

1917 - 1918

MINUTES BOARD OF CONTROL.

CHAIRMAN

Peter F. Martin.

MEMBERS

John Murphy

Andrew J. Finlay

George A. Taylor

John J. Hines.

SECRETARY

L. Fred. Monaghan,

City Clerk.

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By resolution adopted at meeting May 3rd, 1917, it was agreed that the Controllers specialize in the various Departments as follows:-

Finance and Officials - Controller Finlay.

Police, Prison, Library, Laws and Privileges, Cabs and Licenses - Controller Taylor.

City Works and Property.- Controller Murphy.

Fire Department, City Home, Fire Escapes - Controller Hines.

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The Board of Control met this morning at 10.20 o'clock; present His Worship Peter F. Martin, Mayor and Controllers Andrew J. Finlay, John J. Hines, John Murphy and George A. Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Policewoman - Parole Officer.  
Walnut Street - McFarridge Property.  
Parker Street - Shop in Residential District.  
North Park Street - Shop in Residential District.  
Policeman E. F. McMillan.  
Policeman James C. Linkletter.  
City Wharf Boat Landing.  
Connaught Avenue Legislation.  
Water Bill 51 Russell Street - Estate W. McLeod, James M. Donovan Agent.  
Harvard Street Water Extension.  
Harvard Street Water Extension - J. D. Bremner.  
City Home Tenders for Supplies.  
City Home Tenders for Groceries.  
Dublin Street and Seaforth Street Sewer and Water Extension.  
Water Bill 187 South Park Street - W. M. P. Webster.  
Cunard Street and Robie Street - Shop in Residential District.  
Chestnut Street Sewer Extension.  
Clive Street Water Extension.  
Robie Street ( Longard Road ) Water Extension - Heber Hartlen.  
Assessment for Sewers.  
Permanent Sidewalks Funds.  
Theatre Licenses - King Edward Theatre - Imperial Theatre.  
Billiard Room License, Agelo Parks.  
Recount of Votes for Controller.  
Monastery Lane.  
Young Avenue Sidewalk at Dr. Zwicker's.  
Patriotic Fund - City Grant.  
Sydney Locke's Drain y Morris Street.  
Street Sprinkling - Letter Sydney Locke.  
Loan \$13,100.00 for Various Purposes.  
Annual Report City Prison.  
City Prison Monthly Report.  
Janitor City Hall & Janitor City Market Building.  
Ferry Licenses - G. A. Holmes - Edward W. Barry.  
Rosebank Avenue Sewer Extension.  
Boys Setting Fires to Woods.  
North Albert Street Sewer.  
Purity of Water Supply - Beech Hill Expropriation.  
Commutation of Common Lot, Mrs. Annie Roche.  
Russell Street - Obstruction by railway Cars.  
Bill Posters License - E. L. Riddy Co.  
Dominion Civic Improvement League Conference.  
Junk License R. M. Walsh.

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Autocab Stand Hollis Street.  
Sherwood Street Water Extension.  
Allen Street Extension - Gabriel Edmond's Property.  
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POLICEWOMAN - PAROLE OFFICER.

Mrs. William Macnab, Mrs. Edith Nice, Honorable Mr. Owen and Rev. Canon Vernon appear before and address the Board requesting that Mrs. Ella M. Paint be appointed a special constable under the provisions of section 19 of Chapter 36 of the Acts of 1916 and that she be sworn into office to serve for one year.

Mrs. Macnab submits report made by Mrs. Paint on her activities as parole officer for the past six months.

The Board informs the delegation that they will take their representations into consideration.

WALNUT STREET - McPATRIDGE PROPERTY.

Read letter William McPatridge nominating George F. Bradie as his arbitrator in the matter of appraisement of value of property on Walnut Street proposed to be taken by the City.

Ordered to be forwarded to the City Council with the report of this Board on above matter dated April 12th, 1917.

PARKER STREET - SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

The members of the Board decide to meet at an early date at the spot to consider the application of Patrick Gray for permission to erect a small shop at #3 Parker Street in the residential district.

NORTH PARK STREET - SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT:

The members of the Board decide to meet at an early date at the spot to consider the application of Henry Baker for permission to alter a building at the north east corner of Cogswell and North Park Streets into a shop.

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POLICEMAN E. F. McMILLAN.

Read resignation policeman Edward F. McMillan to take effect May 15th, 1917. Accepted.

POLICEMAN JAMES C. LINKLETTER.

On recommendation of Controller Taylor James Currie Linkletter is appointed a policeman.

CITY WHARF BOAT LANDING.

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 covering application from A. J. Davis for permission to land passengers at the City Wharf, that during the Spring and Summer months this wharf is in continuous use by the Works Department for landing sand and gravel. It is the only wharf property of which we have control on the Harbour front, and should be kept solely for City purposes.

During the summer, when construction work is in progress a large number of teams are employed hauling sand and gravel from this wharf. With a boat landing passengers, and especially an excursion boat, there will almost certainly be an interference with our men employed either teaming or loading on the wharf, and also a certain loss of material due to the scattering of sand and gravel over the edge of the wharf by people walking over it.

There is a public landing at the next dock north, which can be used by the petitioner. I must protest strongly against the City Wharf being used for other than municipal purposes.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Davis.

CONNAUGHT AVENUE LEGISLATION.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
April 27th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I find that a clause has been inserted in City Bill No. 54 by the House of Assembly, providing that if pro-

*Chief of Police*

*Chief of Police*

*Engineer  
of Davis*

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viding that if provision is not made for either building a bridge on Connaught Avenue at Coburg Road or for the diversion of said Avenue within three years, that the said Avenue for its whole length shall be practically removed from the official city plan. In my opinion, this clause should be strongly opposed in the Legislative Council and every effort made to have it struck out of the bill.

Connaught Avenue is proposed as a boulevard one hundred and twenty feet wide extending throughout the length of the city from Point Pleasant Park to Fairview, and its location is laid down on the city plan. It was originally laid down through the property now known as Rosebank Park by J. W. Regan, the then owner. This section of the Avenue was partly graded by him, and subsequently the park was sold to R. P. Bell, who completed the grading and disposed of several lots fronting on the Avenue, on at least one of which an expensive residence has been erected. Another section north of Bayers Road, about one mile away from Rosebank Park, was laid down on the plan of the division of property of J. Lorne McGibbon and partly graded. Another section was opened through the property of Mr. Theakston adjoining Coburg Road to the north. The Dominion Government in constructing the Halifax Ocean Terminals Railway took a portion of the Avenue through the latter's property at the junction of Coburg Road.

We are using our best endeavours to compel the Railway Department to build a bridge to take care of the Avenue at this point or to pay a proportion of the additional cost that would be involved in diverting the Avenue to the eastward of the railway company. Whether we will be successful in this or not is at present uncertain but it is anticipated that eventually the Avenue will be opened, built upon and used, so that a bridge or diversion will have to be made.

The City of Halifax in its town planning legislation has been far in advance of other cities in Canada, a fact which was brought out at the meeting of the National Conference on City Planning held in Toronto in 1914, when the sections of the city charter dealing with the official plan were published as an appendix to the report of the Conference. In 1915, the Legislature of Nova Scotia passed a Town Planning Act, requiring cities, towns and municipalities to make a comprehensive plan showing among other things improvements and extensions of existing streets, and also new streets.

If legislation such as is proposed in the clause inserted in Bill 54 can be obtained by any owner of property who thinks he may have a grievance, the whole purpose of the Legislature in passing the Acts of 1896 and 1915 will be defeated. Property owners who have paid an enhanced value for lots and erected houses on the line of the boulevard, trusting to the fact of its having been laid down on the city plan as a wide thoroughfare, will find themselves with a much depreciated property on their hands. As an instance of how the legislation proposed will affect the City.— Within the past two weeks application was made for a permit to build on the east side of North Kline Street and the east line of the Avenue will take about forty feet off this property. At present the applicant will be com-

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pelled to build back to the proposed line in the Avenue/  
Eventually, when the City is prepared to carry out the  
widening, he will be paid for the land taken. If the  
clause passes, and the bridge at Coburg Road is not  
built within three years, this building will be back  
forty feet from this property line, and instead of being  
on a main thoroughfare the owner will find himself on a  
narrow by-way and will, I presume, be unable to claim  
any compensation for the loss of his land for building  
purposes: or, if he is able to recover for the latter,  
the City will have to pay for land which will be of ab-  
solutely no use to it.

It is not thought that there can be any dispute as  
to the advantages of a well-considered and comprehensive  
plan for any growing city, such as has been authorized by  
the Legislature, but the whole object aimed at will be  
done away with if such changes as are proposed in the Bill  
are carried out; and I would again urge that every effort  
be made to have this clause struck out of the Bill.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved and ordered to be forwarded to the City  
Council for purposes of record.

WATER BILL 51 RUSSELL STREET - ESTATE W. McLEOD, JAS.  
M. DONOVAN AGENT.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending that  
no reduction be made in water meter bill 51 Russell Street  
Estate W. McLeod, James M. Donovan, Agent.

Referred to Controller Murphy for report.

HARVARD STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending water  
extension Harvard Street.

Referred back to the City Engineer for further report.

HARVARD STREET WATER EXTENSION - J. D. BREMNER.

Read petition J. D. Bremner for water extension to  
his residence, Harvard Street, #116.

Referred to the City Engineer for report along with  
his report on Harvard Street water extension dated April  
24th, 1917.

CITY HOME TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

Read report Controller Halliday and Secretary O'Bryan  
of the City Home re tenders for various supplies for said  
institution.

Approved and recommended to the City Council for

Council ✓

Cont. Murphy ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

Council ✓

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adoption.

CITY HOME TENDERS FOR GROCERIES.

Tenders for supply of groceries for the City Home for three months are received and opened from Dillon Bros. and Wentzell's Ltd.

The tenders are referred to Controller Hines and Mr. O'Bryan for report.

Having examined the tenders Controller Hines and Mr. O'Bryan report the tenders to be as follows:-

Dillon Bros.	-	\$1646.47
Wentzell's Ltd.	-	1433.74

On recommendation of Controller Hines it is agreed to recommend to Council the acceptance of the tender of Wentzell's Ltd.

DUBLIN STREET AND SEAFORTH STREET SEWER AND WATER

EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending sewer and water extension Dublin Street and Seaforth Street.

Approved.

WATER BILL 187 SOUTH PARK STREET - W. M. P. WEBSTER.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending that no reduction be made in water bills charged W. M. P. Webster, 187 South Park Street.

Referred to Controller Murphy for report.

CUNARD STREET AND ROBIE STREET - SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL

DISTRICT.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to submit herewith an application from George Clark for permission to alter the dwelling on the north-west corner of Cunard Street and Robie Street to a shop.

This is in the residential district, and under the provisions of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1915 permission to alter building within the residential district for the purpose named must be obtained from the Board of Control.

*Council ✓*

*Council ✓*

*Cont. Murphy ✓*

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Mr. Clark has advertised that he is making application in two papers by three insertions in each, and no objections have been filed with me.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Mr. Clarke appeared before the Board in support of his application.

The City Engineer is authorized to grant the permit applied for.

CHESTNUT STREET SEWER EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending sewer extension Chestnut Street. Approved.

CLIVE STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending water extension Clive Street. Approved.

ROBIE STREET (LONGARD ROAD) WATER EXTENSION - HEBER HARTLEN.

Read report Acting City Engineer re water extension Robie Street (Longard Road) to property of Heber Hartlen.

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

FOR ASSESSMENT/SEWERS.

Read report Acting City Engineer re assessment for sewers, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that section 645 of the City Charter provides that whenever any public sewer is built in any street, every owner of real estate on either side of the street fronting on such sewer, shall pay the sum of \$1.25 for each lineal foot of his property so fronting.

At the time this amount was fixed, our sewers were costing from \$3.15 to \$5.00. For the past five years the average cost has been about \$6.34 so that the assessment at the rate of \$1.25 a foot is not sufficient to make up one-half the cost. Even when the sewers were costing less I find that from 1890 to 1905, owing to exemptions, the City only received 42% of the cost of the sewers.

I estimate that it will be necessary to fix the rate at at least \$1.75 to assure getting one-half the cost.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

*Engineer*

*Council*

*Council*

*Heber Hartlen  
Engineer*



B/c ✓

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Consideration of the report is deferred.

PERMANENT SIDEWALKS FUNDS.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
May 3rd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir:-

There is only about \$300.00 to the credit of the Permanent Sidewalk Fund, and when outstanding bills are paid this will likely be reduced to \$500.00. We have legislation authority to borrow \$50,000 for this service, but until this is done or some provision made to overdraw the account, I am unable to start the sidewalk work as it would be inadvisable to begin work and then have to stop and discharge our men until the money is borrowed.

I would suggest that the Auditor be consulted as to whether it would be possible to borrow the money temporarily until the loan is made.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to Controller Finlay for report.

THEATRE LICENSES - KING EDWARD THEATRE - IMPERIAL THEATRE.

Read applications for theatre licenses for moving picture theatres, Jacob Withrow, owner of the King Edward Theatre Barrington Street and St. Mary's Society for the Imperial Theatre Barrington Street.

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

BILLIARD ROOM LICENSE, AGELO PARCA.

Read application Agelo Parca for license to operate a public billiard room in premises 15 Prince Street.

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

RECOUNT OF VOTES FOR CONTROLLER.

Read report Judge Wallace of the County Court re recount of votes for controller as between candidates James Halliday and John J. Hines, stating that he had declared John J. Hines elected, he having received a majority of six votes over James Halliday.

Referred to the City Council for its information.

MONASTERY LANE.

Read petition for the taking over by the City of

Engineer ✓  
Cont. Finlay ✓  
Auditor ✓  
Treasurer ✓

Cont. Taylor ✓

Cont. Taylor ✓

Council ✓

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Monastery Lane as a City street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

YOUNG AVENUE SIDEWALK AT DR. F. G. ZWICKER'S.

Read letter Dr. F. G. Zwicker re proposal that he deed to the City a strip of land 10 feet wide in front of his property 144 Young Avenue as an offset against the cost of laying a curb and gutter.

Referred to the City Engineer for report and for information as to the original undertaking between the City and Alex. Hobreker in respect to the land in front of his residence.

PATRIOTIC FUND - CITY GRANT.

Read application Canadian Patriotic Fund for the payment by the City of the final instalment \$4,500.00 of the City's grant.

Referred to Controller Finley for report.

SYDNEY LOCKE'S DRAIN MORRIS STREET.

Read letter Sydney Locke re his drain #12 Morris St.

Referred to the City Engineer.

STREET SPRINKLING - LETTER SYDNEY LOCKE.

Read letter Sydney Locke re street sprinkling.

Referred to the City Engineer.

LOAN \$13,100.00 FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

Read offer Trustees of the sinking funds to loan the City \$13,100.00 for various purposes as follows:-

Office of City Treasurer,  
April 26th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

On behalf of the Trustees of the Sinking Funds, I am authorized to offer to loan the City the sum of \$13,100. for the purposes as below:-

For an improved system of Assessment	10,000.00
Dredging McFatrige Dock	1,500.00
Additional hose for Fire Department	1,200.00
Cost of new boiler and repairs, Public Gardens	400.00
	<u>\$13,100.00</u>

Engineer ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Dr. F. G. Zwicker ✓  
Cont. Finley ✓  
Treasurer ✓  
Auditor ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Engineer ✓

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Under authority of an Act of the Legislature of N. S., passed on the 17th, May, 1916. The said loan to be repayable in five equal annual instalments and to bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum and at the rate of 98.5963 under date January 1st, 1917.

James J. Hopewell,  
City Treasurer.

Referred to Controller Finlay for report.

ANNUAL REPORT CITY PRISON - 1916-1917.

Read annual report Governor of the City Prison for 1916-1917.

Controller Murphy suggests that the City Clerk furnish each member of the City Council with a copy of all annual city reports as presented. The City Clerk informs the Board that it is utterly impossible with his staff of stenographers to comply with the request.

On motion of Controller Murphy the Board decides that it is advisable that each member of the City Council be furnished with copies of the annual reports prior to their being printed and he undertakes to have the type-writing done. **Approved.**

CITY PRISON MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Governor Grant, City Prison, for the month of April.

Filed.

JANITOR CITY HALL.

The City Clerk is instructed to advertise for applications for the position of janitor of the City Hall, applications to be receivable up to 11 a. m. on Thursday, 10th instant.

JANITOR CITY MARKET BUILDING.

The City Clerk is instructed to advertise for applications for the position of janitor of the City Market Building; applications to be receivable up to 11 o'clock a. m. on Thursday 10th instant.

FERRY LICENSES - C. A. HOLMES - EDWARD W. BARRY.

Read applications for ferry licenses as follows:-

Cont-Finlay ✓  
Averill ✓  
Treasurer ✓

Cont Murphy ✓

Recorder ✓  
Echo ✓  
Mail ✓

Recorder ✓  
Echo ✓  
Mail ✓

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G. A. Holmes, Dartmouth, for a motor ferry license to operate between Tufts Cove and the Acadia Sugar Refinery property.

Edward W. Barry, Bedford Road, Dartmouth to operate a ferry from the foot of Hanover Street to Dumaresq's Wharf, Dartmouth.

*Cont. Taylor ✓*

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

ROSEBANK AVENUE SEWER EXTENSION.

Read petition for sewer extension on Rosebank Avenue between Jubilee Road and Norwood Street.

*Engineer ✓*

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

BOYS SETTING FIRES TO WOODS.

Read letter Capt. John Hicks complaining of damage done by boys setting fire to woods and requesting the vigilance of the police.

*Cont. Taylor ✓  
Chief of Police ✓  
Capt. John Hicks ✓*

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

NORTH ALBERT STREET SEWER.

Read petition for sewer extension North Albert Street  
Referred to the City Engineer for report.

*Engineer ✓*

PURITY OF WATER SUPPLY - BEECH HILL EXPROPRIATION.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
April 23rd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

In accordance with the instructions of your Board, I have had a conference with Mr. Barnhill, solicitor for Mrs. Lizzie Munro and Mrs. Harris, whose properties at Beech Hill were recently expropriated by the City.

After discussing the matter of compensation with Mr. Barnhill, he eventually agreed that if the City would pay each of his clients \$100.00 more than the amount paid into Court, they would accept the same in full satisfaction for their claims. As stated in my report of March 31st, I do not think that the arbitration could be re-opened, as all steps required by the City Charter in the way of notices, etc., were taken. In consultation with the City Solicitor he takes the view that a court would be very lenient with and would interpret the Act very broadly in favour of the persons whose property is being taken, due to the circum-

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stances of their case.

As the arbitrators in the two cases where the amount paid into Court was refused, increased the said amount, it would appear that it would be equitable for the City to allow Mrs. Munro and Mrs. Harris the extra \$100 above the amount paid into Court.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

It is decided to recommend to the City Council the adoption of the Acting City Engineer's report.

*Council ✓*

COMMUTATION OF COMMON LOT - MRS. ANNIE ROCHE.

Read application Mrs. Annie Roche for the commutation of part of common lot #2 of the half acre lot of Halifax Common, enclosing cheque for \$119.61 being for seven years' rental and twenty years' commutation charges.

*Council ✓*

It is decided to recommend to Council that the portion of lot required be commuted and the City Solicitor instructed to draw the necessary deed.

