for a provision of 5500 gallons a minute in addition to the maximum domestic consumption in the principal mercantile and adjacent water front district. In 1906 their requirements for this same district were stated to be only 4000 gallons per minute, since which time, owing to the demolition of a large number of hazardous fire buildings and the erection of brick, stone and concrete buildings in their place, the fire risk must necessarily be less. With properly proportioned distribution system and comprehensive schemes of fire fighting with fire engines, hydrant pressures of 30 to 40 pounds are as good as 60 to 80. Additional pressure will not be of material advantage to engines. An engine can pump an adequate supply so long as the pressure on the hydrant is sufficient to deliver water to the engine.

According to the data in the report on the Fire Department, we have at present in service, five steam fire engines, with a capacity of 2700 gals. per minute, and two engines in reserve, with a combined capacity of 650 gals. per minute. I am informed by the Chief of the Fire Department that with proper facilities provided, fires between Hollis St. and the Harbor could be fought with a fire boat or engines drawing from salt water from the docks. Our hydrant pressures on Water St. in the business district are fair, and the hydrants are taken off the mains on ~~business~~ the streets running east and west, which are fed directly from the 15-inch main on Grafton Street. Three years ago, we replaced the small mains on Hollis Street by a 12-inch main extending from Morris St. to Buckingham St., cross-connected ~~to~~ at all the intersecting streets.

At the recent fire, at the cold storage plant, I am informed that there were ten streams in use, which were all that were necessary. At least six more could have easily been obtained if required. Some time ago, at the Black fire on Water St. there were seven teen streams in use. It would appear from this, that there is good protection in the principal business district.

In the list of recommended mains, the route laid down for the southern ~~main~~ state replacing main, some of large size, which have only recently



been laid, and a better route would be the one intended by the Department when the development of the City in this district, requires their extension. Prince Arthur St., Jubilee Road, Connaught Ave., Oakland Road, Robie Street, South Street, Hollis Street that mentioned in the next paragraph to Water.

Water Street at present has a 9-inch main running from Morris Street north. In connection with the work at the Terminals, the street in the block between Morris and Fawson Sts. will be lowered, and while this is being done, a larger main will be laid to replace the present 6-inch main. This should be extended southwardly to the proposed new street in front of the station and run west along this street to connect with the Hollis Street pipe. The main recommended on Water St. would be an improvement, but this street is paved throughout its length with granite blocks and until this requires to be relaid, the renewing of the existing nine-inch pipe would be a very expensive matter, and as the service was considerably improved by the laying of the 12-inch main on Hollis St., and as previously stated the hydrants are all taken off the mains on the hills, I think this work could be delayed for the present.

An improvement could be made in the distribution in this district by laying a larger main on Barrington St. from Blower St. to Cornwallis St., but the question of paving is again met with here. Argyll St. is the nearest street running north and south unpaved, and before this street is paved, the existing mains should be relaid with a large pipe from Jacob to Blower St. and along Blower St. to connect with the large main on Barrington St. This would reinforce the 15-inch main on Grafton St.

The minimum size of mains used for hydrant supply mentioned in the report is generally speaking in accordance with modern practice and with the practice we have been latterly pursuing. For some years we have been replacing 3-in. and 4-in. pipe with pipes of larger size. Similarly with dead ends. The question of dead ends in a water works system, eventually rights itself. Extension of mains on a street is made to supply perhaps at first only one or two houses. As other houses are built, the main is extended further, and eventually reaches the next cross street. It would be poor policy financially to extend a main, say 300 feet, where 100 feet is all that is necessary to supply existing needs.

I have already dealt with the question of opening valves as soon as practicable. I consider that the distribution system is at present, speaking generally, properly equipped with valves, which opinion is concurred in by the engineers of the Board.

The policy with regard to the installation of hydrants recommended, is one being carried out by the Department.

The National Board's engineers find the hydrant spacing good in and about the high value district, and fair to poor elsewhere. The test made by them of the hydrants delivering 600 gals. a minute with a loss of less than 5 lbs. between the main and the outlet, shows that they are of an efficient type. The spacing in the residential district is necessarily somewhat greater than in the mercantile, as street blocks are longer and there is not the necessity for the same number. The use of hydrants for other purposes than



fire fighting, is confined to their use for filling street watering carts. While this is undesirable and is occasionally the cause of injury to the hydrants, the expense of altering the system at present would be very great. It is a condition that could be remedied by gradually installing stand pipes to take the place of the hydrants for filling the carts.

Ten years ago in a paper read by me before the N.S. Union of Municipalities, the question of standard threads for hydrant outlets was discussed. At that time Halifax, Dartmouth, Windsor and one or two other towns in Nova Scotia, used the same standards, the other towns in the Province using several others. There is no question that there is a great advantage in having one standard for the Province in this respect, as in case of emergency, when help is required from other places, the engines and hose can be immediately connected to the hydrants and the full benefit of the assistance realized. While of great importance, this is not a particularly pressing matter, and I think it should be brought up through the Union of N.S. Municipalities and an endeavour made to have all towns adopt the standard simultaneously. I will have an estimate of the cost prepared for its next meeting.

It must be remembered that the report to the Board of Nova Scotia Underwriters is made by men employed to do so for a private commercial enterprise, and not altogether for the welfare of the public, and naturally their point of view is somewhat biased by the supposed requirements of the promoters of the enterprise. I do not wish to be understood by this to infer that the underwriters are actuated solely by a spirit of gain, but naturally their views are colored to some extent by the necessities of their business. While it may be claimed that in the case of fire protection the necessities of their business run in the same lines as the public welfare, still the cost of the improvement necessary to make a perfect system has to be taken into account by the City, whose taxpayers have to bear the financial burden involved, and a mean must be arrived at where the benefits derived are equal to the amount paid, and the financial ability of the taxpayer to bear it.

