

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

March 6th, 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.

Stable in Residential District.
City Market Building Floor.
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Purity of Water Supply - Expropriation of Property Foot of Long Lake.
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Walnut Street, Wm. McFatrige Lot.
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Water Bills 22 to 27 Kaye Street - George A. MacKenzie.
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STABLE IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Read letter J. S. Sage, 162 Quinpool Road complaining that Ben Moir has established a stable on north side of Pepperell Street in the residential district in violations of law.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

CITY MARKET BUILDING FLOOR.

Read letter M. E. Keefe Construction Company, Ltd., as follows:-

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Halifax, N. S.,
March 2nd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor,
City of Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

We received from Mr. S. P. Dumaresq, Architect for the above building, a letter in reference to the floor.

This floor, as you are aware, has not been accepted by the Architect, and monies due us has been withheld as a consequence, notwithstanding the fact that it was laid according to the specification drawn up by him, and under his personal supervision and direction.

Our opinion at the time, (which has since been borne out) was that it was not the proper floor for a building of this nature, but as we were bound by the specification and the Architect's orders we had to carry out the work as laid down by him.

We have allowed this matter to stand, with the hope that the Architect and Civic Authorities would investigate and find out for themselves that a concrete floor such as laid in the Market Building is not suitable for the work required for it, and that they would exonerate us in the matter.

As no attempt has been made in this direction, and the Architect is now asking us to remove this floor and put in another similar floor, and keep on doing so if the next one acts the same, we feel the time has come for us to take action and protect ourselves.

We therefore respectfully request that you ask the Board of Control to hold an enquiry into this matter and have it adjusted without further delay.

We also wish to inform you that we will hold the City to a strict accountability for the monies withheld and will not allow them to be diverted from us.

M. E. Keefe Construction Co.
Per E. F. Keefe.

Referred to the City Solicitor to confer with S. P. Dumaresq, the Architect and report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENT.

The report of Controller Halliday submitted at meeting February 27th, re improvement of the Fire Department is again considered.

The Board unanimously decided to recommend the report to the City Council for adoption.

JOHN McDERMID, TURNKEY, SALARY.

Read application John McDermid, Water Department turnkey for an increase in salary.

Solicitor ✓

Council ✓

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Deferred for consideration with the Water Department Estimates.

PLUMBING UNDER HEALTH RULES - COST.

Read report Clerk of Works covering schedule of cost of installing plumbing in private property under City Health Board regulations.

Referred to the City Council to be filed with the City Collector.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS TO CITY.

Read notice to the City to value its security under a mortgage on property of the Nova Scotia Car Works, as follows:-

In the Supreme Court B. No. 1466.

In the matter of the Winding Up Act, Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, and its Amendments, and In the Matter of the Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited.

To the City of Halifax:

The City of Halifax has presented a claim to the Eastern Trust Company the liquidator of Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited, amounting to \$119412.28, for which it holds security by way of mortgage and chattel mortgage upon real and personal property situated in the City of Halifax. But it has not specified the nature and amount of such security in its claim as required by section 76 of Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes of Canada cited as the Winding Up Act.

The City of Halifax has been informally requested to comply with the said section and up to the present has not done so.

You will please take notice that The Eastern Trust Company, liquidator for Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited, desires you to decide as to what course you propose to adopt with respect to the security which you hold.

If no such decision is arrived at we shall be obliged to apply to the Court for directions with respect to your claim as filed.

Dated at Halifax, this 5th day of March, A.D., 1917.

Covert, Pearson & Macnutt,
Solicitors for the Liquidator.

Referred to the City Solicitor for report at Thursday's meeting.

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WAR - CULTIVATION OF VACANT LAND.

Read letter G. S. Campbell, Director National Service, stating his willingness to appear before the Board at any time to discuss the subject of the cultivation of vacant lots in the City of Halifax.

The Secretary is requested to invite Mr. Campbell to attend at the Mayor's office tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR.

Read letter Nova Scotia Temperance Alliance as follows:-

Halifax, March 5th, 1917.

To His Worship the Mayor and Controllers.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Executive of the Halifax Branch of the Nova Scotia Temperance Alliance, called to consider the names of the applicants for the position of Inspector under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, for the City of Halifax, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved: "That the sentiment of the meeting be expressed by endorsing Mr. E. S. Tracey unanimously for appointment as Inspector, and that notification of this endorsement be communicated to the Mayor and the Board of Control in writing."

Signed on behalf of the Executive,

Richard S. Theakston,
Secretary.

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BELL'S LANE.

Read letter Halifax Central Realities, Ltd., re Bell's Lane, as follows:-

Halifax, March 5th, 1917.

Mr. L. Fred Monaghan,
City Clerk,
City Hall, City.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your communication of this morning in reference to the above matter, we beg to say that while we think the strip of land proposed to be taken by the City on Buckingham Street is worth more in cash than the strip for which we have applied on Bell's Lane, we are willing as requested by you, to accept the strip in question on Bell's Lane, in exchange for the strip required by the City on Buckingham Street.

We agree to make an effective start and substantial progress in the erection of the new buildings, within twelve months, if the above exchange is carried out.

Halifax Central Realities Limited,

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The City Engineer is requested to write Mr. Regan requesting him to give an undertaking in writing to pay all costs incidental to the proposed exchange of property on Bell's Lane for property on Buckingham Street, such as shifting the sewer, narrowing of sidewalk, etc., and to inform him that upon his doing so the Board will recommend to Council that Legislation be secured authorizing the transaction.

*Engineer ✓
Solicitor ✓*

PURITY OF WATER SUPPLY - EXPROPRIATION OF PROPERTY
AT BEECH HILL.

Read accounts arbitrators in connection with expropriation of properties for the preservation of the water supply at Beech Hill, as follows:

Council ✓

Richard Bishop - Mrs. Gross property	\$20.00
Richard Bishop - Richard Hamilton property	10.00
J. C. Harris, - both properties	50.00
	<u>\$80.00</u>

The accounts are passed for payment.

PURITY OF WATER SUPPLY - EXPROPRIATION OF PROPERTY
FOOT OF LONG LAKE.

Read accounts of arbitrators in connection with expropriation of property of James LeMarchant at foot of Long Lake for the preservation of the City's water supply as follows:-

Council ✓

Wm. J. O'Toole - representing LeMarchant	\$50.00
R. T. MacIlreith-Referee	50.00
J. C. Harris - Representing City	75.00
	<u>\$175.00</u>

The accounts are passed for payment.

DAYLIGHT SAVING PLEBISCITE.

Read draft act re the taking of a plebiscite on the daylight saving scheme, as follows:-

Solicitor ✓

The City may by resolution of the Council direct that a vote of the electors shall be taken at the next ensuing civic election to ascertain whether or not they are in favor of the Daylight Saving Scheme, so called, such vote shall be by ballot and shall be taken by officials appointed to conduct the regular civic elections, and any expense incurred may either be defrayed out of the Contingent Account or 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.

on motion of Controller Murphy the City Solicitor is

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instructed to amend the draft act so as to provide that the plebiscite shall be taken on the Provincial Voters Lists instead of the Civic Lists, the Solicitor to discuss the details of the holding of such plebiscite before drafting the proposed amendments.

GLASS BREAKING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Read letter School Board as follows:-

Halifax, March 6th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I am instructed by the Board of School Commissioners to ask your kind assistance, so far as the police control is concerned, to prevent the great destruction of glass in all the City schools, and especially in the two Bloomfield Schools.

S. J. Wilson,
Secretary.

Referred to Controller Harris and the Chief of Police for attention.

QUINPOOL ROAD - GARFIELD BOWSER'S COMPLAINT.

Read letter Garfield Bowser asking for report on the complaint recently made by him as to the gutter on Quinpool Road at corner of Beech Street.

Referred to the City Engineer and City Solicitor for report.

S. R. COSSEY'S WATER SUPPLY.

Read letter S. R. Cossey asking for refund of cash paid for cost of investigating cause of lack of water at his residence, Jubilee Road.

Referred to the City Solicitor for report.

BORROWING BILL.

Read report Acting City Engineer re amounts to be borrowed for various services as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
March 1st, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

In connection with the Borrowing Bill, we have power

*Cont. Harris ✓
Chief of Police ✓*

*Engineer ✓
Solicitor ✓
G. Bowser ✓*

Solicitor ✓

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under various acts, to borrow -

Sewerage	Acts 1916	\$90,000
Permanent Pavement	" 1913	44,700
Permanent Sidewalks	" 1915	50,000
Loan Widening Streets	" 1914	not exceeding \$5000 in any one year
Water Construction		None.

As will be seen from this list, our Borrowing powers for the extension and improvement of the water service, have been exhausted, and there is only a small balance on hand. As extensions are continually being asked for and made, it will be necessary to obtain power to borrow money for this purpose. I would suggest that power be obtained to borrow for the extension and improvement of the water service, \$100,000, to be borrowed in such amounts and from time to time as the Council determines.

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In the Sewerage Account we have power still to borrow \$90,000 and have a credit balance on hand of about \$49,000 or a total of \$139,000. The intercepting sewer at the North West Arm with outlets and storm overflows, will probably require about \$200,000, and ordinary sewer construction about \$40,000 for the year. I would recommend that legislation be obtained for power to borrow \$100,000 to defray the cost of additional sewers, to be borrowed in such amounts and from time to time as the Council determines.

We have power to borrow all the money that is likely to be required for the coming year for permanent side walks. The purchase of two motor sprinklers will require a short term loan. Some time ago I obtained prices for two motor sprinklers, but these prices only held good to the middle of January. Since that time they will probably have advanced. To be on the safe side, I would recommend that power to borrow \$7500 for this purpose, be obtained. We need only borrow what is actually required.

The repairs to the Garden's fence on Spring Garden Rd. and the buildings, will require about \$1200.00. Controller Halliday has asked me to make an estimate of repairs required at the City Home, and I have had the Assistant Building Inspector go over the work asked for, and he estimates that the sum of \$2500 will be required for this work.

We have borrowed \$25,000 for the Abattoir, and the lowest tender received was \$32,937. It will be necessary to borrow an additional amount for the cost of the building and at the same time power should be obtained to borrow enough for equipping, should the City decide to operate the abattoir itself. I would recommend that power be obtained to borrow not more than \$20,000 for abattoir purposes.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Recommended to the City Council for approval

FOSTER B1B LOT, OXFORD STREET.

Read letter MacIlreith and Tremaine, solicitors for

W. W. Foster, as follows:-

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

We have been retained by Mr. W. W. Foster in connection with his application to the Building Inspector for a permit to erect houses on his land on Oxford and North Streets and Chebucto Road.

We understand that over a year ago Mr. Foster applied for a permit to erect dwelling houses on the land in question, which application was deferred while the City authorities considered the purchase of the whole property. Subsequently, on the City deciding not to acquire the whole lot Mr. Foster was notified by the Building Inspector that the permit he desired could not be granted as the buildings would encroach upon the new street line.

It only seems reasonable that, in view of the delay which Mr. Foster has already been put to the civic corporation should in fairness take over the lands required for street widening purposes and proceed to have the compensation assessed and paid, and this we respectfully urge upon your Board.

MacIlreith and Tremaine.

Referred to the City Solicitor and City Engineer for report.

GODWIN PROPERTY 180 GOTTINGEN STREET.

The matter of the disputed property line at James Godwin's property, 180 Gottingen Street, is referred to His Worship the Mayor for report.

COST OF MAINTENANCE OF TRUANTS.

R. J. Anderson, Truant Officer, appears before the Board and explains the details of the enforcing of the law in regard to Truants, the care taken by himself and the Judge of the Juvenile Court both for the betterment of the truants and for the protection of the City against excessive charges against the City for the maintenance of the boys convicted.

The Secretary is instructed to request E. H. Blois, Superintendent of Dependent and Neglected Children to report to the Board the number of boys in St. Patrick's School and in the Industrial School.

CITY HOME.

Read report City Home for the month of February.

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*Solicitor
Engineer*

Mayor

E. H. Blois

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WALNUT STREET, WILLIAM McFATRIDGE LOT.

Read letter William McFatridge asking for an early determination as to whether the City intends to purchase his property on Walnut Street extension or to give him permission to construct building thereon.

McFatridge

The Secretary is instructed to explain to Mr. McFatridge that the price asked by him for his lot was too high for the City to consider and the Board was therefore unable to recommend its purchase.

TRAMWAY EXTENSION GOTTINGEN STREET.

Robert Daw appears before the Board and asks if there was any agreement between the City and the Tramway Company at the time the Gottingen Street spur line was constructed a couple of years ago that the Company was to extend the line north beyond its present terminus at Young Street. Mr. Day advocated the extension of the line around the Cemeteries, forming a new loop line.

Mayor

His Worship the Mayor stated he would again ask the Tramway Company to do so.

SEWERAGE FRONTAGE RATES.

Robert Daw suggested to the Board that sewerage frontage rates should be charged to property owners not as at present at \$1.25 per foot or any other fixed price but on a sliding scale according to the values of the different properties the sewers serve.

LIQUOR VENDORS.

His Worship the Mayor reports that this Board had recently had an interview with the Board of Liquor Vendors and that the City Solicitor had been requested to draft an act respecting the sale of liquor by the vendors

The City Solicitor submits for the consideration of the Board the following resolution.

RESOLVED that in the opinion of the board of Control and City Council, the Act relating to the appointment of Vendors under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act should be amended so as to allow of liquor being sold at a sufficient advance on the cost to provide for the expenses incidental

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to the duties of the Vendors, including the rent of premises and other charges, and also the amount of compensation payable to the vendors as determined by the board of Vendors Commissioners.

The resolution is adopted.

The City Solicitor submits the following draft act re Liquor Vendors :-

Sub-section (3) B of Section 12 of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1916 is hereby repealed, and the following substituted:-

(3) B. Any such Vendor shall be paid such compensation for his services as the Board determines. He shall have no interest in any liquor sold by him, and shall not derive any personal profit therefrom, but liquor may be sold at such advance on cost to be approved by the Board, as will be sufficient to defray the cost of carrying on business, including the amount of compensation, any deficiency shall be paid by the City of Halifax and may be included in the civic estimates, any excess shall be paid into the treasury of the City.

Approved.

JURY PANELS - COST OF APPREHENDING FUGITIVES.

His Worship the Mayor requests the City Solicitor to report as to the advisability of amending the law so as to reduce the cost of Jury Panels and to minimize the costs of apprehending fugitives from justice.

EXTRA REMUNERATION ASSISTANT CITY CLERK.

Read letter Assistant City Clerk, as follows:-

Office of City Clerk,
March 6th, 1917.

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

On the 30th of June last, as you are aware, the Nova Scotia Temperance Prohibition Act came into force in the City of Halifax. Since that date, all the clerical work in connection with prosecutions under the Act, making up of convictions, filing returns with the Prothonotary of the County of Halifax, and paying out of costs to witnesses has fallen upon me. Nearly all of the trials are continued in the afternoon after regular office hours. The fines collected for violation of the Act to date amount to \$3600.75.

All the clerical work in connection with liquor prosecutions was previously performed by late Inspector Messervey.

I would respectfully ask that your Board provide proper compensation to me for this additional work.

H. S. Rhind,
Asst. City Clerk.

*Cont. McKean ✓
Cont. Harris ✓*

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Referred to Controllers McKean and Harris for report.

ABATTOIR.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
March 6th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

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I beg to report that tenders for the construction of the abattoir building have been received from -

Falconer & McDonald	\$32,937.00
M. E. Keefe Construction Co., Ltd.	35,900.00
Standard Construction Co.	36,900.00
Rhodes, Curry & Co.	40,900.00

Messrs. Falconer & McDonald's tender is the lowest and is about the figure estimates by the architect. I would recommend that this tender be accepted, provided legislation is obtained, empowering the City to borrow the additional amount required for constructing the abattoir.

Council ✓

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

CITY PRISON MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Governor City Prison for the month of February. Filed.

DISCOUNT ON WATER BILLS.

Read report Clerk of Works as follows:-

City Works Office,
March 6th, 1917.

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

For some years it has been customary to allow a discount of three percent on the half-yearly water meter accounts if paid on or before June 20th or November 20th respectively. If any change is desired by your Board, might I have same at once, as we will next week be making out said bills for this half-year.

Council ✓

A. F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

Approved.

WATER BILLS 22 to 27 KAYE STREET-CEO. A. MACKENZIE.

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George A. MacKenzie, 22 to 27 Kaye Street, as follows:-

January 26th, 1917

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering water meter bills charged to Geo. A. MacKenzie for properties #22, 24, 25 and 27 Kaye Street and #77 East young Street, claimed to be excessive. I presume the bills for 25 and 27 Kaye Street and 77 East Young Street were only returned for comparison with the other three, as the half-yearly period charges on these three bills are \$2.33, \$0.92 and \$1.56 respectively.

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With regard to "22 Kaye Street, the following is a record of the monthly consumption -

1916.	
Jan. 24	3100 gals.
Mar. 15	8900
May 29	5600
June 16	7900
Aug. 2	44600
Sep. 16	25600
Oct. 18	25500
Nov. 22	37200

and at # 24 Kaye Street-

Jan. 24	16000
Mar. 15	17100
June 16	47400
Aug. 2	26600
Sep. 15	22700
Oct. 18	5400
Nov. 22	1100

The meter reader reports that he called the attention of the tenants of each of these houses on several occasions to the large consumption and to the fact that there was a closet leaking in the premises. Apparently the waste at #24 has been stopped since the half-yearly bill was sent out, but the consumption at #22 still continues large, and the meter reader reports a closet still wasting in this house. I have had the meters tested and they have been found correct. Under the circumstances I am unable to recommend any reduction in these bills.

Council ✓

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

On motion of Controller Murphy it is decided to reduce the bill \$11.74 for 22 Kaye Street to \$5.00 and the bill \$13.53 for 24 Kaye Street to \$5.00

STOREHOUSE IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT - A. KEITH & SON.

Controller Murphy verbally reports that Alex. Keith had informed him that he had decided to withdraw his application for permission to make alterations and additions to a building at Tower Road for use as a storehouse in consequence of the opposition raised by

Engineer ✓

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property owners in the neighborhood.

Approved.

ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts chargeable to various departments are passed for payment:-

City Prison \$201.19; Library \$57.75; Health Board \$98.57; City Home \$2789.06; Fire Department \$831.63
General Accounts \$1125.81.

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS.

City Prison.

J. J. Scriven & Sons	Bread	\$ 8.68
R. N. McDonald & E.W. Crease	Groceries	17.50
W. A. Maling & Co.	Oxheads	4.90
G. C. Hartlen & Co.	Stew Beef	3.60
A. Wilson & Son	Salt Cod	4.50
S. C. Thompson	Feed oats	28.80
Stairs Son & Morrow	Paint	3.00
Robt. Taylor Co.	Men's Boots	10.80
Farquhar Bros.	Electric Lamps	9.00
Coolen & Martin	Repairs	1.50
Maritime Telephone Co.	Rental	4.50
N.S. Tramways & Power Co.	Current	4.41
Wm. Roche	Hard coal	100.00
		<u>\$201.19</u>

Library Accounts.

T. C. Allen & Co.	Binders Supplies	44.00
Heaton's Agency	Subscription	1.25
H. H. Marshall	Subscription	2.00
Ross Print	Printing envelopes	2.50
H. W. Wilson Co.	Subscription 1917	8.00
		<u>\$57.75</u>

Health Board Accounts.

Nova Scotia Power Co.	Service	11.42
Wet Wash	Washing	12.00
Baldwin & Co.	Cups and saucers	6.00
S. Cunard & Co.	Coal	57.50
Kinley's Ltd.	Aspin Tablets	5.50
T. C. Allen & Co.	Office Supplies	5.30
John Starr	Batteries	.85
		<u>\$98.57</u>

City Home.

Gunn & Co.	Flour	368.90
Wentzell's Ltd	Groceries	386.31
E & A Thompson	Meats	364.14
J. A. Leaman & Co.	Mess Pork	60.32
Smith & Proctor	Butter	169.32
James Watson	Milk	113.40
A. Wilson & Son	Fresh Fish	42.18
A. Fordham & Co.	Leather	11.90
W. Y. Kennedy	Dry Goods	205.15
S. C. Thompson	Forage	30.61
The Fleischmann Co.	Yeast	3.60
Halifax Elec. Tram Co.	Light	35.42

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T. C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	5.60
Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.	Sundries	21.25
Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co.	Exchange service	3.75
H. V. McLeod	Spectacles	10.00
Baldwin & Co.	Crockerware	1.35
Alfred Carter	Repairs	10.95
W. S. Minnis	Men's Clothing	48.00
Clayton & Son	do	95.00
Willis Bros.	Repairs	9.00
H. McFatridge	Horseshoeing	5.63
B. J. Mulcahy	Cash expended	4.64
Salaries	Feb. 1917	782.64
		<u>\$2789.06</u>

Fire Department.

Ungar's Laundry	Work	8.62
Tram Co.	Light and power	47.01
Axle Valve Co.	Axle Valves	113.00
National Drug. Co.	Shellac	.65
Canadian Rubber Co.	One Coat	7.20
S. Cunard & Co.	Coal	92.00
Burns & Kelliher	Repairs	1.00
T. C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	5.10
Alex. Frizzell	Sheaves	1.05
Neil Fox	Saddlery	7.15
Farquhar Bros.	Batteries	6.15
Imperial Oil Co.	Gasoline	56.71
John Davison & Son	Lumber	4.48
Wm. J. Regan	Saddlery	33.85
Sheehan Motor Co.	Packing	5.08
J. Starr Son & Co.	Electric Supplies	6.70
C. Shipley & Co.	Overcoat	30.00
A. & W. MacKinlay	Cards	12.55
R. N. McDonald	Brooms	11.25
W. & A. Moir	Machine Work	24.30
A. J. McNutt	Carriage Work	22.25
Stroud & Eveleigh	do	7.35
Wm. Taylor Co. Ltd.	Rubber Boots	71.50
S. C. Thompson	Fodder	206.12
Northern Electric Co.	Supplies	24.75
James Simmonds, Ltd.	Hardware	25.81
		<u>\$831.63</u>

General Accounts.

Dr. Finn M. E.	Certificate of death of	
	M. Romano	\$4.
	A. Ally	\$4.
	E.R. David	\$4.
		12.00
Chronicle Pub. Co.	Advertising	99.12
Halifax Herald	do	34.34
Acadian Recorder	do	35.30
T. C. Allen & Co.	Stationery, etc.	
	City Clerk	\$98.50
	Mayor	2.50
		101.00
A. & W. MacKINLay	Books,	
	Auditor	7.65
	Clerk	8.00
		15.65
Hazelwood Cottage Hospital	Maintenance patients for quarter ending	
	Jan. 31st, 1917	530.00
Halifax Industrial School	Maintenance boys	
	Truants, qtr. ending Jan. 31/17	230.00

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General Accounts (Continued).

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Halifax Industrial School	Maintenance boys	
	Juvenile Offenders	
	Jan to Mar, 1916	50.00
E. M. Veith	Information to	
	Assessors	10.00
Canada Law Book Co.	Vol. 27 C. C. C.	8.00
		<u>\$1125.81</u>

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
P. F. Martin.

MAYOR.

L. J. ...

CITY CLERK.

[Faint, mostly illegible text from the minutes of the meeting, including items like 'Maintenance of Juvenile Offenders', 'Care of Public Buildings', and 'Reports of various departments']

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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.

Monument to Sir Samuel Cunard.
Allen Street Extension.
Cash Statement City Treasurer.
Military Hospitals.
Bell Street.
Tenders for Water Pipes and Valves.
Snow Shovelling.
Waste Paper Boxes in Public Schools.
Fire Hazard - Combustibles in Cellars.
Fire Department.
Ontario Street Sewer.
Street Funds.
Maintenance of Juvenile Offenders.
Care of Feeble Minded.
Legislation Affecting the City of Halifax.
Sewerage Frontage Rates.
Working People's Fares on Tram Cars.
Tramway Service.
Hydro Electric Power - Purchase of Halifax Power Co.
Changing Civic Year.
Abattoir - Architect's Progress Payment.
Cunard Street Widening.
Water Bill Wm. Gaul, 5 Upper Water Street.
Curbs and Gutters on Hills.
Salaries of City Officials.
City Architect.
Liquor Inspector.
City Clerk's Salary.
Water Bill 33 Upper Water Street - Peter L. Purcell.
Building in Residential District.
Gratuity to Widow of P. J. Broderick, late Chief of
the Fire Department.

Accounts.

MONUMENT TO SIR SAMUEL CUNARD.

Read letter Alderman Kelly, as follows:-

Halifax, March 8th, 1917.

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

The day following your announcement to the City Council advising that you had been successful in securing a very satisfactory settlement with the Federal Government for streets, sewers, curbs, Esplanade Park, etc., acquired for the Ocean Terminals development, it occurred to me that now is the opportune time, and that it would be the right and proper thing to use one or two thousand dollars, or perhaps more of this amount as a nucleus for a fund to be used for the erection on the new station

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square of a suitable monument to Sir Samuel Cunard, the founder of the first regular trans-atlantic steamship service between America and England. The Dominion Government, the Cunard S. S. Co., and the public generally, would no doubt co-operate and subscribe liberally towards such a project, which would be of great historic and advertising value to Canada, as well as to Halifax, but I fear that unless the City as a corporation makes a beginning, there is not much hope, for at least some years to come, of anything of this nature being done to commemorate such an important historic event, and one particularly identified with our great terminal development. This is without doubt the opportune time, as the City expended about \$20,000.00 on the Esplanade, which was of very little use as a park or recreation centre, and as we have been compensated by the Federal Government for this property, it seems to me that you would be fully justified in spending at least a portion of this amount on a monument for the proposed station square. Such action on your part, too, should tend to hasten the realization of a station square worthy of Canada's Front Door".

Hoping that Your Honorable Body will give this matter your favorable consideration,

E. J. Kelly.

The Secretary is instructed to inform Alderman Kelly that the present is not an opportune time for expenditure for the purpose suggested, and that the money recovered from the Dominion Government on account of the property, etc. taken for the Ocean Terminals should not be devoted to the purpose named. At a more seasonable opportunity the Board will give further consideration to the suggestion.

ALLEN STREET EXTENSION.

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

City Engineer's Office,
March 7th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control, that I have written Mr. Edmonds for a price for the piece of land 60' x 188' required for the extension of Allen Street, and have an offer from him at the rate of 20¢ per sq. ft., or a total of Two Thousand and Two Hundred and Fifty-six Dollars (\$2,256.00) for the land required.

As stated in my report of February 6th, the Oxford Street lots are assessed at Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) each, and the Harvard Street lots at Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) each. Mr. Edmonds owns the two lots running from Harvard Street to Oxford Street, lying to the south of the proposed extension of Allen Street.

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These lots are 34 ft. frontage. The residue of the lots to the north of these, not required for the Street extension, would increase the width of these to 42 ft. frontage each, and make the two lots corner lots.

The price asked by Mr. Edmonds is in my opinion more than the value of the land required. Should buildings be erected, it would be more expensive in future for the City to purchase them, and whether the Board decides to take the land at present or not, I would recommend that the extension be laid down on the Official City Plan. This would prevent any buildings being erected thereon, and when the City decides to take over the property, it will not have to pay for any buildings or structures, but only for the land.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The City Engineer is instructed to request Gabriel Edmonds to attend at the Mayor's Office for the purpose of discussing the value of his property with the Mayor and the City Engineer.

CASH STATEMENT CITY TREASURER.

Read cash statement City Treasurer for the month of February.

Referred to City Council for its information.

MILITARY HOSPITALS.

Read the following named documents relating to the establishment of military hospitals in the City for ill and convalescent soldiers:-

Request from the Military Hospitals Commission for a list of buildings in the City that might be suitable for military hospital purposes; report from W. R. Fegan, Assistant Building Inspector, covering a list of possibly suitable buildings; letter from His Worship the Mayor to the Military Hospitals Commission Engineer, covering list of buildings; letter from Hon. Senator J. S. McLennan, of the Military Hospitals Commission, requesting that they be given the right to the use of Camp Hill for hospital purposes; letter from the Acting City Engineer on behalf of His Worship the Mayor, granting the permission asked for.

The action of His Worship the Mayor is unanimously

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concurrent in, and the reports and correspondence recommended to the City Council for approval.

BELL STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer re Bell Street, covering copy of a letter from John W. Regan, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

In accordance with your instructions I wrote Mr. Regan asking if he would agree to all the conditions set forth in my report of 26th February, 1917, I have a reply from him, copy of which is attached, stating that he will agree to all these conditions.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

.....
Halifax, March 7th, 1917.

Mr. H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter March 7th, I do not think that there was an agreement on our part to bear the whole possible cost of narrowing the sidewalk and shifting the sewer. This was mentioned by you on several occasions, but it was not discussed. As a matter of fact, the writer stated some time ago to one or more of the controllers that he would agree to an exchange without cash, provided the City assumed any expenses such as changing the sidewalk on Bell Street. The matter of the sewer was not referred to because it was not contemplated that this would be disturbed.

However, in order not to delay matters, we are willing to agree to bear the possible cost of narrowing the sidewalk and reconstructing the sewer if this is necessary. It should be understood, of course, that the work will be done in the usual way to the satisfaction of yourself, and that we would be responsible only for such expenses and not for any unusual variation which might possibly be suggested.

We therefore hereby agree to bear the cost of reconstructing the sewer on Bell Street should it be necessary to do so and the cost of narrowing the sidewalk on the north side of Bell Street. We may save ourselves the direct expense by including it in the contract for the building.

This covers points 3 and 4 of your letter of March 7th. We have already agreed to points 1 and 2 in your letter, but in order to make the matter absolutely clear, we reaffirm our willingness to agree to these points.

HALIFAX CENTRAL REALTIES, Ltd.,
Per J. W. Regan.

March 8th, 1917.

Council ✓

It is decided to recommend to the City Council that legislation be secured authorizing the City to comply with the request of the Halifax Central Realities, Ltd., and to legalize the agreement to be entered into.

TENDERS FOR WATER PIPES AND VALVES.

Council ✓

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending the acceptance of the tender of T. MacAvity & Sons and Drummond, McColl & Co. for water pipes and valves. Approved.

SNOW SHOVELLING.

Read letter Alderman H. S. Colwell, complaining of the non-shovelling of snow at a property on Inglis Street.

The Chief of Police informed the Board that because of a dispute as to the ownership of the property in question, he had had some difficulty in having the snow removed, but that he has taken the matter up and is attending to it.

*Chief of Police ✓
Engineer ✓*

Read letter George W. Brooker, R. C. M., 238 Lockman Street, complaining that snow shovelled from the sidewalk in front of his residence had been thrown back again to the sidewalk by the Tramway Company's snow plough.