RUSSELL STREET - OBSTRUCTION BY RAILWAY CARS.

Read letter Halifax Graving Dock Company complaining of obstruction by railway cars at the foot of Russell Street of approach to the residence of their chief Engineer, which lies to the east of the railway tracks.

*Engineer ✓  
Dr. Anshfield ✓*

Referred to the City Engineer to take up with Mr. Hallisey or other proper representative of the railway authorities.

BILL POSTERS LICENSE - E. L. RUDDY CO.

Read application E. L. Ruddy Company for bill posters license including 3797 feet of bill board space.

*Cont. Taylor ✓  
Engineer ✓*

Referred to Controller Taylor and the City Engineer for report.

DOMINION CIVIC IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

Read notification to the City to send delegates to attend a conference of the Dominion Civic Improvement League in the City of Winnipeg on May 28, 29 and 30th.

*Conservation Commission ✓*

The Secretary is instructed to inform the Commission of Conservation, who are acting in co-operation with the

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Improvement League that the City has no funds at its disposal out of which to defray the expenses of delegates.

JUNK LICENSE. - R. M. WALSH.

Read application Walsh & Co. per R. M. Walsh, 151 Morris Street, for a license to conduct a wholesale and retail junk business.

*Referred to Controller Taylor for report -*  
AUTOCAR STAND HOLLIS STREET.

Read application Halifax Taxi Cab Co. from Hugh G. Fraser for permission to stand one of his cars on Hollis Street in front of his place of business.

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

SHERWOOD STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Alderman Foley requests an early report on petition presented some time ago for water extension Sherwood St.

ALLEN STREET EXTENSION - GABRIEL EDMONDS' PROPERTY.

Alderman Foley asked what progress is being made in regard to the acquisition of property required from Gabriel Edmonds for the extension of Allen Street westwardly through to Oxford Street.

The City Clerk is instructed to write Mr. Edmonds requesting him to forward as soon as possible a memorandum of the lowest price he would accept for the property in question.

ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts are passed for payment:-

Union Canadian Municipalities Membership Fees 1917, \$150.00; Union Nova Scotia Municipalities Membership Fees 1917, \$94.00; City Prison, \$465.39.

General Accounts.

Union Canadian Municipalities	Membership Fee	\$150.
Union N. S.	" "	94.
		<u>\$244.00</u>

*Cont. Taylor*

*Cont. Taylor*

*Engineer*

*Gabriel Edmonds*

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J. J. Scriven & Sons	Bread	\$14.00
R. N. McDonald	Groceries	44.92
G. C. Hartlen & Co.	Stew Beef	6.60
J. A. Leaman & Co.	Oxheads	7.35
S. C. Thompson	Feed	38.32
Stairs, Son & Morrow	Hardware	20.91
Robt. Taylor	Boots	23.80
Rhodes, Curry Co.	Lumber	19.40
J. & M. Murphy	Dry Goods	1.50
D. J. McIntosh	Horseshoeing	13.90
Hillis & Sons.	Stove fittings	1.30
George Retson	Cow	80.00
George Grant	Freight Rates	2.60
George Grant	Prisoners' Postage	2.50
Neil Fox	Harness and supplies	60.05
Maritiem Telephone Co.	Rental	5.80
N. S. Tramways	Light and Power	2.34
Wm. Roche	Hard Coal	80.00
Dr. McFatrige	V.S. as per Contract	19.50
Dr. McFatrige	Services of Maple Leaf Hall	15.00
A. L. Melvin	Supplies	
A. Wilson & Son	Salt Cod	5.60
		<u>\$465.39</u>

*Council ✓*

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*

P. F. Martin.

MAYOR.

*L. J. McLaughlin*

CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

May 8th, 1917.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

North West Arm Trunk Sewer Right of Way.  
Hack and Motor Hack Licenses.  
Policewoman - Parole Officer.  
Assessment for Sewers.  
City Home Monthly report.  
City Home - Tenders for Fence.  
Lockman Street Nos. 244-250 Drainage, Wm. Roche.  
Maintenance of Insane N. S. Hospital - Walter Parker  
Fire Alarm Signals for Public Schools.  
Shipbuilding Subsidy.  
City Market Superintendent.  
Göttingen Street #180 Street Line - James Godwin.  
Housing Problem.  
Coal and Heating Appliances.  
Curbs, Cutters and Catchpits, Ward 6.  
Curbs, Cutters and Catchpits, Wards 4 and 5.  
Street Railway Tracks Coburg Road.  
Delapidated Building (Hardy) - Granville Street.  
North Albert Street and Union Street.  
Barrington Street and Market Street Re-numbering.  
Argyle Street curb Beveling.  
Foster Lot Chebucto Road @ Arbitrator's Fees.  
Loan of \$13,100.00 for Various Purposes.  
North West Arm Trunk Sewer Right of Way - St. Mary's  
Boat Club.  
Coburg Road Obstruction by Ocean Terminal Railway  
Cutting.  
Patriotic Fund - City Grant.  
Accounts.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER RIGHT OF WAY.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
May 3rd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I have taken all the preliminary steps required by the City Charter for the purpose of expropriating the rights in the lands on the eastern side of the North West Arm, required for the construction of an intercepting sewer between Oakland Road and Point Pleasant Park; and beg to submit the accompanying resolution which has been approved by the City Solicitor, and which when passed and the money paid into court, and the plan and description and resolution filed in the Registry Office, at Halifax, will vest these rights in the city.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.



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Approved.

The following resolution is read and adopted: and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for concurrence.-

WHEREAS the City of Halifax requires the rights in certain lands and premises hereinafter described, for the purpose of constructing a sewer for the drainage of the western slope of the City and the City Engineer has duly prepared a plan of the said land and premises, together with a description of the same, and also a report on the expropriation of the same, and submitted the said report, description and plan to the City Council for its approval and the said report, description and plan were duly approved by the City Council on the fifth day of April, 1917, and a copy of the same has been filed in the office of the City Engineer as required by law;

AND WHEREAS, on the 17th and 18th days of April, in the year A. D., 1917., a notice containing a description of the rights in the lands and premises so required, was duly served on each of the persons claiming to be the owners respectively of the said land and premises, which said persons are enumerated in the schedule to this resolution, together with a notice of the intention of the Council to expropriate the said rights in the said lands and premises from the said owners after the expiration of the time required by law from the date of the service of such notice;

AND WHEREAS, a notice containing a description of the said rights in the said lands and premises so required, and a notice of the intention of the City Council to expropriate the said rights in the said lands and premises after the expiration of the time required by law from the date of such notice, was duly published by the City Engineer in the Acadian Recorder, Evening Mail and Daily Echo, three newspapers published in the City of Halifax for two weeks by insertions each week, namely on the 16th and 17th and 23rd and 24th of April, A. D. 1917;

THEREFORE RESOLVED that the said rights in the said lands and premises be, and the same are hereby expropriated which said rights in the said lands and premises are described as follows:-

The rights to be expropriated are the rights hereinafter set out in, under, over, above, upon and 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 centre line of the sewer and overflow proposes 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 centre 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 second of April, 1917, and filed in the City Engineer's Office at Halifax as Plan No. 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

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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 appurtenance in the above described lot.

Also the right where required, to fill in and raise the said lot 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 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 open such lot and to do thereon 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;

Also the rights to set and maintain monuments marked the boundaries of the said lot.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized by and on behalf of the City of Halifax to pay into the Supreme Court of Halifax for the rights in so much of the said land and premises as is alleged to belong respectively to each of the persons set out in the schedule, the sum set opposite to the name of each of such owners respectively, making in all the sum of Seventeen Dollars, (\$17.00) the said sum being in the judgment of the City Council a reasonable value for the said rights in the said properties respectively, and that the City Engineer notify each of the said alleged owners so set out in the schedule of the said expropriation and the said payment into Court.

*Council*

- SCHEDULE -

Roderick MacDonald	\$1.00
C. H. Cahan	1.00
George Ritchie	1.00
H. F. Adams	1.00
J. A. Clarke	1.00
Eather W. Clarke	1.00
George H. Flack	1.00
Charles Brister	1.00
Trustees Presbyterian College	1.00
Estate Hon. David McKean	1.00
J. Lorne McGibboh	1.00
Estate Jas. Thomeon	1.00
Estate B. F. Pearson	1.00
G. F. Pearson	1.00
G. F. Ring	1.00
W. D. Rose	1.00

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The City Engineer is instructed to call for tenders for the continuance of work on the sewer immediately upon the resolution passing the City Council.

HACK AND MOTOR HACK LICENSES.

Read reports Assistant City Clerk and the Inspector of Cabs re applications for hack and motor hack licenses.

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

POLICEWOMAN - PAROLE OFFICER.

Read report Acting Chief of Police re policewoman or parole officer, as follows:-

Office of Chief of Police,  
May 1st, 1917.

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

The undersigned was asked by your Worship and the late Board of Control to make a report in respect to the necessity and desirability of continuing a female police officer, in connection with the City force. The present, incumbent, Mrs. Paint, has been connected with this Department for the past few months and, having had an opportunity of observing the nature of the work this lady is called upon to do, I consider I am in a position to judge of the necessity of the further employment of such an officer. I feel obliged to say that with deference the money spent in respect to such an officer would be more advantageously employed in the securing of an extra policeman. For a City of the size of Halifax, I feel that such an officer as a female police officer is not needed. Her work particularly is among delinquent and insubordinate girls, (I do not think Halifax has very many of this class), and in such cases in my experience in the Police Department, adequate and excellent service has always been rendered by the S. P. C. Society through its admirable agent, Mrs. Egan. I feel the Halifax Police Department can get along quite successfully without the appointment of such an officer, and this opinion, as requested, I submit for your consideration.

W. S. Bayer,  
Acting Chief of Police.

Mrs. Mary Macnab and Mrs. E. M. Murray appear before the board. Mrs. Macnab requested that a copy of the report be forwarded to her and that the Committee be given an opportunity at Thursday's meeting to reply to it.

Agreed to.

ASSESSMENT FOR SEWERS.

The report of the Acting City Engineer submitted at meeting May 3rd, recommending that the rate of assessment

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for sewers be increased from \$1.25 per foot to \$1.75 per foot is taken up.

On motion of Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Taylor the report is adopted.

Controller Murphy informs the Board that the City Solicitor had instructed him that it is too late to introduce legislation in respect to this matter into the legislature at its present session.

Controller Murphy is requested to endeavor to have a Bill providing for the increased rate of assessment introduced.

CITY HOME MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report City Home for the month of April showing the total number of inmates April 30th to be 283.

Filed.

CITY HOME - TENDERS FOR FENCE.

Read specifications for the construction of a fence about the garden in the City Home property.

The specification is approved and Controller Hines instructed to obtain tenders for and have the work done.

LOCKMAN STREET #s 244-250 DRAINAGE, WM. ROCHE.

Read letter William Roche re defective drainage at his properties 244-250 Lockman Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

MAINTENANCE OF INSANE N. S. HOSPITAL - WALTER PARKER.

Controller Murphy called attention to the fact that the dispute between the Commissioner of Public Charities and the City of Halifax as to the liability of the City to pay for the maintenance of Walter E. Parker in the N. S. Hospital still remains unsettled and that the amount against the City now amounts to \$662.17. He thought an effort should be made to obtain legislation whereby the City would have the right to investigate all cases before they were admitted into the institution as a charge against the City.

Council ✓

Council ✓

Cont. Hines ✓  
Jos. Bryan ✓

Engineer ✓

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*Council ✓*

Controller Murphy is requested to consult with the City Solicitor and Engineer to have an Act introduced into the Legislature at its present session to bring this about.

FIRE ALARM SIGNALS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

*Secy School Board ✓*

Read letter Board of School Commissioners requesting that this Board hear a committee from the School Board in respect to the proposed installation of a fire alarm signalling system for the school buildings.

The Secretary is instructed to notify the School Board that this Board will be pleased to hear their Committee at any of its regular meetings on Tuesday's and Thursdays.

SHIP-BUILDING SUBSIDY.

Read letter Joseph M. Tobin, as follows:-

Halifax, May 3rd, 1917.

To the City Council of  
the City of Halifax.  
Dear Sirs:-

Referring to my letter of the 2nd instant in which I applied for the subsidy or subvention authorized to be granted by the City of Halifax in aid of shipbuilding, I beg to say that my plans have developed and that I hope shortly to be in a position to satisfy the conditions under which the subsidy is payable. The situation today is such that shipbuilding is a world wide necessity and it is only fitting and proper that Halifax should be the centre of a large shipbuilding industry.

A site has been selected and plans developed and the necessary estimates prepared and I hope to be able to announce shortly that work will be commenced in the near future.

Joseph M. Tobin.

*Joseph M. Tobin ✓*

The Secretary is instructed to acknowledge receipt of the letter and to inform Mr Tobin that the Act enabling the City of Halifax to grant a subsidy in the Harbor of Halifax has lapsed but that an Act before the Legislature at its present session should interest him and his clients.

CITY MARKET SUPERINTENDENT.

*Filed ✓*

Read application W. E. Messervey for the position of

Superintendent or Clerk of the City Market. Filed.

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GOTTINGEN STREET #180 STREET LINE - JAMES GODWIN.

Read letter James Godwin, as follows:-

Halifax, May 5th, 1917.

To His Worship the Mayor and  
Controllers of City of Halifax.  
Gentlemen:-

*members B/C*

I should like very much to have that affair of 178  
Gottingen Street settled and if agreed to by your Board  
would be satisfied to leave it to arbitration in the  
usual manner. If this is satisfactory to your Board I  
shall be very pleased to abide by the arbitrators decision  
Hoping this will meet with the approval of the Board,

James Godwin,  
59 Russell St.

Deferred until the members of the Board have an oppor-  
tunity to read the correspondence and reports on file.

HOUSING PROBLEM.

Read invitation to the members of the Board to attend  
a luncheon by the Rotary Club at the Halifax Hotel at one  
o'clock today at which the housing problem of the City of  
Halifax will be discussed.

*Secy  
Rotary Club*

Being engaged in collecting for the Patriotic Fund  
the members of the Board decide it will be impossible for  
them to attend.

COAL AND HEATING APPLIANCES.

Read letter Parker Archibald, Clerk of the Commission-  
ers of the County Court House, as follows:-

Office of Municipal Clerk,  
Halifax, N. S., May 3, 1917.

*Cont. Hines*

Mayor Martin,  
Dear Sir:-

*Council*

The coal dealers will not quote prices for hard coal  
for future delivery. They say it is almost impossible  
to get vessels to bring it in. Some of them promised when  
they got a cargo in to let me know, and would then quote a  
price. I suppose there is nothing more can be done at  
present. As hard coal is likely to be high for some time  
it would be advisable to consider the matter of replacing  
the hard coal furnace with a soft coal furnace.

Parker Archibald.

Referred to Controller Hines for investigation and  
report.

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CURBS, GUTTERS AND CATCHPITS, WARD 6.

Read letter Alderman Godwin, as follows:-

Halifax, May 3rd, 1917.

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

Now that the campaign is over, I wish to remind you of the all important duty that prevails upon you to do your utmost to help better street conditions in the Big Ward (Ward #6).

You know Ward #6 was good to you and you in return should be good to it, I therefor am asking that you have the Engineer report on the cost and advisability of placing concrete curbs and gutters on the following hills under the recent Legislation obtained for that purpose.

Duffus St.	from	Barrington St.	to	Gottingen Street.
Roome	"	"	"	"
Richmond	"	"	"	Union
Hanover	"	"	"	"
East Young	"	"	"	Gottingen
Kaye	"	"	"	"
Russell	"	"	"	"
Longard Road	"	West Young	"	Duffus

I might also urge that it is very urgent that catchpits be placed on Longard Road, also one at the northeast corner of North Creighton and Stairs Streets.

Thanking you to have this matter placed before the Engineer with instructions to him to report as soon as possible.

John E. Godwin,  
Ward #6.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

CURBS, GUTTERS AND CATCHPITS WARDS 4 and 5.

His Worship the Mayor asks for a similar report from the City Engineer as regards wards 4 and 5 to that suggested by Alderman Godwin for Ward 6.

STREET RAILWAY TRACKS COBURG ROAD.

Controller Finlay complained that the rails of the street railway track on Coburg Road are very high and dangerous to traffic.

The Acting City Engineer stated that Coburg Road is to be macadamized and that the Tramway Company will fix their rails at the same time. He had also forwarded a written complaint to the Tramway Company as to the condition of their track allowance throughout the City.

*Engineer ✓*

*Engineer ✓*

*Engineer ✓*

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DILAPIDATED HARDY BUILDING, GRANVILLE STREET.

Controller Murphy called attention to the dangerous condition of the Hardy Building, Granville Street.

The City Engineer is instructed to consult with the City Solicitor to see what authority the City has as to the demolition of the building.

Engineer ✓  
Solicitor ✓

NORTH ALBERT STREET AND UNION STREET.

~~Controller~~ Alderman Finlay called attention to the condition of North Albert Street and Union Street.

Referred to the City Engineer.

Engineer ✓

BARRINGTON STREET AND MARKET STREET RE-NUMBERING.

The City Engineer is instructed to engage men to re-number the buildings on Barrington Street and Market Street.

Engineer ✓

ARCELE STREET CURB BEVELLING.

Read request Sheehan Motor Company that the curbing in front of their garage 16 Argyll Street be bevelled.

Referred to the City Engineer for action.

Engineer ✓

FOSTER LOT CHEBUOTO ROAD - ARBITRATOR'S FEE.

On motion of Controller Murphy the City Auditor is instructed to pay out of the street widening Fund the account of J. C. Harris, \$25.00, for fees as arbitrator in connection with the valuation of the Foster jib-lot Chebuoto Road.

Auditor ✓  
Council ✓

LOAN OF \$13,100.00 FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

On the offer of the Trustees of the Sinking Funds to loan the City \$13,100.00 for various purposes submitted at meeting of the Board held May 3rd instant Controller Finlay reports recommending that the same be accepted.

Approved.

The following resolution moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Murphy is submitted and adopted,-

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Sinking Funds have agreed to loan the City of Halifax the sum of \$13,100 for the above purposes recited,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue to the Trustees of the Sinking



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Funds Debentures of the City of Halifax, to the amount of \$13,100.00, for the purpose contained in the report of the Board of Control: the said Debentures to be repayable in five equal installments, and to bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum, at the rate of 98.5963 under date January 1st, 1917.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER RIGHT OF WAY - ST. MARY'S BOAT CLUB.

Read letter St. Mary's Boat Club re right of way for North West Arm trunk sewer through their property, as follows:-

Halifax, May 7th, 1917.

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

When we gave permission to the City to run the new sewer through our property at the North West Arm, it was with the assurance and understanding that the laying of such sewer would not cause us inconvenience or expense.

We now find that owing to the close proximity of this sewer to the shore line, that we will be obliged to build our boat house much further into the waters of the Arm than was at first intended. Not only does this cause us great inconvenience but it means an outlay of some \$500.00 or \$600.00 extra on the cost of our cribwork.

We also proposed building a Retaining wall behind and away from our boat house for the purpose of giving light and access to it. This part of our plans we will be unable to carry out, unless you gentlemen can see your way clear to give us permission to build close up to the sewer line.

The closer we can get to the sewer the cheaper will be the cost of constructing our boat house, we would therefore ask you to advise us just how close we may approach to the line.