There is no doubt that improvements can be made in our system, but the works to-day are in as good shape as they have been for some years, the high, in better. Since the taking over of the works by the City, I do not think that any of our large fires can be said to have spread from a lack of water, and since that time the fire risk must have lessened considerably, due to the extension of the building district and improvement in the class of construction.

In my opinion the first thing to be done is to make a thorough and systematic leakage and waste survey and instal a meter on every service pipe. When this has been done and the consumption reduced, the pumping plant should be erected and some of the smaller mains replaced with those of ample and requisite capacity.

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT The Board's engineers recommend that a new building code, conforming to the National Board building code, be adopted. The matter of amending our existing building act is now being gone into by a committee appointed by the City and underwriters, but owing to various causes - the illness and death of one of the members and the enlistment of another - the work has been delayed, but is now being proceeded with by the reorganized committee. The report states that in the main, wall thicknesses are too light. This is an error, as the thicknesses are equal to and in some cases greater than given in the National Board's code. In the building district, our act is better than the code in some respects, as the latter allows wooden outhouses to be built of an area of 150 sq. feet, and also allows wooden buildings to be raised, if part of a block, to the height of the adjoining building, while ours prohibits the former and in the case of the latter, only allows a pitched roof building to be changed to a flat roof not higher than 14 feet above the bld plate, and in no case higher than the ridge, and only that part of the building with a pitched roof is allowed to be altered. Their code also provides for moving a building within the fire limits, while ours prevents the moving of any wooden building within the building district.

The recommendation that incombustible roof coverings be required throughout the City on new or repaired roofs, while no doubt reducing the fire risks, would necessitate covering of pitched roofs with asbestos shingles or other similar materials, thus increasing the already very high and burdensome cost of building in the city. As the matter of the revision of the building code is now in progress, I presume the proper time to discuss the various points submitted in the report, would be when the amended act is submitted for approval.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Sgd.) H.W. Johnston  
Acting City Engineer



COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

February 27th 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Railway Siding Through City Property, West Young Street.  
County Academy Sewer.  
Morris Street School.  
Liquor Inspector.  
Fire Underwriters Engineers' Report on City of Halifax,  
Building in Residential District.  
Foster Lot, Chebucto Road.  
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Increases of Salaries.  
Tenders for Cement.  
Tenders for Public Abattoir.  
Tenders for Water Pipes and Valves.  
Electric Wires.  
Juvenile Offenders' Maintenance.  
Fire Department Improvement.  
A.E. Moreash, Campbell Road - Flooding of Cellar.  
Nova Scotia Car Works.  
Legislation 1917.  
Policeman Henry Perry.  
High Cost of Living.  
Accounts.

RAILWAY SIDING THROUGH CITY PROPERTY, WEST YOUNG ST.

G. B. Ternan again appeared before the Board in connection with his application for permission to run a railway siding through the City lot, corner of Kempt Road and West Young Street, to his property known as the Hennessey Field.

Mr. Ternan is requested to bring his application before the Management of the I. C. R., with the view to running the proposed siding down Young Street instead of through the City lot.

COUNTY ACADEMY SEWER.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners re stoppage of the County Academy sewer.

In connection with the School Board's letter, Deputy Mayor H. S. Colwell appeared before the Board.



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*Engineer ✓*

Deputy Mayor Colwell is requested to apply on behalf of the School Board for permission to open up the street to ascertain the cause of the trouble.

MORRIS STREET SCHOOL.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners as follows:-

Halifax, February 27th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

*Engineer ✓  
Secy School Board ✓*

At a meeting of the Committee on S. S. & B. last evening, it was resolved that the Board of Control be approached regarding the suitability of the site of the present Morris Street School as a site for a new building, with the request that the Assistant Engineer be instructed to furnish a report regarding the rock or clay formation of this site, or whether in his opinion it would be advisable to seek another site.

S. J. Wilson,  
secretary.

Approved.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR.

Read applications for the position of Liquor Inspector from the following:-

*b/c ✓*

E. S. Tracey, M. Janigian, 282 Upper Water Street; John Burke, 24 Grafton Street, and Alfred Williams, 136 Chebucto Road. Filed.

FIRE UNDERWRITERS ENGINEERS' REPORT ON CITY OF HALIFAX.

Read report Acting City Engineer in reply to the report of the National Board of Fire Underwriters Engineers, re the water supply of the City of Halifax.

*E. J. Folie ✓  
Secy Fire Underwriters  
b/c ✓*

A copy of the report is handed to each member of the Board, and the Secretary is instructed to forward a copy of same to the Secretary of the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters.

*For copy of report - see pages between pages 710 and 711.*  
Consideration of the report is deferred.

BUILDING IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-



February 27th, 1917.

City Engineer's Office,  
February 26th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying letter from John McFatridge protesting against a permit being given to Alex. Keith for an alteration and addition to a building on his lot in rear of house #303 Tower Road.

The Board of Control, at a meeting held on the 15th inst., authorized the granting of a permit for this work, but as neither the owner nor the contractor had called for it, up to the date of Mr. McFatridge's letter, the permit had not been issued.

I notified Mr. Keith of the objection and that the Board of Control would take the matter up on Thursday the 1st of March, at their regular meeting.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Deferred until March 1st.

FOSTER LOT, CHEBUCTO ROAD.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
February 26th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I have received a letter from Mr. W. W. Foster, copy of which is attached, asking that either the City take over his lot bounded by North Street, Oxford Street and Chebucto Road, or that he be given a permit to build on it.

The original application for a building permit is on file in this office, but I have not granted him permission, as the matter of the purchase has been before your Board and I have no record of it having been finally dealt with.

Should the Board decide not to buy the property, Mr. Foster is entitled to a permit for erecting buildings on the lot within the boundaries of the new street lines. I would respectfully ask that instructions be given me whether or not I shall issue a permit.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

The City Engineer is instructed to issue the usual permit upon Mr. Foster furnishing plans of the buildings proposed to be erected, in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act.