The City Engineer is instructed to inform the Tramway Company that complaints of this nature are being submitted to the Board of Control, and to ask them to remedy the condition.

WASTE PAPER BOXES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Council ✓

Read letter Board of School Commissioners, as follows:-

Halifax, March 7th, 1917.

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

At the meeting of the Board it was Resolved that the verbal request of the Red Cross Society that boxes be placed in the basements of schools for the collection of waste paper, for the benefit of this Society, be granted.

It was stated that the Mayor had expressed his willingness to have boxes supplied to such schools as require

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them.

S. J. Wilson,
Secretary.

Referred to Deputy Mayor Colwell for attention.

FIRE HAZARD - COMBUSTIBLES IN CELLARS.

His Worship the Mayor asked the City Engineer if the meter readers are carrying out the instructions given to report when meter reading on all cases where they found accumulations of combustibles in cellars.

The Acting City Engineer stated that for the past seven or eight months the meter readers have been reporting as ordered, and that recently he had again instructed them to pay particular attention to this work.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read report Chief of the Fire Department as follows:-

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

The Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

I beg leave to make the following report:-

There have been 29 alarms of fire during the month of February from the following causes:- chimney 10; cigarettes 2; coal overheating 1; electric wires 2; unknown 4; false 1; rubbish in cellar 1; upsetting blow torch 1; thawing water pipel; children playing with matches 1; lamp upsetting 1; explosion 1; curtains 1.

Insurance at risk.....	\$219,000
Loss by insurance.....	\$52,443.
" without insurance.....	5,473.
Total losses.....	\$57,916.

Recommendations.

I would recommend that Frank Leahy, now acting as a relief driver, be appointed permanent driver, and also that D. Ryan, acting relief driver, reported sick on Feb. 8th, and has not yet reported for duty.

Resignations.

Frank S. Smith, hoseman on No. 1 motor resigned on February 24th, 1917.

E. Condon,
Chief Fire Department.

Approved.

ONTARIO STREET SEWER.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending

collected by H S Colwell ✓

*Engineer ✓
Chief Fire Dept.*

Council ✓

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the construction of a sewer in Ontario Street. Approved.

STREET FUNDS.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending amendments to the Street Funds Act, so that the Act of 1914 may be brought into force, as intended. Approved.

The City Solicitor submits the following draft of said amending Act:-

Section 31 of Chapter 74 of the Acts of 1914 as amended by Section 9 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1915 is further amended by striking out the figures "1916" wherever substituted by such amendment and substituting therefor the words "in the civic year next ensuing the civic year in which the same was borrowed".

Approved.

MAINTENANCE OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS.

The report of the City Auditor submitted at a meeting of the Board on the 27th of February, re shortage in appropriation for maintenance of juvenile offenders, \$3,724.22, (see Board of Control minutes page 722) is again considered.

It is decided to recommend to Council that the amount be included in the City's borrowing bill.

CARE OF FEEBLE MINDED.

Controller Murphy and the City Solicitor are requested to investigate and report as to what encouragement could be provided by the City to the movement on behalf of the care of the feeble minded.

LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

On motion of Controller Murphy, the Secretary is instructed to request the sitting members for Halifax County to advise the City Solicitor from time to time of all bills and amendments thereto introduced into the Legislature affecting the City of Halifax.

SEWERAGE FRONTAGE RATES.

The City Engineer is requested to report as to the present average cost of constructing sewers, and the amount to which he would recommend that rates should be

Council ✓

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Council ✓

Cont. Murphy ✓
Engineer

Hon Geo E Faulkner ✓
R E Fair ✓
Hector W Jones ✓
John L Connolly ✓
A G Bauld ✓
Solicitor

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raised, with the view to having the present rate of \$1.25 per foot increased by legislation.

WORKING PEOPLE'S FARES ON TRAM CARS.

The following resolution as submitted by Controller Murphy, is passed, and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for concurrence:-

RESOLVED that inasmuch as the reorganization of the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company, Limited, has been effected and apparently no provision whatever made for the carrying out of the water power development at the Caspereau, provided by Chapter 180 of the Acts of 1914, and in view of the immense earnings, as shown by the annual statement of this Company, recently issued;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Board and Council, on behalf of the citizens of Halifax, do hereby petition the said Company to immediately put into effect section F, of Chapter 180, which reads -

"(f) within three months from the date of the conveyance in this section mentioned the Company shall, for the benefit of the working people, issue return tickets for use in the City of Halifax, at a price to give eight single trips for twenty-five cents, good one way during such hours of the day, and for return during such hours of the day, and subject to such terms and conditions as the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities may approve."

TRAMWAY SERVICE.

The City Clerk is instructed to call H. R. Mallison's attention to the fact that the Board has not yet received from him the report which he promised at a public meeting held February 1st, 1917, to make to this Board as to what the immediate policy of the Tramway Company is in respect to certain complaints made, and certain improvements asked for, and to request him to be good enough to forward the same at his earliest convenience.

HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER - PURCHASE OF HALIFAX POWER CO.

The City Solicitor is requested to prepare an act to enable the City to borrow money for the purchase of the rights, franchises and property of the Halifax Power Co.

His Worship the Mayor is requested to invite the representatives of the Halifax Power Co. to a conference

Engineer ✓

Council ✓

H. R. Mallison ✓

Solicitor
Mayor ✓

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at his office, to discuss the subject.

CHANGING CIVIC YEAR.

The matter of securing legislation to change the civic year to run concurrently with the calendar year is discussed, and deferred, pending consultation by the Board with the heads of the various civic departments interested.

The City Solicitor submits the following draft act:-

The Council may resolve to change the civic year from the 1st day of May to the 30th day of April, as fixed by section 328 to a year beginning on the 1st day of January and ending on the 31st day of December, and in such event the City shall cause all further changes and amendments in the various dates throughout the Charter necessitated or made desirable by such, and such changes and amendments may be brought into force by the Governor in Council by Order in Council published in the Royal Gazette.

ABATTOIR - ARCHITECT'S PROGRESS PAYMENT.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending a progress payment of \$900.00 to W. E. Barrett, Architect for the public abattoir.

The amount is passed for payment.

CUNARD STREET WIDENING.

On motion of Controller Murphy, it is decided to inform Dr. F. R. Little that it is not the intention of the City to widen Cunard Street at the south side, at the corner of Gottingen Street.

WATER BILL WILLIAM GAUL, 5 UPPER WATER STREET.

On motion of Controller Murphy, it is decided to recommend to Council that the water meter bill of William Gaul, 5 Upper Water Street, be reduced from \$13.65 to \$3.65.

CURBS AND GUTTERS ON HILLS.

On motion of Controller Harris, the City Engineer is requested to report as to the advisability of securing legislation to enable the City to borrow money for the purpose of constructing curbs and gutters on hills and other places where there are no permanent sidewalks.

Board of Control. ✓

Council. ✓

Dr. F. R. Little ✓

Council. ✓

Engineer ✓

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SALARIES OF CITY OFFICIALS.

Alderman Godwin asked that the Board recommend that the act drafted last year to give the City Council unrestricted authority in regard to fixing of salaries of City Officials be introduced into the Legislature.

Referred to Controller Harris and the City Solicitor for report.

CITY ARCHITECT.

Alderman Godwin recommends that the City employ a City architect who would also act as architect for the School Board, and for the commissions now paid to outside architects.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR.

The various applications for appointment to the position of Liquor Inspector, submitted from time to time, are read.

Moved by Controller Halliday, seconded by Controller Harris that this Board recommend to the City Council the appointment of E. S. Tracey as Liquor Inspector. Motion passed.

CITY CLERK'S SALARY.

Moved by Controller Harris that the sum of \$100.00 be added to the City's borrowing bill for one year's salary to the City Clerk as Clerk of the Liquor License Board.

Deferred for a conference between the Board, the City Auditor and the City Clerk.

WATER BILL 33 UPPER WATER STREET - PETER L. PURCELL.

On motion of Controller Murphy, it is decided to recommend to Council that the water meter bill of Peter L. Purcell, 33 Upper Water Street, be reduced from \$74.80 to \$24.80.

Cont-Harris ✓
Solicitor ✓

Engineer ✓

Council ✓

B/c ✓

Council ✓

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BUILDING IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Read letter MacLean, Paton, Burchell & Ralston,
opinion City Solicitor and report Acting City Engineer
re building in residential district, as follows:-

Halifax, March 1st, 1917.

H. W. Johnston, Esq.,
City Engineer,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the legal objections being made
to the proposed permission by the Board of Control to
the alteration of Mr. Keith's store or warehouse in the
rear of his dwelling on Tower Road, the same are as
follows:-

1. Under section 18 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1915
the building when it is proposed to enlarge by an addi-
tion of about 22 feet by 22 feet and by making building
two storeys instead of one storey is one that cannot be
used for any other purpose except that set out in the
said section 18.
2. Subsection 6 enumerates the class of buildings
which can be altered on approval of plans and specifi-
cations by the Inspector and on authorization being ob-
tained from the Board of Control. A warehouse or store-
house such as the one in question and for which a permit
has been applied is not one of the class of buildings
mentioned in sub-section 6. The only building which is
mentioned for occupation as business premises is "shop
for sale of goods by retail" which would not include a
warehouse or storehouse.
3. Sub-section 5 is we submit prohibitive to the ex-
tension of any buildings for any purpose other than that
specified in the Act. This section specified that any
building in the residential district which at the time
the Act came into force was used for purposes other than
residential may be continued to be used for such purposes
"but no building shall be used for such purpose to any
greater extent than it is so used at the said date." This,
we think, makes it clear that no extension can be made to
a building for purposes outside those permitted such as
college, church, etc., or shop for sale of goods by re-
tail.
4. Under sub-section 4 a building may be erected in a
residential district as a garage but such garage must not
be used in connection with business or except in connect-
ion with residential buildings. This would prohibit bus-
iness trucks being stored on the premises as is proposed.

MCLEAN, PATON, BURCHELL AND RALSTON.
Per B.

Office of City Solicitor,
March 5th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

As I understand the facts, Mr. Keith is proposing

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to alter and extend a building situated within the residential district created by section 18 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1915, and which, before the passage of that Act, was used for the storage of one automobile. He proposes to make this alteration and extension with a view to storing several autos to be used in connection with his business and also for other storage purposes.

I think it is clear that he cannot do so under the provisions of the section quoted. Sub-section 4 limits the use strictly to purposes in connection with the building situated on the same property; sub-section 5 prohibits any extension when the purpose is to use it to a greater extent than at the time of the passage of the Act; sub-section 6 gave powers to the Board of Control to permit the erection or alteration in certain cases, none of which covers an application such as Mr. Keith is now making. For these reasons, I am of opinion that it does not come within the section 18 and that the Board has not power to grant the permission under sub-section 6/

F. H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

In accordance with the request of the Board of Control I have asked the City Solicitor for his opinion on the points raised by the objectors to the granting of a permit for the alteration and addition to a proposed storehouse on the east side of Tower Road owned by Mr. Keith, and am submitting a copy of his opinion.

I have a letter from McLean, Paton, Burchell and Ralston, copy of which is attached, setting forth the grounds of their objections.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

GRATUITY TO WIDOW OF P. J. BRODERICK, LATE CHIEF OF
THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

It is decided to include in the City's borrowing bill the sum of \$1,000.00 to be paid as a gratuity to Elizabeth Broderick, widow of P. J. Broderick, late Chief of the Fire Department.

The following accounts are passed for payment:-

Works Department \$5,675.62; Police Department \$54,68.

Works Department.

Water Maintenance	508.10
Water Construction	60.11
Teams and stables	399.51

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Night Soil Plant	10.30
Public Baths	1.00
Internal Health	83.04
Streets	34/77
Abattoir	48.39
Outhit Building	39.60
City Hall Lighting	68.48
Fuel City Hall	110.00
Electric Wiring Inspection	5.00
City Property and Market Maintenance	73.84
Sewerage	656.35
Street Lighting	2340.64
Permanent Pavement	1236.49
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	\$5675.62

Police Department.

Chronicle Pub. Co.	Advertising	12.54
Blackadar Bros.	do	4.65
Halifax Herald	do	4.65
Neil Fax	New shafting	1.00
John Kempster	Subscription	.60
J.R. Gaunt & Son	Mdse.	14.10
Maritime Tel. Co.	Phones	14.42
W.S. Bayer	Laundry	.75
J. W. Onnacott	Key	.35
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		\$54.68

The Board adjourned.

Council ✓

P. F. Martin
P. F. Martin

L. O. O'Connell

MAYOR.

CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

March 12th, 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.

Water Supply Victoria General Hospital.
D. W. Tyrer.- Complaint re Tax Bill.
Military Hospitals.
Truants.
Electric Lighting Contract.
Refund of Liquor Licenses.
Municipal Debenture Act.
Abattoir.
Lilac Street - Morris Property.
City Clerk's Salary.

WATER SUPPLY VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Read letter W. W. Kenny, Superintendent Victoria General Hospital, and report Acting City Engineer re water supply to that Institution, as follows:-

Halifax, March 5th, 1917.

H. W. Johnston, Esq.,
Acting City Engineer,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

Referring again to the matter of the water service of Victoria General Hospital, I am instructed by the Board of Commissioners of the Hospital to write you as follows:-

Since the receipt of your letter of the 30th of January last, the Board has Mr. Yorston of the Public Works Department confer with you respecting this matter, and the Board takes it that they have now definite notice that the City of Halifax after May 1st, will not supply this hospital with water except from the low service system. Water from the low service system will not give this place fire protection, and it is, after a trial, we think settled that our domestic supply would also be entirely inadequate. The Board is of the opinion that the City of Halifax should supply water to the Hospital as heretofore, and that this can be done in a satisfactory manner from the high service system as in the past.

The Board desires to point out that the City of Halifax uses nearly one-half of the public beds of the hospital occupied by provincial patients, and gets the attention and treatment accorded to the sick at the expense of the Province. If the position taken by your Board of Control is adhered to, the Board of Commissioners will

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report to the Government that the time has arrived when the City should carry and take care of its own sick, and if the City will not supply the water necessary for this institution as heretofore, the City will be required to take its own patients and supply them not only with water, but all else that the sick need.

I am further instructed to say that the Board will feel obliged to ask the City to seek legislation during this session of the House of Assembly, to give effect to out recommendation. The Board does not feel like stirring up this question with the City, but feels that the City authorities cannot take the position they are now assuming as to necessary water here, without having the broad question at once raised as to the City's position in connection with its sick that are treated here.

The Board of Commissioners will await a reasonable time for an answer before concluding that the position you take in the matter of water us to be adhered to. You are required to give the Hospital authorities early notice if your position is to be adhered to; failing a reply, the Board will report to and confer with the Government respecting the situation.

W. W. Kenny,
Secty. Board of Commissioners.

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City Engineer's Office,
March 7th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I have received a letter from the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Victoria General Hospital, a copy of which is attached, replying to my letter of the 30th of January dealing with the question of the water service to the Hospital. I had an interview with Mr. Yorston, representing the Commissioners, respecting the matter, and put forward the views of the Water Department and also discussed with him the methods that might be employed to give the Hospital a satisfactory supply from the low service system.

As already reported to your Board, the Hospital, having regard to its elevation, above sea level, should be supplied from the low service. Last year when we changed from the high to the low, a pressure of nineteen pounds was obtained at the gauge in the Secretary's office. Later on, owing to the heavy draft due to taps being allowed to run to prevent freezing, this pressure was reduced to 12 pounds. The supply at the former pressure is adequate for domestic purposes at the Hospital.

With regard to the latter part of the letter, I prefer to make no criticism, as in my judgment, it is a matter apart from the question. I am at a loss, however, to understand the position taken by the Commissioners. Our water system is installed and operated for the benefit of the citizens and public generally, and not to serve any particular portion of the community to the detriment of the service as a whole. In the case of the Hospital, there was no low service main in its vicinity to which connection could be made, until recently, when a twelve-inch pipe was carried along South Street from

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the west end of the pipe to Robie Street. The large increase in population supplied by the high service system requires the conservation of the supply for the benefit of the district that cannot be reached by the low.

The City does not refuse to supply the water necessary for the Institution, but is ready to give it an abundant supply, and this can be obtained by the Institution at whatever pressure it needs by a moderate expenditure on its part. The City has not yet given the Commissioners notice that it will not supply the Hospital with water from the high service after the 1st of May, as my report recommending this has not been adopted by the Board of Control.

The tenor and wording of the last sentence in the letter needs no comment.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The Secretary is instructed to request W. W. Kenny and W. G. Yorston to attend at the Mayor's Office on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, to discuss the subject of water supply to the Hospital.

D. W. TYRER.- COMPLAINT RE TAX BILL.

Read letter Douglas W. Tyrer, complaining of being charged interest on a tax bill, stating that he had never been rendered a bill, and asking to be relieved from the payment of interest, and instead that he be allowed a discount.

Referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion.

MILITARY HOSPITALS.

Read letter Hon. Senator J. S. McLennan, as follows:-

Ottawa, March 9th, 1917.

To the Mayor and Members
of the City Council,
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:-

I have pleasure on behalf of the Military Hospitals Commission in thanking you for your action in relation to the permission to use the property of the City at Camp Hill for the purposes of a Hospital, and for the promptness with which our request was granted.

J. S. McLennan.

Filed.

Read letter Provincial Exhibition Commission, as follows:-

*W W Kenny ✓
W G Yorston ✓*

*Solicitor ✓
D W Tyrer ✓*

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Halifax, March 8th, 1917.

L. F. Monaghan, Esq.,
City Clerk, City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours enclosing letter referred from the Board of Control on the above subject was read at the meeting of our Commission held on the 26th ult., and I am today in receipt of the enclosed letter stating that they do not consider the buildings suitable.

M. McF. Hall,
Manager & Secretary.

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Department of Public Works, Canada,
District Engineer's Office,
Halifax, March 1st, 1917.

Hon. E.H. Armstrong,
Provincial Building,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I thank you for your letter of the 27th ult., but on further enquiry I find that the Exhibition Buildings would not be suitable for Military Convalescent Hospitals.

Again thanking you for your kind interest in the matter,

W. P. Morrison,
District Engineer.

Filed.

TRUANTS.

Read letter E. H. Elcis, as follows:-

Halifax, March 10th, 1917.

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

Sir:-

In compliance with the request of the Board of Control, as indicated by your notice of March 6th, I beg to state that at this date there are seventeen (17) truants in St. Patrick's Home, and nine (9) in the Halifax Industrial School.

Ernest H. Elcis,
Supt. of Neglected and
Dependent Children.

Filed.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING CONTRACT.

Read letter H. R. Mallison, Secretary-Treasurer of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co., re electric lighting contract, as follows:-

Halifax, March 8th, 1917.

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

Sir:-

I beg to inform you that the contract for lighting

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the City streets, dated the first of March, 1916, expired on the first day of March, instant, and that no arrangements have yet been made for a renewal thereof.

On the 15th day of November last, we submitted you a tender for the lighting of the City streets in accordance with specifications supplied by the City, subject to certain revisions thereof as outlined, and we have received no intimation of the City's intention in regard thereto. We would much appreciate being advised as to the City's intention in connection with this Street lighting problem, and beg to inform you that we shall continue to light the streets under the same terms and conditions as those contained in the Agreement on the first day of March, 1916, for a reasonable period to enable the City to give the matter consideration.

H. R. Mallison,
Secretary-Treasurer.

The Secretary is directed to inform Mr. Mallison that this matter has already been dealt with by the City Council, of which due notice will be forwarded.

REFUND OF LIQUOR LICENSES.

The Board's report as to refund of liquor licenses having been referred back by the City Council with a recommendation that the refund be for three and one-half months instead of for two and one-half months, as erroneously recommended, the Board decides to correct the error, and report to Council accordingly.

MUNICIPAL DEBENTURE ACT.

City Council having referred back to this Board for further consideration its recommendation that an act be obtained making the Municipal Debenture Act non-applicable to the City of Halifax, the Board again considered the matter and decided to again forward the Act to the Council.

ABATTOIR.

Alderman R. B. Colwell, W. E. Barrett, Architect, and the Acting City Engineer appeared before the Board and discussed the plans of the proposed abattoir.

It is again decided to recommend to Council that legislation be applied for authorizing the City to borrow \$20,000.00 for the completion and equipment of the abattoir.

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LILAC STREET - MORRIS PROPERTY.

Council ✓

On motion of Controller Murphy, it is decided to recommend to Council that the Acting City Engineer's report of January 20th, 1917, be adopted, and that John Morris be permitted to repurchase from the City at the same rate as the City pays for it, the portion of land acquired from him on Lilac Street, which is not required by the City for street purposes.

CITY CLERK'S SALARY.

The City Clerk again asked the Board when they would deal with the matter of the \$100.00 claimed by him as due for salary as Clerk of the Liquor License Commission.

Deferred for a conference between the Board, the City Auditor and City Clerk.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. Bred Worroughan

CITY CLERK.

Resolution affecting public health, drafted by the City Collector, as follows:-

Public Health.

The City Health Board may make by-laws to prevent the overcrowding and unsanitary condition of tenement houses as defined in section 777, and may also make by-laws requiring the owner, agent or licensee of any such tenement house to make and submit to the Board a statement of the character, condition, contents of the building and particulars respecting such tenement house as the Board may require.

Section 777 is amended by adding thereto the following sub-section:-

In place of requiring any premises to be vacated under this section, the Board may in its discretion require such premises to be in an unsanitary condition and may so mark such premises because of the failure by any occupant thereof to make such unsanitary condition and to have the same brought to the satisfaction of the Board. Upon such declaration being made and served upon the owner, agent or licensee of the premises, he shall, if practicable, at once comply for the recovery of any such

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

March 13th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10.15 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Halliday, Harris and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Public Health Laws.
Liquor Inspector.
Public Schools Accounting.
Public Schools Finances.
Plumbing and Drainage #29 Gottingen Street - Mrs. J. Paton.
Tuberculosis Hospital.
#195-197 Lower Water Street - A. P. Calnen.
Walnut Street - William McFatriidge.
Controller McKeen.
George Street Widening at Cragg Bros.- E. P. Allison's Bill.
Plumbing Inspectors' Salaries.
Refund of Liquor License Fees.
City Clerk's Salary.
Water Emergency Fund.
Police Sergeant Young.
Rosebank Park Streets and Sidewalks.
Water Bill 204-8 Argyle Street.
Electric Wires.
Fire Alarm System for Public Schools.

PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS.

The Secretary of the City Health Board submits legislation affecting public health, drafted by the City Solicitor, as follows:-

Tenement Houses.

The City Health Board may make by-laws to prevent the overcrowding and unsanitary condition of tenement houses as defined in section 777, and may also make by-laws requiring the owner, agent or lessee of any such tenement house to make such statement or return respecting the character, occupation, rentals or other matters and particulars respecting such tenement houses as the Board deems fit.

Section 863 is amended by adding thereto the following sub-section:-

In place of ordering any premises to be vacated under this Section, the Board may in its discretion declare such premises to be in an unsanitary condition and that no rent shall thereafter become or be payable by any occupant thereof until such unsanitary condition has been remedied to the satisfaction of the Board. Upon such declaration being made and served upon the owner, agent or lessee of the premises, no action, distress, or other proceeding for the recovery of any rent

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accruing after such declaration shall be taken to be legal, nor shall any tenant be evicted or expelled for non-payment of any rent claimed for such period, and in addition to any remedies or defences at law possessed by any person, any such owner, agent or lessee attempting to put in force any warrant of distress or to evict any such occupant for non-payment of any rent accruing after such declaration, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month.

*Council ✓
Solicitor ✓*

City Medical Officer.

(1). Section 871 is amended by striking out the clause marked (a) and substituting the following:-

"He shall be a duly qualified medical practitioner and shall in addition hold the degree of Diplomate of Public Health from some recognized University.

*Council ✓
Solicitor ✓*

(2) The Council may resolve to increase the salary of the City Medical Officer beyond the amount specified for that purpose in the estimates for 1917-18 and in such event the City may borrow the amount required to pay such addition for 1917-18 from any Bank or fund available, and the amount so borrowed with interest shall be included in the estimates for the civic year 1918-19, and collected therewith.

Approved.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR.

Read application Reuben C. Purcell, 378 Kempt Road, for position of liquor inspector. Filed.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACCOUNTING.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners, as follows:-

Halifax, March 12th, 1917.

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

At a meeting of the Executive of the Board of School Commissioners, held this date, it was resolved-

*Cont. McKeen ✓
Auditor ✓*

"That an up-to-date system of accounting be installed in the School Board Offices, and that the Board of Control be asked to authorize the necessary expenditure."

S. J. Wilson,
Secretary.

Referred to Controller McKeen and the City Auditor for report.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS FINANCING.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners, as follows:-

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Halifax, March 12th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Executive of the Board of School Commissioners is in receipt (March 7th) of an extract from the Board of Control meeting, of draft legislation, and requests that whereas it has been found impossible in the past to accurately estimate for every service, the Board of School Commissioners requests that a fund be provided for unforeseen emergencies.

S. J. Wilson,
Secretary.

The Secretary is instructed to request the Chairman of the School Board and a Committee of that Board to appear before the Board of Control to discuss the application of the School Board.

PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE #29 GOTTINGEN STREET - MRS.

J. PATON.

Read letter Mrs. J. Paton re charges for plumbing and draining at her property, #29 Gottingen Street, under City Health Board regulations.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

A delegation representing the Anti Tuberculosis League appeared before the Board, including M. E. Keefe, C. C. Blackaddar, W. M. P. Webster, H. H. Marshall, Dr. A. H. MacKay, Mrs. Dr. Mader, Mrs. W. B. Freeman, Mrs. H. G. DeWolfe, Mrs. D. McKeen, Mrs. Dr. Blackaddar, Deputy Mayor H. S. Colwell and James C. Jones.

The Board is addressed by M. E. Keefe, C. C. Blackaddar, Mrs. Mader and James C. Jones.

The delegation urged upon the Board that the Flynn property, Quinpool Road, acquired by the City from the Dominion Government, be handed over for the use of the Tuberculosis Hospital, and that steps be taken to provide for the immediate construction of a permanent hospital building on that site. They also requested that the Board request the Cook Construction Co. to immediately

*H & E Piles ✓
Miss S. J. Wilson ✓*

Engineer ✓

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*Cool Construction
Co. Wheaton Bros.*

carry out their agreement to restore the building on the Flynn property, formerly occupied as a Tuberculosis Hospital, to the same condition it was in prior to its temporary abandonment as a hospital

The latter request is agreed to.

On the suggestion of Mr. Keefe, the Secretary is instructed to write to the Secretary of the Anti Tuberculosis League, requesting him to submit in writing the present needs of the League in connection with the establishment of a hospital, to submit sketches of the proposed hospital, with an estimate of its cost, and also suggestions as to amendments of existing legislation relating to Government and municipal contributions for the cost of maintenance of patients.

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195-197 LOWER WATER STREET - A. P. CALNEN.

Read letter A. P. Calnen as follows:-

Halifax, March 13th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

Having made application for a permit to erect a building on site of Nos. 195-197 L. Water Street, I have been informed by your Asst. Engineer that the City will require about 32 x 26 feet of said site. Kindly let me know your wish in this matter at an early date, and oblige

Engineer ✓

A. P. Calnen,
200 Atlantic Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

WALNUT STREET - WILLIAM McFATRIDGE.

Read letter William McFatridge re lot of land on Walnut Street, as follows:-

Halifax, March 13th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Dear Sirs:-

The Acting City Engineer's letter of the 8th inst. re Walnut Street land was duly received and noted. In reply would say that after receipt of same I asked him for a permit to enable me to go on and build on the land in question, which he refused to give. In my previous letter to you, I distinctly stated that if we could not agree on a price, I was perfectly willing to let it go to

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arbitration, but judging from the tone of the Engineer's reply, you will neither arbitrate or purchase. Being the owner of the land mentioned, and as your honorable body seems dilatory to deal with this matter, would state that unless I am granted the permit asked for within four days from above date, I will immediately take legal proceedings to enforce same.

W. McFatrige.

Referred to the City Engineer and City Solicitor for report.

CONTROLLER McKEEN.

Controller McKeen arrives and takes his seat at the Board.

GEORGE STREET WIDENING AT CRAGG BROS. - E. P.

ALLISON'S BILL.

Read joint report Acting City Engineer and City Solicitor, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
March 12th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

In accordance with the accompanying resolution of the Board of Control, we beg to report on the attached bill from Mr. Allison for legal services in connection with the Cragg property.

Assuming Mr. Allison's statement of the law that costs of conveyance and making the title to land compulsory taking are properly payable by the expropriator, to be correct, it appears clear that only a small part of Mr. Allison's charges can properly come under that head. A number of them relate to the encroachment lease rendered necessary by the fact that Messrs. Cragg's building encroached only over the official line, but also over the old street line. Charges also in respect to the description of the property conveyed are in our opinion not properly payable by the City.

In our opinion the only items that the City could possibly be fairly asked to pay, would be those connected with the deed from Craggs and the release of the mortgage. It is the impression of the City Solicitor that he drew the lease and that it was only re-drawn by Mr. Allison in consequence of some alteration required in connection with the encroachment.

This impression is confirmed by the charge for instructing the City Solicitor, giving particulars for preparing the lease. If so, that leaves only the charge for the deed, which was at any rate unnecessary because it is the usual practice in City expropriations for the City Solicitor to prepare the deeds as part of his duties and consequently without charge.

We would recommend that the account as presented

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be not paid, but referred back to Mr. Allison for further discussion if necessary on the lines of this report.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.
F. H. Bell
City Solicitor.

Approved.

PLUMBING INSPECTORS' SALARIES.

Read opinion City Solicitor re salaries of Plumbing Inspectors, as follows:-

Office of City Solicitor,
March 12th, 1917.

The City Clerk.
Sir:-

In reply to your enquiry in the above, the matter appears to be settled by Section 43 of the By-law of the Sanitary Condition of Buildings which provides that the Inspectors are to be paid "such salary" as the City Council determines.

F. H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

On motion of Controller Harris, it is decided to recommend to Council that the City Health Board be recommended to increase the salary of W. P. Morrissey, Plumbing Inspector, by the sum of \$100.00.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Murphy, that the City Council be recommended to request the City Health Board to increase the salary of Plumbing Inspector John E. Burns by the sum of \$50.00. Motion passed.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Murphy, that the salary of Plumbing Inspector John E. Burns, which is paid one-half by the City Health Board, and one-half from the Water Department, be increased by the sum of \$50.00 from the Water Department. Motion passed.

REFUND OF LIQUOR LICENSE FEES.