Fred. J. Cosgrove,  
Secy. Boat Club Committee.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

Engineer ✓

RAILWAY  
COBURG ROAD OBSTRUCTION BY OCEAN TERMINALS/CUTTING.

On motion of Controller Murphy the City Engineer is requested to obtain if possible permission from the Birchdale Hotel and from the Waegwoltie Club for citizens to pass through their property to enable them to reach the boathouse at the foot of Coburg Road, while the road is obstructed by sewer construction operations.

Engineer ✓

PATRIOTIC FUND - CITY GRANT.

Controller Finlay verbally reports recommending that

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the final installment \$4,500.00 of the City's subscription to the Canadian Patriotic Fund be paid. Approved.

ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts are passed for payment.

Health Board, \$215.28; Library, \$108.49; City Home, \$5606.27.

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS.

City Health Board.

Michael Day	Plumbing	\$18.52
John Starr & Son	batteries	.65
N.S. Tramways Co.	Service	10.06
Tel & Tel. Co.	Rental	16.14
S. Cunard	Coal	86.25
Melcin & Co.	Supplies	3.31
T. C. Allen & Co.	Supplies	12.10
Kinlay's Ltd.	Drugs	29.00
King Edward Stables	Ambulance calls	33.25
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		\$215.28

Library.

T. C. Allen & Co.	Supplies	44.37
Book Room	Books	13.60
J. L. Connolly	Books	8.41
Geo. H. Doran Co.	Subscription	2.50
N. W. Henly Pub. Co.	Books	4.96
Library Bureau	Subscription	2.25
McGraw-Hill Book Co.	Book	1.35
Munn & Co.	Book	2.25
International Correspondence Schools	Books	28.80
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		\$108.49

City Home.

N. S. Hospital Maintenance	Patients	273.00
Gunn & Co.	Flour	304.05
Wentzell's Ltd.	Groceries	342.30
E & A Thompson	Meats	345.13
Smith & Proctor	Butter	177.28
James Watson	Milk	114.41
J. A. Leaman	Pork	53.65
A. Wilson & Son	Fresh Fish	39.91
W. Y. Kennedy	Dry Goods	70.58
S. O. Thompson	Forage	35.43
Fleischmann Co.	Yeast	3.60
N. S. Tram Co.	Light	24.17
Howard McFatrige	Veterinary Services	9.75
Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Exchange	3.75
Evening Mail	Advertising	8.27
Chronicle Pub. Co.	do	8.36
Blackadar Bros.	do	6.20
Jas. Simmonds	Hardware	81.47
Brookfield Bros.	Lime	2.90
H. McFatrige	Horseshoeing	2.94
Willis Bros.	Repairs	3.15
W. S. Minnie	Men's Clothing	18.20
Madcolm Johnson	Plaster	1.00

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W. McFatr idge	Rope	25.00
Kinlay's Ltd.	Air cushion	2.00
Dr. Graham	Insanity Certificate	5.00
Dr. Weatherbe	" "	5.00
Amherst Boot and Shoe Co.	Boots	62.40
V. G. Hospital	Medicine	203.95
City of Halifax	Water rates	500.00
Singer Machine Co.	Sewing Machine	53.40
Farquhar Bros.	Electric Heater	12.00
T. J. Whelan & Co.	Rubber Sheets	27.00
Brander Morris Co.	Oilcloth	35.75
B. J. Mulcahy	Cash expended	4.39
Salaries	Pay sheet	955.14
N. S. Hospital	Maintenance	1789.74
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		\$ 5606.27

The Board adjourned.

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

*L. Fred Monaghan*  
L. Fred Monaghan  
CITY CLERK.

You are respectfully requested to attend with any witnesses you may have.

L. Fred Monaghan,  
City Clerk.

The above notice was forwarded to each member of the Board, to E. G. Tracey, Inspector under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, to William Wilson, Proprietor of the King Edward Hotel and to the Chief of Police.

The matter of certain Police Officers who accompanied Mr. Tracey in his search of the King Edward Hotel during the investigation it is desired to hold the investigation under the provisions of the City Charter.

Mr. Tracey, Mr. Wilson, the Chief of Police and other witnesses attended agreeably to notification.

The City Solicitor was also present.

E. G. Murray, Esq., appeared for Mr. Tracey.

His Worship the Mayor informed Mr. Murray that the investigation would be conducted without the assistance of witnesses.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

May 9th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this afternoon at 3 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Taylor, Murphy, Finlay .

LIQUOR INSPECTOR TRACEY.

The Board met pursuant to notification, as follows:-

Office of City Clerk,  
May 3rd, 1917.

Sir,-

At the request of E. S. Tracey, Inspector under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, the Board of Control will on Wednesday afternoon May 9th instant, at 3 o'clock, hold an investigation into reports of misconduct on Mr Tracey's part during a search by him for liquor at the King Edward Hotel.

You are respectfully requested to attend with any witnesses you may have.

L. Fred. Monaghan,  
City Clerk.

The above notice was forwarded to each member of the Board, to E. S. Tracey, Inspector under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, to William Wilson, Proprietor of the King Edward Hotel and to the Chief of Police.

The action of certain Police Officers who accompanied Mr. Tracey in his search of the King Edward Hotel being involved in the investigation it is decided to hold the investigation under oath under the provisions of the City Charter.

Mr. Tracey, Mr. Wilson, the Chief of Police and their witnesses attended agreeably to notification.

The City Solicitor was also present.

R. H. Murray, K. C. appeared for Mr. Tracey.

His Worship the Mayor informed Mr. Murray that the investigation would be conducted without the assistance of solicitors.

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Stenographic notes of the enquiry are taken by Miss M. A. Hunter, as will appear herein in pages following.

The following witnesses are sworn and give evidence in support of the complaint:-

William Wilson, Rupert Kaulbach, Arthur Murphy and Charles Curren.

For the Defence E. S Tracey is sworn and gives evidence and on his defence he calls Police Sergeant Wm. Palmer, Policeman John Wrin and Policeman Hugh Scot, who are severally sworn and give evidence.

The Board adjourned.

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

*L. Fred McLaughlin*

MAYOR.

CITY CLERK .

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
City Hall, May 9th, 1917.

I N V E S T I G A T I O N

held by Board of Control into reports of misconduct on part of E. S. Tracey, Liquor Inspector, during search by him for liquor at King Edward Hotel, March 20th, 1917.

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Present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Taylor, Murphy and Finlay.

WILLIAM WILSON, Proprietor King Edward Hotel, called and sworn --

On the 20th of March last, while raiding my house, I suppose looking for liquor, Mr. Tracey, I think unnecessarily did some very ungentlemanly work by interfering with the privacy of guests' rooms. He got what he thought was sufficient to convict me if he wanted to and he had to my mind no necessity to go to those people's rooms. After finding the champagne in the linen room (according to the Court evidence) he demanded admittance to other rooms. He had previously opened room 14 occupied by some naval officers, and afterwards he went to Mr. Sorrette's room and found him in bed, who told him that he thought that he could not have been very long from his mother's apron strings or he would have had better manners. He asked me to open No. 11 room, and I said it was occupied by a lady and gentleman and I had no right to open it, and he said if I did not open it he would break it, and he took a bar out of his pocket. There was a chair about four feet from the door and he got on top of it and flashed a flash light over the fan-light to see who was in the room. They were in the bath room along the hall, but that did not make any difference to my mind. After that he demanded admittance to room No. 12, which I also told him was occupied by a lady and gentleman. (The husband of the lady is at present in this room). I said that he could not. The door was not locked, and he turned the handle of the door and walked in. He rummaged in the bureau and went on his knees under the bed and pulled out a dress suit case and rummaged in that. I should judge it belonged to the guests. They had been with me some time. It was not mine. Afterwards he went upstairs to No. 44, occupied by two naval officers, and demanded admittance. I said "There are two naval officers in that room. If you do get anything you can't take it away." I opened the door, and the people's things were scattered around the room and on top of one of the beds was a dress suit case, which he rummaged through, and he also looked around the room to see if there was anything else. In one room there

was a lady in bed, and either he or someone else backed out. There were with him Sergeant Palmer and some policemen. Whether it was Tracey or the policemen who went into the room, I do not know. The first time they went upstairs I was not with them. They did not find anything in the rooms that I am aware of. I looked upon it as unnecessary interference with the people in the house. The guests wanted to know why they were interfered with in that way. The guests in No. 11 were Mr. MacKinlay and his wife from Springhill, who had registered about three-quarters of an hour before that. They are not there now. The search had nothing to do with the guests' leaving, that I know of. I think they realized the state of affairs and thought it was not necessary to do that. This happened about ten o'clock at night. As near as I can judge, it was about twenty minutes past nine when he came in first and went upstairs.

To Mr. TRACEY --

- Q. Did you deny to me having a drop of liquor on the premises when I first entered the premises?
- A. I told you that I was not selling stuff.
- Q. Did you, or did you not, tell me that you did not have a drop on the premises and had not sold any for some time?
- A. I will not answer that question.
- Q. When we came to that room where we found the liquor, do you remember asking me to take your word that there was not a drop of liquor there -- nothing but linen?
- A. No. I said that the stuff that you found there had been put there for my own use.
- Q. That was after I pulled the cases out; but before when I went to the room and found the Yale lock on it, which aroused my suspicion, I asked you to open the door and you said that you did not have the keys, but I could take your word that there was nothing there but linen?
- A. I do not admit that at all.
- Q. You do not remember stating that fact to me?
- A. No. I do not remember stating that fact.
- Q. You told me that Mrs. Wilson had the keys. When Mrs. Wilson came she did not have the keys, but Miss Wilson had them?
- A. I did not tell you that Mrs. Wilson had the keys. The linen room was looked after by my daughter and she had the keys. When the keys were produced I ordered the door opened. Mrs. Wilson came with the keys of the pantry.

- Q. When Mrs. Wilson came and tried the door and said she did not have the keys, but Miss Wilson had them, Mrs. Wilson went away, and I walked down the hall, and a lady came out of the room, whom I supposed to be Miss Wilson, and slammed the door after her, and then you ordered the door opened?
- A. She had been in the room for some time and had a change to put in a bedroom.
- Q. Why was she working in that room in the dark?
- A. It was not necessary for her to be interfered with by you or anybody else. What would she have to do with liquor in any case.
- Q. Why was she working in the dark?
- A. I dont know.
- Q. Can you give me any information why the linen was all disturbed and those cases were wrapped individually in sheets?
- A. There were sheets over them and other linen thrown on top of that.
- Q. The three cases were spread on the floor and the linen was packed around them?
- A. That stuff had been there for a number of months.
- Q. Was it necessary to conceal it in that manner?
- A. I had to put it somewhere.
- Q. After finding the liquor and having it removed to the hall, you asked me what I was going to do with it and you then said it was for your own private use?
- A. Yes, I told you that in the linen room.
- Q. After finding the liquor, did you object to my searching the rooms?
- A. Yes, I objected to your searching the guests' rooms.
- Q. Did you open a door for me?
- A. I opened No. 44 to save further trouble.



Q. Didn't I simply open a few drawers and valises and close them again?

A. I gave my evidence before.

Q. Did you object at the time to my searching?

A. When you came to me and said you were the liquor inspector and had a search warrant, I said go ahead, and you went ahead and I followed you then. You had been in the house before and I think upstairs before.

Q. I did not enter any room or look through any transom without knocking first?

A. That is quite correct.

Mr. TRACEY

To CONTROLLER MURPHY --

Q. Previous to your knocking at the door and looking over the transom, did Mr. Wilson say they were occupied by a lady and gentleman?

A. No. I knocked several times and there was no response and then I looked over the transom. I took it for granted there was no one in the room.

Mr. WILSON

To Mr. TRACEY --

Q. Were there any ladies in the rooms I went into?

A. In one of the rooms there was a lady in bed. Either you or Sergeant Palmer or one of the policemen went in.

Q. You dont know of any room that I went into?

A. No.

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RUPERT KAULBACH, called and sworn --

I am a guest at the King Edward Hotel. On Tuesday the 20th of March I occupied room 20. I came into the hotel about ten o'clock and saw two policemen, or more, down stairs and about the same number up stairs. I went along the corridor to my room and found a gentleman trying to get into my room. I did not know his name then and did not know what was going on and I asked him what he was doing there. He did not give me any satisfaction. I went into my room and then I came out again and I saw the same gentleman get a chair and put it in front of the door of room (I think) No. 11. Then he got a box and stood on the box and used a flash lamp over the transom. I do not know whether the transom was open or closed. Before he did this I heard Mr. Wilson saying that those rooms were occupied. Then I enquired what was going on and I was told that he was Mr. Tracey, the Liquor Inspector. I went down stairs and gave instructions to be called in the morning and I was down a little while talking with the clerk when Mr. Tracey came down with the policemen and the boy and went out.

That is all I know. I heard Mr. Wilson, previous to Mr. Tracey's looking in, say those rooms are occupied and I refuse to open them. I saw him trying to get in. That is all.

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ARTHUR MURPHY, called and sworn --

I came upstairs when Mr. Tracey was at room No. 11. He took a chair and put it up against the door and as the chair was not high enough to see into the room he got a box and put it on top of the chair and got up with a flash light and looked in through the transom, and that is all I saw of it, except that I saw him go out.

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CHARLES CURREN, called and sworn --

I am a guest at the King Edward Hotel. I came in just after the search. I met them in the hall. When I went in my room the light was on. My wife went in with me and I said "Someone has been here." I found that a valise under the bed had been upset and some of the bureau drawers had been opened. I went down to Mr. Wilson and demanded to know who had been allowed to go into my room and look through my things, and I added that I would like to get hold of him; and he told me that he had advised Mr. Tracey not to go in there because the things belonged to a lady and gentleman; and he took out my valise from under the bed and opened some of the bureau drawers. I would have liked to have been there when he went in. He would not be sitting here now.

To Mr. TRACEY --

Q. You say that you found your valise topsy-turvy?

A. I said it had been pulled out. You did it.

Q. You were not there?

A. I know you did it.

Q. You say the bureau drawers had been searched?

A. Yes, one.

Q. Did you find anything disturbed?

A. I could not tell. They were a little upset. I did not miss anything.

Q. How were they upset?

A. Someone had been looking into them and they were upset a little.

Q. Did you find anything disturbed in the drawer?

A. I cant say, but the valise was all upset. All rummaged as though you had put your hand in looking for something.

Q. Did you find the valise open?  
A. Yes, you know that you opened it.

Q. You did not find anything disturbed?  
A. That I cant swear to.

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E. S. TRACEY, called and sworn --

On the evening of March 20th, about 10 p. m., I visited the King Edward Hotel with a Search Warrant for the purpose of searching the house, as I had been informed that Mr. Wilson was still selling liquor, and as I knew that he had already been convicted under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act. After waiting a while I met Mr. Wilson down stairs in the office and I told Mr. Wilson who I was and my purpose. He said at the time that there was not a drop of liquor in the house and that he had not had any or sold any for some time. I told him that nevertheless it was my duty to search as I wanted to give him a clear report. I started to search at the dining room and pantry and kitchen, then went to the cellar. Then I went upstairs. Sergeant Palmer and Officers Wren and Scott accompanied me. After finding a number of the rooms locked, which I did not open, I found a number open. In one room there were some young men playing cards and I spoke to them, and then we came to the linen room door, which was locked with a Yale lock. Mr. Wilson accompanied me on the search and we chatted. I asked Mr. Wilson to open the door of the linen room and he informed me that he did not have the key, but Mrs. Wilson had it, and he said "Tracey, you can take my word for it that there is nothing there but linen." I said, "Well, I can open this door if necessary," and he said "Do not break the door. I will get it open." He came back in about five minutes' time with Mrs. Wilson. Mrs. Wilson tried her keys, but could not open the door. In standing close to the door we heard a little shuffle inside, which aroused my suspicion, and I said I would wait until we got Miss Wilson. Mrs. Wilson walked away. In the meantime I walked down the hall, and while I was down the hall a lady came out of the room and walked away., I walked back quickly and stopped the lady and Mr. Wilson then instructed the lady to open the door. During all this time the room was in darkness. We went in and turned on the light and found things a little topsy-turvy, and found these cases that we seized had been wrapped in the linen and the linen piled on top of them. The basket was wrapped with several sheets and other linen piled on top. I removed the liquor and stood it out in the hall. Mr. Wilson asked me then what I intended to do and I said I intended to take it away, and he said it was for his own private use, and I said that under the circumstances I would have to seize it. I then started to search the other rooms. I went to several rooms and they were locked. Mr. Wilson informed me that they were guests' rooms and he did not have the key. I asked him if the guests were in or out and he said he did not know. I then knocked several times and shook the door and then I stopped and glanced in and saw empty rooms and I said "That is alright, Mr. Wilson," and we passed along until

we came to a couple of rooms that were open. We came to a room that he said was the naval men's room and he opened it and there was a little excessive baggage there I thought, so I opened the bureau drawer and opened a couple of valises and told Mr. Wilson it was all satisfactory; and we went to another room that was open, (I presume it was the room that Mr. Curren spoke of) and I pulled out a valise from under the bed and opened and closed it; and that was all the search that I made of the King Edward. I consider that I let Mr. Wilson off very easily, as half the rooms were never touched. I made the seizure first and then visited the rooms. I had been led to believe that there was liquor kept in a bedroom. The seizure consisted of three cases of champagne and a basket of mixed liquors--whisky, brandy and wine.

To HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR --

Q. Where do you draw the line at excessive baggage?

A. I thought the number of valises seemed excessive for a couple of people to be using in one room. There is no restriction so far as the Act goes under a Search Warrant.

Q. You are supposed to use common sense?

A. Yes.

Q. And you consider that you used that when you used a flash light over a transom, not knowing whether a man and his wife were in bed or not?

A. I know that I shook and pounded the door sufficiently hard to waken anybody.

Q. You thought when you did not get a reply that you were quite warranted in looking over?

A. Yes. The time of night was rather early for people to retire in an hotel.

To CONTROLLER TAYLOR --

Q. I understand that after you found the liquor you started to search for more?

A. Yes.

Q. You had a conviction then -- why did you look for more? Why did you go through the whole house from top to bottom?

A. I could have done so under the search warrant. I consider that I used him very leniently and Mr. Wilson had no complaint to make. I never saw a guest in any room that I went into.

SERGEANT W. E. PALMER, called and sworn --

I was present when Mr. Tracey searched the King Edward Hotel. I was present when he was trying to get in one room. I was not with Mr. Tracey all the time. I was with him searching the lower part of the hotel. I am not familiar with the numbers of the rooms. The private rooms referred to are on the third floor. I was on the third floor with him. I was not with him when the linen closet was entered. I was there after the liquor was taken out of the linen room. Mr. Tracey when we first went to the hotel acquainted Mr. Wilson of his visit there and asked him if he had any liquor or kept any, and he said No, he had not a drop in the place. He said "I have not had any or sold any for some time." Mr. Tracey said that he had a warrant and was going to search the place, and he did. He went to the diningroom and kitchen and then went to the cellar and searched that part of the building and then went to the third floor where the bedrooms are. We passed along by a door that we afterwards found was the linen room and it was locked with a Yale lock. Mr. Tracey asked Mr. Wilson what about this room and Mr. Wilson said "There is nothing in there except the linen." "You can take my word for it." Then we went through to the rear end of the hall and in one room, if I remember correctly, there were three or four men playing cards. We just looked in. The door was about half open, and we turned and came back along the hall and Mr. Tracey then asked Mr. Wilson again about this room and Mr. Wilson said "You can take my word there is nothing in there." "We have not been selling any liquor or keeping any for sale." I then went to the next floor down stairs. When I came back the liquor was in the hall, taken from the room. Mr. Wilson was present, and Mr. Tracey asked him then what about another room pretty nearly opposite the linen room, and Mr. Wilson said "There is nothing in there." "It is a guest's room;" and Mr. Tracey said he would like to look in as he had a warrant to search the place; and he wrapped two or three times very distinctly and also shook the door, and when he got no response he took a chair which was about four or five feet away and stood on it and looked in over the transom of the door and put his light in. I think the transom was open. I asked him if there was anybody in there, and he said "There is nobody there. I can see quite plainly." Then we telephoned for the wagon and removed the stuff.