BELL STREET - PARKER BLOCK?

Read letter Halifax Central Realities, Limited, and

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B/c ✓

Engineer ✓  
W.W. Foster ✓



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Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, February 24th, 1917.

The Mayor and Members Board of Control.

Dear Sirs:-

We beg to repeat the assurance already given that the new building to be erected upon this block will be of handsome architectural design and a first-class structure in every way. The building, irrespective of the ground, will cost not less than \$150,000, and will cover the entire block, the intention being to raze all the present buildings.

Halifax Central Realities, Limited,  
M. I. Boleman, Secretary.

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City Engineer's Office,  
February 26th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Should the Board decide to grant Mr. Regan's request and deed the portion of Bell Street to him, I would suggest that among any other conditions that may be made, the following be incorporated in the agreement:-

1. That he give an undertaking to erect a building to cost not less than \$150,000 within some specified time.
2. That should it be necessary to rebuild the sewer in Bell Street, that he pay the whole cost of the work.
3. That he pay the cost of narrowing the sidewalk on the north side of Bell Street.
4. That he give a deed to the City of all the part of his property required for the straightening of Buckingham and Argyle Streets.

B/C ✓

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Deferred until Tuesday's meeting of the Board, the members of the Board and the City Engineer to inspect the locality in the meantime.

INCREASES OF SALARIES.

Read applications D. J. MacLean, Superintendent of the Water Department, and Randall J. MacCarthy, Meter Entry Clerk, for increases in pay.

B/C ✓

Deferred for consideration with the Water Department estimates.

TENDERS FOR CEMENT.



February 27th, 1917.

cement, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
February 24th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report that tenders for supplying the City with two million pounds of Portland Cement were received from three firms, as follows:-

J. C. Calder & Co. tender at 54 1/7¢ per 100 lbs. nett; bags to be charged at 10¢ extra and the City to receive credit at the rate of 8 1/2¢ per bag on its return to the contractor or to have the option of returning same to the Canada Cement Co., Montreal, freight prepaid and accepting their condition and count at 10¢/

Brookfield Bros., Ltd., tender at the same price, 54 1/7¢ per 100 pounds nett and charge 10¢ extra for each bag. They will allow a credit of 8¢ if returned to their warehouse in good condition, subject to their count and inspection.

The Frank A. Gillis Co. Ltd., tender at 55 3/4¢ per 100 lbs. nett; bags charged extra at 10¢ and returnable to them at 8¢.

Neither Brookfield Bros. or J. C. Calder & Co. will guarantee delivery at the times specified, but will use their utmost endeavor to fulfil the terms of the specification in this respect. Owing to existing conditions obtaining on the transportation lines, it would be manifestly impossible for any firm to make this guarantee, I would recommend that the tender of J. C. Calder & Co., being the lowest, be accepted.

As owing to the uncertainties in delivery, our work may be so delayed that the amount of cement asked for could not be used during the ensuing season, I would recommend that the specification be amended so that the quantity of cement asked for may be reduced, if the engineer considers it necessary, to not less than one million seven hundred thousand lbs, instead of two million lbs.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

TENDERS FOR PUBLIC ABATTOIR.

In response to advertisement in the newspapers, tenders are received and opened for the construction of a public abattoir, as follows:-

Falconer & MacDonald, Ltd.	\$32,937.00
Standard Construction Co., Ltd.	36,973.00
M. E. Keefe Construction Co., Ltd.	35,900.00
Rhodes, Curry Co., Ltd.	40,900.00

Referred to the City Engineer for report.



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TENDERS FOR WATER PIPES AND VALVES.

In response to advertisement in the newspapers, tenders for supply of water pipes and valves are received and opened from the following:-

*Engineer ✓*  
Drummond McColl & Co., Ltd., Montreal.  
Watson, Jack & Co., Ltd., Montreal.  
T. MacAvity & Sons, Ltd., St. John, N. B.  
Eager, Coombes & Co., Ltd., Halifax, N. S.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Read report City Electrician re electric wires, covering correspondence, as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,  
February 26th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

In obedience to your instructions of February 12th, I beg to enclose herewith copies of reports to the several Utilities with respect to line work to date.

With regard to the particular conditions found at Claytons' corner, I find this pole strained up the hill, due to the heavy lines running in that direction, and while it is amply guyed to the pole opposite, the latter is not sufficiently supported to keep the poles upright, and I have advised additional guying to Water Street.

At the corner of Sackville Street the strains are fairly well equalized, so that the pole merely acts as a strut, and the lines while being somewhat congested at this point, are in fairly good shape.

I am working on a report touching line conditions generally in the City, with suggestions for improvement along modern lines, and will submit a copy when finished for your approval.

With reference to putting all wires underground in the down town district, I would suggest that the territory include the district bounded by Argyle, Jacob, Water and Salter Streets.

This work will of course be expensive, and if it involves an increase in the rates, it would be a question whether the increase should apply to the district served by the underground wires only, or be borne by the consumers generally.

Another point to be considered is whether the different Utilities should bear the cost of the work involved, and own it, or the City do the building, and rent the ducts to any company requiring them. The latter plan is, I believe, the one adopted in Montreal.

P. R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.



February 27th, 1917.

City Electrician's Office,  
February 13th, 1917.

Manager C. P. R. Telegraph Co.,  
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

I have been directed by the Board of Control to make an examination of the overhead line construction in the City, and report to the Company interested any changes that I think advisable, in order that the required corrections may be promptly made.

If in my reports from time to time, I bring to your notice conditions you are not responsible for, I will be glad if you will so inform me.

There is a large guy cable attached to the pole opposite Gottingen Street on Cogswell, that appears to be of no service, being slack, and may form a contact with a Tram line. Kindly have this removed, or, if useful there, have a strain insulator inserted and the slack taken up. Also please advise when work is done.