Read extract from minutes of meeting of the City Council March 12th, 1917, referring back to this Board its report re refund of liquor license fees.

The Board concurs in the recommendation of the

*74 Crofts
E. Allison ✓*

*Health Board ✓
W.P. Morrissey ✓
Auditor ✓
Club & works ✓
Engineer ✓
Council ✓*

*Health Board ✓
John E. Burns ✓
Auditor ✓
Club & works ✓
Engineer ✓
Council ✓*

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City Council that the former liquor license dealers be charged with only four months' instead of twelve months' proportion of remuneration of the Board of License Commissioners.

The Report of the Board and the resolution accompanied therewith are ordered to be amended accordingly, and forwarded to the City Council.

Controller Harris dissents from the recommendation of the Board.

CITY CLERK'S SALARY.

Consideration of the claim of the City Clerk for \$100.00 as clerk of the Board of License Commissioners under section 65 of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1910, is resumed.

The City Auditor being sent for, appeared before the Board, and stated that he has no further explanation to make than that contained in his report submitted at a meeting held January 16th, 1917. He claimed that for six years' work the City Clerk was paid \$100 per year, and that when the Liquor License Act was repealed, the Board of License Commissioners and its Secretary went out of office.

The City Clerk claimed that when making up the estimates, the sum of \$100.00 as Secretary of the Board of License Commissioners was included as part of his total salary, and that in seven years he had only received \$600.00 as Secretary of the License Board.

The Board further deferred consideration of the matter.

WATER EMERGENCY FUND.

Moved by Controller McKeen, that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft legislation providing that \$10,000 of the accumulations of the water emergency fund established by Section 12 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1915, may be invested in the Dominion of Canada \$150,000,000.00 War

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Loan 5% Bonds, maturing March 1st, 1937.

Controller Murphy requested that the matter be deferred for consideration with the Water Department estimates.

Controller McKeen's motion is put and passed.

POLICE SERGEANT YOUNG.

Controller Harris stated that the promotion of Policeman Robert Young to the sergeantship was irregular under the Police Department Rules, in that the appointment was made without a favorable recommendation from the Chief of Police.

Referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion.

ROSEBANK PARK STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.

Read letter Ralph P. Bell asking the City to take over the streets and sidewalks in Rosebank Park, and to pay him one-half the cost of laying the concrete sidewalks therein.

The letter is ordered to be typewritten in the minutes of the Board for the information of the Board and Council.

Halifax, March 10th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the streets at Rosebank, now that the City is about to lay sewers through this property I would think that it was time that the title of the streets was vested in the City, and I am prepared to turn them over if a satisfactory settlement can be arrived at in regard to the concrete sidewalks.

I think it is safe to say that there has never been any section of the City so well developed in such a short time, or laid out and safeguarded by Legislation so carefully as has been the case with this particular estate.

A couple of years ago this was a vacant field. Today it is a highly developed residential district with a total assessment valuation of close to \$150,000.

The streets that were built through this property were properly constructed, well graded and ditched, and are as good today as the day they were built, which is a great deal more than can be said of the average street

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Engineer ✓
Auditor ✓

Solicitor ✓

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that is built by a private property owner for transfer to the City - in most cases they are simply built so as to "get by" at the time. The streets in Rosebank are in constant use, and, at least, one of them has become a popular thoroughfare.

At the time that I started development work on this property, I took up with the Board of Control the matter of building permanent sidewalks and made a proposal to the City in connection with same. It was unfortunately reported against by the Engineer and turned down. About the same time Carrick's Limited made application for a concrete sidewalk development in Oxford Park, and their proposal was also refused.

The Board of Control at the time, however, stated that they felt that anyone who had faith enough in their property to go ahead and do substantial and permanent development work of this character could feel reasonably certain that the City would deal fairly and generously with them when it came time to take the streets over. The general opinion of the Board being that the reason for not taking up the scheme, as suggested, was because it might possibly be criticised on the grounds of assisting speculation. If, however, an owner constructed such improvements at his own expense and the property developed to the extent anticipated, so that it was a thoroughly proven proposition, and an acquisition to the City, it would be an entirely different matter, and I submit that that is the fact in the case of Rosebank today.

I believe the time has come when these streets should be taken over by the City, and that they should reimburse me for half the cost of the sidewalk work that has been done, viz.- 7,675 lineal feet.

These sidewalks have passed the test of two years of the severest winters that Halifax has experienced for years, and their condition is excellent. They show practically no sign of displacement or fracture, which, considering the conditions they are subject to with no sewage system to carry off the surface water is quite remarkable.

I would appreciate it if you would give this matter your immediate consideration, as in the event of legislation being required, I presume that it is necessary to have same attended to shortly.

Ralph P; Bell.

The letter is referred to Controller Murphy and the City Engineer for report.

WATER BILL 204-8 ARGYLE STREET - W. J. HOPGOOD.

Read reports Acting City Engineer, December 4th, 1916, and January 31st, 1917, re water meter bills 204-8 Argyle Street, W; J. Hopgood.

On motion of Controller Murphy, it is decided to reduce the account, \$27.85, against property 204 Argyle Street, to \$15.00.

Cont. Murphy ✓
Engineer ✓

Council ✓

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ELECTRIC WIRES.

Read report City Electrician, as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,
March 12th, 1917.

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

Following your instructions, I have investigated the report that someone had received a shock from a pole at the corner of Sackville and Barrington Streets. From what I can learn, the complaint referred to a pole farther north in front of the 15¢ Store.

This pole is the property of the Telephone Co., and has a distributing cable running up it. I have not been able to discover any current leaking at that point, and from what I know regarding grounding conditions on cable sheaths, would be very much surprised if an electric shock could be received at that pole.

Regarding the high tension line recently installed by the N.S. Tramways & Power Co., for the purpose of transmitting power to the Town of Dartmouth, I am informed that the present voltage is approximately 2400, but that it is the intention to impress 13000 volts on this line. I have gone over this construction, and have no hesitation in saying that it is a first class job, and I would judge entirely adequate for the voltage it is designed to carry. While the pressure proposed for this line is high compared with that used in Quebec, Ontario and the West the Province generally, it is low compared with that used in Quebec, Ontario and the West. Montreal for example, has one line running through about two miles of its streets carrying 60,000 volts, while Toronto is served by a 110,000 volt line.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

City Electrician
The City Electrician is requested to make a further report, giving more definite information as to the voltage at present transmitted on the line supplying the Town of Dartmouth with power.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Read report City Electrician as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,
March 12th, 1917.

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

Following your instructions, I beg to enclose correspondence received with reference to signalling systems for the public schools.

I regret that the information regarding school equipment in the U. S. is not more complete. It would be necessary to know for example, if, in the case of a regular auxiliary fire alarm system being used in a school, whether

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the school building was constantly occupied or not. I can understand why such a system would be selected for a residence school, or any institution that was occupied constantly, but the ordinary day school is entirely different.

The system specified for the City schools was not designed for fire alarm purposes, the object rather being to furnish a signalling system by which the schools could be promptly vacated in case of fire, and I believe such an object can be best attained under the existing circumstances, by the system I have recommended.

If additional protection is desired for the school buildings, I would recommend installing a regular fire alarm box in each school, as in the case of the City Home, and School for the Blind, apparently this is the system employed in most cases in Cities of the United States.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

The City Electrician is requested to submit a detailed report showing estimated cost of alarm system for each school, with recommendations as to the schools he considers should be furnished with fire alarm signal systems.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. J. McLaughlin

CITY CLERK.

*Electrician
School Board*

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

March 15th, 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.

Protestant Orphans' Home Sewerage.
Tuberculosis Hospital.
National Labor Bureau.
Foster Lot, Chebucto Road.
Abattoir Tenderers' Certified Cheques.
Provincial Exhibition.
Working People's Fares on Tramcars.
Curbs and Gutters.
City Clerk's Salary.
Purity of Water Supply - Expropriation of Property
Foot of Long Lake.
Jubilee Road and Chestnut Street Street Lines.
Daylight Saving Plebiscite.
Nova Scotia Car Works' Indebtedness.

PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME SEWERAGE.

J. Walter Allison, President, and G. L. Stairs, Secretary of the Board of Management of the Protestant Orphans' Home, appeared before the Board, asking that legislation be secured to exempt the Institution from the payment of a balance of \$508.80 due for sewerage rates. The sewer is on Veith Street, 30 feet above the level of the cellar of the Orphans' Home; the Home drains to Campbell Road. They had already paid to the City on account of this sewer instalments amounting to \$378.70, in addition to the charges for sewers in Campbell Road and on Young Street. Recently the Management of the Home had permitted the City to dump material on their property so that a fence could be erected without going to the expense of constructing a concrete retaining wall, which would have cost the City from \$1200 to \$1400.

Moved by Controller Halliday, seconded by Controller

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Harris that the City Solicitor prepare an act to exempt the Protestant Orphans' Home from the payment of \$508.80 referred to, until such time as the property is so used that the Veith Street sewer would be of service to it. Motion passed.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

A large delegation of citizens appeared before the Board in opposition to the selection of the Flynn property, Quinpool Road, as a site for a permanent Tuberculosis Hospital. Amongst those present were the following named :- J. A. MacDonald, K. C., T. J. Wallace, Chas. E. Johnson, J. T. Wilson, R. E. Brenton, J. W. Mont, W. W. Bobbitt, Robert Taylor, W. H. Piers, H. C. DeWolfe, R. P. Bell, Aubrey Grant, A. Moulton, Alex. McDonald, J. W. Regan, W. P. Morrissey, George Dence, John Bower, Mrs. A. D. Faulkner, Mrs. Robert O'Mullin, Miss L. McDonald, Mrs. J. A. McDonald, Miss Egan, Mrs. A. D. McDonald, Mrs. D. Chisholm, Miss S. McDonald.

C. C. Blackaddar, representing the Anti Tuberculosis League, was also in attendance.

James McDonald, on behalf of the delegation, contended that the Act of 1915, setting apart a residential district at the North West Arm, does not permit of the establishment of a hospital in the locality. The property owners whom he represented are strongly in favor of the establishment of a hospital, but are opposed to the selection of the Flynn property as its site. They oppose it for the preservation of the safety of their lives and those of their children, and also to prevent deterioration of the value of their properties. Three of the property owners in the neighborhood are willing to subscribe \$1000 amongst them towards the cost of a hospital, on condition that it is not installed on the Flynn property.

John W. Regan strongly urged that a better site could

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be found on the slopes of Geizer's Hill, where a large piece of ground could be acquired cheaply, in a more favorable locality for tubercular patients. If the street railway tracks were continued around Dutch Village, there would be no objection to Geizer's Hill as a site for a hospital on the ground of distance from the City. He suggested a conference between the Anti Tuberculosis League and the representatives of the property owners at the Arm.

Mrs. A. D. Faulkner opposed the site at the Flynn property.

Read letter S. R. Cossey in opposition to the Flynn site.

The Board is also addressed in opposition to the site by J. T. Wilson, R. P. Bell, Rev. Harold T. Roe and A. D. McDonald.

The City Solicitor is requested to submit an opinion in writing as to the point raised by Mr. McDonald.

His Worship the Mayor is requested to call a conference between the representatives of the League and the property owners.

NATIONAL LABOR BUREAU.

Miss E. S. Wileman appeared before the Board, soliciting the interests of the City in a memorial to be presented to the Governor General, urging establishment of a free public national labor bureau by the Dominion of Canada as a permanent institution.

Miss Wileman is requested to submit to the Board any literature she has bearing on the problem.

FOSTER LOT, CHEBUCTO ROAD.

Read opinion City Solicitor re Foster lot, Chebucto Road, as follows:-

Halifax, March 14th, 1917.

Secretary Board of Control.

Sir:-

In February, 1916, Mr. Foster applied for a

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permit to build upon the triangular piece of land situate at the intersection of North Street, Chebucto Road and Oxford Street. Upon submitting his plan it appeared that the proposed buildings extended over the official lines of the streets, and that a permit as applied for could consequently not be granted. Negotiations were then begun for the acquisition by the City of the entire lot, and valuers were appointed, Mr. Foster appointing one, to arrive if possible at a price. The parties not being able to agree upon a price, Mr. Foster has now renewed his application for a permit, reducing the building to the space left after taking off the land beyond the official lines, and has asked the City to compensate him for the ground taken by the official lines.

There is no obligation on the City to comply with this request, unless it sees fit. The effect of sections 599 and 600 of the City Charter is simply to prevent building beyond the official lines. It gives the City no title to the land, nor does it prevent the owner making any use of it, except building upon it. In other words, the official street line practically operates as a building line. If the City sees fit to acquire the land for street widening, it must obtain the land either by purchase or expropriation, if a purchase price cannot be agreed upon. It can negotiate for the purchase, and is not bound to go on to expropriation if a suitable price cannot be agreed upon. If it does not see fit to acquire the land for widening the streets, the owner may make any use of it, such, for instance, as a lawn, that he sees fit. It is entirely a question for the Board of Control and Council as to whether or not they will acquire Mr. Foster's land or whether or not they will negotiate with him to see whether it can be acquired at a price which they deem reasonable.

F. H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

R. T. MacIlreith appeared before the Board on Mr. Foster's behalf, and asked that Mr. Foster be compensated for the land taken by the City.

The Board informed Mr. MacIlreith that a decision will be made at its meeting on Tuesday.

ABATTOIR TENDERERS' CERTIFIED CHEQUES.

The City Treasurer, by letter, informed the Board that several of the tenderers for the abattoir had called upon him for return of the cheques deposited with their tenders for public abattoir.

The Treasurer is instructed to return the cheques to all but the lowest tenderer.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

The attention of the Board is called to the fact

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that a Bill introduced at the present session of the Legislature relating to the Provincial Exhibition, provides for approval of certain actions of the Exhibition Commission by the Board of Control instead of by the City Council.

The City Solicitor is instructed to request the Legislature to amend the Bill by substituting "the City Council" for "Board of Control".

The City Solicitor submits the following resolution:-

RESOLVED that in the opinion of the Board of Control The Bill respecting the Provincial Exhibition Commission now before the House, should be amended by substituting the City Council for the Board of Control as the body empowered to act for the City and to give any consent required on behalf of the City.

The resolution is approved, and copies ordered to be forwarded to the members representing Halifax County, and to the Hon. E. H. Armstrong.

WORKING PEOPLE'S FARES ON TRAMCARS.

Read letter Nova Scotia Tramways Company, as follows:-

Halifax, March 13th, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 8th inst., transmitting copy of certain resolutions passed by the City Council on the 8th day of March inst., relative to working people's fares on tramcars.

This resolution takes the form of a petition to this Company to immediately put into effect a certain section of the Act incorporating this Company, which provides that within a certain period, the Company will issue tickets for workmen under certain terms and conditions to be stipulated by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities. I have pleasure in advising you that prior to the date of the above mentioned resolution, this Company had made a formal application to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for a hearing to fix the terms and conditions under which these tickets should be issued. The Board of Commissioners ordered that a hearing on the subject should be held on the 20th inst., and due notice of their ruling in the matter was advertised in the public press, and apparently the advertisement has escaped the notice of your Council.

H. R. Mallison,
Secretary-Treasurer.

The letter is filed, and the City Solicitor instructed to appear before the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities on Tuesday, 20th inst., when the hearing on

Solicitor ✓
Hon S E Faulkner ✓
RE Fin ✓
H E Board ✓
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J J Connolly ✓
Hon E H Armstrong ✓
Hon A W Keeler ✓
Hon R S Beazley ✓
Council ✓

Solicitor ✓

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above matter is heard.

CURBS AND GUTTERS.

The City Solicitor is instructed to draft an Act enabling the City to construct curbs and gutters on streets where no permanent sidewalk is laid, and to borrow the sum of \$25,000.00 for the purpose, the Act to provide that no such curbs and gutters be laid unless on the recommendation of the City Engineer.

CITY CLERK'S SALARY.

The City Solicitor is instructed to add to the Borrowing Bill the sum of \$100.00 to pay amount due to the City Clerk as salary. Controller McKeen dissents.

PURITY OF WATER SUPPLY - EXPROPRIATION OF PROPERTY

FOOT OF LONG LAKE.

Read report City Clerk, informing the Board that he had paid into Court the sum of \$600.00, the additional award of arbitrators in the matter of expropriation of property from James LeMarchant near the foot of Long Lake.

Referred to City Council for its information.

JUBILEE ROAD AND CHESTNUT STREET STREET LINES.

Read letter William Davies, asking that the City determine as to acquisition of property from him at the south-west corner of Chestnut Street and Jubilee Road.

Referred to the City Engineer for further report.

DAYLIGHT SAVING PLEBISCITE.

The City Solicitor reads draft Act prepared by him for the holding of a plebiscite as to the Daylight Saving Scheme on the day of the regular civic elections.

The Solicitor is requested to provide that instead of being held with the civic elections, the plebiscite shall be taken at a time to be set by His Worship the Mayor.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS.

The City Solicitor is requested to report in writing

Solicitor ✓
Engineer ✓
Auditor ✓
Council ✓

Council ✓
Solicitor ✓

Council ✓

Engineer ✓

Solicitor ✓

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*Solicitor
w/ H. Covert*

on the letter from W. H. Covert submitted March 6th, 1917,
asking that the City fix its valuation of the Nova Scotia
Car Works.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, CITY HALL,
HALIFAX, N.S.,
MARCH 15th, 1917.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. Fred Monaghan

CITY CLERK.

The Board of Control met this morning at 11 o'clock,
Mayor and Controller Halliday,
and Messrs. ...
Junk Dealer's License - J. M. Walsh.
Campbell Road Drainage, Flynn property.
Public House License.
Garage and Gutter.
Spiral and Insulation Bonds.
Building late.
Debt landing at City Hall.
Appointment of Police Sergeant.
Charncliffe Hospital.
Postal Box, Castle Road.
City Market Cartage.
National Labor Bureau.
Restor Street Water Extension.
Morris Street Drain, Sydney Locks.
Deal Valuation Report for January.
Ladies School, Alameda Street.
St. Patrick's Boys' School - Appropriation of Public
Property.
Woods for House Rollers.
Washed Chain Lakes - Highway Property.
Purchase of Canadian War Loan Bonds.
Garage and Gutter.
Young Street School Property Building Lines.
Brunswick Street Highway.
Sage Hill Murray Estate, Murray Place.
Church Street, 186 North Street.
Miss George J. Hinchey.
Walnut Street - William H. Hinchey Property.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE - R. M. WALSH

read application made by ...
Morris Street, for a ...
license.

referred to Controller Morris for report.

CAMPBELL ROAD DRAINAGE, FLYNN PROPERTY.

read report City Health Board, as follows:

Halifax, March 15th, 1917.

The Mayor and Members Board of Control,
City Hall.

I have been instructed by the City Health Board to
submit a copy of the following report signed by me of
the Inspector.

Complaints are coming in about the Flynn property

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

March 20th, 1917.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Junk Dealer's License - R.M. Walsh.
Campbell Road Drainage, Flynn property.
Public Schools Finances.
Curbs and Gutters.
Serial and Instalment Bonds.
Building Laws.
Boat Landing at City Wharf.
Appointment of Police Sergeants.
Tuberculosis Hospital.
Foster Lot, Chebucto Road.
City Market Caretaker.
National Labor Bureau.
Rector Street Water Extension.
Morris Street Drain, Sydney Locke.
Coal Weighers' Report for February.
Acadian School, Albemarle Street.
St. Patrick's Boys' School - Expropriation of Hible's Property.
Wheels for Steam Rollers.
Watershed Chain Lakes - McAloney Property.
Purchase of Canadian War Loan Bonds.
Underkeeper City Prison.
Young Street School Property Building Lines.
Brunswick Street Sidewalk.
Water Bill Murray Estate, Murray Place.
" " Charles Kirby, 186 North Street.
" Bills George J. Hiseler.
Walnut Street - William McFatrige Property.

JUNK DEALER'S LICENSE - R. M. WALSH.

Read application Walsh & Co., per R. M. Walsh, 151 Morris Street, for a wholesale and retail junk dealer's license.

Referred to Controller Harris for report.

CAMPBELL ROAD DRAINAGE, FLYNN PROPERTY.

Read report City Health Board, as follows:-

Halifax, March 20th, 1917.

The Mayor and Members Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

I have been instructed by the City Health Board to submit a copy of the following report signed by one of our Inspectors:-

"Complaints are coming in about the Flynn property

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on Campbell Road. I understand that the City was to continue the sewer from Mr. Flynn's property to Roome Street and the Flynn property would be connected therewith. This is the only way to have this property darined, as it is built on the side of a hill. This property extends from Ross Street 0 to Kenny Street".

Until this sewer extension is made it is impossible to improve conditions on the Flynn property as they should be and the Health Board is in favor of the extension being made.

J. A. Watters,
Secretary.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS FINANCES.

H. E. Pyke, Chairman, Alderman H. S. Colwell, and H. S. Crosby, of the Board of School Commissioners, appeared before the Board and discussed the Act relating to School Board finances, proposed by the Board of Control to be submitted to the Legislature. The delegation requested that provision be made in the legislation for a contingent or emergency fund for the year 1917-18 and for subsequent years, or that the proposed Act do not come into effect until the financial year 1918-19.

It is decided to recommend the Act to the Council for approval with the amendment that it shall not become effective until the financial year 1918-19, in order to give the School Board an opportunity in the meantime to include in its estimates for 1918-19 sufficient funds in each item of expenditure so that the surplus saved from any one service may not be applied to a deficit in any other service.

CURBS AND GUTTERS.

The City Solicitor informed the Board that he is in course of the preparation of an Act to provide for the laying of curbs and gutters in streets upon which no permanent sidewalks had been laid, and to borrow a sum not to exceed \$25,000.00 for the purpose.

SERIAL AND INSTALMENT BONDS.

The City Solicitor informed the Board that he is drafting an Act giving the City Council power, if it

Engineer ✓
City Health Board ✓

Council ✓

Council ✓

Council ✓

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deems fit, to issue serial and instalment bonds.

BUILDING LAWS.

Robert Daw appeared before the Board, asking that an Act be secured permitting the use of ashes in concrete work for wooden buildings.

Mr. Daw is informed that the City proposes to seek legislative authority to pass ordinances, and to repeal, alter or amend the same, respecting buildings and their construction, and if that Act passes, the City will be able to consider and deal with his application.

The City Solicitor is instructed to prepare and submit to the Legislature an Act similar to the Act approved by the Council March 23rd, 1915, which Act was not adopted by the Legislature, providing that the City Council may from time to time, by Ordinance, repeal alter or amend any of the provisions contained in sections 777 and 843 of the City Charter, being the sections relating to buildings and their construction.

BOAT LANDING AT CITY WHARF.

Read application A. J. Davis for permission to use the City Wharf as a landing for passengers for a short period.

Referred to Controller Harris and the City Engineer for report.

APPOINTMENT OF POLICE SERGEANTS.

Read opinion City Solicitor as follows:-

Halifax, March 16th, 1917.

The Secretary Board of Control.
Dear Sir:-

The general power of appointment of sergeants, as well as other members of the Police Force, is vested in the Board of Control, by Section 256.

The power conferred, to make by-laws and regulations, by Section 287, does not, in my opinion, control the power to make appointments, if the Board of Control sees fit not to act upon the regulation dealing with that matter.

F. H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

Council ✓

Cont. Harris ✓
City Engineer ✓

March 20th, 1917.

Filed.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

Controller Harris informed the Board that Alderman Hines desired him to report to the Board that residents and property owners on Geizer's Hill are opposed to the establishment of a tuberculosis hospital in that neighborhood.

Read offer John E. Hartlen, c/o 82 Gottingen Street, offering to sell a property of 360 acres, two miles outside the City limits, as a site for proposed tuberculosis Hospital.

Referred to the Anti Tuberculosis League.

Read opinion City Solicitor as follows:-

Halifax, March 16th, 1917.

Secretary Board of Control.

Dear Sir:-

It is clear that under the provisions of Section 18 of Chapter 46, 1915, no building other than a private residence can be erected or used within the residential district, except as specified in that section.

A tuberculosis hospital does not come within any of the exceptions, unless in respect to any building which was used for that purpose on the 23rd of April, 1914. If the building in question was used for that purpose at that date, such use can be continued, but not to any greater extent than on that date.

F. H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

Filed.

FOSTER LOT, CHEBUCTO ROAD.

Consideration of the opinion of the City Solicitor submitted at meeting March 15th, re the Foster Lot, Chebucto Road, Oxford Street and North Street, is resumed.

The City Engineer is instructed to offer Mr. Foster the sum of \$420.00 for the strip of land lying between the lines of the Official City Plan and the existing street line of his property, that sum being at the rate per foot for which Mr. Foster's land is assessed, viz.- \$1,000.

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CITY MARKET CARETAKER.

Read application John E. Burns, 107 Queen Street,
for position of caretaker of the City Market Building.
Filed.

Filed.

NATIONAL LABOR BUREAU.

Miss E. St. John Wileman submits before the Board
copy of a petition to the Governor General of Canada, pray-
ing for the establishment by the Dominion Government of a
National Labor Bureau, together with a list of public
bodies which have endorsed the memorial.

Council ✓

It is decided to recommend to Council that the City
of Halifax express its sympathy with the movement, and
endorse the petition.

RECTOR STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read petition for water extension Rector Street, be-
tween Acadia Street and North Albert Street.

Engineer ✓

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

MORRIS STREET DRAIN - SYDNEY LOCKE.

Read report Acting City Engineer on complaint of
Sydney Locke that the drain pipe had been broken by the
Tramway Company whilst digging a gas trench, stating that
the drain at present is in better condition than when the
excavation for the gas pipes was started.

Sydney Locke ✓

Filed, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Locke.

COAL WEIGHERS' REPORT FOR FEBRUARY.

Read report Coal Weighers for the month of February,
showing each man to have received \$71.37. Filed.

Council

ACADIAN SCHOOL BUILDING, ALBEMARLE STREET.

Read order Lieutenant Governor in Council, directing
the City to issue debentures or stock to raise the sum of
\$2,368.67 for the payment of account of S. A. Marshall &
Son, for extras on contract for the construction of the
Acadian School building, Albemarle Street.

Council ✓

Referred to City Council for its information, with
the recommendation that the City Treasurer be authorized

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to issue stock or debentures sufficient to raise the sum named, and to be applied for the purpose named.

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

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report that the arbitrators appointed on behalf of the City of Halifax and the Hills Estate to appraise the value of the land expropriated on Maitland Street from the Hills Estate for the purpose of St. Patrick's School, have filed their award with me on the 16th day of March, 1917, copy of which is attached.

They agree on an award of \$2000. This, in my judgment, is reasonable, as the properties on either side were sold for \$2400 and \$2000 respectively, the former being nine feet wider with a 2½ storey building, and the latter being five feet narrower with the same size building as is on the Hills property.

The amount paid into court was \$1500. I would recommend that the City Clerk be instructed to pay into Court the additional \$500.00.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved and recommended to the City Council.

WHEELS FOR STEAM ROLLERS.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I have been in communication with the agents of the manufacturer of our steam rollers for some time with reference to obtaining a new set of wheels, as the wheels on the rollers are in bad condition and liable to give out at any time. I have received a letter from them stating that the cost of the wheels, including Canadian duty and War Tax, is \$450.00, and the City to pay the freight from the factory in England to Halifax. The manufacturers demand net cash with the order.

Owing to the conditions obtaining, I would be glad to postpone the purchase of these wheels, but owing to condition of our rollers I think it is absolutely necessary that we should have these wheels to carry on our season's work, and would recommend that the City purchase the same.

H. W. Johnston
Acting City Engineer.

Approved, and recommended to City Council.

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WATERSHED CHAIN LAKES - McALONEY PROPERTY.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
March 16th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I have an offer from John McAloney to sell the City some property owned by him in the vicinity of Bayer Lake on the Chain Lakes watershed.

Mr. McAloney owns about 220 acres in this vicinity, 100 of which are on the watershed of the lakes. Some years ago, Mr. McAloney told the City Engineer that he would give the City first refusal when selling this property. He informs me that he has had an offer of \$450.00 for the whole property and he is quite willing to sell to the City for this price, but he is unwilling to divide the property up and sell it in portions.

The price seems to me to be fair, and if the property passed into other hands I do not think the City could acquire it at the same cost. I would recommend that the offer be accepted. The land not required could be held for the time being, and eventually may turn out to have some value which would reduce the price paid for the whole property.

H. W. Johnston.
Acting City Engineer.

Approved and recommended to the City Council for adoption.

PURCHASE OF CANADIAN WAR LOAN BONDS.

Read report Controller McKeen, as follows:-

Halifax, March 20th, 1917

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

I beg to report that there is to the credit of the Water Maintenance Account this day, \$23,500.00.

I submit for your approval that \$16,000 be invested in the Dominion War Loan and be held by the City Treasurer as collateral for that account. These securities have been listed on the various exchanges and have been saleable hitherto at a premium when money was required. My reason for so doing is that we should assist Canada as far as we are able "to bear her part" in this war, as nearly as possible out of her own resources.

I feel sure of your co-operation, as every dollar placed in these loans helps to win the war.

John McKeen,
Controller.

March 20th, 1917.

Approved.

The following resolution is submitted:-

RESOLVED that the City Treasurer be herewith authorized to purchase Bonds of the Dominion War Loan at issue price 96, bearing interest at 5% and maturing March 1st, 1937, in the sum of \$10,500 for the Water Emergency Fund, to be held for the credit of that account, and \$16,000 for the Water Maintenance, to be held for the credit of that account.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Harris and passed, and recommended to the City Council.

UNDERKEEPER CITY PRISON.

Read report Controller Harris, as follows:-

Halifax, March 20th, 1917.

The Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

I recommend the appointment of George Grant, Jr., as a temporary underkeeper at the City Prison. We have only had two underkeepers since the other two enlisted for overseas, and find that it is impossible to carry out the work without our complement of keepers.

George F. Harris,
Controller.

Approved.

YOUNG STREET SCHOOL PROPERTY BUILDING LINES.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

At the request of Controller Harris asking that a building line be established on the young Street School property, which is being sold in building lots by the City, I beg to report that Mr. Flavin and Mr. Harris, the only two purchasers whose deeds have been drawn, agree to this condition. I have not yet drawn the deeds of the other two properties sold. The property adjoining the School property on the east side is occupied by the Kaye Street Church, which sets back from the streets.

I think that the proposal to establish the building line on the property will improve it from a residential point of view, and I would recommend that the remainder of the lots be sold subject to this building line, and that the solicitor be instructed to incorporate this in all the deeds.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved, and recommended to City Council for adoption.

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BRUNSWICK STREET SIDEWALK.