Mr. WILSON  
To CONTROLLER MURPHY --

Q. Are all your guests' rooms on one floor?

A. No. There are rooms on two floors.

SERGEANT PALMER  
To CONTROLLER MURPHY --

Q. Did you go to any other floor except the third?

A. I think I went to the fourth floor.

Q. Were you present in any room when Mr. Tracey or any other person made any inspection of the effects of the guests' rooms?

A. No, I was in one or two rooms that were absolutely vacant.

To HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR --

Q. Were you in Mr. Curren's room where Mr. Tracey drew the grips or valises from under the bed?

A. No.

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POLICE OFFICER JOHN WREN, called and sworn --

I accompanied Mr. Tracey to the King Edward Hotel. We visited the hotel and searched the old bar in the cellar, the kitchen, dining room and office and on the third flat we found in what Mr. Wilson told us was the linen room there cases of champagne and a basket containing different kinds of liquors. Mr. Tracey searched some other rooms, but I did not see him search. I stood at the top of the stairs on the third flat. I stayed there before the door was open, right by the door. I did not go with Mr. Tracey around the rooms, except to Mr. Kaulbach's room near the linen room. I did not make any search of Mr. Kaulbach's effects. I did not speak to Mr. Kaulbach at his door. Previous to meeting Mr. Kaulbach I was not in his room. I saw Mr. Tracey looking through a transom and know he had a chair, but could not say he had a box. I saw him look through a transom. That was after we had found the liquor.

To Mr. TRACEY --

Q. Do you remember Mr. Wilson denying that there was anything there but linen?

A. Yes. He said there was not a drop of liquor in the house. He said there was none in that room where we were looking.

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POLICE OFFICER HUGH SCOTT, called and sworn --

I accompanied Mr. Tracey to the King Edward Hotel. I was with him throughout the search. I searched the cellar with him and Sergeant Palmer and Officer Wren. Afterwards we were upstairs and tried several of the doors up there. When we came to one door it was locked. I did not know whose room it was. It was not the room where we found the liquor. We could not get it. I do not think we went to any rooms after that except the linen closet where we got the liquor. I did not hear Mr. Wilson say that the rooms were occupied by guests and he could not admit him. I saw Mr. Tracey look through a transom on a chair and box. Mr. Tracey was in the hotel before I got there. I stood in the hall outside the linen room. I did not go in the linen room. I stayed near the linen room for a while and then went down stairs and telephoned for the patrol waggon. I did not go with Mr. Tracey on his search after he left the linen room. I did not go there with Mr. Tracey. My beat is as far as North Street. I heard they were in there and I went in.

To Mr. TRACEY --

Q. Did you hear Mr. Wilson deny that there was anything there?

A. Yes. He said you could take his word.

To CONTROLLER MURPHY --

Q. Did you hear him say that the room Mr. Tracey looked into was a guest's room?

A. No.

Mr. TRACEY

To CONTROLLER MURPHY --

Q. Were you accompanied throughout the search by the officers?

A. I did not say the officers went into the rooms with me, but I was accompanied to the door. I could tell by the weight of the valises, and I simply opened and closed them and opened and closed the drawers. I think the officers remained outside the rooms. I made a personal search.

Mr. TRACEY gave the following information:--

There was a conviction against Mr. Wilson October 12th, 1914.

I searched under a Search Warrant, March 20th, 1917.

(Search Warrant and Information produced)

There were no women in the rooms that we searched.

I saw none outside of Mrs. Wilson and the lady who came out of the room, who, I suppose, was Miss Wilson.

I gave sufficient warning at each door that I wanted opened to find out if there was an occupant in it or not. I shook the doors and gave three or four loud knocks, and there was positively not a soul in any room that I searched.

The room that I threw the search light in was empty. I think I threw the search light in two rooms. The rooms were empty and the beds undisturbed.

Mr. Wilson accompanied me throughout the search.

Mr. Tracey here quoted Chapter 17, Art. 3 of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act.

Mr. Roderick Macdonald asked if the Liquor Inspector is a member of the Police Force. The City Solicitor stated that the Inspector is not a member of the force.

Mr. Macdonald asked if the Board of Control has authority to take evidence under oath outside of the Police Force or the City Prison.

The City Solicitor thought the question unnecessary as the enquiry has been held.

ADJOURNED.

- Fire Department
- South Westcombe City
- Fire Department Motor
- Water Mills 285 Brunswick Street - H. Mac. Hart.
- Wells and Auto Works.
- Fire Department - Income for Medical Attendance.
- Quinn Street Water Mainline.
- Janitor City Market.
- Janitor City Hall.
- Marion Police Station.
- Market Street - Shop in Residential District.
- North Park Street - Shop in Residential District.
- Patriotic Fund.
- Appointment of Civic Officials.
- Accounts.

COUNCIL REPORT WATER EXTENSION

Read report Acting City Engineer re water extension Council Street.

Approved.

WATER MAINS

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending that Payment Street be laid down on the Official City Plan at the location shown on plan submitted by H. Mac. Hart.

Approved.

INSURANCE CITY -39- 1911.

Read report Acting City Engineer re procuring fire insurances for fire insurance of City property.

Approved.

COLLECTORIAL

The report of the Chief of Police re the appointment of a collectorial submitted at meeting May 24th is read.

*Council ✓*  
*Insurance ✓*  
*Collectorial ✓*



COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

May 10th, 1917.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Connolly Street Water Extension.  
Payzant Street.  
Insurance City Property.  
Policewoamn.  
North Albert Street Water Extension.  
Fire Department.  
Cash Statements City Treasurer.  
Fire Department Motor Pumping Engine.  
Water Bills 259 Brunswick Street - H. McC. Hart.  
Hacks and Auto Hacks.  
Fire Department - Account for Medical Attendance.  
Quinn Street Water Extension.  
Janitor City Market.  
Janitor City Hall.  
Matron Police Station.  
Parket Street - Shop in Residential District.  
North Park Street - Shop in Residential District.  
Patriotic Fund.  
Appointment of Civic Officials.  
Accounts.

CONNOLLY STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer re water extension Connolly Street.

Approved.

PAYZANT STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending that Payzant Street be laid down on the Official City Plan in the location shown on plan submitted by H. McC. Hart.

Approved.

INSURANCE CITY PROPERTY.

Read report Acting City Engineer re advertising for tenders for fire insurance on City property.

Approved.

POLICEWOMAN.

The report of the Chief of Police re the appointment of a policewoman submitted at meeting May 8th is again

Council ✓

Council ✓

Engineer ✓  
Clerk of Works ✓

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taken up and read.

The Board is addressed by Mrs. Mary Macnab and Mrs. E. M. Murray urging the appointment of Mrs. Ella M. Paint as policewoman.

*Chief of Police  
Mrs Egan  
Council ✓*

It is decided to recommend to the City Council the approval of the report of the Chief of Police and Mrs. Bessie Egan is appointed a policewoman at a salary of \$300.00 for the current year.

NORTH ALBERT STREET WATER EXTENSION.

*Engineer ✓*

Read petition George E. Ferris for water extension North Albert Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

Office Chief of Fire Dept.,  
May 10th, 1917.

The Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

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

1. There have been thirty alarms of fire from the following causes:- grass, 4; woods, 1; hen-house, 1; false, 3; chimneys, 12; overheating oil stove, 1; overheating oil barrell, 1; defective flue, 1; unknown, 2; smoking cigarettes, 1; dumps, 1; fence, 1; tarpot, 1.

Insurance at risk	\$150,000.00	
Loss by insurance		\$800.00
Loss without insurance		400.00
		<u>\$1200.00</u>

Resignations.

2. That lieutenant Quirk of No. 3 Steamer and Martin McInnes callmen on No 4 Steamer have resigned. It is recommended that the resignations be accepted.

Recommendations.

3. That Albert Brunt, callman on No 3 Steamer be appointed Lieutenant of No 3 Steamer, vice Lieutenant Quirk resigned.

4. That Lieutenant Maltus of No 2 Steamer be appointed permanent hoseman on Motor Engine.

5. That John Bishop, callman on No 2 Steamer be appointed Lieutenant on No 2 Steamer, vice Lieutenant Maltus appointed

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permanent hoseman on Motor Engine.

6. That D. McNeil be appointed callman on No 2 Steamer.

7. I have to report the death of D. Ryan acting relief driver who died May 1st, 1917.

8. No 1 Ladder Truck while responding to an alarm of fire from box 14 on April 30th, 1917, was struck by an electric car and damaged to the extent of six dollars and fifty cents (\$6.50).

9. At an alarm of fire from Box 57 on April 6th, 1917, at the house 136 Creighton Street, occupied by Mrs. Rose Edward Grant, Wm. Smith and Arthur Helford were found to be burnt or smothered to death on the arrival of the Fire Department. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a lamp upsetting.

E. Condon,  
Chief Fire Department.

Consideration of the report is deferred.

CASH STATEMENTS CITY TREASURER.

Read cash statements City Treasurer for the month of April.

Referred to the City Council for its information.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MOTOR PUMPING ENGINE.

Read joint report H. W. Johnston, Acting City Engineer, E. Condon Chief of the Fire Department and Controller Halliday re tenders for a motor fire engine, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
May 9th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

We beg to report that tenders for a motor fire engine were received from -

Austen Bros.	"Seagrave"	\$10,600.00
Dominion General Equipment Co.	"White"	11,457.75
American La France Fire Engine Co.		12,000.00

We have written to several of the larger Canadian cities, asking their fire departments for their experience with motor fire engines, of the three makes for which tenders have been received, but there have been replies from only three cities.

The motor engine already in use in our city is the "La France" engine which we have had in service for four years, and which during that time has given thorough satisfaction. If the price of the three makes had been the same, we would have no hesitation whatever in recommending that another engine of this type be purchased, but as there is a difference of \$1400 between the lowest tender

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*Council ✓*

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and the tender for this make, it has been difficult to arrive at a conclusion and make a recommendation. However after discussing the matter thoroughly we agreed that in our judgment it would be in the necessary best interests of the City, to pay the increased price and purchase another "LaFrance" engine. Some of the reasons which led us to this conclusion are :-

It is found necessary to carry in stock spare parts to the value of about \$500. and this is approximately the value of parts which we have at present in stock. Should an engine of another type be purchased, it would be necessary to increase the amount spent for the engine by this amount, as it is essential that parts be kept in stock so that every precaution be taken to prevent the engine being put out of commission, as very serious results might follow such a contingency.

It is agreed that the adoption of a standard type lends itself to the efficiency of the department, as not only the men in immediate charge of the apparatus, but other men in the department become thoroughly familiar with the standard type, and in case of sickness or accident there are always men who are competent to run the engine, to replace the regular drivers and engineers.

Having the standard type also necessitates that only one set of parts be kept in stock, thus avoiding considerable expense.

Our experience with the Company building the "LaFrance" engine has been satisfactory as regards the upkeep of the engine, as they have each year sent men at their own expense to overhaul the apparatus and advise the Department.

The correspondence with the other departments shows that considerable difficulty has been met with in obtaining spare parts or repairs for the Seagrave engine, whereas neither they nor ourselves have had any trouble in obtaining these from the LaFrance Company.

The arguments used in above are chiefly in comparing the highest and lowest tenders. Some of them also apply to the comparison of the "White" with the "LaFrance", but in this case the cost of the necessary spare and repair parts to be carried in stock, would bring the amount of their tender to practically the same as the "La France" engine, and as was stated at the beginning of this report, if the prices were equal, we consider that the existing type of the engine in use in the City, which has fulfilled our requirements satisfactorily for over four years, should be purchased.

We beg, therefore, to recommend that the tender of the American La France Fire Engine Company for a 750 - gallon motor fire engine at a price of \$12,000 f.o.b. cars at Halifax, be accepted, and that a contract be entered into with the Company, requiring that their engine fulfil such tests as may be approved by the Chief of the Fire Department before payment is made.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

E. Condon,  
Chief Fire Department.

James Halliday,  
Controller.

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On motion of Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Finlay consideration of the report is deferred pending an interview between the members of this Board and the members of the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters, with the view to securing from the Fire Underwriters reduced insurance rates for amounts effected in the Fire Department.

*M/C*

WATER BILLS 259 BRUNSWICK STREET - H. McC. HART.

Read letter H. McC Hart, Secretary Real Estate Ltd., complaining of excessive water rates charges property #259 Brunswick Street.

*Engineer*

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

HACKS AND AUTO HACKS.

Read report Controller Taylor re licenses for hacks and auto hacks, as follows:-

Halifax, May 10th, 1917.

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

With reference to applications for Hack and Motor Hack licenses, I beg to report and recommend as follows:-

1st. That the 51 applications for renew al of Hack Licenses be granted, when the owners have complied with regulations.

2nd. That Motor Hack applications to the number of thirty, be granted to persons who have applied for renewal of Licenses, on same conditions as with Hacks.

3rd. That the Board instruct the City Solicitor to prepare an amendment to the Ordinance, increasing the number of Motor Hack Licenses to be granted, by fifty.

4th. That when said Ordinance is passed and approved of, fifty more Licensee for Motor Hacks be issued.

G. M. Taylor,  
Controller.

The report is adopted.

The City Solicitor in accordance with the foregoing report submits the following ordinance:-

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 14 of the Regulation of Hacks.

*Asst. City Clerk ✓  
Chief of Police ✓  
Solicitor ✓*

May 10th, 1917.

Be it enacted by the Council of the City of Halifax, as follows:-

Section 2, of Ordinance No. 14, of the Regulation of Hacks, is further amended by striking out the word "thirty" therefrom and substituting therefor the word "eighty".

*Council ✓*

The Ordinance is approved and recommended to the City Council for adoption.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - ACCOUNT FOR MEDICAL ATTENDANCE.

Controller Murphy submits account for medical attendance on Driver John Egan of the Fire Department who was injured at West Street Engine House some time ago while in the discharge of his duty, viz.-

*Cont. Hines ✓  
City Medical Officer ✓*

Drs. Mathers & Doull	\$20.00
Dr. W. D. Finn	6.00
	<u>\$26.00</u>

The accounts are referred to Controller Hines for consultation with the City Medical Officer and report.

QUINN STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer recommending water extension Quinn Street.

*Council ✓*

Approved.

JANITOR CITY MARKET.

Read applications 41 for the position of Janitor of the City Market as follows:-

- Harry Hall, 93 Lookman Street.
- Joseph J. Livingston, N.S. Hospital, Dartmouth.
- D. W. Gormley, 3 Yale Street.
- A. Wiltshire, 17 Roberts Street.
- Harry W. Prest, 81 Brunswick Street.
- Archibald King, 173 Brunswick Street.
- William P. Ward, 17 Russell Street.
- Thomas Henneberry, Devil's Island.
- James J. Green, 300 Pleasant Street.
- John Johnson (colored), 177 Maynard St. for Asst. Janitor
- James S. Collins, 214 Grafton Street.
- Joseph B. Ward, 120 Maynard Street.
- Henry Mailman, 170 Argyle Street.
- A. J. Murphy, 109 Maitland Street.
- Peter and Mrs. Robishaus, 6 George Street.
- Arthur W. Fennerty, 214 Agricola Street.
- Eric Melander, 33 Fenwick Street.
- John Burke, 54 Grafton Street.
- Richard Kelly, 24 Merkle Street.
- Henry W. Franklyn, 164 Ureighton Street.
- Lawrence E. MacDonald, 165 Brunswick Street.
- Robert McAlidin, 305 Agricola Street.
- John Barrett, 275 Brunswick Street.

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Wm. H. Henneberry, Devil's Island.  
John J. Tanner, 43 pepperell Street.  
Bert L. Hiseler, John White & Co.  
Maurice Beaver, 51 Buckingham Street.  
Michael Lawless, Police Station.  
Peter Flinn, 14 Poplar Street.  
Nicholas Power, 29 Cogswell Street.  
Michael Lapierre, 6 Cunard Street.  
George W. Bennett, 50 LeMarchant Street.  
George A. Yeadon, 232 North Albert Street.  
Gabriel G. Pitcher, 67 Chebuoto Road.  
Samuel Osborne, 51 Duke Street.  
Wm. L. Saul, Erksine St., Dartmouth.  
William Willsman, 32 South Kline Street.  
Edward S. Crooks, 194 Maynard Street.  
D. W. DeWolfe, 12 Argyle Street.  
Martin O'Sullivan, 122 Maynard Street.  
James Paull, 17 1/2 Spring Garden Road.

*Council ✓*  
Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Hines that William P. Ward be appointed janitor of the City Market at a salary of \$500.00 per year. Motion passed.

JANITOR CITY HALL.

Read applications 11 for the position of janitor of the City Hall, as follows:-

John R. Hennigan, City Home, Withdrawn.  
James E. Lynch.  
Wm. C. Bowes, 88 Pepperell Street.  
C. T. Cook, 190 Creighton Street.  
C. F. Zimmerman, 43 Lawrence Street.  
John Umlah, North West Arm.  
George Armsworthy, Bedford Chambers.  
Harry Hall, 93 Lockman Street.  
Joseph J. Livingston, N.S. Hospital, Dartmouth.  
D. W. Gormley, 3 Yale Street.  
A Wilts hire, 17 Roberts Street.

*Council ✓*  
Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Finlay that James E. Lynch be appointed janitor of the City Hall at a salary of \$700.00 per year. Motion passed.

MATRON POLICE STATION.

*Council ✓*  
Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Taylor that Mrs. James Lynch be appointed Matron of the Police Station at a salary of \$100.00 per year. Motion passed.

PARKER STREET SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

*Engineer ✓*  
Read petition from William Grant and William Hopewell against the granting of a permit for the erection of a shop on Parker Street in the residential district.

The Board resumes consideration of the report of the

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Acting City Engineer and the various petitions against the granting of a permit for the erection of a shop at #3 Parker Street by Patrick Gray.

By unanimous vote the City Engineer is instructed to grant the permit applied for to Mr. Gray.

NORTH PARK STREET - SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

The Board resumes consideration of the report of the Acting City Engineer on application of Henry Baker for permission to alter a building at North east corner of Cogswell and North Park Streets which is in the residential district into a shop and also the various petitions against the granting of said permit.

*Engineer ✓*

By unanimous <sup>vote</sup> consent of the board the City Engineer is authorized to grant the permit applied for.

PATRIOTIC FUND.