P. R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

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February 13th, 1917.

J. W. Crosby, Esq.,  
Manager N.S. Tramway & Power Co.,  
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

I have been directed by the Board of Control to make an examination of the overhead line construction in the City, and report to the Utility involved any changes that I think advisable, in order that the required corrections may be promptly made.

If in my reports from time to time I bring to your notice conditions you are not responsible for, I will be glad if you will so inform me.

I find the service wires crossed near #22 Barrington Street.

Primary wire very near trolley suspension, near #190 Barrington Street. Also at above point, primary taps to transformers should be more rigidly secured where near other conductors.

Primary taps to cutouts not now in use should be removed at the corner of Cornwallis and Barrington Streets.

Kindly give the above your immediate attention, and advise me when work is done.

P. R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

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February 13th, 1917.

Local Manager,  
Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co.,  
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-



February 27th, 1917.

to make an examination of the overhead line construction in the City, and report to the Utility involved any changes that I think advisable, in order that the required corrections may be promptly made.

If in my reports from time to time, I bring to your notice conditions you are not responsible for, I will be glad if you will so inform me.

On a tram pole near #190 Barrington Street there are two or three drop wires carried around the pole near primary taps to transformers. I think it would be better to carry these wires with a pair already run half a span farther north, and distribute from the face of the building. Also a drop wire running to #10 Hurd Street is almost, if not quite down on a primary feed. In this case there appears to be ample room, so that by simply attaching the wire higher on the building would give the necessary clearance.

Kindly give these matters your immediate attention, and advise me when finished.

P. R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

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February 19th, 1917.

Manager Western Union Tel. Co.,  
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to direct your attention to wires on Granville Street between Salter and Sackville Streets that need pulling up. I notice at one point a line has been side guyed to prevent contact with other lines.

Please have this attended to at once.

P. R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

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February 19th, 1917.

Manager C. P. R. Telegraph Co.,  
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to direct your attention to a tangle of twin conductors on the pole N. W. corner of Granville and George Streets. Kindly have this slack cut out and removed.

P. R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

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February 19th, 1917.

Local Manager Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co.,  
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to direct your attention to the following defects in line work.

Twin wire on Grafton Street between Howers and Sackville Streets should be run below cross arms to avoid conflict with the N. P. lines.

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Drop wire is on Tram service wire at #118 Grafton Street.

Strain insulators should be attached to two guys on Granville Street between Buckingham and Bell Streets.

P. R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

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February 19th, 1917.

Manager Halifax Tramways & Power Co.,  
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to direct your attention to the following defects.

Guys are without strain insulators at the following points:- Grafton and Blowers Streets. Near #29 Grafton Street, near #109 Grafton Street and near #183 Grafton Street.

Secondary line is slack over arc line corner of Prince and Grafton Streets.

service to #191 Grafton Street is too low and in conflict with telephone drop wire.

Kennedy's service wire near corner of Granville and Buckingham Streets has drawn and broken wood moulding from window frame.

Service wires to A. & W. MacKinlay's, Granville Street, should be attached where near H. T. lines.

Primary taps should be attached to cross arms near corner of Prince and Granville Streets.

P. R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

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February 23rd, 1917.

Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow,  
City.

Dear Sirs:-

A telephone line running from your warehouse south on Lower Water Street is crossed up with a secondary service line, and should be cleared at once. Would suggest that this line be placed under care of the Telephone Co. or some competent person, otherwise it should be removed from the poles.

Kindly give this your immediate attention.

P. R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

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February 23rd, 1917.

Manager C. P. R. Tel. Co.,  
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

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Kindly have your line on Granville Street between



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Salter and Sackville Streets pulled up and secured.  
Also opposite Brister's, Lower Water Street, move line to  
cross under Fire Alarm line.

P. R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

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February 23rd, 1917.

Manager N. S. Teamways & Power Co.,  
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to direct your attention to the following line  
defects.

On Lower Water Street, corner of Bishop, primary  
taps should be pulled up and secured, also two guys near  
this point are without strain insulators.

A roof structure on #86 Lower Water Street should  
be renewed, also secondary wiring where run up through  
other lines at this point should be given more clearance.

Guys opposite #138 and opposite Halifax Hotel should  
be renewed and strain insulators inserted.

On pole foot of Sackville Street arc line should be  
secured where run up from lamp through other wires, also  
some guys on this and adjacent poles appear to need re-  
newing.

A guy from pole at Ferry Wharf to pole at Custom  
House should have strain insulators attached.

Upper Water Street, a stretch of arc line from pole  
opposite #50 North, should be pulled up to give more  
clearance.

Bedford Row, primary taps on pole corner of George  
Street should be more rigidly insulated.

pole corner of Prince Street one cross arm is part-  
ly out of gain nut on through bolt appears not to have  
been set up.

Hollis Street, between Salter and Buckingham, sev-  
eral guys are without strain insulators, also cross arm  
and lines should be attached to existing new poles, and  
old ones removed.

P. R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

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February 23rd, 1917.

Local Manager Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co.,  
C i t y.

Dear Sir@-

I beg to direct your attention to the following line  
defects -

A guy opposite #134 Lower Water Street should be re-  
newed, and the strain insulators ~~restered~~ attached.

A number of drop wires crossing George Street at



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Water Street should be attached to messenger.

P. R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

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February 26thk 1917.

Manager C. P.R. Telegraph Co.,  
Dennis Building, City.

Dear Sir:-

Your attention is directed to the following line defects.-

Brunswick Street. 2 guys from pole opposite #67 should be renewed, and strain insulators attached.

Buckingham Street. Between Granville and Barrington Streets, line should be cleared from secondary lighting lines.

P. R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

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February 26th, 1917.