Read petition for a concrete sidewalk on the west side of Brunswick Street from Uniacke Street to Gerrish Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

WATER BILL MURRAY ESTATE - MURRAY PLACE.

On motion of Controller Murphy, it is decided to recommend to Council that water meter bills against the Murray Estate, Murray Place, respectively \$129.78 and \$131.75, be each reduced to the sum of \$15.00, and that the representatives of the Estate be given the usual caution as to waste.

WALNUT STREET - WILLIAM McFATRIDGE PROPERTY.

Read report Acting City Engineer re William McFatridge lot, Walnut Street, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that I have consulted with the City Solicitor as to the legal liability of the City, and he instructs me that there is nothing in the charter to compel the City to take over Mr. McFatridge's lot immediately, but that whenever the City decided to do so it would, of course, have to pay for it.

I have always considered that the cases are different when the City, in laying down the street lines on the Official Plan, takes a whole lot, and when it only takes a strip from the front. In the former case it works a hardship when a man is unable to utilize his lot for building and has to pay taxes upon the same. In the latter, in my opinion, the street line acts only as a building line and in the majority of cases works very little injury to the owner, as he can use the rest of his land for building and the strip required for a lawn or garden in front of his house.

This morning I had another interview with Mr. McFatridge, and he offers, without prejudice, in order to settle the matter, to sell the lot to the City for \$875. This is a little more than 20¢ per square foot.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to His Worship the Mayor and the City Engineer for further conference with Mr. McFatridge and report.

Engineer ✓

Council ✓

Mayor ✓
Engineer ✓

March 20th, 1917.

WATER BILL ESTATE CHARLES KIRBY, 186 NORTH STREET.

On motion of Controller Murphy, it is decided to recommend to Council that the water bill against estate of Charles Kirby, 186 North Street, be reduced from \$6.30 to \$3.00.

Council ✓

WATER BILLS GEORGE J. HISELER.

At a meeting of the Board held January 16th, 1917, (see Board of Control minutes p. 614), it was decided to recommend to Council that a reduction of 20% be allowed on certain water meter bills charged against George J. Hiseler. The recommendation was not at that time submitted to the City Council because of other water bills still pending for settlement.

Council ✓

On motion of Controller Murphy, it is decided to forward to the City Council the recommendation passed January 16th, 1917.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. J. McLaughlin

CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

March 22nd, 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.

Campbell Road Sidewalk at Nos. 51, 53, 55.
Boat House in Residential District.
W. E. Messervey - Superannuation Assessments.
Jubilee Road and Chestnut Street Street Lines - William Davies.
Water Bills Estate W. MacLeod, 51 Russell Street, Jas. M. Donovan, Agent.
Water Bill C. A. Norton, 89 Upper Water Street.
Annandale Street Sidewalk.
Boys Setting Fire to Grass.
Changing Civic Year.
Ocean Terminals Bridges.
War - Railway Siding Kempt Road and Longard Road.
National Labor Bureau.
Argyle Street #145 - Lease of Encroachment to A. Webber.
Ashes in Concrete for Buildings.
War - Planting of Vacant Lots.
Assistant City Clerk's Salary.
Provincial Exhibition.
Foster Lot, Chebucto Road.

CAMPBELL ROAD SIDEWALK AT NOS. 51, 53, 55.

Read complaint Mrs. Mary J. Case, Victoria Road, Dartmouth, re condition of sidewalk at Nos. 51, 53, 55 Campbell Road.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

BOAT HOUSE IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
March 22nd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to submit herewith an application from Louis Dixon for permission to erect a boat house immediately north of the Independent Boat House on the west side of Quinpool Road at the North West Arm.

The size of the building is 50 X 32, one storey in height. /The proposed building will be in the residential district.

I have had the applicant advertise that application had been made and a notice was published in the Recorder and Echo on March 15, 16 and 17, notifying the public that application had been made, and requesting any

*Mrs. Mary J. Case ✓
Engineer ✓*

March 22nd, 1917.

persons objecting to the erection, to notify the Building Inspector of said objections. We have had no such objections lodged in the office.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Consideration of the report is deferred until Tuesday's meeting.

W. E. MESSERVEY - SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENTS.

Read application W. E. Messervey, Ex-Liquor Inspector, for refund of assessments paid by him into the Officials' Superannuation Fund.

Referred to Controller McKeen for report.

JUBILEE ROAD AND CHESTNUT STREET STREET LINES -

WILLIAM DAVIES.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
March 21st, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering letter from William Davies, accepting an offer from the City for a piece of land on Jubilee Road and Chestnut Street required for the straightening of these streets.

I find no record of any offer being made to Mr. Davies. On November 13th, 1916, Mr. Davies wrote the Board, stating that according to the City Plan, ten feet was taken off his frontage on Jubilee Road and 21 feet on Chestnut Street. I made a report on this matter, copy of which is attached.

Mr. Davies' lots have a frontage of 113 feet on Jubilee Road and 100 feet on Chestnut Street. The proposed improvement leaves a frontage of 93 feet on Jubilee Road and a depth of 90 feet. The area of the land required is about 3020 square feet. The Assessor informs me that 15¢ per square foot would, in his judgment, be a fair valuation. This would amount to \$453.00.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The City Engineer is requested to further report as to whether Mr. Davies owned the property prior to the lines of the Official City Plan having been plotted through it.

WATER BILLS ESTATE W. MacLEOD, 51 RUSSELL STREET,

JAMES M. DONOVAN, AGENT.

Read water meter bills Estate W. MacLeod, 51 Russell

B/C ✓

Cont. McKeen ✓

Engineer ✓

March 22nd, 1917.

Street, James M. Donovan, Agent, claimed to be excessive.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

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

Read report Acting City Engineer re water meter bill C. A. Norton, 89 Upper Water Street, recommending against any reduction.

Referred to Controller Murphy for report.

ANNANDALE STREET SIDEWALK.

Read petition for a concrete sidewalk on the north side of Annandale Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

BOYS SETTING FIRE TO GRASS.

Read letter County Clerk, covering letter from C. F. Longley, re boys setting fire to grass.

Referred to Controller Harris and the Chief of Police.

CHANGING CIVIC YEAR.

Read report Acting City Engineer re changing civic year.

On motion of Controller Murphy, the City Solicitor is requested to prepare and submit to the Board for discussion, a draft of an Act to change the civic year, which now runs from May 1st to April 30th, to agree with the calendar year, in order that said act may be ready in case it is finally decided to make the change.

OCEAN TERMINALS BRIDGES.

Young Avenue Bridge.

Read reports and correspondence, covering plans of proposed Young Avenue Bridge, as follows:-

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

Messrs. Ross & McDonald,
Architects,
Beaver Hall Hill,
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Sirs:-

A Committee of the Civic Improvement League have taken up with the Halifax Board of Control the architectural features of the bridges across the railway cutting. The plans of the bridges have been agreed upon with the

Engineer ✓

Cont. Murphy ✓

Engineer ✓

Cont. Harris ✓
Chief of Police ✓
C. F. Longley ✓
P. R. Archibald ✓

City Solicitor ✓
P. C. ✓

March 22nd, 1917.

exception of Young Avenue, and the railway authorities have made of a plan of a proposed Young Avenue bridge (which I have asked them to send you) which our committee thinks might be improved on. Both the City and the railway authorities have agreed to submit the plan to you for your professional opinion.

There is a difference of opinion between the City and the railway authorities regarding the width. The City Engineer considers that the sidewalks should be the full width of the Avenue, whereas the railway authorities think if the width of the sidewalk were narrowed, it would make a better looking structure. I understand the City Engineer thinks that if the sidewalk were narrowed, it would not be broad enough to accommodate the foot traffic. Would you please give us your professional opinion on this point, and whether the wide or narrow bridge would make the best looking structure from an architectural stand point? I may say the railway has agreed to build the bridge the full width, if the City so desires, and the question of cost is not to be considered in connection with the matter.

There are one or two other details which we would like your opinion upon. At neither end of the proposed bridge is the parapet of equal length, and while this may be due to some configuration of the ground, and also to the fact that the tracks are not at right angles with the street, we think the bridge would be more symmetrical looking if the ends of the parapets were opposite each other. You will notice also that at the north-east corner of the bridge the parapet is square, while in the other it is round. This is due to the fact that Clarence Street cuts in. We do not know whether this can be obviated, but it is going to give the bridge an awkward appearance approaching it from the City. We are assuming that there will be ornamental standards on the bridge for lighting purposes. These should show on the drawing.

If you can suggest any other improvements in the architectural features of the bridge, we would like you to do so, because the Government promised the citizens that everything possible would be done to prevent the terminal scheme from spoiling the residential district of the south end of the City, and the bridges will be an important feature of the landscape.

G. S. Campbell,
Chairman.

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Toronto, February 7th, 1917.

Mr. G. S. Campbell,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

In connection with yours of the 30th ult., on the subject of the architectural features of this Bridge, we wish to reply definitely covering the points raised and upon which you desire an opinion. We therefore paragraph our opinion as follows:-

1. Design:

In general outline the bridge is very satisfactory in the mass, the outlines and scale of the parts being in good proportion and balance. The same study and care in detailing profiles of moulded work and in the choice of right materials and surface finish should result in a most

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satisfactory structure, and one that will be an attractive feature in this development.

2. Approaches:

By the Engineer's plan as submitted and also the preliminary perspective sketches which we have prepared and have designated Schemes "A", "B" and "C" respectively, the Bridge on the Clarence Street side of the railway cutting is affected by that street connection, resulting in a parapet and a retaining wall at right angles to the bridge for the support of Clarence Street, and on the other side of the bridge a curved parapet wall which is of different form on that side. Unless Clarence Street can be eliminated, this end cannot be made symmetrical. At the other end of the bridge the curved parapet walls are similar in treatment, but are different in length. This we do not consider an objection, but they could be made the same if desired and the bridge on that side would then be quite symmetrical.

3. Width of Bridge:

The question of width resolves itself into utility and appearance. As regards utility, we are of the opinion that it is best to frankly recognize the existence of the bridge and to make it of a width sufficient only to meet the requirements of traffic over it. As designed, the roadway the roadway is the same width continuously, but the space between the curb and the bridge balustrades differs, owing to the elimination of the boulevard strips. It is designed, however, so that the sidewalks can be carried across, of the same width as the present City sidewalks approaching it, and we do not believe that at any time will there be such a crowded condition as to justify the increased width at this time. From the standpoint of appearance, we also believe that it will be much more attractive as a feature, than if the bridge were carried the full width between property lines with sidewalks altogether too wide for public requirements.

Ross & MacDonald.

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Halifax, 26th February, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor,
Halifax.

Dear Mayor Martin:-

I enclose copy of my letter to Messrs. Ross & MacDonald, Montreal, in connection with the Young Avenue Bridge, and their reply. I also enclose 3 perspective sketches of the bridge for your inspection.

You will notice in connection with the width of the bridge that Messrs. Ross & MacDonald consider the narrower bridge preferable both from the standpoint of appearance and utility. The City Improvement League agrees with this opinion, and we think the City Authorities should consider very carefully before running counter to the opinion of such well known experts as Messrs. Ross & MacDonald.

I would have attended your meeting tomorrow to present these letters, but have to go out of town. After my return at the end of the week, the Committee would be glad to have a conference with you and the Board of Control, if you so desire.

G. S. Campbell.

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City Engineer's Office,
March 16th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached correspondence between Mr. G. S. Campbell, representing the Civic Improvement League, and Messrs. Ross & MacDonald, Architects, Montreal.

Before taking up the letter from the architects, I wish, for the purpose of record, to draw attention to an inaccuracy in Mr. Campbell's letter to them. He states that the plans of the bridges have been agreed to with the exception of Young Avenue. As a matter of fact, plans of all the bridges submitted were agreed to with certain amendments, excepting those at South Street and Coburg Road. I wish also to state that Mr. McGregor, the Superintending Engineer, agreed with Mr. Doane as to the width of the bridges before any work was done on their design, and from the original minutes of the conference, at which I was present, young Avenue Bridge was agreed upon to be 80 feet wide. When the plans of the bridges were submitted, it was found that this had been reduced to 60 feet, and the argument for this at that time used by the Railway Engineer was solely one of expense.

The Architects, in their report, agree that the general design of the bridge is satisfactory. Owing to the location of Clarence Street at the south side of the Bridge, the parapets on that side cannot be made symmetrical. At the north end of the bridge they may be made symmetrical if desired, although the architects do not consider the existing design objectionable. With regard to the width of the bridge, Messrs. Ross & MacDonald state that this resolves itself into a question of utility and appearance. As regards utility, they state that they do not believe there would be such a crowded condition as to justify an increased width at "this" time. In reply, the insistence of the City that the full width of the street is necessary was not with the view altogether of the traffic at "this" time, although it is thought that even now it will be necessary, but in view of the fact that we have faith that Halifax is not standing still and that the development in the immediate future will require more accommodation for the traffic which we feel sure is bound to come, than the present street of moderate width can accommodate. I would also suggest that your engineers, who have been familiar with conditions obtaining in the City for a long term of years, and the fact that the City Engineer has been living on Young Avenue since the first houses were built, are probably better acquainted with the present and anticipated conditions of traffic than the firm whose opinion has been given. The expression used by the Architects - "altogether too wide for public requirements" - is answered above.

As regards the attractiveness of the narrow bridge, this is, of course, to a large extent a matter of taste entirely, and there is room for an honest difference of opinion. While the opinion of the architects is undoubtedly entitled to a large measure of consideration, I submit with all due deference, that it would appear that the history of this street has not been recognized by them in arriving at their judgment.

This Avenue was opened and graded chiefly through

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the generosity of Sir William Young, at one time a prominent member of the government and afterwards chief justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. The gates at the entrance to Point Pleasant Park were also erected through the same source and serve as a memorial of one of our leading citizens in his time. The street leads from Inglis Street to the Park, laid out in a straight line with a steadily rising grade from Atlantic Street to the latter, the distance being a little more than half a mile. The gates are iron gates, hung to massive granite posts, which from the prominent feature of the Avenue as well as the principal entrance to Point Pleasant Park. I consider, bearing this in mind, that to introduce a break in the vista from Inglis Street destroys the whole perspective and idea of the Avenue. If the lines of the Avenue were curved and the grades undulating, I would agree with the Architects in their opinion as to the standpoint of appearance. While curved lines are no doubt beautiful in their way, we have to recognize and make the best of conditions as they exist, and I think if the Architects would personally visit the site, they would agree that under the circumstances the narrower bridge would not enhance the beauty of the Avenue or add to the artistic features of the railway. The artistic appearance of the elevation of the bridge will be more noticeable from Tower Road and Pleasant Street, and a bridge the full width of the street will neither add to nor detract from this view of it.

When once a structure of this kind is created, I think it will be realized that if it should be proved too small for future traffic, it will be the City which will have to bear the expense, or at any rate a large part of it, in widening the bridge. Anyone familiar with some of the larger cities in the States and Canada will appreciate the necessity of a rapidly growing City conserving all the conveniences it has for handling traffic.

In view of the difficulty we have had in coming to an agreement with the Railway Department on various questions at issue between the Department and the City, I consider it would be most inadvisable to re-open any of the questions which have been settled. There are other arguments in favor of the full width of this bridge, but as they have already been dealt with in reports from your City Engineer, I need not repeat them here.

Some of the residents on Young Avenue and the public using the Park, have probably been put to more inconvenience than those on any other street in the City, owing to the obstruction to traffic due to the construction of the railway, and the Department of Railways should be asked to proceed with the construction of this bridge immediately.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The Secretary is instructed to inform Mr. Campbell that the City has already decided that the Young Avenue Bridge should be constructed to the full width of the road, but that if the Committee of the Civic Improvement League are still desirous of having a further conference with the Board, the Board will be pleased to hear them at any of its regular meetings.

Letter
to Campbell ✓

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Connaught Avenue.

The City Engineer is requested to write the Ocean Terminals Authorities, reminding them that the plans for the Connaught Avenue Bridge have not yet been approved by the City, and to request them not to proceed with its construction until an agreement is come to in accordance with undertakings given to that effect.

Engineer ✓

WAR - RAILWAY SIDING KEMPT ROAD AND LONGARD ROAD.

Read letter Military Authorities asking for permission to lay a railway siding across Kempt Road and Longard Road to a military storehouse.

*Engineer ✓
Solicitor ✓
Col W & Thompson ✓*

Referred to the City Engineer and City Solicitor for consultation with the Military Authorities, and report.

NATIONAL LABOR BUREAU.

Read letter of thanks Miss E. St. John Wileman, for the promptitude with which the City acted in expressing its sympathy with the movement for the establishing of a National Labor Bureau by the Dominion Government, and requesting that the City's endorsement of the scheme be notified to Sir Robert Borden. Approved.

Sir R. Borden ✓

ARGYLE STREET, #145 - LEASE OF ENCROACHMENT TO A.

WEBBER.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
March 22nd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

The building #145-147 Argyle Street sets back from the existing line of the street about three feet. The official line as laid down on the city Plan is about 18 inches from the building. Mr. Webber, who recently purchased this property, is desirous of extending his shop front to the existing line. Should the Board decide to grant this permission, I have prepared the accompanying lease which provides that whenever either of the existing buildings north or south of Mr. Webber's building is altered or destroyed, Mr. Webber will have to remove the encroachment.

Council ✓

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved and recommended to the City Council for concurrence.

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ASHES IN CONCRETE FOR BUILDINGS.

Robert Daw again appeared before the Board requesting that legislation be secured to permit of the use of ashes in concrete for the construction of buildings.

Mr. Daw is again informed that the City is applying for legislation giving power to pass ordinances with respect to the construction of buildings.

WAR - PLANTING OF VACANT LOTS.

Controller McKeen suggested that the City apply for legislative authority to borrow the sum of \$500.00 for the purchase of seed and fertilizer for the encouragement of planting of vacant lots in the City, the material purchased to be distributed according to details to be arranged.

His Worship the Mayor thought it unnecessary to obtain an Act, as the Contingent Fund next year could contribute that sum for the purpose.

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK'S SALARY.

On motion of Controller Harris, it is decided to pay H. S. Rhind, Assistant City Clerk, out of the Liquor License Fund for 1916-17, the sum of \$100.00 for extra services in connection with prosecutions under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, which were formerly performed by the License Inspector.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

James A. Fraser, of New Glasgow, and a number of other members of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission, appeared before the Board.

Mr. Fraser stated that the sum of \$25,000.00 was required this year to put the speed track in order, and for repairs to buildings. The buildings are in a dilapidated condition, and unless immediately repaired will have to be abandoned for exhibition purposes. If the City desires to continue holding the Exhibition in

Council ✓
Auditor ✓

Auditor ✓
H. S. Rhind ✓
Council ✓

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Halifax, the funds will have to be provided. He desired an expression of opinion from the City as to whether they were in favor of continuing the holding of an Exhibition in Halifax. When the time comes for the holding of the next Dominion Exhibition, more money will have to be spent on buildings and the property squared out to Almon Street and Windsor Street. It is proposed to utilize \$30,000 of the Dominion Government grant of \$50,000 for the construction of new buildings.

*Council ✓
Secy. Exhibitions ✓
Commissioner ✓*

The delegation is informed that the City will not oppose the application of the Commission for the expenditure of \$25,000 for the repairs outlined.

FOSTER LOT, CHEBUCTO ROAD.

R. T. MacIlreith, representing W. W. Foster, again appeared before the Board requesting that definite action be taken in regard to Mr. Foster's jib-lot, Chebucto Road.

The City Engineer stated he had offered Mr. Foster \$420.00 for the strip of his lot required for street purposes, and that the offer had been refused. He intends to submit a written report on Mr. Foster's letter refusing the offer made.

Mr. MacIlreith contended that his client could do nothing else than refuse the offer of \$420.00 in view of the fact that the City's own appraiser had valued the strip required by the City at \$900.00 and the whole property at \$1500.00. He asked for Mr. Foster the same treatment as was given all other property owners on North Street, all of whom were recompensed for land taken for widening of the street to the official line.

*Engineer ✓
MFC ✓*

The decision of the Board is deferred until Tuesday's meeting, pending the presentation of the report of the Acting City Engineer on Mr. Foster's refusal.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
P. F. Martin

L. J. McLaughlin

MAYOR.

CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

March 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.

Boat House Near North West Arm Bridge in Residential District.
Refreshment Booth, Fleming Park.
Tuberculosis Hospital.
Rate of Taxation, 1917-18.
Destruction of Liquors Seized under N. S. Temperance Act.
Fire Department Motor Engine and Chief's Automobile.
Foster Lot, Chebucto Road.
Walnut Street - McFatrige Lot.
Agricola and North Streets Sidewalk.
Electric Lighting Contract.
street Lights.
Seaforth Street Electric light.
Bell Oat and Grain Crusher.
Beech Street Water Extension.
Policeman Daniel J. MacNeil.
Parker Street - Shop in Residential District.
Accounts.

BOAT HOUSE NEAR NORTH WEST ARM BRIDGE IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
March 26th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

Since reporting on the application of Louis Dixon for the erection of a boat house on the west side of Quinpool Road on the eastern shore of the North West Arm, I have had protests against the erection of the same, which I attach hereto.

I have notified Mr. Piers, one of those objecting, that the matter will be taken up by the Board of Control at Tuesday's meeting, and have asked him to be present to put his views before you.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Also read petition as follows:-

To the Building Inspector in and for
the City of Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

We, the undersigned residents of the North West Arm, do hereby attest our signatures in protest to the granting

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of a permit to erect another boathouse in the vicinity west of the Independent Boathouse, between the said Boathouse and the North West Arm Bridge.

Councillor Emile Gaboury
Lester F. Stoneman.
Isabel Hathaway.
Geo. T. Murray.
R. T. Butler.
C. A. Proctor.
A. E. Brooks.
Mrs. M. B. Murphy.
Geo. H. Hartland.
Leonard C. Cooley.

F. J. Stoneman.
W. G. Stoneman.
Mrs. F. J. Stoneman.
A. D. Falconer.
H. S. Tremaine,
per Eastern Trust Co.
Mrs. Harry Piers,
per Harry Piers.
Harry Piers.

Also read letter Harry Piers, as follows:-

Halifax, 21st March, 1917.

To the Inspector of Buildings,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Sir:-

As a citizen of Halifax who is anxious to preserve natural beauties as much as possible, and also as one interested in property at the head of the North West Arm, I beg respectfully but strongly to protest against the granting of a permit to Mr. L. Dixon for the erection of another public boathouse on the west side of Quinpool Road, on the shore of the head of the Arm.

Halifax is very inadequately supplied with roads which closely skirt the Arm, and this section of Quinpool Road is the only highway in the City which passes along the actual shore of the Arm for any distance, and which therefore may give everyone an interrupted view of that fine sheet of water (about which we so often boast) to our own people, and to the very many strangers who pass along there on foot, in carriages or in automobiles, and any curtailment whatever of that view is a thing to be resisted by the public as far as possible, both on behalf of themselves, of visitors, and of those who come after us. We have in our control the making or the marring of the Arm, and we should see that we proceed along the best lines and not create bad precedents.

Notable visitors to the City have on several occasions impressed upon me the very great desirability of not letting that particular view from Quinpool Road be blocked out by the erection of structures along the shore, as there are so few places whence one can obtain a good prospect of the Arm without trespassing on private property. They have stated that where they had made such a mistake in similar cases at other places, it was a matter of the deepest regret subsequently to their people, and sometimes large sums had to be paid in order to recover the right to a view that should have been uninterrupted.

It is probably universally felt that a mistake has already been made in allowing a two-storey building (shop and waiting-room) to be erected on the shore of the Arm at the Bridge, where it blocks the fine view which was formerly obtained by those coming down the Dutch Village Road, a drive which all strangers take; and that building is not one which is highly attractive

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in itself. It is quite likely that it will cause much inconvenience in the future, and I think it is admitted that an error was made in that instance. It is, therefore, surely well to act with due caution in another such case, as the one now under consideration.

There is already a public boathouse (The Independent) in that immediate locality, and if there is necessity for further accomodation, it were much better for that boathouse to be enlarged, in a befitting architectural style and not more than one storey in height, than that a second building be erected, for it is well known that one building, even if comparatively extensive, breaks up a view much less than two separate buildings.

This district is within the Restricted Residential Section of the City, as recently set apart, and extra care should be exercised in granting rights insuch a district. Already since that residential section was established, largely because of proposed erections then in contemplation in that very locality, there have been, it is understood, several permits granted for the building of shops within a hundred yards of each other, namely, (1) the two-storey shop and waiting-room (the permit for which it is said was for one storey), (2) a shop about 50 yards from it which has been erected by Mr. Butler, and (3) a permit granted Mr. Dence for the erection of a shop immediately alongside Mr. Butler's. There was already, besides these, a shop there, which has a prior right by long occupation. Now it is proposed to grant permission for a boat-house on the very shore of the Arm near the same place.

I feel with most others, that this course of action is hardly in true harmony with the strenuous efforts lately made to keep this particular locality as free from such buildings as possible, and I beg most respectfully to protest strongly against such a method of dealing with or interpreting the idea of the restricted residential section regulations as applied to this pretty section of our City. As it has turned out, it would seem as though those regulations had just as well have not been adopted, for, viewed from results, they have apparently not had much effect in retarding the erection of buildings of the character to which the said regulations apply.

I would also wish that this be taken as a respectful protest in general, from one who has the good of the City at heart, against the granting of permits in this locality in the manner which has lately been evident.

Requesting that you will bring this communication before the proper authorities when the matter comes up for consideration, and decision, I have the honor to be, Sir,

Yours obediently,
Harry Piers.

The Board is addressed by Harry Piers, A. H. Minshull, R. M. Hattie and Councillor Emile Gaboury, in opposition to the granting of the permit applied for.

The Board unanimously decides to refuse the permit, and the City Engineer is instructed to notify Louis Dixon,

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the applicant, accordingly.

REFRESHMENT BOOTH, FLEMING PARK.

Read application Lorne A. Moreash for permission to conduct a refreshment booth in Fleming Park.

Consideration of the application is deferred.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

Controller McKeen submits the following resolution:-

RESOLVED that this Board seek at once a conference with the Nova Scotia Government with a view to securing assistance as provided by Provincial Statute in the erection of a hospital for tubercular patients in the City of Halifax, and that subject to approval of Council, legislative authority be asked to borrow \$25,000.00 to enable the City to assist in the erection thereof.

The resolution is moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Harris and passed.

RATE OF TAXATION 1917-18.

His Worship the Mayor stated that several rate payers had asked him why the rate of taxation for the incoming civic year had not been struck by the City Assessor and announced to the public, and that the criticism had been made that the rate had been withheld because of the approaching civic elections.

Controller McKeen replied that the Assessors are finishing up their assessment work as rapidly as possible, but that they are unable to strike the rate until the bill to legalize the assessment, which was recently forwarded to the Legislature for enactment, is passed.

City Assessor MacManus, called before the Board, concurs in Controller McKeen's statement.

DESTRUCTION OF LIQUORS SEIZED UNDER N. S. TEMPERANCE ACT.

His Worship the Mayor called attention to the fact that liquors seized under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act are destroyed by order of the Courts. He thought this to be a waste, and suggested that the legislation be amended so that any liquors suitable for the purpose may be handed over to the Hospitals and other public institutions for use under medical advice.

plc ✓
Council ✓
Mayor ✓

Solicitor ✓
Council ✓

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The Board agrees with His Worship's suggestion, and the City Solicitor is instructed to draft an Act accordingly.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MOTOR ENGINE AND CHIEF'S AUTOMOBILE.

The City Clerk is instructed to advertise for tenders for a 700 gallon combination motor pump hose and chemical carrier, and also for a two-passenger motor car for the Chief of the Fire Department.

FOSTER LOT CHEBUCTO ROAD.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
March 26th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

In accordance with your instructions I wrote Mr. Foster, offering him four hundred and twenty dollars (\$420.00) for that portion of his lot at the intersection of Chebucto Road and North Street lying between the existing lines of the streets and the official line.

I have had a reply from him, declining this offer and asking for a definite decision from the Board as to whether it will take over the land required and have the compensation assessed in the manner provided by the City Charter.

The area of the whole lot is 13746 square feet and the area required for street widening purposes is 5736 square feet. I am attaching hereto copy of the letter received from Mr. Foster's solicitors.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

On motion of Controller Harris, further consideration of this matter is deferred until Thursday's meeting.

WALNUT STREET - McFATRIDGE LOT.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that agreeably to resolution, the Acting City Engineer and himself had further conferred with William McFtridge as to the price he would accept for his two lots of land on Walnut Street, required by the City for the extension of Watt9 Street. His Worship stated that Mr. McFtridge originally demanded \$1,000 for the property, and now definitely declines to take less than \$875.00 for it.

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller

Recorder ✓
mail ✓
Echo ✓

M/C ✓

Engineer ✓
Mr. McFtridge ✓
Council ✓

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Halliday, that the property be purchased from Mr. Mac-Fatridge at \$875.00.

Motion passed, Controller Murphy dissenting.

AGRICOLA AND NORTH STREETS SIDEWALK.

Engineer ✓
Andrew Hubley appeared before the Board and requested that the concrete sidewalk at the corner of Agricola and North Streets be laid the full width of the sidewalk, from the building to the curbing.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING CONTRACT.

Read letter Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co., Ltd. re electric lighting contract, as follows:-

Halifax, March 23rd, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 12th inst., being an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the City Council held on the 8th day of March inst., at which it was resolved to request this Company to extend the existing electric lighting contract for a period of one year.

The contract between the City and this Company expired on the 1st day of March, 1917, and at a meeting of the Board of Directors of this Company held today, I was instructed to advise the City that the Company would extend said contract to the first day of March, 1918, on the same terms and conditions as contained in the contract expiring on the 1st day of March, 1917, with the additional proviso that the Company should not be called upon to buy any new lamps or other equipment in connection with the supply of street lighting service for this additional period. This Company's reason for this is, that lamps and other equipment of the pattern at present in use are practically obsolete, and the Company could not afford to expend any sums of money in rehabilitating any such lamps or equipment for a contract of such a brief period, at the price now charged for the service.

Company ✓
The Company also desires to point out that the maintenance charges on the present equipment, owing to its age, is much heavier than is customarily the case, and I am instructed to point out to you that the Company would not agree to any further extension of this Contract at the same price, beyond the first of March, 1918.

Committee ✓
Subject to these understandings, the Company will agree to renew the contract until the date mentioned, viz.- March 1st, 1918.

H. R. Mallison,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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It is decided to recommend the offer of the Tramway Company to the City Council for acceptance.

STREET LIGHTS.