A delegation consisting of George S. Campbell, W. A. Black and A. S. Barnstead appear before and address the Board urging that the City of Halifax contribute a grant of \$50,000.00 towards the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

*plc ✓*

Consideration of the request is deferred to a special meeting of the board to be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock

APPOINTMENT OF CIVIC OFFICIALS.

It is decided to recommend to Council the appointment of City Officials, as follows:-

Assistant City Clerk  
Stenog. City Clerk's Office  
2nd " " " "  
Assistant City Engineer  
Clerk of Works  
Assistant Clerk of Works  
Foreman of Streets and Sewers  
Foreman Water Department  
Water Dept. Clerk Collector's Office

H. S. Rhind.  
Anna Hall  
Kathleen Monaghan  
H.W. Johnston.  
A.F. Messervey.  
Minnie Hunter.  
Jas. Downey.  
D.J. McLean.  
Jas. A. Laidlaw.  
Margaret Hoepwell  
J.W. Caldwell.  
Elsie King.  
P.R. Colpitt.  
Mary Gowen.  
J.E. Burns.  
Dr. W.B. Almon.  
W.P. Morrissey  
Simon Cummins.  
D.J. Sullivan  
John F. Selig.  
Robt. P. Burns.

Stenog. City Collector's Office  
City Electrician  
Stenographer  
Water Inspector  
City Medical Officer  
Plumbing Inspector  
Weighers of Coal

(Supervisors)

Deferred



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**Weighers of Coal**

A.H.Cullymore.  
 J.P.O'Connor.  
 D.J.Sampson.  
 Patrick Leahy.  
 Christopher Davison.  
 Alex.McDougall.  
 George Grant.  
 Mrs.Martha Grant.  
 IraJ. Ingraham.  
 Geo. S. Grant.  
 A.E.Laurilliard.  
 James E. Lynch.  
 Mrs. Lynch.  
 B.J.Mulcahy.  
 Mrs.Mary McDonald  
 Jas. O'Bryan.  
 John H. Grant.  
 John Ross.  
 John R.Hinnigan.  
 Wm.A.McKenzie.  
 Edwin Gibson.  
 Carl Fox.  
 Wm. T Horton.  
 Frank Reardon.  
 Jas. Harrison.  
 Jas. A.Marshall.  
 Jas. Taylor.  
 Edwin Martin  
 Foreman of  
 Incinerator .  
 L.E. Goodwin.  
 Lizzie Barnaby.  
 Mary Durney.  
 Lillian Dunn.  
 Richard L. Power.  
 Wm/ P. Ward.  
 Maurice Kaganagh.

Registrar of Camp Hill Cemetery  
 Governor City Prison  
 Matron City Prison  
 Underkeepers City Prison

Janitor City Hall  
 Matron police Station  
 Supt. City Home  
 Matron City Home  
 Secretary City Home.  
 Engineer City Home  
 Baker City Home  
 Fireman City Home  
 Surveyors of Lumber

Fence Viewer  
 Inspectors of Painters' Work

Inspectors of Masons' Work

Pount Keepers -City Stables, Bell Rd.  
 " " Incinerator

Weigher of Bundle Hay and Loose Hay  
 Librarian Citizens' Free Library  
 Asst. " " " "  
 2nd " " " "  
 Superintendent Public Gardens  
 Asst. Supt. " "  
 City Hall Messenger.  
 Janitor City Market  
 Gauger of Molasses

*Council* ✓

ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts are passed for payment:-

Fire Department, \$885.20; Library, £22.1.6; Police, \$65.12;  
 Works Department, \$7844.49; General Accounts, \$3190.22.

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS.

Fire Department.

Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co  
 N. S. Tramways Co.  
 Ungar's Laundry  
 F. W. McNally  
 Maxwell's Ltd.  
 Farquhar Bros.  
 Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.  
 E. B. Eddie  
 S. Cunard & Co.  
 Sheehan Motor Co.  
 A. H. Lamphier  
 A. J. McNutt  
 John McInnes & Son

Phones	\$26.92
Light and power	37.01
Work	8.74
Plumbing	8.10
Uniform	33.00
Plumbing	35.86
Hardware	18.73
Paper	5.70
Coal	120.75
Grease	6.25
Carriage repair	6.50
do	37.25
Lumber	15.68

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Fire Dept. - Continued.

T. C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	2.25
R. N. McDonald	Groceries	19.68
Dr. H. McFatrige	Shoeing	2.00
J. Starr Son & Co.	Supplies	6.10
Wm. Taylor Co.	Mac Boots	33.00
W & A. Moir	Machin Work	11.60
Neil Fox	Harness Work	7.55
Dr. H. McFatrige	Veterinary Services	117.00
James Donohue	Metal Cap	.50
Wm. Emerson	Telephone	11.40
H. L. Wilson	Polish	9.00
Wm. J. Regan	Lumber	6.35
John Davidson & Son	Lumber	7.18
Burns & Kelliher	Machine Work	12.95
S. C. Thompson	Fodder	257.40
Stroud & Eveleigh	Supplies	11.25
David Roche	Paints	9.50
		<u>\$885.20</u>

Library.

C. D. Cazenove & Son	Books	\$22.1.16
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Police Department.

Kline & Mullins	Helmet	9.00
Howard McFatrige, V. S.	Services	3.25
Evening Mail	Advertising	6.27
Blackadar Bros.	do	4.65
Frank Colwell	Coat	20.00
Cragg Bros.	Supplies	6.28
Maritime Tel & Tel. Co.	Monthly account	14.42
W. S. Bayer	Laundry	1.25
		<u>\$65.12</u>

Works Department.

Internal Health	1916-17	244.00
Permanent Sidewalks	"	6.85
Night Soil Plant	"	75.63
Electric Wiring Inspection	"	9.55
Street Lighting	"	2335.32
City Property & Market Maintenance	"	163.54
Sewerage	"	878.70
City Hall Lighting	"	63.60
Telephones	"	40.19
Teams & Stables	"	267.23
Internal Health	"	326.55
Streets	"	234.00
Cleaning Paved Streets	"	7.59
Loan Widening Streets	"	6.85
Water Maintenance	"	500.56
Water Construction	"	685.34
Internal Health	1917-18	57.50
Sewerage	"	1941.59
		<u>\$ 7844.49</u>

General Accounts.

United Typewriter Co.	Supplies	16.00
Union Can, Municipalities	Membership Fee	150.00
Union N.S.	"	94.00

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General Accounts - Continued.

Maintenance of Children

St. Patrick's Home	
Truants	651.18
Juv. Offenders	193.95
Neg. Children	259.63
Hal. Industrial School	
Truants	304.79
Juv. Offenders	88.32
Neglected children	130.00
Hal. Infants' Home	
Neglected children	171.00
Girl's Home, College St.	
Neglected children	88.57
Maritime Home for	
Girls Truants	
Delinquents	286.73
Printing Voters List	196.60
Bill Posting	66.70
Stationery and printing	
City Clerk	193.85
Treasurer	1.70
Collector	22.55
"	3.90
Mayor	4.20
Advertising	84.09
do	85.90
Books	
City Collector	10.60
Assessor	7.25
Clerk	9.24
	27.09
	.35
Dog Tags, etc	76.00
Books on finance	17.62
date, Collector	7.50
Advertising	6.00
Allowance, April	10.00
Certificates of	
death of	
Sergt. F. C. Trask	
Mrs. C. Trask	
D. Pulsifer	
E. Grant et al	16.00
	<u>\$3190.22</u>

Royal Print & Litho  
E. L. Puddy Co.  
T. C. Allen & Co.

Blackadar Bros.  
Halifax Herald  
A & W. McKinlay Ltd.

Western Union Tel. Co.  
London Rubber Stamp Co.  
City Treasurer  
London Rubber Stamp Co.  
Royal Gazette  
E. M. Vieth  
Dr. W. D. Finn, M.E.

*Council ✓*

The Board adjourned.

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

*L. Fred Monaghan*  
CITY CLERK.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL,

May 10th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this evening at the 7.30 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Taylor, Hines, Finlay and Murphy.

PATRIOTIC FUND - CITY GRANT.

On motion of Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines it is decided to recommend to the City Council that the City contribute the sum of \$30,000.00 towards the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

*Council ✓*

The Board adjourns.

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

*L. J. McLaughlin*

MAYOR.

CITY CLERK.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL,

May 10th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this evening at 9.45 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Taylor, Hines, Finlay and Murphy.

PATRIOTIC FUND - CITY GRANT.

The Board met to consider the recommendation of the City Council that the Board amend its report of this date in which it was recommended that the City contribute the sum of \$30,000.00 towards the Canadian Patriotic Fund by increasing the City's subscription to the sum of \$40,000.00

On motion of Controller Murphy it is ~~un~~unanimously agreed to recommend to the City Council that should the returns of the collectors now canvassing for contributions to the fund show that the citizens of Halifax fail to subscribe to the total amount of \$250,000.00 anticipated, this Board will recommend that the City's grant be increased to \$40,000.00.

The Board adjourned.

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

MAYOR.

*L. J. McLaughlin*  
L. J. McLaughlin  
CITY CLERK.

*Council ✓  
(Verbal)*

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

May 15th, 1917.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Sidewalks.  
Fire Insurance Rates.  
Motor Fire Engine.  
Bland Street Numbering of Houses.  
Harvard Street Water Extension.  
Jubilee Road and Chestnut Street - Street Lines.  
City Prison Supplies.  
Fleming Park - Refreshment Privileges.  
Granville Street - Delapidated Hardy Building.  
Housing Problem - Rotary Club Luncheon.  
Fire Alarm System - Water Service.  
Robie Street between Quinpool Road and Cunard Street.  
Street Traffic Regulations.  
20 Charles Street - Dilapidated Building.  
Liquor Inspector Tracey - Resolution Rotary Club.  
J. W. Caldwell - Salary.  
Fire Department.  
Liquor Prosecutions - Account R. H. Murry.  
Street Railway - Roadway Maintenance.  
Nova Scotia Car Works Indebtedness.  
New System of Taxation.  
Tramway Company Rates.  
Tuberculosis Hospital.  
Gasoline Tank - Charles Brister & Son.  
Cunard Street Widening.  
Cultivation of Vacant Land.  
Public Schools - Richmond School Improvement.  
Inglis Street City Lot.  
Ornamental Street Lighting - "Whiteway".  
Children's Hospital.  
Workmen's Wages.  
West Young Street Dump.  
Accounts.

SIDEWALKS.

Read report Acting City Engineer re sidewalks ordered for construction, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I am attaching hereto a list of sidewalks on the Order Paper. In addition to these, I have petitions for about eighteen which will be reported on during the month.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

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List of Sidewalks Ordered.

<u>STREET</u>	<u>SIDE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COST.</u>
Coburg Rd.	north	Waegwoltic	Oxford	June 6/12	
South Park	west	Spr.Garden	Morris	" 9/14	\$2723.00
" "	"	do	Sackville	do	1903.00
Robie	east	Front of fire station		" 20/14	
Preston	west	West End Baptist Church		Feb. 4/15	800.00
Robie	"	North St. northerly		July 8/15	300.00
"	east	Spr.Garden Rd.	College St.	Aug. 5/15	1438.00
Birmingham	"	do	Queen	do	1208.00
College	north	Tower Road	Summer	do	2285.00
Moren	west	Cunard	Sarah	do	1423.00
Kent	south	Pleasant	Queen	do	3344.00
South Bland	west	Atlantic	Inglis	do	2420.00
Victoria Rd.	north	Queen	Lucknow	do	1375.00
Bishop	south	Water	Hollis	Aug. 18/15	
Maitland	west	Cornwallis	Falkland	Sep. 9/15	
Birmingham	east	Morris	Rottenburg	do	1776.00
Cunard	north	Agricola	Robie	do	4745.00
LeMarchant	east	Coburg Rd	Watt	do	1948.00
Henry	west	"	Bliss	do	1948.00
Pepperell	south	Louisburg	Preston	do	4633.00
Prince	"	Hollis	Bedford Row	Oct. 7/15	489.00
Cunard	"	Robie	Windsor	do	2142.00
Rhuland	both	South Park	Lucknow	do	2182.00
Lucknow	both	Victoria Rd.	Fenwick	Nov. 7/15	3157.00
Edward	west	Morris	South	do	1733.00
Bland	east	Inglis	Victoria Rd	Dec. 9.15	1757.00
Lilac	#	Coburg Rd.	Payzant	do	884.00
Cherry	both	Robie	Louisburg	Apr. 6/16	6000.00
Up.Water	east	at #65			148.00
Lucknow	"	Victoria Rd.	Menwick	May 4/16	3698.00
Fenwick	south	Lucknow	Queen	do	
Charles	north	in front of church		June 8.16	375.00
Louisburg	west	Jubilee Rd.	Cedar	do	1288.00

Filed for future consideration.

FIRE INSURANCE RATES.

Read report Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters  
as follows:-

Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters,  
Halifax, N.S., May 14th, 1917.

John J. Hines, Esq.,  
Controller,  
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

In reference to your conversation of Friday as to what reduction in insurance rates will be granted if the City purchase another motor driven combination pumping engine, chemical engine and hose waggon and places same in commission I am directed to advise you that no reductions in the insurance rates can be granted for the purchase and commissioning of such a piece of apparatus.

I might add, that the following the report of the National Board Engineers made last year on the City's water service and fire fighting facilities, these Departments will require to be improved or failing which, the insurance rates will have to be advanced.

Edward J. Fahie,  
Secretary.

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Filed.

MOTOR FIRE ENGINE.

Read report submitted at meeting May 10th by the Acting City Engineer, the Chief of the Fire Department and Ex-controller Halliday recommending the purchase of an American LaFrance Fire Engine Company's 750 gallon motor fire engine at \$12,000.00 f.o.b. cars Halifax is again taken up for consideration. The Board unanimously decided to recommend to the Council the adoption of the recommendation.

Council ✓

BLAND STREET NUMBERING OF HOUSES.

Read complaint Mrs. Mary D. Brown, 54 Bland Street of the wrong numbering of buildings Bland Street.

Engineer ✓

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

HARVARD STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer re application J.D. Brammer for water extension Harvard Street.

Council ✓

It is decided to recommend to Council the adoption of the reports of the Acting City Engineer on this matter dated respectively April 24th and May 22th, 1917.

JUBILEE ROAD AND CHESTNUT STREET STREET LINES.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to make a further report on the application of William Davies to be reimbursed for the land required by the City for widening Chestnut Street and Jubilee Road at the south-west corner of the said Streets.

The Board has already sold a portion of the strip of land on the east side of Chestnut Street not required for street purposes, to the Halifax Properties and Mr. Prescott. This narrows the width of the street opposite these properties to about forty feet.



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As stated in previous reports, Mr. Davies owned a lot 113 feet front on Jubilee Road and 100 feet on Chestnut Street. The new street lines take off about 21 feet on Chestnut Street and 10 feet on Jubilee Road, and the area of land required, is about 3020 square feet.

Mr. Davies purchased the land in 1914, but did not know that the official lines took any of his property. Subsequently he re-divided the property into two lots, which he sold, exclusive of the portion required by the City.

The amount asked by Mr. Davies is at the rate of 15¢ a square foot, which would amount to \$453.00. In the judgment of the City Assessor this is considered a fair valuation.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

It is decided to recommend to Council that Mr. Davies' property be purchased for the sum of \$453.00.

CITY PRISON SUPPLIES.

Last week the City advertised in the newspapers for tenders for 10,000 pounds of bread, 2000 pounds of meats and 600 ox heads, for groceries for three months and for six months. In response tenders were received as follows:-

J.J. Scriven & Son - bread for 6 mos. at 7¢ per lb.  
W.I. Hibley & Co. - for groceries for 3 mos. and for 6 mos. as per prices in schedule.

The tenders are referred to the governor of the City Prison for report.

FLEMING PARK - REFRESHMENT PRIVILEGES.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

We have had two requests for the privilege of selling ice or cream and temperate drinks at Fleming Park.

I would recommend that tenders be asked for this privilege, the successful bidder to be required to erect a pavilion to the satisfaction of the City Engineer. As this building would cost from three to four hundred dollars, I would recommend that the privilege be granted for a period of two or three years, the building to become the property of the City at the end of the contract, and to be kept painted and in a proper state of repair during same.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

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GRANVILLE STREET DILAPIDATED HARDY BUILDING.

Read report Acting City Engineer that the Hardy Building, Granville Street, in its present condition is a public disfigurement .

It is decided to notify Mr. Hardy to appear before the Board on Tuesday June 5th, 1917 at 10 o'clock to show cause why the building should not be demolished.

HOUSING PROBLEM - ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON.

Read invitation to the board to attend a luncheon at the Halifax Rotary Club at one o'clock today when the proposed solution of the Halifax housing problem will be discussed.

The invitation is accepted.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM - WATER SERVICE.

Read letter Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters requesting an investigation into the condition of the fire alarm system and into the condition of the water service at fire at the Home for Aged Men on May 9th, 1917.

Referred to the City Electrician and the City Engineer for report.

ROBIE STREET BETWEEN QUINPOOL ROAD AND CUNARD ST.

Read letter John F. Kelly complaining of the condition of Robie Street between Quinpool road and Cunard St.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

STREET TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

Read complaint from the Tramway Company of the non-observance of traffic regulations by teams and automobiles and interference with the car service thereby.

Referred to Controller Taylor and the Chief of Police for report and ordered to be acknowledged.

The Secretary is instructed to forward to Controller Taylor a copy of the letter from the Tramway Employees on the same subject submitted at a meeting of the Board of Control April 12th, 1917.

*Mr Hardy  
Engineer  
Solicitor  
M.C.*

*Electrician  
Engineer*

*Engineer  
J F Kelly*

*H R Wallis  
Cont. Taylor  
Chief of Police*

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20 CHARLES STREET DILAPIDATED BUILDING.

Read report Acting City Engineer that the building in the rear of #20 Charles Street, belonging to the Cawsey Estate, in its present condition is a public disfigurement/

*Fred Curtis "John St."  
Engineer  
Collector  
B.C.*

It is decided to notify Mr. ~~Melvin~~ <sup>Curtis</sup> to appear before the Board on Tuesday June 5th, 1917 at 10 o'clock to show cause why the building should not be demolished.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR TRACEY - RESOLUTION ROTARY CLUB.

Read letter Rotary Club covering copy of a resolution passed by said Club May 8th, 1917, as follows:-

Rotary Club, Halifax, May 8th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I herewith beg to hand you copy of the resolution unanimously passed at the regular meeting of the Rotary Club May 8th, 1917.

B. H. Morrison,  
Secretary.

The Rotary Club of Halifax wish to place on record their appreciation of the way in which the prohibitory law has been enforced here of late, and more particularly since the appointment of Mr. Tracey as Inspector. It is the hope of the membership and their formally expressed wish that this vigorous enforcement of the law be continued under the new Board of Control.

Further, they wish to say that they feel that the present Inspector is an efficient and fearless officer, and worthy of such confidence from the citizens generally as will encourage him in a thorough enforcement of the law now upon our statute books.

It is moved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Mayor for reading at the next regular meeting of the Board of Control, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the daily papers of Halifax.

Filed.

J. W. CALDWELL - SALARY.

Read application J. Willis Caldwell, Clerk City Collector's Office for an increase in pay.

*Collector  
C. Finlay*

Referred to Controller Finlay for report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The report of the Chief of the Fire Department sub-

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for consideration.