Local Manager Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co.,  
C i t y

Dear Sir:-

Your attention is directed to the following line defects -

A drop wire to #119 Albemarle Street should be removed from between lighting service wires, and attached to building.

Jacob Street. Drop wires from Grafton to Poplar Grove and Starr Street should be attached to messenger, also a strain insulator should be attached to guy wire at this point.

Duke Street. Drop wires from Argyle Street to Grafton Street should be attached to messenger.

P.R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

.....

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Manager N. S. Tramways & Power Co.,  
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to direct your attention to the following line defects:-

Argyle Street. Four poles on Parade block should be renewed.

Albemarle Street. A guy over Duke Street should be equipped with strain insulators. Pole opposite #113 should be renewed.

Brunswick Street. An arc line turning down Duke Street should be more rigidly secured. Also at same corner, head guy to stub should be renewed and strain insulators



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Jacob Street. Primary taps to transformer near corner of Brunswick Street should be pulled up and insulators moved so as to give more clearance. Guy corner of Poplar Grove should have strain insulator attached, also one of the guys from pole near west corner of Clayton's building is without a strain insulator.

Pole at Clayton's corner of Barrington, and pole opposite on Barrington Street should be straightened up and guyed from Water Street corner, also guy between these poles should be equipped with strain insulators. The pole on east wside of street is decayed at top gain, and should be cut back or renewed.

Buckingham Street. Pole opposite #51 should be head guyed, and railway feeder with secondary lines pulled up down the hill.

Duke Street. Guys on poles from Brunswick to Crafton Street should be equipped with strain insulators.

One insulator is off pin on service to Taylor's shoe factory.

P. R. Colpitt.  
City Electrician.

Referred to Controller Murphy for report.

The City Electrician is instructed to investigate the report in the newspapers that a person had received a shock of electricity at a wire pole at the corner of Sackville and Barrington Streets yesterday.

The City Electrician is also instructed to report on the main electric wire running through the heart of the City to serve the Town of Dartmouth with electricity, said to be carrying 7,000 volts.

JUVENILE OFFENDERS' MAINTENANCE.

Read report City Auditor as follows:-

Office of City Auditor,  
February 26th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

After using up all appropriation for Truants and Commitments, allowed in this year's estimates, there will be a further amount required of \$3,724.22 to provide for this service at the Industrial School and St. Patrick's Home, made up as follows:-

Commitments.

Industrial School to May 1st, 1916	\$ 409.16
St. Patrick's Home to May 1st, 1916	158.75
Required to balance acct. to May 1st, 1916.....	\$567.91
Truants to May 1st, 1916, Industrial School	389.10
" " " " St. Patrick's Home	366.16
	<u>\$755.26</u>
Less balance of appropriation on hand	<u>115.77</u>

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*Cont-Murphy ✓  
City Electrician ✓*



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Required to balance acctl to May 1st, 1916.....	\$639.49
Truants to Nov. 1, 1916, St. Patrick's Home	445.79
Feb. 1, 1917 do	696.03
May 1, 1917 do (approximate)	675.00
Nov. 1, 1916, to May 1, 1917, Industrial School	700.00
	<u>\$2,516.82</u>
	<u>\$3,724.22</u>

W. W. Foster,  
City Auditor,

*B/c ✓  
R. J. Anderson ✓  
E. H. Blois ✓*

The Secretary is instructed to request E. H. Blois, Superintendent of Neglected and Dependent Children, and R. J. Anderson, Truant Officer, to appear before the Board at its meeting on Tuesday, the 6th inst.

FIRE DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENT.

Read report Controller Halliday re Fire Department improvement, as follows:-

Halifax, February 1st, 1917.

The Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

I beg to make the following recommendations for improving the efficiency and the economic operation of the Fire Department.

1. That a combined automobile pumping engine with chemical cylinders and hose body to carry 1000 feet of hose, similar to the one now in West Street House, be purchased and stationed in Central House. There is already existing legislation authorizing this expenditure.
2. That an automobile be purchased for the use of the Chief, and kept at Central House.
3. That No. 1 Chemical Engine now stationed in Grafton Street House be stored in the Spring Garden Road House, or some other convenient place, and kept in reserve.
4. That one of the old engines be kept in reserve, and eventually sold.
5. That the hose waggon now in Spring Garden Road House be converted into a two horse hitch instead of one, as at present.
6. That the steam engine now at Central House be shifted to one of the other Houses.
7. That the Grafton Street House be abandoned as a fire station and that both it and the Gerrish Street Engine House be sold.
8. That all horse stalls possible in Central House be removed to make room for the Grafton Street ladder truck and other apparatus.
9. That seven horses be sold, the proceeds to be devoted to the purchase of the Chief's automobile, etc.



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The adoption of these recommendations will result in a saving to the City of over \$2000.00 a year, as shown in the following schedules, which are made up from actual known figures and are not merely an estimate.

Proposed Saving.

Feed for seven horses	\$1092.00	
Four Drivers	3142.00	
Chemical Operator	850.00	
Asst. " "	800.00	
Coal for Engine	150.00	
Call Engineer	275.00	
Stocker for Engineer	175.00	
Shoeing of horses	196.00	
Harness and repairs	70.00	
Grafton Street House, coal, light, repairs, stalls, floor and building	318.65	\$7068.65

Proposed expenditure in lieu of above.

Operator motor car	\$1040.00	
Asst. " " "	832.00	
Three hosemen	2340.00	
Operating expenses	200.00	
Int. on capital acct. 5%	592.50	\$5004.50
Annual Saving		\$2064.15

Capital Account.

Triple combination motor fire engine	12,000.00	
Chief's Motor Car	900.00	12,900.00
Less sale of seven horses		1,050.00
		\$11,850.00

James Halliday,  
Controller.

Deferred.

Read report Controller Halliday re purchase of hose and purchase of an additional motor pumping engine, as follows:-

Halifax, February 27th, 1917.

The Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

I beg to recommend that a short term borrowing bill be applied for, giving authority to the City to borrow \$2200.00 for the purchase of hose, and a long term loan of \$12,000.00 for the purchase of either an additional combination motor pumping engine, hose and chemical carrier or a motor tractor for the Alexandra engine. This Act should provide that in the event of a tractor being purchased instead of a combination pumper the balance of the loan not needed for the tractor should be applied to the purchase of other permanent equipment for the improvement of the fire fighting efficiency of the Department.

James Halliday,  
Controller.

The recommendation for the borrowing of \$2,200.00 for the purchase of hose is approved.

*Engineer*

*B/c ✓*

*Council ✓*



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motor pumping engine is deferred.

A. E. MOREASH, CAMPBELL ROAD - FLOODING OF CELLAR.

Read complaint of A. D. Moreash, Campbell Road,  
(Fairview) of flooding of his cellar.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Harris that the City Assessor and the City Engineer visit the Nova Scotia Car Works, inspect the same, and report as to the valuation of the property and plant.

LEGISLATION 1917.

The City Solicitor submits draft of legislation on various matters, as follows:-

An Act to amend the law relating to the City of Halifax.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows:-

In this Act the expression "City" means the City of Halifax; the expression "Council" means the City Council of that City, and any committee or official herein mentioned by name means the committee of that name of the said Council or City; the expression "The City Charter" means the Halifax City Charter brought into force on the 28th day of January, 1914, by proclamation of the Governor-in-Council, dated the 26th day of January, 1914, and any sections herein referred to by number without other reference are the sections of the said City Charter so numbered, and this Act shall relate exclusively to the City of Halifax and the said Charter thereof,

Subject to the approval of the Militia Department of Canada, the City may maintain any road or path across the Citadel and may use for that purpose the moneys appropriated for streets.

Section 365 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:-

Neither Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1914 nor any amendment thereof shall apply to any loan contracted by the City or to any sinking fund of the City.

Section 65 of The Public Health Act (1910 c.6) shall not apply to the City of Halifax.

Sub-section (2) of Section 893 is amended by adding at the end thereof the words "and before any such contract is submitted to the Governor-in-Council the same shall be submitted to the Board of Control for consideration by that Board and by the City Council."

Engineer ✓

City Assessor ✓  
Engineer ✓



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Sub-section (6) of Section 155 is amended by adding thereto after the word "Dollars" in the second line "one hundred".

Section 306 is amended by striking out the words "eighteen hundred" and substituting the words "two thousand".

The City may pay to any deputy, assistant or other official who is temporarily discharging the duties of the chief of the department in which he is employed during the absence of such chief on military service the difference between the salary payable to such official and the salary payable to such chief, and may for that purpose employ the money appropriated for the salary of such chief.

Section 3, sub-section (1) of Chapter 36 of the Acts of 1916 is amended by striking out therefrom the words "fourteen hundred and fifty" and substituting the words "sixteen hundred".

Sub-section (2) of section 316 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:-

(2) There shall be paid to each sub-collector the sum of Eight Hundred and Fifty Dollars yearly.

Sub-section (5) of Section 898 is repealed and the following subsection substituted therefor:-

(5) In any such estimate the Board shall state

- School Board ✓*
- (a) the amount estimated to be received from the Provincial Treasury and all other sources other than the City, and
  - (b) the amounts intended to be applied to each service specifically and the total amount proposed to be expended by the Board during the ensuing year,

and the Board shall not expend in the year a greater sum than the total amount so specified, not shall apply to any service any money appropriated for any other service. Any moneys received by the Board in excess of such total amount and all moneys not expended by the Board at the end of the civic year shall be deemed unexpended balances within the meaning of that phrase in this Act, and as such paid to the trustees of the reserve fund and general sinking funds to be invested and dealt with as part of such funds. The trustees of the general sinking fund shall annually furnish to the Board a statement of the amount of such balance and the accumulations thereof available for the redemption of the bonds issued on School Board account.

Schedule A.

Short Term Debentures.

- 1. For the purchase of Motor Sprinkler equipment..... \$7500.00
- 2. For repairs to the Public Gardens Fence...



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Schedule B.

To be included in assessment for 1918-19.

To pay amounts added to salaries for 1917-18 over the amounts in estimates for that year.

Treasurer.....	\$200.00
Assessor.....	150.00
Solicitor.....	100.00

*Council ✓*

The draft Acts are approved with the exception of the clause relating to Public Schools, a copy of which is ordered to be forwarded to the Board of School Commissioners.

POLICEMAN HENRY PERRY.

Read application Policeman Henry Perry for leave of absence to join the Canadian Expeditionary Forces. Leave is granted.

*Chief of Police ✓*

On recommendation of Controller Harris, Edward Francis McMillan is appointed a policeman in place of policeman on leave of absence during the war.

HIGH COST OF LIVING.

The Secretary submits replies to letters re high cost of living from the Schtia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., J. H. Emmett, 86 Gottingen Street, and the North Atlantic Fisheries, Ltd., Filed.

ACCOUNTS .

The following accounts are submitted and passed for payment:-

Works Department.

Axle Valve Co., Ltd.	Axle valves and vehicles	244.00
<u>City Health Board.</u>		
King Edward Stables	Conveyance patients	42.00
Dept. Public Health	Antitoxin	10.00
Kinley's Ltd.	Castile soap	1.20
Farquhar's Ltd.	Electric bulbs, etc.	17.00
Hillis & Sons,	Repairs, etc.	11.20
John Starr, Son & Co.	Flash lights	3.10
		<u>\$84.50</u>

*not reported to council ✓*

*Council ✓*

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*  
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

*L. M. Monaghan*

CITY CLERK.



COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

February 27th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this afternoon at three o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Water Supply Willow Park.  
Theatre Licenses.  
Sales from Vessels.  
Serial Bonds.  
Insane Patients.  
Changing Civic Year.  
Daylight Saving.  
Jacob Street Paving.  
Liquor Inspector.  
City Clerk's Salary.  
Police Sergeant.

WATER SUPPLY WILLOW PARK.

Charles S. Pickford again appeared before the Board complaining of another temporary lack of water supply at Willow Park. He asked that another half-turn be given the valve regulating the supply to the Victoria General Hospital so that more water may be backed up to the higher parts of the high service.

His Worship the Mayor informed Mr. Pickford that he would instruct the Acting City Engineer to comply with his request.

THEATRE LICENSES.

The question as to the advisability of obtaining legislation restricting the City to the granting of licenses for theatres to the owners of the buildings only, is discussed and deferred.

SALES FROM VESSELS.

The City Solicitor is, by unanimous resolution of the Board, requested to draft an Act repealing section 542 of the City Charter requiring vessels selling produce to take out a license.

*Engineer  
Mayor*

*B/C*

*Solicitor*



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SERIAL BONDS.

The City Solicitor, on motion of Controller McKeen, is requested to draft an act permitting the City, at any time it so determines, to issue serial bonds.

INSANE PATIENTS.

The City Solicitor is instructed to draft an act restoring to the City of Halifax the privilege of investigating the cases of insane persons prior to their admission into the Nova Scotia Hospital as a charge against the City of Halifax.

CHANGING CIVIC YEAR.

Controller Murphy again advocated the obtaining of legislation to change the civic year from the present style of calculating it from May 1st to April 30th so as to make it synchronize with the calendar year.

The City Clerk reported that agreeably to resolution of the Board, he had, in writing, requested the heads of various civic departments to submit reports as to their opinions on this matter, and that he had only received one reply, that from the City Auditor, who favored the change.

Further consideration is deferred.

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

The City Solicitor is instructed to draft an act empowering the City to take a plebiscite at the time of the holding of the next civic elections to ascertain the views of the rate-payers as to the daylight saving scheme, so-called, and to provide for the payment of any expenses in connection therewith.

JACOB STREET PAVING.

His Worship the Mayor thought provision should be made for the paving of Jacob Street next summer.

Controller McKeen stated as his opinion that the City should defer borrowing money for services that could be deferred. The matter is dropped.



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LIQUOR INSPECTOR.

The City Solicitor is instructed to include in the City's proposed borrowing bill the sum of \$200.00 for two months' salary of a liquor inspector for the balance of the current year, and \$200.00 as an increase in the salary of the liquor inspector above the amount included in the estimates for 1917-18.

*Solicitor ✓*

CITY CLERK'S SALARY.

The City Clerk again requested the Board to include in its borrowing bill the sum of \$100 due him as Clerk of the Liquor License Board. *Deferred.*

POLICE SERGEANT.

Controller Harris again recommended the appointment of Daniel McIsaac as a sergeant of police during the temporary absence of Sergeant Louis Lovett.

Police Officer Robert Young is nominated for the sergeantship by Controller Murphy.

*Chief of Police ✓*

The vote being taken, Controllers Murphy and Halliday and His Worship the Mayor voted for the promotion of Policeman Robert Young, and Controllers Harris and McKeen for the promotion of Policeman Daniel McIsaac.

His Worship the Mayor declares Police Officer Young appointed to the position of sergeant.

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*  
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

*L. J. McKeen*

CITY CLERK



COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

March 1st, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Liquor Inspector.  
Storehouse in Residential District.  
Berringer Bros. - Flooding of Cellar.  
Building Act.  
Bell Street.  
Fire Underwriters Engineers' Report on City of Halifax.  
George Street Widening at Property of Cragg Bros.  
Ocean Terminals Railway.  
Liquor Inspector.  
Superannuations.  
City Clerk's Salary.  
Water Bill 373 Agricola Street, George Spears.  
Water Bill 9 Brenton Street, Fred. W. Jubien.  
Water Bill 27 James Street, Heirs Chas. McGinn.  
Water Bill 114 Maynard Street, W. S. Lavers.  
Water Bill 15 John Street, Miss Jane Nauffts.  
Water Bill 37 Granville Street, Mrs. Harraher.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR.

Read applications for the position of Liquor Inspector from the following:-

James Costen, Jr., Bedford, N. S.; David F. Hogan, 40 Artz Street; Wm. J. Roche, 138 Robie Street; Fred Schwartz; Walter W. Horne, 9 Rottenburg Street; I. W. Fader, 670 Robie Street; Daniel N. McNeil, 73 Russell Street; Edgar E. Giffie, 30 Agricola Street.

Deferred until Thursday's meeting.

STOREHOUSE IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

The application of Alexander Keith to enlarge a wooden structure in the rear of #303 Tower Road to be used as a storehouse, and the Acting City Engineer's report thereon submitted at meeting of the Board February 15th, 1917, are again taken up.

C. J. Burchell appeared before the Board, representing John McFatridge and Mrs. L.W. Temple, owners of property in the immediate vicinity.



John McFatridge, Alexander Keith and Mr. Keith, Jr., also attended.

Mr. Burchell objected to the use of the proposed addition to the existing structure as a storehouse, and claimed that the Board has no authority to grant a permit.

*Engineer ✓  
Solicitor ✓*

Referred to the City Engineer and City Solicitor for report.

BERRINGER BROS. - FLOODING OF CELLAR.

Read complaint of Berringer Bros. of flooding of their cellar at the corner of Quinpool Road and Preston Street.

*Engineer ✓*

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

BUILDING ACT.

The Acting City Engineer reports progress in the matter of the preparation of proposed amendments to the Building Laws.

*Engineer ✓  
Solicitor ✓  
Council ✓  
mch 20/17.*

The City Solicitor is requested to prepare an act permitting the City to pass by-laws amending the existing building code.