The City Engineer is requested to report on all the petitions on hand for electric street lights, and on all street lights decided to be installed which have not yet been placed, so that the Board may consider the early installation of such of them as are most needed, and which the Tramway Company may be able to place.

SEAFORTH STREET ELECTRIC LIGHT .

Controller Harris requested the City Engineer to report as to the advisability of installing an electric light on Seaforth Street.

BELL OAT AND GRAIN CRUSHER.

Read letter D. S. Bowlby, solicitor, as follows:-

Kitchener, Ont.,
March 20th, 1917.

The Board of Control,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sirs:-

The Twin City Oil Co. has placed in my hands for collection, a claim against you for \$200.00, being balance due on a crusher. Kindly let me have payment of this at once, otherwise I am instructed to place claim in court.

D. S. Bowlby,

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

BEECH STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read petition for water extension Beech Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

POLICEMAN DANIEL J. McNEIL.

Read resignation Policeman Daniel J. McNeil, to take effect March 31st. The resignation is accepted.

The Chief of Police is instructed to advertise for applications to fill the position, applications to be receivable up to April 4th, prox.

PARKER STREET - SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Read application Patrick Gray, 3 Parker Street, for permission to use a building as a shop on said street,

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

Chief of Police ✓
Recorder ✓
Mail ✓
Echo ✓

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Engineer ✓

which is in the Restricted Residential Section.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts chargeable to the City Health Board are passed for payment:-

Council ✓

City Health Board.

Maritime Telegraph Co.	Phones	\$16.14
R. N. MacDonald	Groceries	7.90
W. & C. Silver	Drygoods	41.00
King Edward Stables	Conveyance patients	48.00
Dept. Public Health	Antitoxin	35.10
		<u>\$178.14</u>

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. J. O'Donoghue
CITY CLERK.

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Engineer
to
the
Board
of
Control
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March
27th
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COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

March 29th, 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.

Boat House North-West Arm Bridge.
Young Street School Property.
Lower Water Street - Calnen Property.
Quinpool Road - Flooding of Cellar of Berringer Bros.
Campbell Road - Flooding of Cellar of A. C. Moreash.
Campbell Road Sewer - Flynn Property.
Young Street School Site Building Lots.
Tuberculosis Hospital.
Canadian Good Roads Congress.
Acadian School - Young Street School Site.
Ferry Hanover Street to Dartmouth.
Morris Street Drain - Sydney Locke.
Williams Street Telegraph Poles.
Fire Hydrant Chebucto Road.
Fire Alarm Box Chebucto Road.
Chimney Sweeping Ordinance.

BOAT HOUSE NORTH-WEST ARM BRIDGE.

Louis Dixon and Dr. J. Johnston Hunt, his solicitor, appeared before the Board urging that Mr. Dixon be given a permit to erect a boat house on property owned by him about 100 feet north of the Independent Boat House, on Quinpool Road, near the Arm Bridge.

It is decided to advertise in the newspapers the holding of a public hearing on the matter on Thursday next, April 5th, at 10 a. m.

YOUNG STREET SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Read letter City Treasurer as follows:-

Office of City Treasurer,
March 28th, 1917.

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

been
I have/paid \$325.00 by George Wambolt for a portion of land of the Young Street School site purchased by him from the City.

Section 889 of the City Charter reads -

"The title of public school property, real and

Records ✓
Went ✓
Echo ✓
Hunt ✓
S. J. D. ✓
L. T. Stone ✓
Harry Piers ✓

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personal, within the City, shall be vested in the Board, and the Board may, with the approval of the Governor-in-Council first obtained, sell and dispose of the same, or any part thereof, and may, subject to the provisions of this Act, place the proceeds in the School Sinking Fund, or apply them for any of the purposes for which the City may be required to issue debentures as hereinafter specified, as the Board deems expedient."

The permission of the Governor-in-Council has been obtained, (see extract with City Clerk), and the School Board have authorized the City to sell.

I write to ask whether the City or School Board shall decide as to the account into which this and the succeeding amounts shall be placed.

James J. Hopewell,
City Treasurer.

Referred to the City Solicitor for report.

LOWER WATER STREET - CALNEN PROPERTY.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that Mr. Calnen made an application for a permit for the erection of a building at #195-197 Lower Water Street. The plans of the proposed building called for a structure about 32 ft. front by 50 ft. deep. The lot on which it is proposed to erect this building has a frontage of 32 ft. 7 in. and a depth of about 60 ft. 6 in.

The official east line of Lower Water Street as laid down on the official City plan, takes a portion of this property measuring 29' 3" on the south side, and 27' 4 1/2" on the north side. The area of the whole lot is 1978 square feet and the area required for street purposes is 922 square feet. I understand that the property is assessed to Jeremiah O'Dwyer for \$2000. This is at the rate of approximately \$1.00 per sq. ft.

I have asked Mr. Calnen to fix a price for the part required by the City, but he refuses to do so, saying he would prefer it to go to arbitration.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Referred back to the City Engineer for further report.

QUINPOOL ROAD - FLOODING OF CELLAR OF BERRINGER BROS.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
March 28th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

March 29th, 1917.

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering complaint from Berringer Bros. of the flooding of their cellar on February 15th and 24th, that I had the sewers examined and find that the same were running under pressure. There is a long, flat grade from Louisburg to Preston Street on Pepperell St. and on Preston Street from Quinpool Road.

I would recommend that the overflow be built at the corner of Preston and Pepperell Streets to carry the storm water westwardly along Pepperell Street to the new sewer recently built. This will relieve the Pepperell Street sewer between Preston and Louisburg Streets, and should prevent a recurrence of the trouble.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

CAMPBELL ROAD - FLOODING OF CELLAR OF A. E. MOREASH.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
March 28th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that the flooding of Mrs. Moreash's cellar on Campbell Road near Fairview, was, in my opinion, due to surface water from adjoining properties. The railway department raised the roadway in front of the Moreash property, and when I inspected it they were constructing a culvert, which, when completed, will probably have the effect of preventing a similar occurrence in future. In my judgment, the City is in no way liable for the overflow in the cellar.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The City Engineer is requested to again write the Railway Department, asking them to contribute their share of the cost of constructing a sewer.

YOUNG STREET SCHOOL SITE BUILDING LOTS.

Read offer A. M. Strong to pay \$325.00 for building lot no. 10 of the Young Street School site.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

Read letter Mrs. W. B. Freeman, Acting Secretary of the Anti Tuberculosis League, relating to the nature of the assistance the League desires the City to contribute towards the proposed Tuberculosis Hospital, as follows:-

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓
City Health Board

Engineer ✓

March 29th, 1917.

Willow St., Halifax, N. S.
March 27th, 1917.

The City Clerk,
City Hall, Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to request embodied in extracts from minutes of a meeting of the Board of Control held on 13th day of March, 1917, re information in connection with proposed Tuberculosis Hospital, we would say -

Concerning "present needs", the number of applications for admission to our temporary makeshift which have to be refused; the large proportion of patients under supervision of the visiting nurse who cannot receive sufficient care in their homes; and the increasing death rate, prove that a hospital to accommodate at least forty patients is necessary.

With regard to "sketches" of the proposed hospital, we have written to a firm of architects which makes a specialty of such buildings, for blue-prints, which may be submitted.

We have consulted experts with reference to "an estimate of the cost", and have been informed that under present conditions an approximate figure would be \$1,500 per bed, which would make the cost of a building accommodating forty beds, \$60,000, with maintenance about \$12 or \$14 per week per patient.

With regard to "suggestions as to amendments of existing legislation", etc., we may say that that matter may be referred to the Hazelwood Board, which has appointed a committee on Legislation.

(Mrs.) B. M. Freeman,
Acting Secretary.

Filed.

CANADIAN GOOD ROADS CONGRESS.

Read letter J. J. Leydon, City Ticket Agent C. G. Railway, asking if it is the intention of the City to send delegates to the Canadian Good Roads Congress to be held at Ottawa, April 10th to 14th.

The Secretary is instructed to inform Mr. Leydon that the City does not propose to send any delegates.

ACADIAN SCHOOL - YOUNG STREET SCHOOL SITE.

Read copy of Order in Council giving the School Board authority to sell or otherwise dispose of the Acadian School property and the Young Street School site to the City of Halifax, as follows:-

March 29th, 1917.

Halifax, March 28th, 1917.

Certified copy of an Order of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia in Council, dated the 4th day of December, A. D., 1916.

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The Governor in Council under Section 889 of the Halifax City Charter is pleased to approve of the resolution passed by the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax on the 17th day of November, A. D., 1916, and of the therein mentioned proposed sale or disposal by the said Board to the City of Halifax of the site and building known as Acadian School, Argyle Street, and of the land lately occupied by Young Street School, on East Young Street.

F. F. Mathers,
Clerk of the Executive
Council.

Referred to the City Council for its information.

FERRY HANOVER STREET TO DARTMOUTH.

Read application Edward W. Barry, Bedford Road, Dartmouth, for permission to operate a Ferry from the foot of Hanover Street to Dumaresq's Wharf, Dartmouth.

Referred to Controller Harris for report.

MORRIS STREET DRAIN - SYDNEY LOCKE.

Read letter Sydney Locke re drain at No. 12 Morris Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

WILLIAMS STREET TELEPHONE POLES.

Alderman Foley complained of the character of the telephone poles on Williams Street, they being crooked and rough.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

FIRE HYDRANT CHEBUCTO ROAD.

Alderman Foley asked that a fire hydrant be placed on Chebueto Road near St. Agnes' Church.

The Acting City Engineer stated that it is the intention to place a hydrant at the end of Phillips Street when the water is extended in the Street.

The Engineer is requested to submit a report in writing.

Council ✓

Cont-Harris ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

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FIRE ALARM BOX CHEBUCTO ROAD.

Alderman Foley asked that a fire alarm box be installed in the vicinity of St. Agnes' Church.

Controller Halliday stated that it is the intention that the next box to be installed will be placed in that neighborhood.

*Electrician /
chief fire dept.*

CHIMNEY SWEEPING ORDINANCE.

On motion of Controller Murphy, Controller Halliday and the Chief of the Fire Department are requested to report as to the advisability of amending Ordinance No. 23 "Of Chimneys", so that persons would not be requested to have their chimneys swept every sixty days.

*Cont. Halliday /
chief fire dept.*

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. Fred McLaughlin
CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

April 3rd, 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.

Ocean Terminals Railway - Young Avenue and Coburg Road
Bridges.
Public Schools Sidewalks,
Sarah Street.
St. Patrick's Boys' School.
Foster Lot, Chebucto Road.
Police Department.
Nova Scotia Car Works Indebtedness to City.
Shipbuilding.
Rosebank Park Streets and Sidewalks.
Underkeeper Yeadon, City Prison.
Lower Water Street Street Line, Calnen Property.
Jubilee Road, Bloomingdale Terrace and Quinpool Road
Sewer.
Purity of Water Supply - Expropriation of Properties
at Beech Hill.
Young Street School Site Building Lots.
Railway Siding, Kempt Road.
North West Arm Intercepting Sewer.
Housing Conditions - Resolution Oxford Street Methodist
Church.
Theatre Tax.
Tramway Service.
Presiding Officers.
Water Bill 8 Duke Street - Mrs. Helen Wright.
Street Railway High Voltage Wires.
Fire Alarm System for Public Schools.
St. Patrick's Boys' School - Hills Property.
Ferry License, C. Duggan & Son.
Fire Department - Chemical Engine for Islesville Engine
House.
Returned Soldiers' Club Rooms.
North West Arm Sewer.
Kempt Road and Campbell Road - John F. Gough.
Brunswick Lane and Falkland Street Re-numbering.
Accounts.

OCEAN TERMINALS RAILWAY - YOUNG AVENUE AND COBURG

ROAD BRIDGES.

G. S. Campbell and R. M. Hattie, representing the Civic Improvement League, appeared before the Board in connection with the proposed bridge across the Ocean Terminals Railway cutting at Young Avenue. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Hattie urged the construction of a bridge 60 ft. wide instead of one 80 ft. wide, as required by the City,

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and requested that the Railway Authorities be invited to secure the services of Messrs. Ross & MacDonald, Architects, Montreal, to report as to the details of the structure.

His Worship the Mayor stated there was no objection on the part of the City to the Government securing the services of architects to report as to the materials and design of the bridge, but the City had already decided that the bridge should be the full width of Young Avenue.

F. W. Bowes, of the Birchdale Hotel, asked the Board to submit the plans of the Coburg Road bridge to the property owners in the neighborhood before it is approved. He had been informed that it is the intention of the Railway to construct this bridge of a width narrower than that of Coburg Road. From an actual count taken during a period of seventy-one days, 100,000 people had passed through Coburg Road where the bridge was proposed to be built, and this should give an intimation of the necessity for the bridge being of the full width.

His Worship the Mayor informed Mr. Bowes that the plans of this bridge have not yet been approved of by the City.

The Acting City Engineer stated that the matter had been frequently taken up with the Railway Authorities, and that no answer had yet been received by him to his last letter.

Mr. Johnston is requested to telegraph at once to the Railway Authorities requesting that no steps towards the construction of this bridge be taken until the plans are approved by the City.

Mr. Johnston informed the Board that W. A. Duff, Assistant Chief Engineer of the Dominion Government Railways, will be in Halifax shortly, when an opportunity will be afforded the Civic Improvement League, Mr. Bowes and others interested, to discuss these two bridges.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS SIDEWALKS.

H. E. Pyke, Chairman of the School Board, appeared before the Board, urging that better sidewalks be placed around the public school buildings. He referred especially to College Street School.

Alderman Parker called attention to the condition of the sidewalk around Bloomfield School, and requested that it be repaired with ashes. He thought concrete sidewalks should be constructed around all the schools.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

The City Engineer is instructed to effect such repairs with ashes to the sidewalks around the Public Schools as he may be able.

SARAH STREET.

A. H. Minshull, representing the Eastern Trust Co., appeared before the Board, asking that the City take over Sarah Street as a City street, and suggested that a person mutually agreed upon be appointed to value the land.

Referred to the City Solicitor for report in accordance with resolution passed February 6th, 1917.

ST. PATRICK'S BOYS' SCHOOL.

Read accounts J. C. Harris and R. A. Johnson, \$20.00 each, for services in connection with expropriation of Hills property, Maitland Street, as part of site for St. Patrick's Boys' School.

The accounts are passed for payment.

FOSTER LOT, CHEBUCTO ROAD.

Read account J. C. Harris, \$25.00, for services in connection with appraisalment of the Foster lot, Chebucto Road.

The account is passed for payment.

Consideration of the matter of the taking over of the portion of the Foster lot for the widening of Oxford Street, Chebucto Road and North Street is resumed.

Engineer ✓

Solicitor ✓
A H Minshull ✓

Council ✓

Council ✓

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On motion of Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Halliday, it is decided to inform Mr. Foster that he is at liberty to build upon his property under the permit already granted him, and that the City will deal with the matter of taking over the strip required for street widening when the City determines that the time is opportune.

His Worship the Mayor and Controller McKeen dissent from the determination of the Board.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Deputy Chief of Police.

Read resignation W. S. Bayer, Acting Chief of Police, as follows:-

Halifax, April 2nd, 1917.

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

I beg to tender you my resignation as member of the Halifax Police Department, said resignation to take place and become effective on the first day of June, A. D., 1917, and to ask you to grant me the superannuation that the law allows.

Trusting that this resignation will be accepted,

W. S. Bayer,
Acting Chief of Police.

Read report Controller Harris as follows:-

Halifax, April 3rd, 1917.

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

I regret to have to lay before you the resignation of the Acting Chief of Police. I may say that I have gone into this matter very thoroughly, and I am fully convinced that circumstances over which he has no control whatever, compel him to place before you his resignation.

I feel that I cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing my regret that the City should lose the services of so efficient an officer as the retiring Acting Chief. He has an unblemished record, and has proved by his sterling qualities and ability, that he has filled (during his twenty-five years' service) every office to that of Acting Chief, with great capability.

I would therefore move that his request for superannuation be granted, and if at all possible that his allowance be based on the salary he is now receiving as

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Acting Chief.

George F. Harris,
Police Controller.

Controller Harris' report is adopted and referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion as to the amount of superannuation allowance payable to Mr. Bayer.

Read application Frank Hanrahan for position of Deputy Chief of Police, as follows:-

Halifax, April 2nd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I respectfully make application for the position of Deputy Chief of Police for the City of Halifax, a vacancy which I understand is about to occur due to the resignation of the present incumbent, Capt. W.S. Bayer.

Frank Hanrahan,
Chief Detective.

Detective.

Read application Horace Kennedy for position of Chief Detective, as follows:-

Halifax, April 2nd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to make application for the position of Chief Detective of the City of Halifax in the event of the present incumbent, Mr. Hanrahan, being promoted to the position of Deputy Chief of Police.

H. Kennedy,
Asst. City Detective.

Read report Controller Harris as follows:-

Halifax, April 3rd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The resignation of the Deputy Chief of Police, now Acting Chief of Police, will necessitate some changes in the Force, and I would recommend the following changes all of which are endorsed by the Acting Chief, and I may further say that before Major John A. Rudland (now commanding the 85th Battalion) departed for overseas, I went into the matter fully with him, and he also endorsed the changes I now recommend, viz.-

That Chief Detective Frank Hanrahan be made Deputy Chief of Police.

That Assistant Detective Horace Kennedy be made

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Chief Detective.

That Sergeant C. H. Colyer be made Assistant Detective.

That Acting Sergeant W. E. Palmer take Sergeant Colyer's place and D. J. McIsaac be made Acting Sergeant.

With the endorsement of the Chief and Acting Chief, I feel that this recommendation should meet with the approval of the Board and Council, as both these officers are prompted with but one aim and that is the very best efficiency of the Police Force of Halifax.

Geo. F. Harris,
Police Controller.

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller McKeen that the report of Controller Harris be adopted.

Controller Murphy requested that the matter be laid over for one week.

Controller Harris' motion is put and passed, His Worship the Mayor and Controller Murphy dissenting.

The City Solicitor is requested to submit his opinion as to whether the appointments above made have to be submitted to the City Council for approval.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS TO CITY.

In connection with the notice to the City submitted March 6th, 1917, to value its security under the mortgage on property of the Nova Scotia Car Works, the City Solicitor is instructed to withdraw the claim presented to the Eastern Trust Co., the liquidator of the Nova Scotia Car Works, amounting to \$119,412.28, the intention of the City being to stand on its security by way of mortgage and chattel mortgage upon real and personal property of the Company.

The City Solicitor is requested to submit an opinion in writing on the foregoing, and also on the letter from the Canada Corporations, Ltd., submitted to this Board February 13th, 1917, 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.

*Letter ✓
Solicitor ✓
City Chief ✓
Police ✓*

Solicitor ✓

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SHIP-BUILDING.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that there is a Bill at present before the Local Legislature for the encouragement of ship-building within the Province.

In the year 1911 the City secured the passage of an Act to encourage the building of iron and steel ships at the port of Halifax, which act ceased and expired under section 19 thereof, three years after the date of its passage. He asked if the Board did not deem it wise to have the Act revived.

Controller McKeen strongly urged that the matter be not brought up again, on the ground that the City could not at the present time offer to grant any subventions.

ROSEBANK PART STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
March 28th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering letter from Ralph P. Bell asking the City to take over the streets and sidewalks in Rosebank Park and pay him one-half the cost of laying the concrete sidewalks therein.

A similar request was preferred about a year ago and reported on by Mr. Doane on April 25th, 1916. Mr. Doane, in his report on that date, among other things, makes the following remarks - "The City has already refused in the case of Carrick, Limited, to agree that if the property owner would lay a sidewalk the City would take it over and pay one-half the cost. It was considered at that time that the older streets, the property owners on which had petitioned for sidewalk work, should have the preference, and that where the property owner had made such improvements as the grading of streets and laying of sidewalks principally for the purpose of selling his lots and not in the generally interest of the City, that the City was not under any obligation to recognize his outlay. It would be a dangerous precedent to establish and might also result in being a very expensive one."

I incline to the same view as expressed in the above extract from Mr. Doane's report. Last year we spent on permanent sidewalks about \$68,000.00. At this rate of expenditure per annum, which owing to war conditions is not likely to be exceeded in the immediate future, it will take us over two years to overtake the work now on the Order Paper and work that has been petitioned for during the season. The sidewalks ordered and petitioned for in the older and more thickly built up districts of the City, and preference in order of construction should, in my opinion, be given to them. To pay Mr. Bell one-half the

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cost of the sidewalks constructed through Rosebank, would leave us with that much less money to the credit of the Permanent Sidewalk Fund to spend on the more urgent work.

I have no doubt that Mr. Bell is correct in his claim that a few years ago the property was a vacant field, and that today it is a developed residential district with an assessment valuation of nearly \$150,000, but if any property owner can lay sidewalks and make improvements to his property without reference to the City and then expect it to take over and pay for these improvements when requested, a dangerous precedent would be created which might lead to great abuse, for it is conceivable that enough of this work might be done through vacant property to use up the whole of the appropriation for any year, which could prevent the building of improvements in sections of the City where they might be considered by the Board and Council of far more benefit and use to the public at large.

It seems reasonable to suppose that in developing a tract of land for dividing and selling in lots, the enhanced value for them obtained through the construction of concrete sidewalks would be sufficient to reimburse the owner for the outlay involved, and no hardship or loss would be entailed on him by the City refusing to pay the amount expended.

I have been unable to level over the streets to see whether they are built to grade or not, but will do so as soon as possible, when the question of taking them over can be decided. This can be done by the Council without any legislation.

For the reasons given above, I cannot recommend that the City pay at present any portion of the cost of the sidewalks.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

R. P. Bell addressed the Board.

The City Engineer is requested to report as to the cost of laying curbs and gutters in the streets through which Mr. Bell has constructed concrete sidewalks, and as to his estimate of what it would cost the City at the present time to lay the sidewalks which Mr. Bell has laid, in comparison with what they cost Mr. Bell at the time he laid them.

UNDERKEEPER YEADON, CITY PRISON.

Read resignation Charles T. Yeadon, underkeeper at the City Prison, to take effect April 15th, 1917.

Accepted.

CITY PRISON MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Governor City Prison for the month of

Engineer ✓

Council ✓

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March. Filed.

LOWER WATER STREET STREET LINE - CALNEN PROPERTY.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
March 31st, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that another interview was held with Mr. Calnen, and he names \$2500 as the lowest price that he will take for that portion of his property on the east side of Lower Water Street lying between the existing line and the new line as laid down on the Official City Plan.

As stated in my previous report, the area required by the City is about 922 square feet. This price would be at the rate of \$2.71 per square foot. I have consulted with the City Assessor, who informs me that in their judgment \$1.25 a square foot is a fair price for the property. At this valuation, the value of the land required by the City will amount to \$1152.

In view of the large difference between the valuation of our own Assessor and the amount asked by the owner of the property, I would suggest that if the Board decide to take the property at this time, that the matter go to arbitration.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Engineer ✓
The City Engineer is requested to report as to what commitments are outstanding against the \$5,000 fund for street widening.

JUBILEE ROAD, BLOOMINGDALE TERRACE AND QUINPOOL ROAD SEWER.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

Last Fall, in reporting on the sewerage of the western slope of the City, I recommended that plans and specifications be prepared and tenders called for the construction of a sewer in Jubilee Road from the Arm to Oxford Street - Bloomingdale Terrace from Jubilee Road to Quinpool Road, and Quinpool Road from Bloomingdale Terrace to Oxford Street.

The sewer work on the order Paper has progressed so far that I think it advisable that this work be done by days work instead of contract. While the report mentioned above was adopted by the Council, I am instructed by the City Solicitor that a more formal report and resolution are necessary.

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The total length of the sewers proposed is 5200 feet and the estimated cost \$36,400. I would recommend that the sewers be placed on the order paper to be constructed immediately. The estimated sewerage rates will be \$11,600.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

PURITY OF WATER SUPPLY - EXPROPRIATION OF PROPERTIES

AT BEECH HILL.

Read report Acting City Engineer on letter from J.L. Barnhill, solicitor for Mrs. Lizzie Munroe and Mrs. Harris, requesting that the City re-open the matter of expropriation of their properties on the ground that the amounts paid in were insufficient.

The City Engineer is instructed to confer with Mr. Barnhill and further report.

YOUNG STREET SCHOOL SITE BUILDING LOT.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending that the offer of A. M. Strong of \$325.00 for lot #10 of the Young Street School property, be accepted. Approved.

RAILWAY SIDING KEMPT ROAD.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that I have had an interview with Major Lomas, representing the Military authorities who are asking for permission to lay a railway siding across Kempt Road and Robie Street from the Cotton Factory Siding to the Crystal Spring Brewery building.

The Cotton Factory siding at present extends to a point almost opposite the Brewery building, and the distance to the building is comparatively short. There are already two railway crossings across Kempt Road within a very short distance with a possibility of a third being located for a siding to the Hennessey property, so called.

This road is the main thoroughfare leading from the City to Fairview, and I do not think it should be cut up any more than can be helped, by railway crossings. I can see no urgent necessity for the crossing applied for, and I beg to recommend that permission be not granted.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

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NORTH WEST ARM INTERCEPTING SEWER.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
April 2nd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to submit herewith a plan showing the right of way required for the North West Arm intercepting sewer from Oakland Road to Point Pleasant Park.

The original report on the question of the sewerage of the western slope of the City was submitted on the 5th of October, 1916. At that time I endeavored to make a contract for the right of way, but was unable to do so, and I beg to recommend that the necessary rights be acquired by expropriation. The rights required are as follows:-

The rights to be expropriated are the rights herein-after set out in, under, over, above or along the lands and premises described as follows, that is to say, being the land extending for a distance of fifteen feet on each side of the center lines of the sewer and overflows proposed to be constructed through the said lands extending from the north side of Oakland Road to the north boundary of Point Pleasant Park, the said center lines being located as marked and delineated on a plan entitled "North West Arm Sewer, Halifax, N. S., Expropriation Plan Oakland Road to Chain Rock", signed by H. W. Johnston, Acting City Engineer and dated the 2nd day of April, 1917, and filed in the city Engineer's Office at Halifax as Plan #3775, the said rights in the said lands being the following, that is to say -

The right to construct a sewer or sewers of such materials and such size and shape and at such levels, with such manholes, catchpits and other appurtenances as the City Engineer of the city of Halifax approves of, under in or upon the said lot.

Also the right to enter on the above described lot with carts, horses, workmen and servants at any time or from time to time by night or by day and dig up and excavate the said land and remove the earth therefrom and do all things necessary for the laying or construction of a sewer or sewers and its or their appurtenances in the above described lot;

Also where required, to fill in and raise the said lot of land with earth, stones or other suitable materials for the covering and protection of the said sewer or sewers and its or their appurtenances in such a way and to such a height as the city Engineer deems advisable.

Also the right from time to time and at any and all times hereafter whenever the city Engineer or any other City Official acting in his stead, considers it requisite, to enter upon such land with workmen, servants, horses and carts, to inspect, clean, alter, repair, renew, reconstruct, add to or rebuild such sewer or sewers and its or their appurtenances and for that purpose to dig up and excavate and upon such lot and do therein whatever may be necessary for inspecting, cleaning, altering, repairing, renewing, reconstructing, adding to or rebuilding such sewer or sewers and the appurtenances of the same:

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Also the right to set and maintain monuments marking the boundaries of the said lot.

I am attaching hereto form of resolution approved by the City Solicitor.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

The following resolution is submitted:-

WHEREAS the City Engineer has reported recommending that certain rights in certain lands forming part of the western slope of the City of Halifax and set out in a plan and description of such lands and rights prepared by him, be expropriated for the purpose of constructing a sewer for the drainage of the western slope of the City;

AND WHEREAS it is further reported by the City Engineer that a satisfactory arrangement as to the compensation paid therefor cannot be arrived at, and that it is advisable to obtain the same by expropriation;

THEREFORE RESOLVED that proceedings be taken in the manner prescribed by law by publication of notices and otherwise for the expropriation of the said rights in the said lands;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan and description of the said lands in which the said rights are to be expropriated and of the said rights, and the report of the Engineer on the matter of such expropriation be and the same are hereby approved;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Engineer be directed to give notices of the intention to expropriate as directed by law.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Harris and passed.

HOUSING CONDITIONS.- RESOLUTION OXFORD STREET

METHODIST CHURCH.

Read letter Oxford Street Methodist Church, as follows:-

Halifax, March 30th, 1917.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Men's Council of the Oxford Street Church at a meeting held on Thursday evening, March 29th, passed unanimously the following:-

"That the Men's Council of the Oxford St. Church view with concern the present wholly inadequate housing conditions in the City, and would urge the Civic authorities to give earnest attention and take prompt action in the matter of remedying this unfortunate, and we believe, unnecessary state of affairs. The public health, morality and general well-being of the entire community are all involved in this great question. We therefore

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memorialize the Municipal Authorities to grapple with the evil in vigorous and effective manner."

And your petitioners etc.

Signed - Harold T. Roe, Pastor.
H. G. Douglas, President.
T. Merrick, Secretary.

affair of Church ✓

The Secretary is instructed to inform the Men's Council of Oxford Street Church that a private movement is on foot to provide houses to better the housing condition in Halifax, and that a large tract of land has been recently secured with that end in view.

THEATRE TAX.

His Worship the Mayor thought the City should oppose the Bill now before the Legislature increasing the tax on theatre tickets. If anything is added to the price of theatre tickets it should go to the revenue of the City for the up-keep of our streets instead of to the revenue of the Province. In any case it is a tax on the poorer people of the community.

Controller McKeen did not think it expedient to oppose the Bill.

TRAMWAY SERVICE.

Read letter Nova Scotia Tramways Co., as follows:-

Montreal, P. Q., March 26th, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 15th inst., being copy of a resolution of the Board of Control relative to Tramway service.

As explained to the Board at the public meeting referred to in said resolution, the officers of this Company have been diligently endeavoring to improve the tramway service in every possible way, as well as study what alterations or extensions to the present trackage should be made to best supply the public with accommodation. There is no doubt that the tramway service has been very considerably augmented and improved since the date of the public meeting referred to, and from personal observation, there is no congestion of traffic at all and very little if any overcrowding except at the rush hour which in this City occurs in the downtown district at from 5.50 p. m. to 6.15 p. m. This condition prevails in every City on the continent, and while the Company is

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anxious and willing to furnish additional equipment and do everything possible to alleviate the rush hour conditions, its efforts have been very materially curtailed by the shortage of men, a condition by no means unique to this Company, and one which every effort is being made to overcome.