The report is adopted with the recommendation that a copy of clause one be forwarded to the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters pointing out that for the month on fire risk of \$150,000.00 there was an insurance loss of only \$800.00 and a loss on uninsured property of only \$400.

LIQUOR PROSECUTIONS - ACCOUNT R. H. MURRAY.

Read account \$114.00 rendered by R. H. Murray to Liquor Inspector Tracey for services prosecuting violations of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act.

referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion.

STREET RAILWAY - ROADWAY MAINTENANCE.

H. R. Mallison, Manager of the Tramway Company appeared before the Board at the request of Controller Murphy to discuss the conditions of the Company's track allowance and roadway maintenance.

Mr. Mallison suggested that the City when repairing the streets do the street railway track allowance at the same time and charge the cost of it to the company, which they would be very willing to pay.

The Acting City Engineer stated that such would be the best arrangement when the whole street is being macadamized, but for patching and repair work he thought it better that the Company should do the work themselves.

Mr. Mallison and the Acting City Engineer are requested to consult together and come to an agreement which would be satisfactory to both the City and the company.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS.

Read letter Canada Corporations Ltd, re indebtedness of the Nova Scotia Car Works to the City, as follows:-

Halifax, May 14th, 1917.

A. J. Finlay, Esq.,  
Board of Control,  
City.

Dear Sir:-

As we have already advised the Mayor and Controller Murphy, we have sold the Shunting locomotive which formed

*Substantiated  
R H Murray*

*H R Mallison  
engineer*

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part of the Assets of the Nova Scotia Car Works, purchases by us some months ago, and while it is doubtful if this Engine is covered by the Chattel Mortgage to the City we do not propose to raise the point, but to pay over the money to the City in reduction of the City mortgage.

We suggested to Controller Murphy that if agreeable we would hand you Dominion War Loan Bonds for the amount and we enclose for your consideration a pro forma account sales showing the way in which we would propose subject to your approval, to deal with the matter.

We may add that these conversations with regard to sale of Engine and Bonds in payments were prior to the actual sale of the Engine, and while apparently mutually satisfactory were tentative and subject to the Board's confirmation.

The date of the sale was April 20th.

We shall await your reply.

CANADA CORPORATIONS, LIMITED,  
J. Moorman, Manager.

Halifax, N. S.,  
May 14th, 1917.

PRO FORMA ACCOUNT SALES  
of

Shunting Locomotive at N.S. Car Works, Ltd.

To amount of Sale price,	\$8,250.00
Less 5 p.c. Commission for selling	<u>412.50</u>
	\$7,837.50
By Dominion War Loan Bonds, 1931,	
\$8,100. at 96 flat,	7,776.00
C a s h	<u>61.50</u>
	<u>7,837.50</u>

*Canada Corporations Ltd*

The sale of the shunting locomotive referred to in the letter is approved and the Secretary instructed to request the Canada Corporations, Ltd., to pay over the full amount of the proceeds of said sale \$8,250.00 in cash.

NEW SYSTEM OF TAXATION.

Read report City Assessor McManus showing comparative statement of proposed new system of taxation and the existing system, as follows:-

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Office of Chief Assessor,  
May 15th, 1917.

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

I herewith submit for your information the attached statement showing how the proposed new System of Tax-ation will work out.

The Act that a statement should be sent out with the Bills showing how it will effect each Taxpayer. I am unable to do this with my present staff and it will be necessary to have some additional help for the next six weeks or more. The Act makes provision for this.

P. J. McManus,  
City Assessor.

	TOTALS.			New Tax.		
WARD	BUS. 1%	BUS. 1/2 1%	HSLD. TAX 1/4 1%	IMPT. L.50	LAND	TOTAL.
1.	: 1,938.00	: 627.50	: 9,459.99	: 46,080.50	:	: 58,105.99
2.	: 31,745.00	: 3,089.50	: 10,544.00	: 76,904.50	:	: 122,283.00
3.	: 32,600.50	: 2,857.05	: 3,979.80	: 52,807.95	:	: 92,245.30
4.	: 6,093.00	: 2,359/75	: 4,517.50	: 30,850.00	:	: 43,820.25
5.	: 3,870.00	: 1,613.50	: 5,261.25	: 34,130.00	:	: 44,874.75
6.	: 2,925.00	: 759.00	: 5,173.30	: 40,173.50	:	: 49,030.80
	<u>79,171.50</u>	<u>11,306.30</u>	<u>38,935.84</u>	<u>280,946.45</u>	:	<u>410,360.09</u>

Amount produced by Bus. Hslid. & Impt. Tax. \$410,360.00  
Add Banks & Cos. Tax..... 44,500.00  
\$454,860.00

Amount required by City per Resolution Council \$837,624.53  
Amount of above taxes 454,860.00  
382,764.53

Add for School Rebate 2,000.00  
384,764.53

Land Value \$10,630.510 }  
Tax Rate Land 3,62 } ..... 384,824.48

Personal Property Tax \$2113, will produce .. \$135,847.14  
The business and household Tax under this system..... 129,412.50  
Difference..... 6,434.64

*Council* ✓

Referred to the City Council for its information.

Controller Finlay is authorized to engage a stenographer for six weeks or more to assist the Assessment Department in preparing the tax bills.

TRAMWAY COMPANY RATES.

Controller Finlay informs the Board that the sworn

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Fares from November 1st, 1916 to April 30th, 1917y was \$196,901.95 and from sales of electricity and gas for the same period \$170,274.88.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

C. C. Blackadar, M. E. Keefe, J. F. Fraser and Deputy Mayor H. S. Colwell appear before the Board and address them urging that immediate action be taken to looking towards the establishment of a permanent <sup>tuberculosis</sup> hospital and that in the meantime the Cook Construction Co. be requested to immediately repair the Flynn building ( now called the Hazelwood Hospital) putting it in the same condition it was in prior to being temporarily abandoned as an hospital. They asked that a joint Committee of this Board and the Anti Tuberculosis League be appointed to confer with the Local Government as to the appointment of a Commission, if necessary, to secure the preparation of plans and specifications.

The City Clerk is instructed to write the Cook Construction Company and Wheaton Brow requesting them to have the Flynn Building restored before the 1st of July, next to the same condition it was in before being temporarily abandoned as an hospital at their request.

GASOLINE TANK - CHAS. BRISTER & SON.

Controller Hines requests an early report from the City Engineer on the application of Charles Brister & Son to instal a gasoline tank at their premises, Lower Water Street.

The Acting City Engineer states that he has written to a number of different Cities for information regarding the installation of gasoline tanks and that he is not at present in a position to report.

CUNARD STREET WIDENING.

Read offer G. J. Richardson to purchase a narrow strip of land at the north west corner of Cunard and ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~Streets~~, on Cunard Street.

*Cook Construction Co. see under Board*

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It is decided to recommend to Council that the said strip of land be sold to Mr. Richardson for the sum of \$45.00.

*Council ✓*

CULTIVATION OF VACANT LOTS.

Controller Murphy submits an offer from Joseph M. Wilson, 125 $\frac{1}{2}$  Dresden Row to permit any person willing to do so to use his lot on Garden Street, 33 feet by 150 feet for the summer season to make a vegetable garden.

The Secretary is instructed to forward the offer to ex-controller McKeen with the request that he consider the advisability of advertising the location of all such lots in the City that may be available for other than owners for cultivation and to also call to the attention of the Committee through Ex-controller McKeen the possibility of using portions of the Citadel Hill for cultivation.

*Cont. McKeen ✓*

PUBLIC SCHOOLS - RICHMOND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners, as follows:-

Board of School Commissioners,  
Halifax, N.S., May 14th, 1917.

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

I hand you herewith, by order of the Board of School Commissioners, two sets of Plans and Specifications for an addition to Richmond School. The first plan indicates an addition placed above the extension already there. Plan No. 2 specifies an addition of two rooms to the north of present extension.

The Board request that you and the City Engineer kindly consider these plans, and give your approval thereof.

S. J. Wilson,  
Secretary,

*Cont. Murphy ✓  
Engineer ✓*

Referred to Controller Murphy and the City Engineer for report.

INGLIS STREET - CITY LOT.

Controller Murphy calls attention to the condition of the City lot at the foot of Inglis Street, and asks that it be cleaned up and put in shape.

*Engineer ✓*

Referred to the City Engineer for attention.



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ORNAMENTAL STREET LIGHTING - "WHITEWAY".

J. E. Roy appeared before the board stating that since the "Whiteway" lighting had been discontinued at the request of the Military Authorities, the Tramway Company had been rendering the merchants bills for one-half the amount which they paid when the lights were in operation, no portion of which the City has been paying since the lights have been turned off. He asks that the City bear a proportion of the charge made to the merchants.

Mr. Roy is requested to submit a statement of the amounts due for consideration by this Board.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

Read letter O. E. Smith, President of the Children's Hospital, asking for a grant of additional land as follows:-

Halifax, May 14th, 1917.

Mr. L. Fred. Monaghan,  
Secretary Board of Control.

Dear Sir:-

In 1909 the City of Halifax transferred to the Children's Hospital of Halifax, Nova Scotia, a certain lot of land on Morris Street upon which to erect a Hospital for Sick Children.

Through the generosity of many public-spirited men and women in this City and province a building on this site was erected and equipped at a cost of upwards of \$20,000.00.

From the very inception of practical work in this Institution it was found that the building was wholly inadequate to properly care for all the suffering children in need of Hospital treatment and this handicap has become more and more manifest from year to year.

Although the present does not, in many respects, appear to be an opportune time to undertake any large expenditure on Capital Account, the necessity of this situation simply demands that additional accommodation be procured with the least possible delay.

Expert opinion has been obtained in regard to the proposed extension. During the past week Mr. E. F. Stevens of Boston, a special Hospital Architect, was brought here to look over the situation and he advises that in order to work out anything approaching the most advanced plan of Hospital Extension additional ground is absolutely necessary.

*J. E. Roy  
Engineer  
Auditor*

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On behalf of the Board of Management and in the interest of the greatest of all national assets -- child life-- I, therefore, respectfully request that the City of Halifax transfer to the Children's Hospital of the City of Halifax, N.S., on the same terms and conditions as the previous grant, one hundred additional street frontage on Morris Street, running west from the present lot and thence south to a point in line with the present southern boundary of the Hospital grounds.

It is scarcely necessary to point out to you that this Hospital has been filling a long felt want in this community and when the proposed extension materializes still greater results will undoubtedly be accomplished.

Your early and I trust favorable consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

On behalf of the Board,

O. E. Smith,  
President.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

WORKMEN'S WAGES.

It is unanimously agreed that it was the intention when on December 28th, 1916, the wages of workmen in the Works Department were increased by the City Council 2 cents per hour all around and that where workmen of recognized trades are employed the standard scale of wage of such trade be paid to said employees, that said resolution was intended to apply to workmen in the employ of the City in any of its Departments.

WEST YOUNG STREET DUMP.

Controller Finlay calls attention to the offensiveness of a dump on West young Street,

The City Engineer states that the tin cans and other rubbish thrown on the dump are being covered over.

ACCOUNTS.

Accounts for medical attendance on Fireman John Egan, injured in the discharge of his duty, are passed for payment as follows:-

Drs. Mathers & Doull	\$20.00
Dr. Wm. D/ Finn	6.00

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin.  
MAYOR

L. J. Monaghan  
CITY CLERK.

*O. E. Smith ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Council ✓*

*Engineer ✓  
Supt. Power ✓  
Public Gardens ✓  
John J. Kline ✓  
Auditor ✓*

*Engineer ✓*

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

May 17th, 1917.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

- Coal Weighers' Monthly Report.
- Ordinance Re Ferries.
- Street Traffic Policeman.
- Water Extensions on Interest on Cost.
- City Medical Officer,
- Farm Labor Exchange.
- Current Overdraft from Bank.
- City Prison Tenders for Supplies.
- Police Department Rubber Boots.
- Cost of Living.
- Superannuation Assessments Policeman Morrison.
- Inglis Street Dump.
- Loans for Various Purposes.
- Plumbing in Dwelling Houses.
- Accounts.

COAL WEIGERS MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Coal Weighers for April, showing each man to have received \$48.70.

Filed.

ORDINANCE RE FERRIES.

Controller Taylor submits the following amendment to Ordinance No. 46 relating to Ferries:-

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No.46 of the City of Halifax.

Be it enacted by the Council of the City of Halifax as follows:-

Section 4 of Ordinance No. 46 "of Ferries and Public Landings" is hereby repealed and the following substituted:

4. The fee for a ferry license shall be:-

- (a) For a boat propelled by oars or sails-Three Dollars
- (b) For a boat propelled by motor power -
  - if it does not exceed 30 ft. - - - - -Ten Dollars
  - if it exceeds 30 ft. but does not exceed 35 ft. - - - - - Fifteen "
  - if it exceeds 35 ft. but does not exceed 40 ft. - - - - - Twenty "
  - if it exceeds 45 ft. - - - - -Twenty-five "

Approved and ordered to be forwarded to the city

Council.

*Council ✓*

*Council ✓*

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STREET TRAFFIC POLICEMAN.

His Worship the Mayor directed the Chief of Police to give his best attention to the regulating of street traffic at the junction of Barrington and Buckingham Streets by the detailing of a policeman for special duty or otherwise/

Chief of Police ✓  
Cont. Boyer ✓

WATER EXTENSIONS - INTEREST ON COST.

The Board unanimously agree to recommend to the City Council that commencing May 1st, 1917, in all cases of extensions of the water service in which the interest on the cost of construction exceeds the revenue derivable from water rates the property owners shall be charged at the rate of six per cent on the cost of the work, the payment of the interest to be secured to the City by the usual bond to be signed by the property owners.

Council ✓

CITY MEDICAL OFFICER.

The City Clerk is instructed to forward to the City Health Board a copy of the Act passed at the last session of the Legislature relating to the City Medical Officer and to request that body to make a recommendation to this Board as to their wishes in regard thereto. The Act reads as follows:-

Health Board ✓

16. (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 Diplome of Public Health from some recognized University."

FARM LABOR EXCHANGE.

Read letter A. S. Barnstead, Secretary Farm Labor Exchange, as follows:-

Halifax, May 1917,

P. F. Martin, Esq.,  
Mayor.

Your Worship,-

The imperative necessity of the moment is increased production of food products. The great difficulty is scarcity of labor. A Farm Labour Exchange has been organized at Halifax with the object, as far as possible of supplying this want. This exchange earnestly desires your

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co-operation. Already Halifax, Amherst and New Glasgow have organized Labor Beureaux for the purpose of enrolling those who are willing to enlist, indicating their qualification for the work, length of time they can serve and when available.

We shall be pleased to receive any suggestions from you, looking to make this work as effective as possible. If you so desire, our Mr. Elderkin will be pleased to call on you and render any assistance required. Kindly intimate at your earliest convenience just what steps you suggest to be taken in your community and when you would like Mr. Elderkin to be with you.

Arthur S. Barnstead,  
Secretary.

The Secretary is instructed to notify Mr. Elderkin that His Worship the Mayor will be pleased to meet him to discuss the subject at any time at his office at the City Hall.

CURRENT OVERDRAFT FROM BANK.

Controller Finlay submits the following resolution:-

WHEREAS it is considered advisable for the purpose of defraying expenditures for which the taxes of the current year would, if now collected, be applied, that the City of Halifax do borrow, under Section 346 of the City Charter, from the Royal Bank of Canada, an amount not exceeding thirty per cent of the taxes for the current year.

AND WHEREAS the taxes for the current year amount to the sum of \$837,624.53;

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Halifax do forthwith borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada the sum of \$251,000.00 to be applied for defraying expenditures for which the taxes for the current year would, if now collected be applied, to be repaid to the said Bank out of the said taxes when collected, and that the City Treasurer be authorized on behalf of the City of Halifax to negotiate the said loan and to pledge the credit of the City of Halifax therefor.

The Resolution is adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for approval.

CITY PRISON - TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

Read statement Governor Grant showing increase in prices in tender of W. I. Hubley & Co. for groceries for the City Prison over existing contract prices.

It is decided not to accept any tenders for City Prison supplies and the Governor is instructed to purchase his supplies for the present in the open market at the best prices obtainable.

EB Elderkin ✓  
AS Barnstead ✓

Council ✓

Council ✓

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POLICE DEPARTMENT RUBBER BOOTS.

On motion of Controller Taylor the City Clerk is instructed to advertise for tenders for 54 pairs knee rubber boots for the Police Department.

*Resorder ✓  
Mail ✓  
Adm. ✓*

COST OF LIVING.

On motion of Controller Hines and Murphy they are authorized to prepare and submit to the City Council a resolution urging the Dominion Government to take prompt and stringent measures to reduce the cost of the necessities of life.

*Council ✓*

SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENTS POLICEMAN MORRISON.

Read report City Treasurer showing that the heirs of the late policeman John W. Morrison are entitled to a refund of \$109.53 of the amount of assessments paid by him into the Police Superannuation Fund.

Read certificate from the Probate Court that letters of administration have been granted to Allan J. Morrison.

*Council ✓*

It is decided to recommend to Council that the amount due be paid over to Allan J. Morrison as administrator.

INGLIS STREET DUMP.

Read letter H. F. Adams complaining of the condition of Inglis Street dump.

*H. F. Adams ✓  
Engineer ✓*

The Acting City Engineer states to the Board that the material being dumped is being covered over as soon as possible and the Clerk is ordered to so inform Mr. Adams.

LOANS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

Read report Controller Murphy re loans for various purposes, as follows:-

Halifax, May 17th, 1917.

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

I submit herewith a list of proposed borrowings for the various services for the coming year:-

Widening Streets  
Sidewalks  
Abattoir  
1 Street Sprinkler  
Balance for Comfort Station

\$ 5,000.00  
25,000.00  
20,000.00  
4,000.00  
3,500.00  
57,500.00

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In view of conditions confronting us, we felt compelled to curtail as far as possible the services outlined above. We borrowed on account of Sidewalks last year the sum of \$35,000.00. This we have reduced to \$25,000.00. The other three items making up the amount set out above are mostly to complete work already undertaken. The contract for the Abattoir, as you know is now under way. I would have deferred the small borrowing on Public Comfort Station were it not for the fact that the balance required was previously borrowed, and is now in hand; as the amount necessary to enable us to carry out this work through is comparatively small, I do not think we were justified in omitting it,

In addition to the amounts set out above, it will be necessary to include in our borrowing bill, the amount of the contract already let, on the North West Arm Sewer; as I understand it is the intention to continue this work to completion, we should embody a sufficient amount to take care of the balance of this contract, which the Engineer estimates at \$150,000.00. It would be impossible however, to complete the balance of this work during the coming year. I would therefore recommend that the sum of \$75,000.00, which would take care of the portion of the work which could be put through this year, be included in our borrowing.

As you are aware, we have, during the session of the Legislature just closed, acquired Legislation enabling us to put down curbs and gutters where thought advisable. I feel, considerable improvement could be made, particularly on some of the streets of the North end, by the placing of these curbs and gutters, and we should make some effort during the present year, particularly in view of our curtailing on the Sidewalk work, to make a start at least with some of these curbs and gutters. I would therefore recommend that some amount be included in this borrowing, so that we can at least make some effort in this direction. The amount need not exceed \$5,000.00.

Recommending all the above for your careful consideration, I am,

John Murphy.

The report is adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for approval.