BELL STREET.

The reports of the Acting City Engineer re Bell St. as submitted at meetings January 19th, 1917, and February 27th, 1917, are again read.

*John W Regan ✓*

The Secretary is instructed to inform Mr. Regan that if he will submit to the City in writing an undertaking to transfer to the City the strip of his property required by the City for the widening of Buckingham Street in exchange for the strip of Bell's Lane applied for by him, and also undertake to erect the proposed building within 12 months, the Board of Control will recommend to the City Council that legislation be applied for to enable the City to comply with his request.



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FIRE UNDERWRITERS ENGINEERS' REPORT ON CITY OF

HALIFAX.

The Secretary is instructed to forward to the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters the Acting City Engineer's report in reply to the report of the National Board of Fire Underwriters Engineers.

GEORGE STREET WIDENING AT PROPERTY OF CRAGG BROS.

Read letter E. P. Allison, claiming that there is liability on the part of the City to pay his account, \$46.34, for additional services to Cragg Bros. in connection with property acquired by the City for the widening of George Street.

Referred to the City Solicitor and City Engineer for report.

OCEAN TERMINALS RAILWAY.

The City Solicitor submits draft act, as follows:-

An Act to ratify a certain agreement between the City of Halifax and the Government of Canada.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows:-

WHEREAS in connection with the location of the Ocean Terminals of the Canadian Government Railways at Halifax, certain lands and rights of the City of Halifax were taken by the Government of Canada and other claims and matters in dispute have arisen between the City and the Government;

AND WHEREAS an agreement has been arrived at between the City and the Crown, represented by the Minister of Railways for the Dominion of Canada, for a conveyance by the City to the Crown of certain lands and rights, and the payment by the Crown to the City of certain moneys, and for the adjustment of all other matters in dispute between the said parties, a copy of which agreement is set out in the schedule hereto, and a deed of conveyance of the said properties has been executed by the City to the Crown, and a short statement of the properties and rights conveyed by such deed is also set out in the schedule hereto;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the said agreement be ratified and confirmed, and also the execution of the said deed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED the said agreement set out in the schedule hereto is hereby ratified and confirmed and declared to have been duly made and to be binding upon the said City; and furthermore that the said deed of the said properties is also declared to have been duly and properly made and executed by the City and to be binding upon the said City, and to have conveyed to the Crown all the right, title and interest of the City in and to the

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Hobie ✓

Solicitor ✓  
Engineer ✓

Council ✓



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properties and rights therein mentioned.

Approved.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR.

The City Solicitor submits the following draft Act:-

The City may pay to any persons appointed Inspector under the provisions of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act the sum of Two Hundred Dollars for his services until the 1st day of May, 1917, and thereafter may pay to such official in addition to the salary of \$1,000.00 provided in the estimates for 1917-18 a further sum of \$200.00. The amount required for the purpose of this section may be borrowed from any bank or fund available and together with the interest included in the amount rated and collected for the year 1918-19.

Council ✓

Approved.

SUPERANNUATIONS.

The City Solicitor submits the following draft Act:-

The City may superannuate the officials hereinafter named and pay to each of them yearly the amount set opposite their names respectively, that is to say -

Richard Power, Supt. Public Gardens	\$250.00
John Spruin, Janitor City Hall	323.00
Danl. J. MacIntosh, Baker City Home	334.00
John E. Kemp, Street Foreman	100.00
Edward Mahar, Street Foreman	110.00

Council ✓

Such amounts shall be in addition to any other sums which the said officials are entitled to receive by way of superannuation and shall be included in the yearly estimates. For the civic year 1917-18 the amounts required may be borrowed from any bank or fund available and together with the interest included in the amount rated and collected for the civic year 1918-19.

Approved.

CITY CLERK'S SALARY.

The City Clerk again requested the Board to include in its legislation provision for the payment of \$100.00 due for services as Secretary of the Liquor License Board.

Deferred for a conference between the Board, the City Clerk and the City Auditor at the Mayor's Office tomorrow morning.

WATER BILL 373 AGRICOLA STREET,- GEORGE SPEARS.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

January 31st, 1917.

H&S Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of



March 1st, 1917.

the Board of Control covering complaint of Mr. George Spears of an excessive meter bill for the premises 373 Agricola Street, from January to August, 1916, that an error was made in the reading of the meter, and I have instructed the Clerk of Works to send the owner a corrected bill.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

WATER BILL 9 BRENTON STREET - FRED W. JUBIEN.

Read report Acting City Engineer re water bill Fred. W. Jubien, 9 Brenton Street, recommending that no reduction be made.

On motion of Controller Murphy, it is decided to recommend that the account, \$12.54, be reduced to \$6.00.

Approved.

WATER BILL 27 JAMES STREET - HEIRS CHAS. MCGINN.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
January 26th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that there was an error made in the reading of the meter at these premises, and I have instructed the Clerk of Works to send a corrected bill, the amount of which is \$4.90.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

WATER BILL 114 MAYNARD STREET - W. S. LAVERS.

Read report Acting City Engineer, recommending that the bill be reduced from \$3.90 to \$2.10. Approved.

WATER BILL 15 JOHN STREET - MISS JANE NAUFFTS.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
January 27th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that there was an error made in the reading of the meter at these premises, and I have instructed the Clerk of Works to send a corrected bill, the amount of which is \$4.00.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

Council ✓

Council ✓

Council ✓

Council ✓

Council ✓



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WATER BILL 37 GRANVILLE STREET - MRS. HARRAHER.

Read report Acting City Engineer on water bill of Mrs. Harraher, 37 Granville Street, recommending that no reduction be made.

*Council*

On motion of Controller Murphy, it is decided to recommend that the bill, \$9.75, be reduced to \$5.00.

Approved.

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*  
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

*L. J. O'Rourke*  
L. J. O'Rourke

CITY CLERK.

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