My Directors have not authorized me to disclose the general immediate policy of the Company, but I feel quite justified in stating that we are in the market for additional rolling stock, equipment, rails, ties and general construction materials, but we find it almost impossible to obtain any kind of prompt deliveries. We have had the benefit of the best expert technical advice obtainable in our consideration of the system and its future requirements, and we believe that the plans we have under consideration and preparation, which, with the co-operation of the City Authorities, we will put into effect, will be adequate to meet all the reasonable requirements of the public.

I may further say that the proposed line across the Common has been carefully surveyed, and if materials are at all obtainable same will be built without delay. There seems to be no safe way, however, of bringing this line down the hill except by following the present route via Buckingham Street. This brings us again to the question of the difficult single curve section between the Post Office and Buckingham Street via George and Granville Streets. Our own knowledge of conditions and the advice given us by the track and transportation experts, show that if the City afforded us the relief requested regarding this section, our trackage capacity would be increased at least 15%. It is unfortunate that your Board has not found it convenient to render an official decision upon our request for the change in track location through this district, and the delay in granting this Company the necessary authority to make the improvements proposed materially retards the bettering of the service to the general public as well as delays the completion of the general plans of this Company.

I shall in the course of a short time, submit to the City Engineer, plans covering an improvement in the trackage facilities at the corner of Inglis and Pleasant Streets, and if our proposal is acceptable to the City Authorities we will put the work in hand at once, and thereby be in a position to improve the service in the districts served by the operation of the cars using this track.

I respectfully submit that there are a few ways in which the City could, and I think should assist the Company in maintaining a regular schedule of service. It must be remembered that the cars have to follow the rails, consequently cannot avoid free running traffic. The City should therefore adopt and enforce traffic regulations that would prevent vehicular traffic blocking the tramway service in the manner so frequently done at present, such as refusing to get off the tracks, driving on wrong side of the road, leaving vehicles unattended on narrow streets in such manner that cars cannot pass, completely blocking major portion of streets, including tracked area, by heavy low slung trucks backing in towards curb to unload.

During the early summer I hope to be authorized and prepared to submit plans of various proposed changes in single curves, extensions to trackage and routes, all of

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which I trust will merit your approval. In the interval no effort is being spared to give the best possible service with the present system and equipment, and it is undoubtedly a fact that owing to an improvement in the labor situation as compared with last January and February, the service is vastly superior than during those months, and the matter complained of at the public meeting of 1st February, have, in general, been satisfactorily adjusted, an opinion in which I trust your Board will agree.

NOVA SCOTIA TRAMWAYS AND POWER COMPANY, Ltd.,
H. R. Mallison.

The Secretary is instructed to request Mr. Mallison to appear before the Board at its meeting on Thursday, 12th inst., to discuss the matter of proposed tramway lines from the Ferry Dock to the City Market, and also proposed tramway extension Agricola Street ~~from~~ ^{to} Gottingen Street.

H. R. Mallison ✓

PRESIDING OFFICERS.

It is decided to recommend to City Council the appointment of Presiding Officers for the approaching civic elections, as follows:-

- Ward 1A - A to G - James H. Dow.
- " 1B - H to O - Fred W. Jbbien.
- " 1C - P to Z - Tom G. Dunlap.
- " 2 A- A to G - William Crowe.
- " 2B - H to O - George A. Redmond.
- " 2C - P to Z - Arthur E. Skinner.
- " 3 A- A to G - M. Healey.
- " 3B - H to O - William A. Monaghan.
- " 3C - P to Z - Arthur G. Theakston.
- " 4A - A to G - Andrew Cluney.
- " 4B - H to O - James T. MacDonald.
- " 4C - P to Z - George E. Pellow.
- " 5A - A to G - W. E. Messervey.
- " 5B - H to O - Frederick G. James.
- " 5C - P to Z - David A. MacDonald.
- " 6A - A to G - John Allison.
- " 6B - H to O - Thomas Stokes.
- " 6C - P to Z - Robert Campbell.

Council ✓

WATER BILL 8 DUKE STREET - MRS. HELEN WRIGHT.

Read report Acting City Engineer re water meter bill Mrs. Helen Wright, 8 Duke Street.

Referred to Controller Murphy for report.

Cont. Murphy ✓

STREET RAILWAY HIGH VOLTAGE WIRES.

Read report City Electrician as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,
March 28th, 1917.

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

With reference to the exact voltage impressed on the circuit leading from the N. S. Tramways

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by the Co.
& Power Company's plant to Dartmouth, I am informed that the present voltage is 2300 plus a boost sufficient to cover the drop of potential in the line, which equals 250 to 300 volts, and making a total voltage of 2550 to 2600.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

Electrician ✓

The City Electrician is instructed to make a thorough investigation of these electric wire lines and report as to whether ~~it~~ ^{they} conform to the Underwriters' requirements.

*H. R. Mullison ✓
Attn S. Dray Co ✓*

On motion of Controller McKeen, the Secretary is instructed to write the Tramway Company, informing them that the present condition of their electric wires throughout the City is a menace to the safety of our citizens, and have resulted in a number of fatal accidents, and to request them to have a thorough inspection made, and to report to this Board as to the physical character of the lines after such inspection.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Read report City Electrician as follows:-

Halifax, March 28th, 1917.

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

With respect to your enquiry as to the cost of a signalling system for each School, I beg to submit the following estimate:-

Tower Road	\$335.00
Morris Street	420.00
St. Mary's Boys'	280.00
" " Girls'	280.00
Academy	375.00
Acadian	140.00
College	250.00
Quinpool Road	200.00
LeMarchant	200.00
Oxford	270.00
Chebucto	490.00
Bloomfield	225.00
" High	455.00
St. Joseph's	230.00
Richmond	210.00
Alexandra	490.00
St. Patrick's Girls	365.00
" Boys'	420.00
" High	315.00
Joseph Howe	275.00
Manuel Training	130.00
	<u>\$6355.00</u>

It will be noted that the above figures amount to \$1005.00 more than the tender submitted in September, which may be accounted for by the increased cost of apparatus

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and supplies.

With reference to the installation of Fire Alarm Boxes, I do not think it would be advisable to locate them in the School buildings, because of the high cost, about \$5,000, together with the fact that they would be largely inaccessible to the residents of the district.

There are however districts in which some of the schools are situated, that should be provided with boxes, and if they were placed outside the buildings would afford protection to both schools, and other buildings in the neighborhood. The following schools are in the most destitute districts in this respect, viz.- Chebucto, Joseph Howe, Bloomfield and St. Joseph's.

The cost of installing four boxes at present prices would be about \$1,000.00.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to the Board of School Commissioners, and the School Board informed that this Board would be pleased to discuss the matter with them at any time.

ST. P PATRICK'S BOYS' SCHOOL - HILLS P ROPERTY.

Read report City Clerk that he had paid into Court the sum of \$500.00, the additional amount of award of arbitrators. Filed.

FERRY LICENSE, C. DUGGAN & SON.

On motion of Controller Harris, it is decided to grant to C. Duggan & Son a ferry license applied for by them last summer, the improvements recommended having been effected to their motor boat.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - CHEMICAL ENGINE FOR ISLESVILLE

ENGINE HOUSE.

Controller Halliday informed the Board that until the new motor fire engine is procured, he will be unable to make the changes necessary in Islesville Engine House required in order to instal the old chemical engine in that building. Controller Halliday is requested to submit a report as to the cost, etc., at an early date.

RETURNED SOLDIERS' CLUB ROOMS.

Read request Returned Soldiers' Association, that the City, if possible, place at their disposal, premises

Miss J. Wilson
seels ✓

Council ✓

Asst. City Clerk ✓

Cont. Halliday ✓

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suitable for meeting rooms.

It is unanimously agreed to allow the Association the use of the meeting room in the Bedford Row Engine House.

NORTH WEST ARM SEWER.

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

Halifax, March 31st, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control
Gentlemen:-

I have been instructed to inform you that at the annual meeting of the members of the North West Arm Rowing Club, held on the 13th inst. an offer made by R. T. MacIlreith, Esq., President, to the Board of Control to the effect -

"That if the City would guarantee to secure legislation at the present session of the Legislature to compel the City to continue without delay the construction of the North West Arm trunk sewer to Chain Rock or the mouth of the Harbor instead of emptying at Oakland Road, as at present proposed, the Club would forego any compensation for damages by such right of way, provided the members of the Club at the annual meeting approve of this offer."

The said offer was unanimously confirmed at said meeting.

H. S. Rhind,
Secretary.

The offer of the North West Arm Rowing Club is accepted, and the City Solicitor instructed to prepare legislation accordingly.

KEMPT ROAD AND CAMPBELL ROAD - JOHN F. GOUGH.

Read letter John F. Gough asking the City to have removed a bank of earth in front of his store at the junction of Kempt Road and Campbell Road.

The Acting City Engineer is instructed to inform Mr. Gough that he will have to apply to the railway authorities to remedy his grievance.

BRUNSWICK LANE AND FALKLAND STREET RENUMBERING.

Read report Controller Murphy, as follows:-

Halifax, April 2nd, 1917.

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

The numbering of the above is in a very complicated condition at present, and I would ask that a report be

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made on the advisability of renumbering same, so as to correct the difficulties now existing.

John Murphy,
Controller.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts are passed for payment:--

City Prison \$199.82, Library \$2.50.

City Prison

J. J. Scriven & Sons	Bread	8.40
R.M. McDonald & Son	Groceries	28.34
J.A. Leaman & Co.	Oxheads	6.65
G.C. Hartlen & Co.	Stew beef	4.00
S.C. Thompson	Fodder	32.00
J. & M. Murphy, Ltd.	Drygoods	29.82
Imperial Oil Co.	Axle grease	2.37
J. & M. Murphy	Tweed	1.88
W.S. Munnis	Uniforms	53.50
Wm. Roche	Coal	20.00
Richmond Printing Co.	Letterhead	6.00
Telephone Co.	Phones	4.50
Tramway Co.	Light and power	3.06
		<u>\$ 199.82</u>

Library.

T.C. Allen & Co.	Books	.50
Canadian Finance	"	2.00
		<u>\$ 2.50</u>

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. Fred Monaghan

CITY CLERK.

Engineer ✓

Council ✓

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.

Boathouse in Residential District.
City Lot Foot of Quinpool Road.
North West Arm Bridge.
Sidewalks Roserbank Park.
Police Department Appointments.
Water Bills G. J. Hiseler.
City Home.
Policeman.
Water Supply S. R. Cossey.
Cash Statement City Treasurer.
Ladder Truck Damaged by Tramcar.
Fires set by Railway Engines.
Fire Department.
Islesville Fire Station.
Loan for Widening Streets.
Young Street School Property.
Acadian School Property, Argyle Street.
Police Second Hand Motor Cycle.
Sarah Street.
Houses on Watershed at Beech Hill.
Account for Liquor Prosecutions.
Water Extension Longard Road.
Water Boiler G. A. J. Hoak, Coburg Road.
Changing Civic Year.
Nova Scotia Car Works Indebtedness to City.
Chestnut Street Sewer and Water Extension.
Water Bill I. O. O. F. Hall, Buckingham Street.
Water Bills Estate Pierce Mullaly, 194 Creighton Street, 163 Maynard Street, 31 Waitland Street.
Water Bill J. H. Balcom, 119 Cunard Street.
Accounts.

BOATHOUSE IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

In response to advertisement in the newspapers, inviting citizens interested to appear before the Board in the matter of the application of Louis Dixon for permission to erect a boathouse on the shore of the North West Arm near the Arm Bridge, a number of citizens appeared, including the applicant, Louis Dixon and J. Johnson Hunt, his solicitor, Harry Piers, R. M. Hattie, Councillor E. Gabouray, A. D. MacDonald, A. H. Minshull, and others.

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The Board is addressed by Dr. Hunt on behalf of the applicant, and by Harry Piers and R. M. Hattie against the application.

Mr. Dixon informed the Board that he would sell his property to the City for \$300.00.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

CITY LOT FOOT OF QUINPOOL ROAD.

Harry Piers suggested to the Board that the City plant a few trees and place some benches in the City lot at the foot of Quinpool Road, so that the place may look right and be of some service.

NORTH WEST ARM BRIDGE.

Harry Piers called attention to the dangerous condition of the North West Arm Bridge. He stated that there is no parapet on the north side of the bridge, and that the parapet should be built by the City, as agreed upon when the County built the bridge.

The City Engineer stated that there is nothing on record as to such an agreement, and that the erection of such bridges is taken care of by the Province.

Referred to the City Engineer for consultation with the Provincial Engineer, and report.

SIDEWALKS ROSEBANK PARK.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
April 4th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control asking for areas and costs of sidewalks and curbs and gutters in Rosebank Park.

The sidewalks laid by Mr. Bell a few years ago were laid at a contract price of \$1.80 a square yard. This was a cheaper rate than the City paid during the year, as part of the foundation of the sidewalks was paid for in the contract for grading the streets. There was paid approximately 4264 square yards, which at \$1.80 a square yard would equal \$7675.20.

If this work had been done by the City in the regular course, the property owners would have been assessed

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one-half the cost, or \$3837.60.

The length of curb and gutter required to complete the work in front of where the sidewalks are laid, is approximately 8000 lineal feet. The estimated cost of this is about \$9600.00.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

R. P. Bell is present, and addresses the Board.

The City Engineer is requested to report as to the grading and taking over of the streets in Rosebank Park.

The City Solicitor is requested to report as to whether any legislation is necessary in connection with the taking over of the streets or entering into an arrangement with Mr. Bell in connection with the payment for concrete sidewalks and curbs and gutters.

POLICE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS.

The City Solicitor gives a verbal opinion that all appointments and promotions in the Police Department, excepting in regard to the Chief of Police, are made by the Board of Control, and not by the City Council.

WATER BILLS G. J. HISELER.

Read letter George J. Hiseler, expressing dissatisfaction with the recommendation of the Board of Control in regard to reduction in water bills, claiming that a number of accounts not referred to in the Board's recommendation should have been included in the list for the 20% reduction.

Referred to Controller Murphy for report.

CITY HOME.

Read report City Home for the month of March, including a recommendation that tenders be invited for groceries, drygoods, leather, mess pork and meats.

It is decided to recommend to Council that tenders be invited for six months and for twelve months.

Read tender G. & A. Hutchinson for supply of ice for the City Home to October 10th, for \$24.00. Accepted.

POLICEMAN.

Controller Harris reported that in response to

Engineer ✓
Solicitor ✓

Cont. Murphy ✓

Council ✓

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advertisement in the newspapers for applications for the position of policeman, none of the applicants came up to the standard requirements.

Mail ✓
Recorder ✓
Clerk ✓
Chief of Police ✓

The Chief of Police is instructed to again advertise for applications to be receivable up to noon on the 13th inst.

WATER SUPPLY S. R. COSSEY.

Engineer ✓
Solicitor ✓

Read letter S. R. Cossey, asking for an answer to his claim for a refund for cash expended in ascertaining the cause of trouble with water supply at his residence.

Referred to the City Solicitor for report.

CASH STATEMENT CITY TREASURER.

Council ✓

Read cash statement City Treasurer for the month of March.

Referred to the City Council for its information.

LADDER TRUCK DAMAGED BY TRAM CAR.

Accounts for repairs etc. to Fire Department ladder truck damaged by a tramway car are submitted, as follows:-

Letter
Tram Co ✓

Stroud & Eveleigh	Repairs	\$285.00
British American Ass. Co.	Ins. Policy	13.50

The accounts are ordered to be forwarded to the Tramway Co. for settlement.

FIRES SET BY RAILWAY ENGINES.

Controller Halliday stated he had received a number of complaints from property owners of railway engines running on the Ocean Terminals Railway setting fires along the ^{line} road of the railway.

Set
Cook Construction
Co & Wheaton Bros

The Secretary is instructed to call the attention of the Cook Construction Co. & Wheaton Bros. to the complaints, and to request them to effect a remedy by the use of spark arrestors, or otherwise.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

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Office Chief of Fire Department
April 5th, 1917.

The Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

I beg leave to make the following report:-

There were thirteen alarms of fire during the month of March from the following causes:- chimneys 8; false 1; unknown 2; fireplace 1; matches 1; still alarm 1; sparks 1.

Insurance at risk.....	\$142,000.00
Insurance loss.....	\$19,000.00
Loss without insurance.....	105.00
Total losses.....	\$19,105.00

Recommendations.

I wish to report and recommend -

1. That John Keefe be appointed supernumerary on No. 6 Hose.
2. That John Egan, driver No. 2 Chemical, responding to an alarm of fire from Box 6, on February 15th, had one of his hands badly injured, and has not yet reported for duty.
3. That D. Ryan, acting relief driver, reported sick on February 8th, and has not yet reported himself for duty.
4. That No. 1 ladder truck returning from an alarm of fire from Box No. 36, February 12th, 1917, was struck by an electric car on Spring Garden Road, causing damage to the truck to the extent of \$285.00.
5. I wish to recommend that Charles Hillier be appointed supernumerary on No. 5 Engine.

E. Condon,
Chief Fire Department.

Approved.

ISLESVILLE FIRE STATION.

On recommendation of Controller Halliday, W. B. Fidler is authorized to obtain from two or three contractors an estimate of cost of alterations to the Islesville Fire Station, to enable the placing of a chemical engine there, and to submit the same to the Board.

LOAN FOR WIDENING STREETS.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that the balance to the credit of the Loan for Widening Streets is \$3383.75. From this should be deducted the following:-

Council ✓

*Cont. Halliday ✓
Chief Fire Dept.*

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Robie Street - Heber Hartlen - fencing	\$200.00
Chebucto Road - Wm. McPatridge	150.00
George Street - Cragg Bros.	427.73

and amount of Solicitor's bill.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Filed.

The City Engineer is requested to submit a list of all applications for recompence for land required by the City for widening streets.

YOUNG STREET SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Read report City Solicitor as follows:-

Office of City Solicitor,
April 2nd, 1917.

City Treasurer.
Dear Sir:-

The Section quoted by you indicates the only dispositions possible of the money realized by the sale of the School Board property, and in the absence of any agreement the disposition would be in the hands of the School Board.

As I understand what took place when the City was authorized to sell was that the City was requested to sell the property on behalf of the School Board and apply the proceeds towards payment of the amount required for the construction of a new school, for which the City would be required to issue debentures. If my understanding is correct, then the money must be applied in that way, otherwise it is for the School Board to say whether they wish it to go to the Sinking Fund or not.

F. H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

Referred to Controller McKeen for report.

ACADIAN SCHOOL PROPERTY, ARGYLE STREET.

His Worship the Mayor recommends that the Acadian School building, Argyle Street, be rented to Baldwin & Co. from month to month for two or three months at \$50.00 per month. Approved.

POLICE SECOND HAND MOTOR CYCLE.

Read offer J. M. Ripley, 13 Granville Street, to purchase a second hand motor cycle from the Police Department for \$75.00.

Referred to Controller Harris for report.

Engineer ✓

Cont. McKeen ✓
City Treasurer ✓

Council ✓

Cont. Harris ✓

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SARAH STREET.

The report of the Acting City Engineer submitted at meeting February 6th, 1917, suggesting that the City Solicitor report as to whether the public have acquired a title to the land of Sarah Street through user, is referred to the City Solicitor for immediate report.

Engineer ✓
Solicitor ✓

HOUSES ON WATERSHED OF BEECH HILL.

The Acting City Engineer is authorized to sell the buildings on property recently expropriated at Beech Hill for whatever sum he can obtain for them.

Engineer ✓

ACCOUNT FOR LIQUOR PROSECUTIONS.

Read letter R. H. Murray, K. C., to E. S. Tracey, Liquor Inspector, covering account \$42.50 for legal services in prosecuting cases for violations of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act.

RH Murray KC ✓
Liquor Inspector ✓
City Solicitor ✓

Referred to the City Solicitor for report.

WATER EXTENSION LONGARD ROAD.

Read petition for water extension to a house on Longard Road, at the corner of Kempt Road.

Engineer ✓

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

WATER BOILER G. A. J. BOAK, COBURG ROAD.

Read account G. A. J. Boak for damage to a hot water boiler at his residence, Coburg Road.

Auditor ✓
Engineer ✓
Chief of Works ✓

The account is passed for payment out of Water Maintenance appropriation.

CHANGING CIVIC YEAR.

Read draft act changing the period of the civic year to agree with the calendar year, as follows:-

The Council may resolve to change the civic year from the first day of May to the thirtieth day of April as fixed by Section 328 to a year beginning on the first day of January and ending on the thirty-first day of December, and in such event the City shall cause all further changes and amendments in the various dates throughout the Charter necessitated or made desirable by such, and such changes and amendments may be brought into force by the Governor in Council by Order in Council published in the Royal Gazette.

Council ✓

Approved and ordered to be forwarded to the City

Council.

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NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS TO CITY.

Read opinions City Solicitor, as follows:-

Office of City Solicitor,
April 3rd, 1917.

J. J. Hopewell, Esq.,
City Treasurer.

Dear Sir:-

Re Interest N. S. Car Co.

It is undoubtedly the law that interest upon interest is not usually payable. But as I understand you, the amount due the City by the Car Company was adjusted between you and the Company before the sale to the Canada Corporations, and the sale to that Company was made expressly subject to the payment of that amount. If that is so, I do not see how it is now open to the purchaser to question the amount so adjusted. Possibly the N. S. Car Company could have disputed the city's claim, but a claim on behalf of the purchaser, that it could buy at a price which included the amount now questioned and then ask to be relieved from that amount, does not appear to me to be well founded. In fact, if the contention of the purchaser is upheld, it would appear clear that the amount claimed should go not to the purchaser, but to the liquidator, as part of the price.

F. H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

Office of City Solicitor,
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Secretary Board of Control.

Dear Sir:-

Re Fire Protection Rates.

I have given an opinion to the Treasurer on the matter of the interest on unpaid interest, a copy of which is attached. If the amount paid for fire protection rates was paid in the same way as the interest, my opinion would apply to that also. I may add that the Treasurer has applied to the Eastern Trust Company for an exact statement of what took place at the sale.

F. H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

The opinions are referred to Controller McKeen to communicate their effect to James Moorman, representing the Eastern Trust Company.

CHESTNUT STREET SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION.

Read petition for water and sewer extension on Chestnut Street, south of Jubilee Road.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

WATER BILL I. O. O. F. HALL, BUCKINGHAM STREET.

Read reports City Engineer and Acting City Engineer

*Treasurer
Cont. McKeen*

Engineer

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re water meter bills I. O. O. F. Hall, Buckingham Street.

It is decided to recommend to Council that bills amounting to \$21.78, \$69.58, \$56.43 and \$21.12 respectively, be each reduced to the sum of \$8.00, the I. O. O. F. to be given the usual caution in respect to waste of water.

Council ✓

WATER BILLS ESTATE PIERCE MULALLY, 194 CREIGHTON STREET, 163 MAYNARD STREET, 31 MAITLAND STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer re water meter bills charged Estate of Pierce Mullaly, 194 Creighton Street, 163 Maynard Street and 31 Maitland Street.

The Engineer's report stated that the bills for 194 Creighton Street and 163 Maynard Street were wrong owing to an error in reading the meters. He recommended against any reduction in the bill for 31 Maitland Street.

Council ✓

It is decided to recommend to Council that the bill for 31 Maitland Street be reduced from \$29.68 to \$9.68.

WATER BILL J. H. BALCOM, 119 CUNARD STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending that no reduction be made in water meter bill charged against J. H. Balcom, 119 Cunard Street. Approved.

Council ✓

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts are passed for payment:-

Health Board \$161.11; City Home \$2418.83; General Accounts \$271.55; Police \$93.74; Fire Department \$1316.26; Works Department \$4962.08.

Health Board.

Halifax Wet Wash	Washing	11.40
Kinley's Ltd.	Drugs	24.55
Wm. Roche	Coal	30.00
S. Cunard & Co.	Coal	57.50
Telephone Co.	Phones	16.14
John Starr Son & Co.	Battery	.45
N.S. Tramways	Light and power	10.57
E.W. Crease & Son	Brooms	6.50
T.C. Allen & Co.	Supplies	4.00
		<u>\$161.11</u>

City Home.

Gunn & Co., Ltd.	Flour	277.50
Wentzell's Ltd.	Groceries	505.05
E. & A. Thompson	Meat	431.93
A. Wilson & Son	Fresh fish	38.50
Smith & Proctor	Butter	205.19

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S. C. Thompson	Forage	26.58
Jas. Watson	Milk	125.55
A. Fordham & Co.	Leather	23.32
W. Y. Kennedy	Drygoods	131.17
Fleischmann Co.	Yeast	4.20
Halifax Tram Co.	Light and power	30.83
Buckley Coal Co.	Coal	207.42
H. McFatridge	Rope	15.50
Farquhar Bros.	Sundries	12.50
Jas. Simmonds Ltd.	Hardware	10.08
Blackaddar Bros.	Newspaper	5.00
H. H. Marshall	"	6.00
C. E. Putner	Dispensing	50.00
Brookfield Bros.	Pickets	2.50
Clayton & Sons	Men's clothing	105.00
W. S. Munnis	do	40.50
Willis Bros.	Repairs	8.00
R. Taylor Co.	Shoes and slippers	46.05
T.C. Johnson	Repairs	1.00
H. McFatridge	Horseshoeing	5.18
A. & W. Mackinley, Ltd.	Books	2.50
Longard Bros.	Repairs	3.40
N. S. Furnishing Co.	Chairs	7.00
Maritime Tel. Co.	Phones	7.50
A.F. Buckley M.D.	Lunacy certificate	5.00
A.C. Harrison, M.D.	do	10.00
Dr. P. Weatherby	do	5.00
District No. 13	Maintenance	17.18
B.J. Mulcahy	Cash expended	17.55
Dr. R.F. O'Brien	Medical attendance	2.00
Salaries	March pay sheet	782.64
		<u>\$3243.20</u>

Chargeable to 1915-16 Account -

Dr. R. F. O'Brien	Medical attendance	5.00
		<u>\$3248.20</u>

Police Department.

Fire Department	Feed, gasoline, etc. &	43.89
A. M. Bell & Co.	1 Oil Hat	.60
T. C. Allen & Co.	Kraft wrapping	5.25
Halifax Herald	Advertising	6.27
Blackaddar Bros.	do	4.65
Maxwell's Ltd.	Altering & repairing	17.50
W. S. Bayer	Laundry	1.16
Maritime Tel. Co.	Phones	14.42
		<u>\$93.74</u>

Fire Department.

Halifax Tramways	Light and power	40.03
Imperial Oil Co.	Gasoline	7.00
John McInnes & Son	Lumber	45.54
Ideal Mfg. Co.	Wood	5.50
S.C. Thompson	Fodder	507.51
S. Cunard & Co.	Coal	40.25
Wm. J. Regan	Saddlery	31.35
Halifax Herald	Advertising	8.36
Recorder	do	7.75
Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.	Hardware	18.61
Ungar's Laundry	Work	10.10
E. B. Eddy Co.	Paper	5.70
John Davison & Son	Lumber	1.47
Maritime Tel. Co.	Phones	57.33
Canadian Rubber Co.	Gloves	42.35
City Home	Wood	2.00
David Roche	Paint	30.21
T.C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	27.00

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Fire Department - Continued.

A.J. Bell & Co.	Insurance	13.50
Geo. A. Perrier	Plumbing	10.27
Kline & Mullins	Caps	9.50
Dr. H. McFatridge	Shoeing	2.00
Wm. Roche	Coal	40.00
Hillis & Sons	Grate bar	1.00
Wm. Robertson & Son	Caps	2.98
Axle Valve Co.	Equipment	24.25
Stroud & Eveleigh	Carriage work	1.00
Neil Fox	Saddlery	21.95
Melvin & Co.	Hardware	2.40
Hfx. Tow Boat Co.	Tug hire at fire	10.00
E. W. Crease & Son	Soap	4.45
Stroud & Eveleigh		285.00
		<u>\$1316.26</u>

Works Department.

Street Lighting	2338.75
Night Soil Plant	61.82
Telephone	80.38
City Hall Lighting	63.76
City Property and Market Maintenance	28.07
Internal Health	213.51
Teams and stables	407.06
Sewerage	569.48
Water Maintenance	1159.25
	<u>\$4922.08</u>

General Accounts.

Dr. Finn	Certificates of death	
	Dennis Ryan.....	4.00
	Jas. S. Foley.....	4.00
	Martin Hickey.....	4.00
	Chas. Dixon.....	12.00
		<u>24.00</u>
Office Specialty Co.	Filing Cards	3.50
United Typewriter Co.	Typewriter fittings	2.00
Canada Law Book	Can. Annual Digest	6.30
E.M. Vieth	Information for Assessors	10.00
E.H. Blois	Expenses apprehending boys	4.00
McLeod Pub. Co.	Advertising loan	12.00
Blackaddar Bros.	Advertising	9.15
Halifax Herald	Advertising	13.80
T.C. Allen & Co.	Stationery & Printing	
	City Collector.....	1.50
	" Clerk.....	37.10
	" Assessors....	2.10
	" "	15.50
	" Solicitor....	2.25
		<u>58.45</u>
A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd.	Books	
	City Collector....	77.40
	" Assessors....	27.45
	" Liquor Inspector	3.50
		<u>128.35</u>
		<u>\$ 271.55</u>

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The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. J. W. Wagoner

CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

April 5th, 1917.

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

WATER BILLS GEORGE J. HISELER.

On the complaint of George J. Hiseler that the Board had not made reduction in all the water meter bills charged against him, which he considered excessive, Controller Murphy recommends that a discount of 20% be allowed Mr. Hiseler on the following accounts:-

181 Gottingen Street, \$15.90; \$21.48 ; \$13.37.
78 Upper Water Street 20.68
1 Bell's Lane 22.80
71 Maynard Street 26.02
61 Maynard Street 22.64

Approved.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
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MAYOR.

L. J. McLaughlin
CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

April 10th, 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.

Drain #12 Morris Street, Sydney Locke.
Auto Cab Stand, Hollis Street.
Ferry License.
Police Department.
Fire Protection Military Hospital #2 Pier.
Policeman Ambrose Gray.
Tramway Lines Spring Garden Road and Pleasant Street.
Sherwood and Phillips Streets Water Extension.
Chebucto Road and Mumford Road.
Oiling of Streets.
Water Bill 67 Granville Street, Estate James Hunter.
Rosebank Park Streets and Sidewalks.
Parker Street and Quinpool Road.

DRAIN #12 MORRIS STREET, SYDNEY LOCKE.

Read letter Sydney Locke re drain at his residence, #12 Morris Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

AUTO CAB STAND, HOLLIS STREET.

Read application Halifax Taxi Cab Co., Hugh G. Frasey, for permission to stand one of his cars on Hollis Street in front of his office, 138½ Hollis Street.

Referred to Controller Harris for report.