Controller Finlay dissents from the action of the Board in regard to the following items:-

Widening Streets	\$ 5000.00
Sidewalks	25000.00
Abattoir	20000.00 (as
	to \$10,000.00 of this
	amount)
Comfort Station	3500.00

PLUMBING IN DWELLING HOUSES.

Read report City Health Board, as follows:-

Halifax, May 17th, 1917.

Mayor and Members  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to notify you that Tom Dunlop, agent

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for the estate of Mrs. Mary A. Bowser, owner of premises 105-7 Roome Street, and Wm. Tuck, owner of premises 31 Albemarle Street, have been notified under the provisions of the byelaws of the City Board of Health to remove the privy building, empty, disinfect and close up the vault in the yard and construct property sanitary W.C'S. connected with the sewer and have failed to comply with the orders of the Board to do so.

I am directed by the City Health Board at a meeting held on Friday, May 11th to request that you have the necessary work carried out in accordance with section 864 of the City Charter, the owners of both places having requested to have the same done and pay for it on the instalment plan in accordance with the Act.

J. A. Watters,  
Secretary.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Hines that the request of the City Health Board be complied with and the work done accordingly and that the City Engineer prepare specifications of the proposed work and obtain tenders for the same and report the same to this Board. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS.

The following account chargeable to the Works Department is passed for payment:-

Heber Hartlen - amount retained on stone contract \$705.17

The Board adjourned.

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

MAYOR.

*L. J. Moraghan*  
CITY CLERK.

*City Health Board ✓  
Engineer ✓*

*Council ✓*



COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL,

May 18th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this evening at 7.30 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Hines, Murphy, Taylor and Finlay.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Patriotic Fund - City Grant.  
High Cost of Living.  
Sewer Blocks.  
Fire Department - Motor Car for Chief.  
Loans for Various Purposes.

PATRIOTIC FUND - CITY GRANT.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Murphy that this Board adhere to its original resolution and recommend to the City Council at its meeting this evening that the City's grant to the Canadian Patriotic Fund remain at \$30,000.00 instead of \$40,000.00 as asked for. Motion passed. His Worship the Mayor dissents from the recommendation of the Board, his opinion being that the City grant should be made \$40,000.00.

Council ✓

HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Controllers Hines and Murphy submit the following report re High Cost of Living.

Halifax, May 18th, 1917.

To the City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

At our meeting of the 17th, the question was raised as to whether in view of the situation confronting our people in the soaring prices of food stuffs, some action should not be taken by us to bring to the notice of the Federal authorities this very serious situation, and to ask if some steps could not be taken to help cope with and relieve same.

On motion of Controllers Hines and Murphy it is recommended that this Council approve and forward the following resolution to the Federal authorities at Ottawa:-

RESOLVED that in the opinion of this Council, the situation now existing of the apparently uncontrollable soaring of prices of food stuffs and other necessities, demands that some immediate steps be taken to cope with this situation;

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FURTHER RESOLVED that your Government consider the advisability of some steps, which would prevent the further unjustifiable inflation in the cost of these necessities. Should this involve Government control which has been found necessary in other places, we feel there should be no hesitation in taking the steps necessary to accomplish same, as in our judgment, the situation has reached too critical a stage to be further delayed.

Moved by John J. Hines and seconded by John Murphy.

The report is adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council.

SEWER BLOCKS.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

We require about two thousand feet of 36-inch sewer for sewer on Jubilee Road and Bloomingdale Terrace. This can be bought of the AMCO sewer blocks, similar to the material used in building the intercepting sewer at the North West Arm, for \$1.91 per foot f.o.b. cars Halifax. This is cheaper than we can manufacture the concrete pipe and besides, we would not be able to manufacture the concrete pipe in time for the work.

I would recommend the purchase of two thousand feet of AMCO segment sewer blocks.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - MOTOR CAR FOR CHIEF.

Read report special committee on tenders for a motor car for the Chief of the Fire Department, as follows:-

Halifax, May 18th, 1917.

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

The Committee appointed by the Board of Control consisting of the Controller Hines, the City Engineer, and Chief of the Halifax Fire Department have gone carefully over the tenders submitted for a car for the Chief of the Fire Department and find that the McLaughlin appears to be the best offered. It is a very powerful car being a six cylinder and 45 HP and has improvements over the other cars offered. It has canteliver springs which will enable the car to be driven through snow, etc. and the price is cheaper. It is our unanimous opinion that the above mentioned car will be the most suitable for the work.

We would not recommend any of the cheaper grades of cars for the Fire Department.  
John J. Hines, Controller.

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After discussion consideration of the report is deferred.

LOANS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

On motion of Controller Finlay, the amount of proposed loan for completion of Comfort Station, fixed by the Board of Control at its last meeting at \$3,500.00 is reduced to \$2,000.00 to conform with the Legislative authority in that behalf.

Controller Finlay recommends the following loans on long term debentures, for the approval of the City Council:-

Sewers, \$70,000.00	Passed.
Tuberculosis Hospital, \$25,000.00	Passed.
Motor Car for Fire Dept. \$12,500.00	Passed.

Controller Finlay recommends the borrowing of the following sums on short term bonds, the same to be taken care of from the Sinking Funds:-

Motor Street Sprinkler, \$4,000.00	Passed.
Repairs to Gardens Fence, \$1200.00	Passed.
City Home Repairs, \$2500.00.	Passed.
Liquor License Refund, \$20,920.00.	Passed.
Fire Dept. Hose, \$500.00.	Passed.
Retiring of Bonds falling due July 1st, 1917, \$60,000.00.	Passed.

The Board adjourned.

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

MAYOR.

*L. H. McLaughlin*  
CITY CLERK.

*plc ✓*

*Council ✓*

*Council ✓*

*Engine*

*Council ✓*

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL,

May 18th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this evening at 10.30 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Hines, Taylor and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Loan for Widening Streets/  
Loan \$25,000.00 for Sidewalks.

LOAN FOR WIDENING STREETS.

The Council having referred back to this Board with the recommendation that it be struck out its report on loan for widening streets, of \$5,000.00, the Board after further consideration decided to again recommend that the amount be borrowed, Controller Finlay dissenting.

LOAN \$25,000.00 for WIDEWALKS.

The City Council having referred back to this Board its recommendation that \$25,000.00 be borrowed for sidewalks with the suggestion that the amount be reduced to \$20,000.00, the Board again considered the matter and decide to concur in the recommendation of the Council.

The Board adjourned.

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

MAYOR.

*Fred McLaughlin*  
CITY CLERK.

*Council ✓*

*Council ✓*

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

May 22nd, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present Deputy Mayor H. S. Colwell and Controllers Hines, Murphy, Finlay and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Seaforth Street.  
Ferry License.  
Annual Report Coal Weighers.  
Tenders for Electrical Supplies.  
Tuberculosis Hospital, Wynn Property.  
St. Patrick's Boys School.  
Richmond School.  
Fire Dept.-Islesville Engine House -Motor Combination Truck.  
City Home - Tenders for Fence  
Selling of Property for Taxes - Mrs. Maria Bauer.  
Maynard Street Roadbed.  
Bill Boards - E. L. Ruddy Co. License.  
Ornamental Street Lighting - "Whiteway".  
Alterations to Building 175 Barrington Street.  
City Market Building.  
Removal of Grass and Garden Refuse.  
Cultivation of City Lot.  
Liquor Inspector's Salary.

SEAFORTH STREET.

Read letter Alderman Parker calling attention to the condition of Seaforth Street.

Referred to the City Engineer.

FERRY LICENSE.

Read application Charles Duggan for a license to operate a passenger ferry at the foot of Hanover Street.

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

ANNUAL REPORT COAL WEIGHERS.

Read annual report Coal Weighers for the civic year 1916-17.

Filed and copies ordered to be forwarded to each member of the Council.

TENDERS FOR ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES.

Read tenders John Starr Son & Co., Ltd and Farquhar Bros. Ltd., for electrical supplies.

Referred to the City Engineer and City Electrician for report.

*Engineer ✓*

*Cont. Taylor ✓*

*Members Council ✓*

*Engineer ✓  
Electrician ✓*

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TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL - FLYNN PROPERTY.

Read letter Cook Construction Company as follows:-

Halifax, May 19th, 1917.

Mr. L. Fred. Monaghan,  
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 15th inst. received today and contents carefully noted.

We beg to advise that we have made application to the City Engineer for a permit to make the repairs to the Flynn Building on Quinpool Road.

Yours very truly,  
COOK CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.,  
& WHEATON BROS.  
H. F. McLean.

A copy of the letter is ordered to be forwarded to Mrs. Wm. Schon, Secretary of the Anti Tuberculosis League.

ST. PATRICK'S BOYS' SCHOOL.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners, as follows:

Halifax, May 18, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I hand you herewith, by order of the Board of School Commissioners, the plans and specification for the new school for St. Patrick's Boys', requesting the approval of your Board and the City Engineer.

S. J. Wilson,  
Secretary.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

RICHMOND SCHOOL.

The Acting City Engineer verbally reports that he has approved of the plans recently submitted for improvements at Richmond School and that any person interested may obtain a permit for construction.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - ISLESVILLE ENGINE HOUSE - MOTOR

COMBINATION TRUCK.

Read joint report Controller Hines, and the Chief of the Fire Department, as follows:-

Halifax, May 22nd, 1917.

Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

In reference to the tenders received by the

*Mrs. Wm. Schon  
Engineer ✓*

*Engineer ✓*

*Richmond School  
Board  
Engineer ✓*

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Board of Control for alterations to the Islesville Engine House, and which were referred to Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department for report, we after looking into the matter beg leave to make the following report:-

We would consider it a waste of money to have this engine house altered for the keeping of the chemical engine now in reserve in West Street Engine House, but we would recommend the purchase of a combination motor chemical and hose waggon which would cost in the vicinity of Fifteen Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1550.00). The saving through the purchase of such a valuable piece of fire fighting apparatus is shown by the figures given below:-

Ordinary Maintenance Horse Drawn Chemical.

Alterations to Islesville Engine House would cost	\$1129.00
Feeding of 2 horses per year	500.
Shoeing of 2 horses per year	48.
1 Chemical Driver	780.
1 Chemical Operator	800.
	<u>\$3257.</u>

It can plainly be seen that the alterations to this fire station and the upkeep of the chemical and the salary of the men would amount to \$3257.00/

Ordinary Maintenance Motor Combination.

Purchase of one combination motor chemical and hosewaggon	\$1550.00
One operator's salary	800.00
Total - - - -	<u>\$2350.00</u>

There would be a saving of \$907.00 and the Department would be equipped with practically two pieces of motor apparatus, that is to say, that we would have a chemical and a hose waggon in one. This waggon would carry five or six hundred feet of hose and also have one thirty-five gallon chemical tank. The waggon which is now at Islesville Fire Station could be sent to Morris Street Fire Station to replace the old waggon now at that station, which we consider is not the proper kind of a waggon for Fire Department use.

Hoping this report will meet with your approval,

John J. Hines,  
CONTROLLER.

E. Condon,  
CHIEF. H. F. D.

Consideration of the report is deferred to give Controller Hines an opportunity of consulting with the Aldermen for Ward no. 6 and to further report.

CITY HOME TENDERS FOR FENCE.

Read tenders for a construction of a fence on the City Home property, as follows:-

O. L. Giffin ,	\$115.00
D. S. Dunlop.	\$ 83.00

*BofC ✓  
Cont. Hines ✓  
as E. Condon ✓  
and Parker ✓*

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J. A. Nicholson, \$135.30  
James T. Brodie, \$110.00.

*Gas & Bryan,  
Secy. of Home*

The tender of D. S. Dunlop is accepted and the Secretary of the City Home instructed accordingly.

SELLING OR PROPERTY FOR TAXES - MRS. MARIA BAUER.

Read letter Mrs. Maria Bauer requesting that her property, 76 Vieth Street, be not sold for taxes due as advertised.

*City Collector*

Mrs. Bauer is instructed to employ a solicitor to look after her interests, the Board of Control having no power to relieve her from the payment of taxes.

MAYNARD STREET ROAD-BED.

*Engineer*

Read letter Gordon B. Isnor calling attention to the condition of the roadbed, Maynard Street, between Cunard Street and Harris Street.

Referred to the City Engineer.

BILL BOARDS - E. L. RUDDY CO. LICENSE.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering an application from the E. L. Ruddy Company for the renewal of their license for bill boards.

The area applied for is 37,970 square feet. The ordinance fixes the rental at  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for each square foot of area of the boards, but last year an arrangement was made by which the company was to pay a license fee of \$500 for 35,000 square feet of bill board surface, and it was to have the privilege of erecting and maintaining an additional area of 25,000 square feet at an additional charge of \$100.00.

*Council ✓  
Engineer ✓  
E. L. Ruddy Co ✓*

At a meeting of the Council held on the 4th of May 1916, it was recommended that the existing ordinance be amended to cover the above, but I can find no record of this having been done.

I would recommend that permission be given the E. L. Ruddy Company to erect and maintain the boards asked for in their application, and that the license fee be fixed at \$600.00.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.



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Halifax Plant.

<u>No. Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Size.</u>
1.	Argyle near Blowers	40 feet.
2.	Grafton near George	25
3	George near Grafton	11
4	George near Brunswick	19
5	Albermarle Street W side	17
6	Albemarle Street E side	35
7	Barrington S of Proctor	75
8	Barrington & Cornwallis E side	60
9	Barrington & Cornwallis W side	50
10	Gerrish & Lockman )	
11	Lockman & Gerrish )	75
12	Lockman near Gerrish	50
13	Lockman S of Artz	50
14	Artz Street	50
15	Hanover & Campbell Road )	
16	Campbell Road & Hanover )	125
17	153 Campbell Road	75
18	Campbell Road Richmond	35
19	Gottingen opposite Kane	200
20	Gottingen opposite Barracks	25
21	Gottingen opposite Barracks	50
22	Agricola & Bilby	75
24	Bilby & Agricola	75
25	Longard Road facing W )	
26	Longard Road facing N )	150
27	Longard & Sullivan )	
28	Sullivan & Longard )	150
29	Almon W of Robie	175
30	Almon W of Robie #2	175
31	Hanover & I. C. R.	25
32	Windsor S of Almon	125
34	I. C. R. & #8 Pier	25
35	Grafton & Buckingham	100
36	Oxford & Oak )	
37	Oak & Oxford )	110
38	Quinpool Road E of Preston	25
39	Albemarle facing Market	75
40	Richmond & I. C. R.	150
43	Barrington & Sackville S )	
48	Barrington & Sackville N )	100
44	Cunard & Agricola	65
45	Agricola & Cunard E side	65
46	Agricola & Cunard W side	50
47	Agricola near West	25
49	John & Charles )	
50	Charles & John )	85
51	Charles & Maynard )	
52	Maynard & Charles )	135
53	Maynard & Gerrish )	
54	Gerrish & Maynard )	135
56	Prince William near Gottingen	35
57	Gerrish near Gottingen	40
58	Creighton near Gerrish	75
59	North & Brunswick )	
60	Brunswick & North )	60
61	Water opposite Prince	20
62	Water & Smith's Wharf W	65
63	Smith's Wharf & Water S	50
64	Smith's Wharf & Water N	50
65	Water & Smith's Wharf W	40
68	Barrington & Salter )	
68	Salter & Barrington )	100
69	Rottenburg & Dresden Row )	
70	Dresden Row & Rottenburg )	100

Total - - - 3797 feet.  
- 80 -

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ORNAMENTAL STREET LIGHTING - "WHITEWAY".

Read letter J. E. Roy covering account, as follows:-

Halifax, May 21st, 1917.

To His Worship Mayor Martin.  
Dear Sir:-

With reference to the "Whiteway" lighting, when the lights were turned out the Tram Co. agreed to allow us half rates during the time they were compelled to have the lights turned off. As our contract with the Tram Co. was for a term of ten years and as we understood that the City had agreed to pay the Tram Co. half of their monthly account during the time lights were out, we also agreed to do so. As many of the merchants refuse to pay anything we are compelled to close up the matter with the Tram Co. and pay up the penalty for cancelling our contract. You paid us the proportion you agreed to September 1916. Since then you have paid nothing - will you pay us the arrears to June 1st. The amount claimed by the Tram Co. to June 1st is \$4057.96, which included the arrears and the penalty. We would like to hear from you before we approach the Tram Co. again. I enclose the account against the City.

Yours truly,  
For the "Whiteway" Commity  
J. E. Roy, Secty.

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The City of Halifax

To the "Whiteway" Committee.

To proportion of Street lighting for October, November, December, 1916, and January, February, March, April, and May 1917 - 8 months at \$80.00 - - - - - \$640.00.

Referred to the City Engineer and City Electrician for report as to whether the account as rendered is in accordance with the City's understanding with the "Whiteway" Committee.

ALTERATIONS TO BUILDING 175 BARRINGTON STREET.

Read application Condon's Limited for permission to make alterations to building 175 Barrington Street.

Referred to the City Engineer.

CITY MARKET BUILDING.

On motion of Controller Murphy, the City Engineer is instructed to submit plans of proposed permanent stalls and the regulations for privileges at the City Market Building.

REMOVAL OF GRASS AND GARDEN REFUSE.

Controller Finlay asked if arrangements could not be

*J. E. Roy  
Engineer  
Electrician  
Council*

*Engineer*

*Engineer*

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made whereby grass clippings from parked sidewalks and grass and other rubbish could be removed by the Works Department.

*Engineer*

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

CULTIVATION OF CITY LOT.

Controller Finlay reported that Samuel Orr had asked permission for the use of a City lot on Kenny Street for the cultivation of garden produce during the present season.

*Engineer*

Referred to the City Engineer for report with power to act if he so recommends.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR'S SALARY.

Read account E. S. Tracey, Liquor Inspector, \$200. for the months of March and April, 1917.

*Auditor*

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Taylor that the Liquor Inspector be paid, pro rata, at the rate of \$100.00 per month <sup>from</sup> for the date of his having been sworn into office until April 30th, 1917. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned.

*H. S. Colwell*

Deputy Mayor.

*J. J. Monaghan*

City Clerk.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

May 29th, 1917.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Fire Department - Central Engine House Painting.  
Electrical Supplies Tenders.  
Preston Street Sewer.  
Rubber Boots - Fire Department - Police Department.  
Consolidated Fund 1888 - Police Superannuation Fund.  
Tenders for Harness.  
Fire Insurance.  
Registrar Camp Hill Cemetery.  
City Medical Officer.  
Chestnut Street Sewer.  
Dead Tree 84 Inglis Street.  
Loan for Various Purposes.  
N. S. Car Works Indebtedness. to City.  
Acadian School Property.  
Fleming Park Refreshment Privileges.  
Allison's Wall, Oxford Street.  
Public Schools - Richmond School - St. Patrick's Boys' School.  
High Cost of Living.  
Street Traffic Regulations.  
Salary Fireman City Home.  
City Home - Prices of Wood.  
Oil Storage Tank - Imperial Oil Co.'s Wharf.  
Market Building.  
North West Arm Bridge.  
Foster Lot Chebuoto Road.  
Godwin Property 180 Gottingen Street.  
Workmen's Compensation Act. Assessments.  
Superintendent Cuty Market.  
Water Bills - Mrs. Emma Naylor, 130-136 Spring Garden Rd.  
Young Avenue Widening - At #144.  
Cragg Building George Street - E. P. Allison's Account.  
Erafton Street - Hatchways at Moir's Limited.  
Supervised playgrounds on Centre Common.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - CENTRAL ENGINE HOUSE PAINTING.