FERRY LICENSE.

Read application G. A. Holmes, Dartmouth, for a motor boat ferry license to operate between Tuft's Cove and the Acadia Sugar Refinery property.

Referred to Controller Harris for report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Read letter Alderman Godwin, as follows:-

Halifax, April 7th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

As recent appointments in our Police Depart-

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ment have caused considerable comment, and in general they are not in the best interests of all concerned, and as one interested in fair play, I asked at your meeting to have this matter referred to the City Council for confirmation, but unfortunately the City Charter gives full power of this particular matter to the Board.

In order to avoid any future recurrence of this, I am asking that your Board seek legislation to amend the Charter, as follows:-

Subsections (1) and (5) of Section #255 is amended by adding thereto before the words "The Board of Control" "the Council on the nomination of the"

Also -

Subsections (1) and (2) of Section #256 is amended by adding thereto before the words "The Board of Control" "The Council on the nomination of the"

Kindly have the above changes made and give the Council the same authority over appointments in the Police Department that they now have in the Fire Department.

John E. Godwin,
Ward No. 6.

Approved and forwarded to the City Solicitor to draft the legislation suggested by Alderman Godwin.

FIRE PROTECTION MILITARY HOSPITAL #2 PIER.

Controller Halliday submits the following correspondence:-

Halifax, March 16th, 1917.

Officer Commanding
Military Hospitals Commissions Command,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

As requested, we made an inspection of the Discharge Depot at Pier Two, Halifax, and recommend the following for the better protection and handling of patients at this place.

Regular fire patrol for the entire building to be maintained night and day.

Remove wooden partition (full width of corridor) at west end of south corridor, and substitute swinging doors to exit stairs at west end.

Increase size of platforms of two fire escapes at east end of shed, doors leading to same should be made to swing out, panic bolts should be provided at these doors. The doors of fire escapes to roof should be similarly treated. Stairways from fire escapes to be widened and stairs broken by a platform half way down.

All doors from wards to corridors should swing outwards, as also should all doors leading out of corridors.

Lattice work gates on stairways (west end of shed) should be removed.

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Doors at west end (entrance) of shed should be provided with panic bolts.

Provide an exit door (swinging out) in east wall of nurses' sleeping quarters.

Provide night lights at fire escapes and exits.

Stevedores' lounging rooms to be thoroughly cleaned out and kept clean.

Remove unused stove pipe in south corridor which leads out from baggage checker's room.

Have all electric wiring inspected and tested by City Electrician.

The following additional fire extinguishing equipment should be provided and suggestions carried out -

One approved thirty-three (33) gallon chemical extinguisher (narrow gauge to pass through doors) on wheels, in each of north and south corridors.

One similar extinguisher (kept in heated room) to be placed each north and south sides of lower main floor of shed.

One approved 2½ gallon chemical extinguisher in hall of Discharge Depot (near Major's Office).

One approved 2½ gallon chemical extinguisher in recreation room.

One approved 2½ gallon chemical extinguisher in each sleeping wards 1 and 2.

One 2½ gallon chemical extinguisher in kitchen of tubercular ward.

One 2½ gallon chemical extinguisher on south wall near rooms of tubercular wards.

One 2½ gallon chemical extinguisher in kitchen of Emmigration Quarters.

One 2½ gallon chemical extinguisher in corridor near Emmigration Quarters (offices).

Main floor of shed and track pits should be regularly swept and all loose hay, etc. removed.

An auxiliary (or direct) fire alarm system connected with City fire alarm service should be installed in building.

Yard fire hydrants should be regularly tested and daily test made in freezing weather. All hose in shed and yard should be tested (at least monthly).

All of staff and attendants to be drilled in use of fire extinguishing apparatus, and to be made familiar with the location of such, as well as with the stand pipes and hose now in building (this should be tested) and main valve for turning on water to the stand pipes, also location of fire alarm box, yard hydrants, yard hose, etc.,

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Respectfully submitted,

W. R. Fegan,
Asst. Building Inspector.
E. Condon,
Chief Hfx. Fire Department.
Edward J. Fahie,
Secty. N.S. Board of Fire
Underwriters.

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Halifax, April 2nd, 1917.

To E. Condon, Esq.,
Chief Halifax Fire Department,
Halifax, N. S.

From Capt. W. L. Symons,
Officer i/c Works Dept.,
M. H. C.

Sir:-

Your report signed also by City Building Inspector and Secretary of Board of Fire Underwriters re fire protection for this building has been duly received. Its recommendations will be followed out completely as far as possible. One item, however, that referring to the two fire escapes at the east end of the shed which asks that the fire escapes be widened, and the stairs broken by a platform half way down. I find upon examination that these stairs are about four feet wide and it would be a very costly job to either widen them or alter them, and the expense unwarranted for any material gain. I have however ordered that the doors be made to swing out and panic bolts provided as you suggest.

In regard to your recommendation for a regular fire patrol for the entire building, could we not arrange to have this done by men from the Fire Department under you? The Commission of course would pay for this service. In many ways this would be the more efficient as your men would personally know the location of the various fire equipment and also see that the drills, etc., are properly carried out.

Would you let me have a reply to the address below?

I have the honor to be Sir,

Yours very truly,
W. L. Symons,
Halifax Hotel.

Controller Halliday and the Chief of the Fire Department are authorized to appoint four men to act as fire patrolmen as requested, to be paid by the Military Hospitals Commission at the same rate as the Fire Department pays its employees.

POLICEMAN AMBROSE GRAY.

Read complaint from W. P. Buckley that Policeman Ambrose Grey had spread a statement that Inspector Tracey

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had raided his barn and taken barrels of liquor from there.

Referred to Controller Harris for report.

TRAMWAY LINES SPRING GARDEN ROAD AND PLEASANT ST.

Read letter Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, as follows:-

Halifax, April 9th, 1917.

P. F. Martin, Esq.,
Mayor City of Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 5th inst. addressed to the Chairman of this Board, and in reply have to say the same was considered by the Board at its regular sittings and that finally, after conferring with the representatives of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co. Ltd., a sketch of a proposed lay-out of double tracks was approved for the street intersection above referred to.

This plan providing double tracks, if carried out, will relieve a large portion of the congestion referred to in your Worship's communication and will do away to a great extent with the delays now incident to car traffic at the point in question.

I am further to add that the proposed lay-out will also meet with your Worship's expressed desire that the St. Paul's Cemetery property should not be interfered with.

A copy of the plan of the proposed changes is enclosed herewith, and if the same meets with the approval of the City authorities, the company will put it into effect as soon as the necessary special work can be obtained.

L. B. Taylor,
secretary.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

SHERWOOD AND PHILLIPS STREETS WATER EXTENSION.

Alderman Foley requested a report from the City Engineer as to the advisability and cost of water extension in Sherwood Street and in Phillips Street.

CHEBUCTO ROAD AND MUMFORD ROAD.

Alderman Foley complained of the condition of Chebucto Road and Mumford Road.

The Acting City Engineer stated that the condition is caused by the frost coming out of the ground, and nothing can be done to effect a remedy.

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Chief of Police

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OILING OF STREETS.

Controller Murphy brought up the matter of proposed amendments to the law relating to the oiling of streets, and asked if it was the intention of the Board to make any changes.

The Board decided that until the law as it at present exists has had a trial, no changes should be made.

WATER BILL 67 GRANVILLE STREET, ESTATE JAMES HUNTER.

The report of the Acting City Engineer submitted at meeting September 28th, 1916, re water meter bill Estate James Hunter, 67 Granville Street, is again considered.

On recommendation of Controller Murphy, it is decided to reduce the accounts, \$38.94 and \$26.67, totalling \$65.61, to \$25.00, with the usual caution as to waste.

ROSEBANK PARK STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.

R. P. Bell appeared before the Board and asked if the Board was prepared to give a definite answer to his proposition respecting the concrete sidewalks and curbs and gutters in Rosebank Park streets.

Mr. Bell is informed that the Easter holidays having been on since the last meeting of this Board, the City Engineer and City Solicitor have been unable to submit the report desired from them.

Mr. Bell announced that he will withdraw the offers made by him, and that the City will have to pay for the streets.

PARKER STREET AND QUINPOOL ROAD.

Alderman Foley called attention to the dangerous condition existing at the junction of Parker Street, Quinpool Road and Windsor Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. J. Worsfold
CITY CLERK.

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*Engineer ✓
Solicitor ✓*

Engineer ✓

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

April 12th, 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.

Walnut Street - McFatrige Lot.
Changing Civic Year.
Meeting of Board.
Cultivation of Vacant Land.
Rosebank Park - Taking over of Streets.
Boathouse North West Arm - Louis Dixon.
Coal Weighers' Monthly Report.
Billiam Room License - Wm. F. Blank.
Overhead Electric Wires.
Tram Lines Across the Common.
Tram Line from Dartmouth Ferry to City Market.
Tramway Extensions and Improvement.
Clean-up Week.
Street Traffic Regulations.
Longard Road Water Supply - Heber Hartlen.
Cherry Street Water Supply.
Young Street School Site Building Lot.
Union Street Improvement.
Foster Lot Chebucto Road - Arbitrator's Account.
Water Department Estimates.
Superannuation of Officials.

WALNUT STREET - MCFATRIDGE LOT.

Read extract minutes of City Council meeting April 5th, 1917, referring back to this Board its report recommending that the City purchase from Wm. McFatrige for \$875.00 a lot of land owned by him required for the extension of Watt Street, with the recommendation that the question of fixing the value of the property be referred to arbitration.

It is decided to concur in the recommendation of the City Council, and to appoint J. C. Harris arbitrator on behalf of the City.

CHANGING CIVIC YEAR.

Read extract minutes of City Council meeting April 5th, 1917, referring back to this Board with the recommendation that the same be filed, its report covering draft act for the changing of the civic year to make it

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Wm. McFatrige ✓*

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synchronize with the calendar year.

The Board concurs in the recommendation of the
the
Council, and/report and draft act are ordered to be filed.

MEETING OF BOARD.

On account of Tuesday next being nomination day, it is decided not to hold the regular meeting of the Board on that day unless important business requires it.

CULTIVATION OF VACANT LAND.

Read extract from minutes of City Council April 5th, 1917, referring back to this Board its report re proposed contribution by the City for encouraging and assisting in the cultivation of vacant lots. Filed.

ROSEBANK PARK - TAKING OVER OF STREETS.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
April 12th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report that the streets in Rosebank Park have been graded to my satisfaction and in accordance with the plan approved by the City Engineer, and a certificate to this effect has been filed in my office as required by section 601 of the City Charter.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Filed.

BOATHOUSE NORTH WEST ARM - LOUIS DIXON.

Read letter J. J. Hunt, K. C., requesting an early decision as to the application of Louis Dixon to erect a boathouse at the North West Arm near the Arm Bridge.

Mr. Dixon appears before the Board.

On motion of Controller Harris, it is decided to recommend to the City Council that Mr. Dixon's property be purchased from him for the sum of \$300.00.

COAL WEIGHERS' MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Coal Weighers for the month of March, showing each weigher to have received \$61.24. Filed.

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BILLIARD ROOM LICENSE - WILLIAM F. BLANK.

Read application William F. Blank for a billiard room license at premises 227 Barrington Street.

The license is ordered to be granted.

OVERHEAD ELECTRIC WIRES.

Read letter H. R. Mallison, Managing Director of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co. Ltd., re overhead electric wiring, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., April 11th, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

I am obliged by receipt of your communication of the 5th inst., being an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Control held on the 3rd of April, in which, on motion of Controller McKeen, you were instructed to write this Company informing them that the present condition of their electric wires throughout the City is a menace to the safety of our citizens, and requesting that we have a thorough inspection made and report to the Board as to the physical character of the lines.

On behalf of this Company, I beg to take emphatic exception to the statement that the condition of our wires throughout the City is a menace to the safety of the citizens. While I am quite free to admit that there is necessity for some improvement in the lines, we have no lines in the City to our knowledge which are a menace to safety. It is true that if a wire electrically charged should break and fall to the ground, it would undoubtedly prove a danger, but the liability of our lines breaking is no greater in this City than in any other City under similar climatic conditions.

With regard to the request of the Board that an inspection be made, I beg to advise that a very thorough inspection has been made by competent experts, and plans are being prepared for a remodelling of the distribution system, and strenuous effort is being made to secure the necessary number of expert linemen to carry the work out without delay. All our plans in this direction will be duly submitted to the City Electrician, and we are confident that they will meet with his entire approval. We would have no objection whatsoever of discussing the matter with the Board of Control at any time that might suit their convenience, but we respectfully beg to point out that any consideration of the electric distribution system in the City involves considerable technical discussion and consideration, and we think that in order to economize the time of the Board that they leave the matter entirely in the hands of ourselves and the City Electrician, accepting our positive assurance that anything and everything that may be necessary to remodel and improve our distribution system will be done just as efficiently and expeditiously as circumstances will permit.

H. R. Mallison,
Managing Director.

Ass. City Clerk.
Mr Blank.

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Mr. Mallison appeared before the Board and verbally explained at length the position of his Company as outlined in the letter.

In answer to questions by members of the Board, Mr. Mallison stated that it would cost the citizens of Halifax too much money in increased rates should the Company undertake to place its electric wires underground. He assured the Board that neither skill nor expense will be spared to put all its lines in proper shape.

TRAMWAY LINES ACROSS THE COMMON.

Mr. Mallison says it is personally his firm purpose to extend the tram lines across the Common, but that they find they are unable to obtain rails. As soon as they are able to procure rails this line will be built.

TRAMWAY LINES FROM DARTMOUTH FERRY TO CITY MARKET.

Mr. Mallison stated that he has under investigation the matter of a tram line from the Dartmouth Ferry to the City Market. His present feeling is that there is too much congestion of traffic at the Ferry Wharf at the foot of George Street to permit the tram cars going down there.

TRAMWAY EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. Mallison informed the Board that his Company has employed the best expert advice obtainable for the purpose of making a survey of the City for the purpose of improving its present tramway service and preparing plans for general improvement and extensions. It is his intention that these plans when completed shall be submitted to the City Engineer for criticism, and then to the Board of Control. These proposed plans include extensions in the north end of the City.

CLEAN-UP WEEK.

Charles Bell and Alderman Kelly, representing the Civic Improvement League, appeared before the Board,

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requesting the co-operation of the City Works Department in the holding of a clean-up week, which they suggested should be the second week in May.

The Board concurs in the suggestion of the Civic Improvement League, and instructs the City Engineer to co-operate with the League in every way possible.

The League is requested to confer with the City Engineer as to details.

STREET TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

Read petition from the motormen and conductors of the Tramway Company, re street traffic regulations, as follows:-

Halifax, April 1917.

To His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the Board of Control.

Dear Sirs:-

As a representative Committee of the employees of the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company, Limited, we had the honor of waiting upon your Board last week in order to discuss the desirability, in fact the absolute necessity of the establishment by the City Authorities of some adequate traffic regulations upon the streets of the City, and, in compliance with the instructions then given to us, we herewith beg to submit a formal suggestion in writing, of various matters in connection with the street traffic which require regulating, and on behalf of the employees of the Tram Company, would respectfully suggest that as a matter of safety to ourselves and in the general interests of the public of this City, both as regards their safety and convenience, that you give our suggestions the careful consideration which we think they merit, and place in force, at the earliest opportunity such regulations as you may deem advisable to overcome the difficulties herein set forth.

In the first instance, we beg to point out to you that there is an absolute and utter disregard of the ordinary rules of the road with regard to vehicular traffic driving on the proper side of the street, and it is a general occurrence to see vehicles driven on the right-hand side of the street, when their proper side of the road would be the left-hand side. We consider that the obligation to drive on the left-hand side of the road should be most rigorously enforced.

Second - We understand that there is an ordinance provided compelling teams to avoid drawing over in front of a street car within a distance of forty or fifty feet, and we beg to point out to you that if there is such an ordinance, it is most flagrantly disregarded by the vehicular traffic in this City. The danger of vehicles indiscriminately pulling out on to the car tracks without due notification to an on coming car, renders the operation of street cars dangerous to the motorman, as well as to the

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driver of the vehicle, not to mention the danger of property damage. We consider that this ordinance should be made effective and that in addition thereto, drivers should be obliged to give some signal or sign or their intention to cross over before so doing, in order that our motormen would have an opportunity of checking the speed of their cars in ample time to permit of the vehicle passing across.

Third: A great source of delay, and sometimes of danger, is the habit of drivers leaving their vehicles standing by the curb and projecting over the car track in such a way as to make it impossible for the street car to pass by. Apart from the serious annoyance to the public, the liability of the cars striking vehicles in this instance is very great, and we consider that some regulation should be enforced compelling vehicle drivers to take the necessary precaution to see that their vehicle when standing has ample clearance from the car tracks to allow the cars to pass without interference.

In other Cities regulations are in effect whereby vehicles are only allowed to pull up and stop on their proper side of the street, that is to say, that in this City a vehicle going north would only be allowed to pull up and stop on the left-hand side, whereas in this City vehicles are permitted to cross over in any direction and stop on any side of the street, no matter which direction they are making. From our point of view, the danger in this instance is, that a vehicle going south and stopping on the right-hand side of the street is liable to pull out and cross the track in order to regain its proper side of the street in the face of an on-coming car, which tends to heighten in a very great measure the possibility of accidents.

Fourth: The question of vehicles utilizing the track right-of-way on the streets, and refusing right-of-way to the tram cars, is a matter which requires the immediate and forceful attention of the City Authorities. It is no uncommon occurrence for a street car to be considerably delayed in its progress by reason of drivers of vehicles using the tracked area of the street and refusing positively to pull off to permit the passage of the street car. In addition to the reprimand which the tram car employees are liable to receive from their superior officers by reason of being behind time, the delay caused in this manner is undoubtedly a considerable annoyance to the general public, and one which could and should be easily obviated by the necessary action on the part of the Civic Authorities. We believe that under some City Ordinance the Tramway Company has some rights in this direction, but we are particularly concerned in having the Civic Authorities enforcing some regulation which will obviate this difficulty.

Fifth: At the principal intersections on the tramway system, such as Spring Garden Road and Pleasant St., Buckingham and Barrington Streets, George and Granville Streets, and Gottingen and Cunard Streets, some rule should be enforced regarding vehicular traffic turning at these various corners. The congestion of traffic at these various points is at certain hours of the day, very considerable, and the City Authorities should lay down and enforce some definite regulations regarding the movement of traffic at these points.

We have pleasure in pointing out to your Board

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that the Police Officer usually stationed at the corner of Spring Garden Road and Pleasant Street does most efficient work in property directing the traffic passing this corner, and although this is the busiest corner in the City with regard to vehicle traffic, owing to the efficiency of the Police Officer stationed here, no tie up in traffic or accidents thereto are ever experienced at this point.

Sixth: In most cities regulations are enforced preventing automobiles from using their strong search lights within City limits. These glaring lights coming towards a motor car, and practically blinding to the motorman and he is practically unable to discern any vehicles or foot passengers who may be on the roadway between his car and the lights of the automobile. In some instances automobile drivers use their dimmers when circulating through the City streets, and we consider that regulations should be enforced prohibiting the use of these glaring search lights within the limits of the City.

Eighth: We respectfully submit that for night traffic all vehicles circulating within the City streets should be obliged to have a light, or series of lights displayed. At the present time, with the street light system dimmed, it is almost impossible for motormen operating the tram cars to observe a vehicle on the dark streets until he is unreasonably close thereto, and in the event of a standing or slow moving vehicle, this condition represents a great danger to the tram car men and their passengers, as well as to the driver of the vehicle. We understand that there is at present a City Ordinance compelling all vehicles to carry two lights after sundown, and we respectfully submit that this Ordinance be strictly enforced, as by thus doing, many accidents would be readily avoided.

Ninth: Re standing vehicles. We would respectfully suggest that in addition to the suggestions hereinbefore contained, the City should make regulations prohibiting any vehicles standing on the main thoroughfares on which the cars operate, namely -

- On Barrington Street, from Cornwallis to Morris St.
- On Granville Street, between Buckingham and George Streets.
- On Hollis Street, between George and Morris Streets.
- On Gottingen Street, between Cunard and Cogswell Streets, and
- On Spring Garden Road, between South Park and Pleasant Streets.

for a longer period than five minutes, and in no case, without a responsible person in charge thereof. In many cities an ordinance similar to this is in effect, and in the busy section, vehicles are not allowed to stand at the curb at all for any longer period than is necessary to allow passengers to be discharged or taken up. Furthermore, this ordinance should compel all standing vehicles to keep their lights displayed at night, the custom in this City being that an automobile when standing at the curb, invariably has its lights extinguished. In this City, the streets on which the double tracks are laid are unusually narrow, and regulations such as these, are therefore very much more necessary than they would be in cities where the streets are wider.

These are a few of the suggestions we have to offer

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to your Board for consideration, and we sincerely trust that you will give same consideration, and place into effect as soon as possible some adequate traffic regulations that will enable the men we represent to perform their duties with more safety to themselves and better satisfaction to the general public whom they serve.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the
Motormen and Conductors
of the

Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company, Limited.

Damian Sampson, Pres.
S. D. Zinck, Secty.
R. J. Edwards.

Being asked as to whether he had knowledge of the petition, Mr. H. R. Mallison stated that he had not, but that it was an agreeable surprise to him, and that he heartily concurred in a number of the suggestions made by the employees of the Company.

The petition is referred to Controller Harris and the City Solicitor to prepare ordinances in line with the suggestions made.

LONGARD ROAD WATER SUPPLY - HEBER HARTLEN.

Heber Hartlen appeared before the Board, complaining that his wells on Longard Road had been destroyed through drainage water from the City Prison property having been allowed to flow into them. He asked either that the City water pipes be extended to his property, or that the wells be put in proper shape and the flow of surface water diverted from running into them.

The City Engineer is instructed to place a meter at the stone crusher, and a water tap outside of the building from which Mr. Hartlen may temporarily procure water, for which he shall pay at the ordinary rate.

The Engineer is also instructed to cut a permanent gutter in Longard Road to divert the flow of surface water from Mr. Hartlen's wells, and to report as to the cost of extending the City's water supply.

The Assistant City Engineer protested against placing an exposed tap outside the stone crusher building for Mr.

*Cont. Harris
Solicitor ✓*

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Hartlen's benefit, and claimed that Mr. Hartlen should have the water extended in the usual way and pay for it the same as other citizens are compelled to do.

CHERRY STREET WATER SUPPLY.

Read petition for water extension Cherry Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

YOUNG STREET SCHOOL SITE BUILDING LOT.

Read offer John Beanlands, 1 Linden Street, to purchase lot #8 of the Young Street School property, for \$325.00.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

UNION STREET IMPROVEMENT.

Read petition complaining of the condition of Union Street and requesting improvement.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

FOSTER LOT CHEBUCTO ROAD - ARBITRATOR'S ACCOUNT.

Read account J. C. Harris, \$25.00, for services in connection with appraisalment of the Foster lot, Chebucto Road, which the City Auditor contended was not properly chargeable to Loan for Widening Streets.

Referred to Controller McKeen for report.

WATER DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES.

Controller Murphy submits estimates for the Water Department for 1917-18, as follows:-

Schedule "A".

	Estimated Expenditure 1917-18.	Expenditure 1916-17.
Shop	\$3800.00	\$3500.00
Repairs on Service	8000.00	7800.00
" & Renewals - Hydrants	2400.00	2400.00
" " - Valves	700.00	700.00
" Cleaning Mains	1000.00	900.00
" Pipe Houses	100.00	100.00
Meters	4800.00	4380.00
Hardware	1100.00	1100.00
Machine work and Castings	1000.00	1400.00
Stationery, blank books, etc.	1000.00	1000.00
Telephones	226.00	226.00
Advertising	150.00	167.00
Explosives	100.00	78.00
Repairs and supplies autos - wagons	500.00	970.00
teams and veterinary services	520.00	520.00
Board driving horses	150.00	145.00
Light and power for shops		

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	1917-18.	1916-17.
Coal	550.00	475.00
Workmen's Compensation Act	700.00	
Salary Asst. City Engineer	2500.00	2500.00
" " Engineer DeWolfe (part)	1060.00	960.00
" Clerk of Works	1300.00	1200.00
" Asst. " " "	1050.00	950.00
" City Collector	200.00	200.00
" First Clerk Collector's Office	1150.00	1050.00
" Second " " "	650.00	600.00
" Stenographer " "	450.00	400.00
" Superintendent Water Department	1400.00	1300.00
" Asst. Plumbing Inspector (half)	550.00	1000.00
" Meter Foreman	936.00	780.00
" " Readers (2 at \$932)		
" " " (2 " \$830)	3624.00	3224.00
" Asst, Water Inspector	884.00	780.00
" Entry Clerk	780.00	676.00
Interest	62,539.54	60,999.21
Sinking Fund	8,745.04	8,387.11
Short Collection	1,000.00	1,000.00
Discount	1,100.00	1,245.00
Contingencies	1,397.23	2,470.00
Total	\$118,111.81	\$115,582.32

Schedule "B".

Estimated Revenue - Special and Meter Rates.

	Estimated Revenue 1917-18.&	Revenue 1916-17.
Meter Rentals	2,900.00	2,883.74
Shops, Schools, Churches, and charit- able institutions	13,000.00	12,704.96
Factories, breweries, laundries and refinery	10,500.00	10,460.00
Government Departments	23,400.00	23,182.19
Domestic meter rates	18,000.00	16,970.83
Houses under bond	1,300.00	1,286.93
Water for building purposes, steamers, etc.	2,400.00	2,134.14
Totals	\$71,500.00	\$79,623.72

Schedule "C".

Estimated Revenue - Assessment Rates.

	1917-18.	1916-17.
Fire Protection rates per Collector's Books -	\$29,465.93	\$28,525.43
Add say \$1500,000 @ 9¢ per \$100 - ner houses -	1,350.00	990.00
Domestic or flat rate -	19,255.88	20,706.92
Add say \$1400,000 @ 11¢ per \$100	1,540.00	1,210.00
	\$51,611.81	\$51,432.35
Less - Est. surplus cap. 45 Acts 1915	5,000.00	5,000.00
	\$46,611.81	\$46,432.35

Summary 1917-18.

Estimated expenditure Schedule "A"		\$118,111.81
" " " " "B"	71,500.00	
" revenue " " "C"	51,611.81	
" " " "	123,111.81	
Less estimated surplus	5,000.00	118,111.81

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Domestic Rate 3/8 of \$51,611.81 - \$19,345.41 - \$17,594.912 @ 11¢
Fire Protection 5/8 " 51,611.81 - 32,257.40 - 35,841.567 @ 9¢

The estimates are considered item by item, and passed.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Halliday that the estimates be approved and forwarded to the City Council for adoption. Motion passed.

Copies of the estimates are ordered to be forwarded to the members of the City Council.

The City Clerk is instructed to summon a meeting of the City Council to consider the Water Estimates for Monday evening, 23rd inst., at 8 o'clock.

Read report Controller Murphy re Water Department Estimates, as follows:-

Halifax, April 12th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

In submitting for your consideration Estimates of the above Department for the year 1917-18, I beg to make the following recommendations:-

That the revised wage scale provided for in the annual Estimates for the various Departments of works, including streets, sidewalks and sewers, be made to apply to men employed in the Water Department, this change to apply also to teams.

While conditions at present probably would not justify our so doing, I am of the opinion that the Water Department of this City is of sufficient importance to justify an engineer devoting his entire attention to same. There is apparently some difference of opinion on this change. Personally I feel satisfied that in our case, it would fully justify such an arrangement. I do not, however, feel that under the abnormal conditions now obtaining, such recommendation should be made, but on the return to normal conditions, I think it is a matter worthy of careful consideration. Under present arrangements the City Engineer has the responsibility of practically all Departments, which entails a mass of detail, making it difficult for him to give any special study to the problems arising in all these Departments.

As at present operating, the affairs of the Water Department are too distributed, and an effort should be made to reorganize same and effect a concentration of this important department. To do this work would probably involve the setting apart of some office accommodation now used for other purposes. This could, I feel sure, be readily arranged. It would also make necessary the re-arranging of the duties of some of those who devote their time to the affairs of this department. I feel satisfied that our Board and Council will appreciate the many advantages to come from having such a re-arrangement put into effect, as you could then go to some responsible head

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and take up any matter arising in the Department, knowing that the information necessary would be immediately available, without requiring to go through the several channels now necessary to obtain it.

Re Disputed Accounts. - We have in the past had before us a number of accounts claimed to be excessive. In many cases we experienced difficulty in getting the details necessary to enable us to pass on same. I feel if the reorganization suggested is approved that the whole department will be put in such shape as to prevent questions of this kind arising, as a closer follow-up will be made, as soon as the monthly readings are brought in.

It would be well to put in force a system whereby a registered notification would be sent to the owner or agent of any property where the reading indicates any unusual condition. The City would then have a proper record of the notification, thereby avoiding any question such as claim of not having received same, or of its being verbal, phoned or otherwise.

John Murphy,
Controller Works Department.

Referred to Controller McKeen.

SUPERANNUATION OF OFFICIALS.

Alderman Godwin asked for an opinion from the City Solicitor as to how the City's Act now before the Legislature providing that officials temporarily discharging the duties of chiefs of Departments during the absence of chiefs of Departments on military service shall be paid the same salaries as such chiefs, would affect the interests of such officials in regard to the various superannuation funds.

Also if the Solicitor thinks necessary that he prepare such legislation as may be required to protect both the interests of the officials and the superannuation funds.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. J. Moran
CITY CLERK.

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Solicitor

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

April 19th, 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.

Campbell Road Sidewalk at Nos. 51, 53, 55.
Young Avenue Widening.
North Park Street - Building in Residential District.
Pepperell Street - Building in Residential District.
Parker Street - Shop in Residential District.
Mulgrave Street - Lease of Property.
Policeman.
Morris Street School.
Young Street School Property Building Lots.
Water and Morris Streets - Complaint Wm. P. Buckley.
Account R. H. Murray for Liquor Prosecutions.
Superannuation Assessments Charles Yeadon, City Prison.
Water Street - Complaint H. H. Banks.
Lower Water Street Widening - T. Hogan & Co.
Robie Street Street Line.
Building in Rear #20 Charles Street - Complaint F. Melvin.
Carteret Street.
Street Line Cornwallis Street.
Water Bills W. M. P. Webster.- 187 South Park Street.
York Street Water Extension.
Beech Street Water Extension.
Rector Street Water Extension.
Water Bills John Connolly, 21 - 3 Cunard Street.
Chestnut Street Water Extension.
Cherry Street Water Extension.
Water Department Estimates.
Fire Department Motor Engine and Chief's Automobile.
Water Bill C. A. Norton, 89 Upper Water Street.
Halifax Power Company. - Hydro Electric Power.
Water Bill 8 Duke Street, Mrs. Helen Wright,
Water Pipe Extension Duffus & Gottingen Streets, F. H. Merson.

CAMPBELL ROAD SIDEWALK AT NOS. 51, 53, 55.

Read report Acting City Engineer on complaint of Mrs. Mary J. Case re condition of sidewalk at Nos. 51, 53 and 55 Campbell Road, stating that the same has been repaired with ashes, and is now in a satisfactory condition.
Approved.

YOUNG AVENUE WIDENING.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

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

HisWorship the Mayor.

Sir:-

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Mrs Case!

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I beg to report on the accompanying letter from F. G. Zwicker, offering to give the City the strip of land in front of his property required for the widening of the west side of Young Avenue, provided the City will lay a curb and gutter and complete the sidewalk in front of his property.

Mr. Doane reported on this matter on April 29th, 1914, recommending that Dr. Zwicker's offer be accepted. This report was adopted by the City Council on the 13th of May, 1914, but the work has not been done, as there has been apparently a misunderstanding between Dr. Zwicker and the City, he claiming that trees and sodding should be put down in front of his property, whereas the Engineer recommended only curb and gutter.

I have written Dr. Zwicker, stating that if he will give us a deed of the land required, in front of his property, the City will continue the curb and gutter from Mr. Hobrecker's north line to his north line.

Respectfully submitted,
H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

NORTH PARK STREET - BUILDING IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Read report Acting City Engineer covering application Henry Baker for permission to alter a building at the ^{north} ~~south~~ east corner of Cogswell and North Park Streets (which is in the residential district) into a shop.

A petition having been filed with the City Engineer against the permit being granted, it is decided to grant a hearing to those interested on Thursday next, 26th inst., at 10.0'clock.

PEPPERELL STREET - SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Read report Acting City Engineer covering application Mr. Pearman for permission to alter a building on the north side of Pepperell Street into a shop and work room.

The matter having been advertised, and no objections made by residents in the vicinity, the permit is ordered to be granted.

PARKER STREET - SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Read report Acting City Engineer covering application Patrick Gray for permission to erect a small shop at No. 3 Park Street, in the residential district.

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An objection to the permit being granted having been received by the City Engineer, the Board decides to hear those interested at its meeting on Thursday, 26th inst., at 10 o'clock.

MULGRAVE STREET - LEASE OF PROPERTY.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I have an application from Mr. Charles Fader, asking for permission to cultivate a plot of City ground east of his property at #23 Acadia Street.

The plot referred to is a portion of Acadia Square. Mulgrave Street, running easterly from Acadia Street, widens out 100 feet north and south at the rear of the lots facing on Acadia Street, forming what is known as Acadia Square. The lot which Mr. Fader asks permission to cultivate, is 100 X 100 and its use for the purpose mentioned would not interfere with any public use of it at present. I can see no objection to the permission asked for being granted for one year.

I am attaching Mr. Fader's letter and a sketch showing the location.

Engineer

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

It is decided to grant Mr. Fader the use of the ground applied for for one year.

POLICEMAN.

Chief Police

On recommendation of Controller Harris, H. J. Beck is appointed a temporary policeman, to take the place of Daniel McNeil, who enlisted for overseas.

MORRIS STREET SCHOOL.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering request from the Committee on School Sites and Buildings, that the City Engineer furnish a report regarding the rock or clay formation of the site of the present Morris Street School, or whether in his opinion it would be advisable to seek another site.

I have had Mr. Campbell of this office make borings on the property, and from his report, it would appear that the formation is similar to the rest of Fort Massey Hill -

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a clay containing fragments of rocks and boulders. The surface of the school property is high and well drained, and good underdrainage can also be secured if necessary. A good surface for a playground should be obtained by a suitable mixture of sand and ashes with the existing top surface.

I do not consider that there would be any difficulty in obtaining proper foundations for the new building on this site.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the Board of School Commissioners.

YOUNG STREET SCHOOL SITE BUILDING LOT.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
April 16th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering an offer from John Beanlands to purchase lot #8 of the Young Street School property for \$325.00.

This is the same price for which the other lots were sold, and I would recommend that Mr. Beanlands' offer of \$325.00 for lot #8 be accepted.

When this lot is sold there remain only lots #3 and #4 which are adjoining lots facing, one on Kaye and the other on Young Street.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

WATER AND MORRIS STREETS - COMPLAINT WM. P. BUCKLEY.

Read complaint William P. Buckley re condition of road leading from the Dominion Coal Co.'s Scale House to the corner of Water and Morris Streets.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

ACCOUNT R. H. MURRAY FOR LIQUOR PROSECUTIONS.

Read opinion City Solicitor re account R. H. Murray for services in connection with liquor prosecutions (see Board of Control minutes April 5th, 1917, p. 847), as follows:-

Office of City Solicitor,
April 19th, 1917.

Secretary Board of Control.
Sir:-

Section 15 of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, subsection 4, authorizes the City after the appointment of

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an inspector to pay out of the funds of the City all costs, charges and expenses of enforcing the Act, that is the City has the legal right to pay this account, subject to what I am about to mention, although not obliged to do so. Before, however, the City can legally apply any of its "funds" (which means in this connection its general revenue) to any purpose it must have complied with Section 339, which provides that

(339) "Except as is provided in respect to unexpended balances, it shall not be lawful to charge against the revenues of any civic year any sum of money which has not been authorized by the estimates for that year, and upon which the rate for that year was based, or to divert or to apply any amount appropriated in the estimate to any particular purpose, work or service to any other purpose, work or service"

An expenditure which the City can legally make, but for which no appropriation has been provided may be paid out of the Contingent Fund, but apart from that there is no way in which such an expenditure can be defrayed out of the general revenue. As no appropriation was made in the estimates for the civic year 1916-17 for the costs of a prosecuting officer under the Temperance Act, I do not see any way in which this account can be paid except by obtaining authority to borrow an amount sufficient for that purpose and include it in the estimates for 1918-19. If it is the intention to pay such charges it will be necessary to borrow not only an amount sufficient to defray the probable costs up to 1st of May, 1917, but also as no appropriation for that purpose was made in the estimates for 1917-18, to include in the borrowing an amount sufficient for the year beginning 1st May, 1917.

As to the account itself, the services appear to be proper under the Act, and the charges very reasonable.

F. H. Bell,
City solicitor.

The City Solicitor is instructed to draft an amendment to provide that out of fines collected from the enforcement of the Temperance Act, sufficient be supplied for the prosecution of the same, the balance to go to general revenue.

SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENTS CHARLES YEADON, CITY

PRISON.

Read application Charles Yeadon, formerly an Under-keeper at the City Prison, for superannuation assessments due him.

Referred to Controller Harris.

WATER STREET - COMPLAINT H. H. BANKS.

Read complaint H. H. Banks re dirty condition of Water Street.

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R. H. Harris ✓*

*Treasurer ✓
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Referred to the City Engineer.

The Engineer being present, stated that preparations are being made to day to flush the streets.

LOWER WATER STREET WIDENING - T. HOGAN & CO.

Read letter T. Hogan & Co. asking that thematter of taking over part of their frontage on Lower Water Street, in connection with the proposed widening of the street, be settled as soon as possible.

The City Engineer is instructed to reply to the letter of Messrs. Hogan & Co., informing them that their application will be given preference over any others of a similar nature now before the Board.

ROBIE STREET STREET LINE.

Read letter Captain John Hicks re street line, Robie Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

BUILDING IN REAR #20 CHARLES STREET - COMPLAING

FRED MELVIN.

Read complaint Fred Melvin re building in rear #20 Charles Street.

Referred to the City Engineer.

CARTERET STREET.

Read petition property owners on Carteret Street for the taking over of said street by the City.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

STREET LINE CORNWALLIS STREET.

Read letter William Judge re street line Cornwallis Street, at the corner of Gottingen Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

The City Engineer being present, reports that he has plans of this property prepared.

The Secretary is instructed to notify Mr. Judge to call and discuss the plans with the Engineer.

WATER BILLS W. M. P. WEBSTER, 187 SOUTH PARK STREET.

Read letter W. M. P. Webster, covering water meter bills 187 South Park Street.

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Referred to the City Engineer for report.

YORK STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer re York Street water extension.

Approved.

BEECH STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer re water extension Beech Street.

Approved.

RECTOR STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer re Rector Street water extension, between Acadia and Albert Streets.

Approved.

WATER BILLS JOHN CONNOLLY - 21-3 CUNARD STREET.

Read water meter bills John Connolly, 21-3 Cunard Street, claimed to be excessive.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

Cherry
CHESTNUT STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer on application of A. S. Austen for water extension to #2 Cherry Street, stating that the main pipe on Cherry Street is now laid so that lot #2 can be connected with it.

The Engineer is instructed to make the necessary connections.

The report is filed.

CHESTNUT STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending water water extension, Chestnut Street.

Approved.

WATER DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES.

Consideration of the Water Department Estimates for theyear 1917-18 is resumed.

Read letter City Collector re his staff, as follows:-

April 19th, 1917.

City Collector's Office,
April March 5th, 1917.

Controllers McKeen and Murphyl
Gentlemen:-

In compiling your Water Estimates this year, I trust you will not forget this office. Mr. Laidlaw, who made application last year for increase in salary, through some mistake only Fifty Dollars was added. I would ask you to consider a further increase in his connection. As I pointed out last year, he has been a long time in the employ and is a very efficient officer.

Miss Hopewell, who took the position previously occupied by Miss Wrayton, who was paid Seven Hundred Dollars, only received Six Hundred Dollars last year, and I think she is justly entitled to the same salary as was paid her predecessor. She has performed her duties faithfully and well.

The stenographer, Miss King, if you will remember, was appointed at Four Hundred Dollars, Fifty Dollars less than the usual to start them on, and I would ask that you see that she be paid the same as other stenographers in the building of one year's standing.

As far as I am personally concerned, I, like the City Solicitor and City Clerk gave up Two Hundred Dollars on account of the repeal of the License Law. This was the amount I received for making the lists. I would be glad to receive the same satisfaction accorded the others.

R. Theakston,
City Collector.

It is decided to recommend to Council that the salary of Mr. Laidlaw be placed at \$1200.00.

It is decided to recommend to Council that the salary of Miss King, stenographer in the City Collector's Office, be increased by the sum of \$100.00.

The last clause in the Collector's letter referring to that portion of his salary previously received in connection with the Liquor License Commission, is referred to Controller McKeen.

It is decided to recommend that the salary of the Entry Clerk be placed at \$884.00.

It is decided to recommend to Council that the salary of the Clerk of Works be increased ^{to} ~~by~~ the sum of ^{\$1400.00} ~~\$200.00~~, Controllers Murphy and McKeen dissenting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MOTOR ENGINE AND CHIEF'S AUTOMOBILE.

In response to advertisement in the newspapers for tenders for a 700 gallon combination motor pump, hose and

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chemical carrier, also for a two-passenger motor car for the Chief of the Fire Department, the following tenders were received:-

Motor Car For Fire Chief.

Motor Sales Co., Ltd.

Maxwell		\$900.00	f. o. b. Halifax.
Studebaker { 6 cyl. }		1725.00	" "
" { 4 cyl. }		1415.00	" "

Cadillac Auto Company, Boston.

1912 Cadillac	\$400.00
1914 "	700.00
1915 " (8 cyl.)	1150.00
1915 Stutz	900.00

These are all second-hand cars.

Halifax Automobile Co.

Model 90 Overland Roadster	\$900	f. o. b. Halifax.
" " 5-passenger	925	" "
" 85-4 " 3 " "	1175	" "
" " Country Club Roadster }	1050	" "
" 85-4 " 5-passenger	1190	" "

Nova Motor Company.

Chevrolet roadster \$750.00 f. o. b. Halifax.

Fred Parsons.

Ford runabout	\$507.00
" " electric lights and starter, painted red	650.00

Chas. Brister & Son, Ltd..

D-34 McLaughlin { 4 cyl. }	\$925.00	f. o. b. Halifax.
D-44 " { 6 " }	1475.00	

Dominion General Equipment Co.

White (6 cyl.) \$3450.00 f. o. b. Halifax.

Motor Pumping Engine.

Austen Bros.

Seagrave \$10,600.00.

Americal LaFrance Fire Engine Co.

\$12,000.00.

Dominion General Equipment Co.

White \$11,457.75.

The tenders are referred to Controller Halliday, the Chief of the Fire Department and the City Engineer for report.

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of engine*

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

Council ✓
Controller Murphy reports, recommending that the water meter bill of C. A. Norton, 89 Upper Water Street, for 1916, amounting to \$151.93, be reduced to \$50.00.

Approved.

HALIFAX POWER COMPANY - HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER.

Read proposition Halifax Power Company in connection with their contract for lighting the City, and also their power at the head of St. Margaret Bay, as follows:-

Halifax, April 4th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor
of the City of Halifax.
Dear Sir:-

In reference to our contract with the City of Halifax for street lighting, one clause of which provides that the City will do everything that they can legitimately do to aid the Company to carry out their contract and another clause provides that before selling out same the Company is to give the City the first chance to purchase same, I may say that we beg to submit the following offer:-

The Company's water power at Indian and North East Rivers can be developed in three units. The first unit will supply 6,000,000 k. w. per hour hours per year or five times the amount required to carry out our contract for street lighting and nearly double the amount sold by the Tram Company in 1915, (the last year for which we have returns) for street lighting and private lighting and electric power. The cost of the first unit is estimated by the City Engineer and City Electrician, including distribution in the City and street lighting equipment, as \$600,000. The Company will complete the first unit of the plant at North East River, developing 150 feet of head in this stream from a point at or near Bear Pond installing an electric plant of 2500 horse power, capable of developing over 6,000,000 k. w. hours per year as shown by the report of the Water Power Commission of Nova Scotia, and will carry out their contract for lighting the streets of Halifax, including the supplying of suitable street lamps provided when the work is satisfactorily completed and in operation, and supplying light to the City, the City will give them 400,000 Five per cent City Bonds, or an equal amount in cash, in return for which the Company will give the City 400,000 First Mortgage Six Per Cent Bonds of the Company and 51 Per Cent or a controlling interest in the Common Stock of the Company, the contractors accepting for the money supplied by them a second lien or preferred stock and 49 per cent of the Common Stock.

Halifax Power Company, Limited,
R. McColl, Manager.

Also read memorandum of clauses, prepared by the City Engineer, which should be made a basis for any agreement that may be entered into, as follows:-

1. The Company is to submit complete plans and date of

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the proposed development at the North-east River.

2. The Company is to complete the development of the power at the North-east River on St. Margaret Bay Road, in accordance with plans approved by the City; also to complete his transmission line, sub-station, distribution system and equipment to the satisfaction of the City.
3. The Company is to demonstrate to the City, for a period of not less than three months, its ability to furnish at such suitable terminals within the City as the City designates, a supply of electric current available for light and power not less than 675 k. w. continuous supply throughout the year.
4. If such demonstration is successful, the City is to give the Company four hundred thousand dollars of bonds of the City, bearing 5% interest, the principal payable in thirty-five years.
5. In exchange for such bonds, the Company is to give the City -
 - (a) A first mortgage on all its property for \$400,000 at 6% interest, together with such additional yearly payments as will in addition to the 1% difference in interest, create a sinking fund sufficient to retire the City bonds at maturity.
 - (b) 51% of the common stock of the Company.
6. Any preferred stock created by the Company is not to have voting power, so that the control of the Company remains with the City.
7. If the said demonstration is not made to the satisfaction of the City, the City is to be under no liability whatever.
8. The general plan of development and the detailed plans and specifications of the complete installation, are to be subject to the approval of the City, and the general character of the work and the work during construction shall be subject to its inspection and approval.
9. That the legislation asked for by the City be permissive only and that no agreement be made with the Company until a plebiscite of the rate payers is taken.
10. The Company to carry out the contract with the City as ready made and the same to be incorporated in the agreement.
11. The agreement to contain such other terms as may be approved by the City Solicitor to further safe-guard the rights of the City.

The letter of the Halifax Power Company and the memorandum of clauses prepared by the Engineer are ordered to be forwarded to the City Council.

The City Solicitor is instructed to prepare permissive legislation on the lines of the agreement.

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Controller Murphy dissented from the action of the Board, being of the opinion that the City was not justified in negotiating further on this proposition.

WATER BILL 8 DUKE STREET - MRS. HELEN WRIGHT.

Controller Murphy recommended that the water meter bill charged against Mrs. Helen Wright, 8 Duke Street, for one-half year ending March, 1916, be reduced to \$10.00. Approved.

WATER PIPE EXTENSION DUFFUS AND GOTTINGEN STREETS,

F. H. MERSON.

F. H. Merson appeared before the Board, asking permission for the extension of a temporary water pipe on the surface, to proposed new hot-house at his property at the north-west corner of Duffus and Gottingen Streets.

The City Engineer verbally reported that Mr. Merson had previously made application to him, ^{but} that he had insisted on Mr. Merson laying the pipe in accordance with the regulations.

Mr. Merson stated that in the fall he proposed to lower the pipe to the required depth, but in the meantime was unable to afford the cost of the work.

The Board decided to grant the permission asked.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
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MAYOR.

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ACTING SECRETARY.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

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The Board of Control met this evening at 7.45 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Contrölers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Tenders for Supplies.
Halifax Ocean Terminals - Young Avenue Bridge.

TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

On tenders received for supplies, etc. for the Works Department, referred to him for comparison, the Acting City Engineer reported as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
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His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the tenders received for supplies for the Works Department -

Wheels for Waggon and Carts. A. E. Carnell.

Large front wheels for watering carts, each	\$28.50
Small " " " " " "	27.25
Large hind " " " " " "	32.00
Small " " " " " "	28.00
Front wheels for flat waggons, each	28.75
Hind " " " " " "	31.00

As these prices are more than 50% higher than last year, it is recommended that no contract be made, but that when required, the wheels be paid for at the best price obtainable at the time.

Maintenance of City Clocks.

F. C. Ryan	\$148.00
H. E. Steele	200.00

The tender of F. C. Ryan being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

Bricks.

Brookfield Bros. Ltd. - \$10.50 for \$1000 at Freight Shed, and \$11.00 at Cotton Factory Siding.

This is the only tender received, and as the price is reasonable, it is recommended that it be accepted.

Veterinary Services.

Dr. Howard McFatrige \$5.00 per horse.

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This is the only tender received. The contract provides for attendance on the horses of the Fire Department, City Home. Police and Works Department. Last year the cost was \$3.25 per horse.

Sand and Gravel.

Atlantic Sand & Gravel Co. Sand 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ Gravel 6¢
The Pictou County Contractor Supply Co.

Sand - 10¢ delivered on job to any part of City.
6¢ f.o.b. cars or any part of City.
Gravel - 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ delivered on job
8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ f.o.b. cars any siding in City.

The tender of the Atlantic Sand and Granite Co., being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

Scrap Iron.

John Simon	
W. McFatrige	\$16.25
Wm. Grant	14.00
C. Brister & Son	13.75
	12.00

The tender of John Simon, being the highest, is recommended for acceptance.

Explosives.

The only tender received for explosives was from the Canadian Explosives. Their tender for dynamite is \$21.35 per 100 pounds, and for 4 ft. D. S. electric blasting caps, \$7.13 per 100 less 15%. These figures are the present prices, but the Company will not enter into a contract for future deliveries. Last year we purchased our estimated requirements at the tender price, in one lot, and the Company stored the same at our risk at their magazine at Waverley, delivering to us from time to time as required. They offer to do the same this year or to supply us at any time during the year as our requirements demand at the current prices at which they supply the trade. Last year by buying as we did, we made a saving of about \$100, or less than 5%. As against this, we took the risk of loss at the Company's magazines and lost the interest on about \$2000 for about eight months. It is recommended that the offer of the Canadian Explosives Ltd. to supply our requirements on demand from time to time at the current prices at which they supply the trade, be accepted.

Hardware.

James Simmonds, Limited - schedule rates.

This Company do not quote on lead pipe on the specification, but in a note say - "The manufacturers fix the price at which the jobbers shall sell lead pipe. We will accept tender from City to supply at these prices from time to time, whatever they may be, or we will accept a straight order to deliver what you require at 16¢ per pound." It is very hard to advise in connection with this matter, whether it would be more advisable to order as required or to buy our estimated requirements for the year outright. Last year we bought out estimated the quantity of pipe estimated to be required in one lot, and I find that we paid a little less than we would have had we bought it from time to time at the market prices. It

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is more or less a matter of speculation, but I am inclined to advise that the tender offering to supply lead pipe at the manufacturers' prices from time to time be accepted, rather than an order placed and paid for for the estimated requirements in one lot. It is recommended that the tender for the remainder of the hardware be accepted.

Granite Stone Work.

Andrew W. Yeadon
John Kline
Isaac Yeadon

schedule rates.
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" "

The tender of Andrew W. Yeadon, being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

Lumber.

Brookfield Bros., Ltd.

schedule rates.

This is the only tender received and it is recommended that it be accepted.

Removal of Manure.

Thomas Ritchie

\$15.00

This is \$10.00 more than we received last year. It has been suggested that the manure might be given to people desirous of cultivating vacant lots, but owing to the limited storage facilities at the stables, it is necessary that the manure be removed frequently and at regular intervals. I am afraid if it were used for the purpose suggested, this could not be arranged, and there would be a nuisance at the store yard. The contract provides that the contractor shall perform this work, and it is recommended that the tender be accepted.

Drain Pipe.

Brookfield Bros., Ltd.

\$355.00 at I.R.C. Freightshed.
357.50 " Cotton Factory Siding.
370.00 " Wharf.

Eastern Portland Cement Co. 357.50 f.o.b. cars Halifax.

Brookfield Bros.' tender being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

Castings.

Hillis & Sons
Fleming Bros.

schedule prices.
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The tender of Hillis & Sons being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

Corporation Cocks.

T. McAvity & Sons

1/2-in. cocks - \$1.70
3/4-in. cocks - 1.85

It is recommended that this tender be accepted.

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Horses and Drivers for Watering Carts.

John McLellan	2 teams and drivers	\$6.00 per day.
Chas. T. Cragg	1 team and driver	6.00 " "
Jas. Nolen	3 teams and drivers	6.00 " "
Geo. Harvery	1 team and driver	6.00 " "
Wm. Stokes	1 team and driver	6.00 " "

Last year we required nine teams for this service, but if the motor sprinklers proposed are ordered and delivered at an early date, we shall probably not require more than five or six this year. Last year Mr. Nolen had a contract for four teams for this work, and performed his contract in a very satisfactory manner. It is recommended that the tender of Mr. Nolen for supplying 3 teams be accepted and it is further recommended that the tenders of the other bidders be accepted and a clause inserted in the contract, allowing the City Council to cancel the contract at any time.

Meters.

H. Mueller & Co.	"Keystone"	5/8"	3/4"
		\$12.65	\$13.00
F. Hankin & Co.	"Leeds"	f.o.b. Sarnia.	
		12.65	15.52
Stairs, Son & Morrow	"Worthington"	f.o.b. Toronto	
		12.85	21.40
		delivered in Halifax, duty and freight paid.	
H.B. Clarke & Son	"Lambert"	11.00	15.00
		f.o.b. New York.	
Neptune Meter Co.	"Trident"	12.60	18.90
		freight to Halifax - City to pay duty and war tax - less 10% discount provided full order awarded.	

The freight from Sarnia and Toronto would bring the prices of the "Keystone" and "Leeds" 5/8" meters to about \$12.75. For the reasons given in my report of December 7th, when these various meters were tested, I am unable to recommend the "Keystone". The "Leeds" is a rotary meter and is not considered as satisfactory a type of meter as the disc.

The next in price is the "Worthington", which is about 10¢ higher than the other two. I still adhere to the views expressed in the report above mentioned, that it is much better to have as few standards as possible in use, but as the price of the "Worthington" is so much lower than the "Lambert" and "Trident" and as it has stood all the tests satisfactorily, it is recommended that the tender of Wm. Stairs, Son & Morros, Ltd., for 350 5/8" "Worthington" meters be accepted, and that the contract for 3/4" meters be not awarded at present until a further report is made on them.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

It is decided to recommend to the City Council the adoption of the Acting City Engineer's report.

HALIFAX OCEAN TERMINALS - YOUNG AVENUE BRIDGE.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I have received for approval, a plan from the Engineer of the Halifax Ocean Terminals of Young Avenue Bridge, the full width of the street. He asks me for approval of the Board of Control to this, stating that the contractors are ready to proceed with the work immediately.

While the Board has decided to insist that this bridge be the full width of the street, no formal resolution has been passed by it.

I would suggest that a resolution be passed, asking the railway to build the bridge the full width, so that the matter may not be delayed.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Engineer ✓
Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Murphy that the report of the Acting City Engineer be adopted, and that the Department of Railways be requested to carry out their undertaking made some time ago to construct the young Avenue Bridge the full width of the street.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

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MAYOR.

L. Fred Monaghan

CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

April 20th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this evening at 9.45 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy.

WATER DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES - METER READERS' SALARIES.

The City Council, at its session this evening having referred back to this Board for further consideration its recommendation that two of the water meter readers be paid at the rate of \$932.00 per year and the other two at the rate of \$880.00 per year, the Board took the Council's recommendation into consideration,

After discussion, it was decided to refer the Board's original report back to the City Council without change or amendment.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

J. J. Monaghan
CITY CLERK.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

April 26th, 1917.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Parker Street - Shop in Residential District.
North Park Street - Shop in Residential District.
Water Lots, Romans, Piers and Nelson.
City Home - Tenders for Supplies.
Islesville Fire Station Alterations.
Fire Department.
North West Arm Trunk Sewer.
Underkeeper City Prison.
Police Department Motor Cycle.
Livingston Street Water Extension.
Livingston Street Sewer Extension.

PARKER STREET - SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Agreeably to resolution of the Board passed at meeting April 19th, the report of the Acting City Engineer on application of Patrick Gray for permission to erect a small shop at #3 Parker Street, in the residential district, and the written objection thereto filed by A. J. Davis, are taken up.

Mr. Davis appeared before and addressed the Board in opposition to the granting of a permit.

Patrick Gray and J. J. Power, his solicitor, appeared before and addressed the Board in support of the application for a permit.

Further consideration of the matter is deferred until the members of the Board view the locality.

NORTH PARK STREET - SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Agreeably to resolution passed at meeting April 19th, the report of the Acting City Engineer on application of Henry Baker for permission to alter a building at the north-east corner of Cogswell and North Park Streets into a shop, and the petition filed against it, are taken up.

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Henry Baker, the applicant, appeared before and addressed the Board on his own behalf.

Miss Taylor addressed the Board in support of the petition against the granting of a permit.

Further consideration is deferred until the members of the Board view the locality.

WATER LOTS, ROMANS, PIERS AND NELSON.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
April 23rd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I have an application from Messrs. Covert, Pezston & McNutt, solicitors for Messrs. Romans, Piers and Nelson, asking if the City has any objections to a grant being issued their clients for water lots at their wharf properties, Upper Water Street. I can see no objection from a City point of view why these grants should not be given, as we have no interest whatever in the properties.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

It is decided to recommend to the City Council that the Department of Marine & Fisheries be informed that the City has no objection to the issuing of this grant.

CITY HOME - TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

Tenders for supplies at the City Home are received and opened, as follows:-

Mess Pork.

Davis & Fraser 6 months and 12 months.
J. A. Leaman & Co. 6 mos.

Leather.

Arthur Fordham & Co., 6 months and 12 months.

Dry Goods.

W. Y. Kennedy, 6 mos.

Meats.

H. L. Williston, 6 mos.
J. A. Leaman & Co. 6 mos.
W. A. Maling & Co. 6 mos.

Referred to Controller Halliday and the Secretary of the City Home for report.

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ISLESVILLE FIRE STATION ALTERATIONS.

For alterations to the Islesville Fire Station to make the building suitable for the installation of a chemical engine, tenders are received and opened from E. S. Sharpe, 70 Willow Street, and James T. Brodie, 69 Union Street.

The tenders are referred to the Controller of the Fire Department and the Chief of the Fire Department for report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read report Controller Halliday, as follows:-

Halifax, April 23rd, 1917.

Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

Pursuing the usual and necessary practice of reserving as large a portion of its appropriation as possible until towards the close of the financial year, the Fire Department finds that at this time there are funds on hand which will permit of certain long delayed and now urgent expenditures. The Chief of the Fire Department recommends as follows:-

West Street Engine House.

One new fence at south-east corner. One concrete pit. One manure pit.

Equipment.

24 firemen's coats, 24 pairs rubber boots, 2 Eastman outfits complete, 2 sets Siamese couplings two into one, 1 Chief's coat, tan, 1 District Chief's coat, tan, 1 rectifier for motor engine, 1 battery box, 1 Curtis fire steam gauge, 2 doz. 2½-inch hose spanners, 1 doz. leather straps, 2 doz. Cape Ann sou' westers, 1 emery wheel, 12 galvanized ash barrels, 1 automobile for Chief of Fire Department.

Assistant Chief.

That William Brunt be appointed Assistant Chief of the Department as a permanent officer.

I concur in the recommendations of the Chief and request that the Fire Department be authorized to carry the same into effect as far as the funds will permit.

James Halliday,
Controller.

The report is adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for approval, Controller Murphy dissenting.

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NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER.

Read protest by Capt. W. D. Rose against the expropriation of right-of-way through his property for the North West Arm trunk sewer.

Referred to the City Engineer.

UNDERKEEPERS CITY PRISON.

On motion of Controller Harris it is decided to recommend to the City Council that Charles T. Yeadon, who recently resigned his position as underkeeper at the City Prison, be refunded the amounts due him from the Officials' Superannuation Fund, \$32.08.

On motion of Controller Harris it is decided to recommend to Council the appointment of A. E. Laurilliard as an underkeeper at the City Prison, at a salary of \$650.00 per year.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MOTOR CYCLE.

Read report Controller Harris on offer of J. M. Ripley to purchase a second hand motor cycle from the Police Fire Department, as follows:-

Halifax, April 26th, 1917.

The Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

I would recommend the acceptance of the offer of \$75.00 for second hand motor cycle, as this machine is practically of very little use to the Department, it requires from time to time so many repairs.

Geo. F. Harris,
Controller.

Approved.

LIVINGSTON STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending water extension Livingston Street. Approved.

LIVINGSTON STREET SEWER EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending sewer extension Livingston Street, between Creighton and Agricola Streets. Approved.

The Board adjourned.
P. F. Martin
MAYOR

L. D. McLaughlin
CITY CLERK.

Engineer

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Chief of Police

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