Controller Hines submits tenders for painting, etc., at Central Engine House, as follows:-

Roche & Co., - \$109.00.  
J. M. Collins - 108.00.  
Wm. Judge & Sons- 176.00.  
J.D. Lavers & Co.- 156.00.  
David Roche - 161.00.

It is decided to accept the tender of J. M. Collins it being the lowest.

ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES TENDERS.

Read report City Electrician recommending for

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*Council ✓*

accepting the tender of John Starr, Son & Co., for electrical supplies for the Works Department and Fire Department .

Approved.

PRESTON STREET SEWER.

*Engineer ✓*

Read petition for sewer Preston Street at north west corner of Payzant Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

RUBBER BOOTS - FIRE DEPARTMENT - POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Tenders for supplying 54 pairs rubber knee boots for the Police Department and 3 dozen pairs rubber hip boots for the Fire Department, were received and opened as follows:-

*Cont. Taylor ✓  
Cont. Hines ✓*

	<u>Police Dept.</u>	<u>Fire Dept.</u>
Gutta Percha & Rubber Co.	\$3.60	\$5.80
	4.45	5.75
Wm. Taylor Co., Ltd.	4.75	5.45
	4.45	5.00
Robt. Taylor, Co., Ltd.	4.25	6.00
	4.00	4.75
	4.75 5.00	5.65
J. F. Kennedy	4.65	5.75
Amherst Boot & Shoe Co. Ltd.	4.75	4.25
	3/50	
	3.25	
	3.40	
	4.75	

Referred to Controllers Taylor and Hines for report.

CONSOLIDATED FUND 1888 - POLICE SUBRANNUATION FUND.

Read letter ex-Controller McKeen, as follows:-

Halifax, May 29th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Dear Sir:-

You may recall that while a member of the Board of Control I called attention to an issue of City bonds subject to cancellation after they had run for fifteen years by giving one year's notice.

There is in amount some \$50,000 of this series now in the Sinking Fund. In view of the increased burdens laid upon the ratepayers incident to recent Provincial legislation, I beg to recommend to the favorable consideration of your Board the advisability of cancelling the above amount. This would reduce the City's debt correspondingly and incidentally reduce the estimates by some \$2,200.00, thus relieving the ratepayers.

May I also venture to call your attention to the

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condition of the pension Fund of the Police Force? This has now reached a stage where it is wholly inadequate for growing demands upon it and will have to receive consideration by your Board.

John McKeen.

Referred to Controllers Finlay and Taylor for report.

TENDERS FOR HARNESS.

Read report Clerk of Works covering tenders of Neil Fox and W. J. Regan for harness for the Works Department.

The tenders being -

Neil Fox - \$125.00.  
W. J. Regan - \$ 88.00.

The tender of W. J. Regan being the lowest is accepted.

FIRE INSURANCE.

Read report Clerk of Works re tenders for Fire insurance, as follows:-

City Works Office,  
May 29th, 1917.

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

In connection with tenders submitted for insurance on City property as per schedule attached, I beg respectfully to remind your honorable Board that the present insurance on all said property ( except the item for Incinerator) expires on 31st inst.

It will be necessary to authorize a tentative arrangement with whatever tenderer whose bid you decide to recommend for acceptance that they keep said properties covered until such time as Council confirms your recommendation.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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Schedule of Insurance Required on City Property.

<u>Location.</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Total</u>
City Hall	\$30,000.00		\$39,000.00
Office furniture, supplies &c.		\$10,000.00	10,000.00
Books in Citizen's Free Library		5,000.00	5,000.00
Flag presented by City of Bristol		500.00	500.00
City Prison	1,000.00		1,000.00
Out-buildings	2,700.00		2,700.00
Infectious Disease Hospital	5,000.00		5,000.00
Furnishings, etc.		500.00	500.00
Smallpox Hospital	1,500.00		1,500.00
Furnishings, etc.		200.00	200.00

Cmt Finlay ✓  
Cmt Taylor ✓

Council ✓

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Total</u>
City Workshops	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
Two Steam Rollers			1,500.00
City Works Dept. Horses Harness, Vehicles, etc.			2,500.00
Fire Department			
West St. Engine House	4,000.00		4,000.00
Grafton St. Chemical and Ladder House	1,000.00		1,000.00
Brunswick St.-Central Engine House	2,000.00		2,000.00
Maynard St.- Old Gerrish St. Engine House	1,000.00		1,000.00
Morris St. Engine House	4,000.00		4,000.00
Bedford Row Engine House	5,000.00		5,000.00
Gottingen St - Islesville Engine House	1,000.00		1,000.00
Quinpool Road Engine House	2,500.00		2,500.00
Spr. Garden Rd. Engine House	1,000.00		1,000.00
Keeper's House Chain Lake	500.00		500.00
Three pipe houses	200. each		600.00
Keeper's House Spruce Hill Lake	500.00	}	1,200.00
Pipe House	200.00		
Keeper's House Long Lake	500.00		10,000.00
Market Bldg. and Fixtures Incinerator			2,200.00
Bldg. machinery and trestle			1,000.00
(1 double dwelling Longard Rd.	1,000.00		500.00
(1 single " " "	500.00		
			\$ 102,900.00

These are situated on west side,  
adjoining north of Reservoir.

Rate required for term of three years.  
Premium payable annually.

Approved.

Read tenders for fire insurance on above schedule  
as follows:-

Rainnie & Keator, Ltd., 65¢ per annum, and a three  
year rate of 1.70% for three years.  
Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters, 80¢ per annum.

Consideration of the tenders ~~are~~ deferred until Thur-  
sday's meeting the Clerk of Works in the meantime to obtain  
from Rainnie & Keator a list of the Companies amongst which  
they propose to distribute the insurance and also to re-  
port as to the financial standing of the Companies which  
Rainnie & Keator may name.

REGISTRAR CAMP HILL CEMETERY.

Read resignation Alexander McDougall, Registrar Camp  
Hill Cemetery.

Referred to the Commissioners of Camp Hill Cemetery

for recommendation.

*Council ✓*  
*H. J. Holloway*  
*Chairman*

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CHESTNUT STREET SEWER.

Read petition for sewer Chestnut Street, north of Watt Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

CITY MEDICAL OFFICER.

Read report City Health Board, as follows:-

Office of City Health Board,  
May 28th, 1917.

The Mayor and Members  
Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

I have been instructed by the City Health Board to say that the Board is not prepared to make a recommendation in regard to the appointment of a medical health officer for the year 1917-18, holding the degree of Diplomate of Public Health, for the reason that no provision was made in the estimates to provide for the salary of such an officer.

J. A. Watters,  
Secretary C. H. B.

Filed.

DEAD TREE 84 INGLIS STREET.

Read report Superintendent of the Public Gardens recommending that a dead tree at 84 Inglis Street be cut down.

The City Engineer is instructed to have the tree removed.

LOAN FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

On motion of Controller Murphy, Controller Finlay is requested to report as to the advisability of issuing serial debentures or instalment debentures under the Acts of 1917 instead of ordinary debentures under the Consolidated Fund Act 1905.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS TO CITY.

Read letter Canada Corporations Limited, as follows:-

Canada Corporations, Limited,  
Halifax, May 25th, 1917.

James J. Hopewell, Esq.,  
City Treasurer.

Dear Sir:-

We beg to hand you herewith cheque for

Engineer ✓

Committee ✓

Engineer ✓

Cont. Finlay ✓  
Treasurer ✓  
Auditor ✓



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\$8,250.00 which represents the price at which we sold the Shunting Locomotive formerly at the plant of the Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited.

As we have before intimated to you it is questionable if this Locomotive is covered by the Chattel Mortgage held by the City, but we have no desire to raise the question, and we are paying the purchase price over to you to be credited to the Sinking Fund and in reduction of the amount due on the City's mortgage, which by the payments made by us on

February 8th, of \$16,123.00  
and April 1st, " 16,123.01      \$32,246.01

was thereby reduced to \$91,492.32 and is further reduced by the present payment to \$83,242.32.

In paying over this amount to the City to be applied in this way, we may say that we offered to give the City Dominion War Loan 5 p.c. Bonds for the amount at 96 flat (quoted on Montreal Stock Exchange today at 94 7/8 and interest, or equal to \$96.10) at which price the Sinking Fund would have received over 5 p.c. on the investment and would hold a Security the value of which is beyond question. If the City now invests this Cash in any other Security, we assume as interested parties, that the return to be received therefrom will be as great or greater, and the Security offered equally undoubted.

We shall be glad to hear from you in acknowledgment, and to confirm your understanding.

Canada Corporations, Ltd.,  
J. Moorman, Manager.

Referred to the Trustees of the Sinking Funds for report.

ACADIAN SCHOOL PROPERTY.

His Worship the Mayor and Controller Murphy are authorized to treat with C. W. Outhit for the purchase of the Acadian School property and report.

FLEMING PARK REFRESHMENT PRIVILEGES.

Read tenders for refreshment privileges at Fleming Park, as follows:-

- Lorne A. Morash, \$100.00 for three or five years.
- Nelson J. Riggs, \$50.00 for three years, \$100.00 for five years.
- James Karas, \$80.00 for three years.

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

*Cont-Finley  
Treasurer ✓*

*Mayor ✓  
Cont Murphy ✓  
C.W. Outhit ✓*

*Mayor ✓  
Engineer ✓*

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ALLISON'S WALL OXFORD STREET.

The Secretary is instructed to forward to E. P. Allison a copy of the letter of the Acting City Engineer to Mr. Allison, dated June 12th, 1916, and to inform him that the matter has rested since that time because the City had received no reply to said letter.

*E. P. Allison  
Engineer*

PUBLIC SCHOOLS - RICHMOND SCHOOL - ST. PATRICK'S  
BOYS' SCHOOL.

Read reports Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
May 23rd, 1917.

Richmond School Improvement.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control that the plans and specifications for the additions to the Richmond School, comply with the Building Act.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

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

St. Patrick's Boys' School.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control that the plans and specifications submitted for the new St. Patrick's Boys' School comply with the Act, with the following exceptions -

There should be panic bolts on all exit doors.

The landings on the two fire escapes should be four feet instead of as shown.

The school room doors should open outwards to the hall.

The additional exits near the south-west corner of the building are very small. While these latter exits are in addition to those required by the Building Act, and at first sight it might appear that there would be much greater exit capacity, yet on account of the narrowness of them, in case of a panic there might be a jam at this point with a liability to danger.

With regard to the doors opening inward, I under-

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stand that some authorities recommend this method of having the doors for school rooms, but in my opinion, any room which contains a large number of people, at one time, should have its doors opening outward.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

The plans of the Richmond School are approved.

The Board of School Commissioners are requested to have their architect amend the plans of St. Patrick's Boys' School in accordance with the recommendations of the Acting City Engineer.

It is decided to request the Board of School Commissioners to submit to this Board all tenders, when received, for the construction of the said schools before acceptance and before application is made to the Governor-in-Council for approval of contracts.

HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Read letter Minister of Labor, as follows:-

Ottawa, May 15th, 1917.

The City Clerk,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

You probably have a copy of the Order-in-Council enacted last November, concerning the prices of some of the necessaries of life, but for convenience I enclose you one.

It is sometimes said that under Clause six, as Minister of Labour, I have powers to conduct a more thorough investigation under oath, &c., than has a municipality. You will observe that under that section I may appoint an examiner, and in writing give him all the power and authority that I myself could exercise. That municipalities may have at their hand all the powers that where a municipality complies with Clause five and by resolution asks me to appoint its solicitor or other official an examiner with all the powers mentioned in Clause six naming the official so chosen, I shall be glad to clothe him therewith that the investigation may at once go forward substantially under local control, and at its expense.

T. W. Crothers.  
Minister of Labour.

A copy of the letter is ordered to be forwarded to the Trades & Labor Council for their information.

STREET TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

Read complaint from the Tramway Company of the non-

*Miss Wilson  
Secy ✓*

*R. L. Miller ✓  
Trades & Labor Council ✓  
Council ✓*

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observance of traffic regulations by teams and automobiles and danger to passengers boarding and getting off cars.

Referred to Controller Taylor to notify the owners of motor cars and teams named in the letter, of the complaint made by the Tramway Company.

Controller Taylor is also requested to similarly notify the owners of motor cars and delivery teams mentioned in the complaint of the Tramway Company in their letter submitted at a meeting of this Board held May 15th, 1917.

Controller Taylor is also requested to report as to whether any changes are necessary in the law in order to make the traffic regulations more effective.

The Secretary is instructed to acknowledge receipt of the Tram Company's complaint and to inform them as to the action taken by the Board.

SALARY FIREMAN CITY HOME.

On motion of Controller Hines it is decided to increase the pay of John R. Hennigan, fireman at the City Home, by the sum of \$150.00 per year.

CITY HOME - PRICES OF WOOD.

On the recommendation of Controller Hines and the Secretary of the City Home it is decided to increase the price of soft cord wood from \$1.00 to \$1.10 and of kindling wood from 60 to 70¢ per 100 bundles.

OIL STORAGE TANKS - IMPERIAL OIL COMPANY'S WHARF.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I have an application from the Imperial Oil Company Limited for permission to construct two tanks on their wharf at the foot of Duke Street of a capacity of about 100 barrels each, one for storing gasoline and the other, refined oil.

Cont. Taylor ✓  
H. P. Mallison ✓

Jos. E. Bryson ✓  
Secy. City Home ✓  
Auditor ✓

Jos. E. Bryson ✓  
Secy. City Home ✓

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The proposed location of the tanks is over 200 feet east of Water Street and at the edge of the wharf.- It is proposed to bury the tanks underground, encase same with concrete and have at least two feet of solid filling over them, the tanks to be equipped with proper ventilating shafts and vacuum relief valves. This method of construction is similar to that adopted in other Cities.

City ordinance #26 provides that the Council, may from time to time, as occasion requires, designate a building or buildings within the City to be used for the storage of petroleum, naphtha or other inflammable oil. It also provides that no person shall at any time have in any building other than the one so designated, more than ten gallons of naphtha or more than six barrels of petroleum or other inflammable oil.

It would appear to me that the method proposed by the Company of storing oil would be safer and less objectionable than having oil stored in barrels in a building. The tanks would be filled from steamers, attaching their discharge pipe to the inlet pipe of the tanks and tank wagons or other receptacles are filled by pumping from the tank, so that there is no waste of oil or gasoline, thus minimizing the danger.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

*Engineer* ✓  
The Acting City Engineer is requested to communicate with the Board of Fire Underwriters and further report to this Board before action is taken on his report.

MARKET BUILDING.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

At the last meeting of the Board of Control I was requested to submit a plan showing proposed arrangement of permanent stalls at the Market. I am preparing a plan, but until some thing is done with the floor, I do not think that the work on the stalls should be begun.

The floor is today in worse shape than it has ever been and is apparently getting worse. The question of relaying this floor has been before the Board for over a year, and there must be some way of compelling the contractor to complete his contract. As you are aware, this contract was under the supervision of the designing architect, and the terms provided that his decision on points at issue, shall be binding on both parties/ He has already stated that the floor is not laid in accordance with the specification, and that it should be relaid.

I would recommend that a resolution of the Board be passed, urging him to compel the completion of the work.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

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*S.P. Dumaresq ✓  
Engineer ✓*

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Taylor that S. P. Dumaresq, the architect for the Market Building, be instructed to immediately have the contract in regard to the floor of the Market Building carried out and the floor made good. Motion passed.

NORTH WEST ARM BRIDGE.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's office,  
May 28th, 1917.

His Wprship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

*Engineer ✓  
clerk ✓  
auditor ✓*

I beg to recommend payment to the Municipality of Halifax, of the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) being the City's share of the work on the bridge at the North West Arm.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

FOSTER LOT CHEBUCTO ROAD.

Read letter MacIlreith & Tremaine, as follows:-

Halifax, May 29th, 1917.

The Board of Control,  
City.

Gentlemen:-

*Cont. Finlay ✓  
Cont. Taylor ✓  
MacIlreith & Tremaine ✓  
City Auditor ✓  
City Solicitor ✓*

May we again respectfully urge on your Board the request of Mr. W. W. Foster that the City should take over the strip of land required from the above lot for street widening purposes, and proceed to have the compensation for the same determined as provided in the City Charter.

MacIlreith & Tremaine.

Controllers Finlay and Taylor are requested to interview Mr. Foster as to the lowest price he would take from the City for his property, and report.

The City Solicitor is requested to submit in writing his opinion as to what fund the account of J. C. Harris \$25.00, for fees as arbitrator in connection with the valuation of the Foster lot is properly chargeable.

GOTTINGEN STREET #180 - GODWIN PROPERTY.

*Engineer ✓*

The City Engineer is requested to report as to the present assessed value of the Godwin property, #180 Gottingen St

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WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT ASSESSMENTS.

Read accounts totaling \$421.08 for three months' assessments on estimated Works Department pay rolls under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

The accounts are passed for payment.

SUPERINTENDENT CITY MARKET.

The matter of the appointment of the Superintendent of the City Market is discussed and deferred.

WATER BILLS MRS. EMMA NAYLOR, 130-136 SPRING GARDEN Rd.

Read report Acting City Engineer re water meter bills Mrs. Emma Naylor, 130-136 Spring Garden Road, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,  
May 23rd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the meter bills at #130 and #136 Spring Garden Road, that I have had the meters tested and in both cases they were found registering accurately. At #130 there was a bad waste in the closet, which was recorded by the meter reader at the time and acknowledged by the occupant. At #136 the water was left running during the cold weather to prevent freezing.

Under these circumstances there can be no justification for making any reduction in the bill.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to Controller Murphy for report.

YOUNG AVENUE WIDENING AT #144.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering letter from Dr. Zwicker, that in 1900 the City Council authorized the laying of a granite curb and gutter on the east side of Young Avenue from Inglis to Atlantic Street, provided the property owners would give the City a trip of land 10 feet wide, necessary to widen Young Avenue to the width of 80 feet. A portion of this work was done in 1900 and the remainder in 1901. The City also made a gravel sidewalk. The property owners provided and planted a row of trees in front of their properties.

Council ✓

Mc ✓

Cont Murphy ✓

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In 1903 Mr. Hobrecker made a similar proposition to the City in connection with the west side of the street from Atlantic Street northwardly. The City graded and made a gravel sidewalk and laid a curb and gutter, and in return Mr. Hobrecker deeded a ten foot strip and planted the trees.

This is the proposition that I recommended in connection with Dr. Zwicker's property. I do not think that we should do the sodding or plant trees in front of his property, as, according to his own valuation, the land required by the City is worth \$486. The estimated cost of laying a granite curb and gutter in front of his property is \$963, which he would have to pay one-half, or \$482.

Under these circumstances I adhere to my former report that if Dr. Zwicker will deed the land in front of his property, necessary for widening Young Avenue to its full width, that the City lay a curb and gutter and grade the sidewalk in front of his property. I am attaching Mr. Hobrecker's letter to the Board of Works, dated June 4th, 1904.

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H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

*Engineer*  
The report is approved and the City Engineer instructed to notify Dr. Zwicker in reply to his letter of April 21st that the offer made to him by the City is on the same conditions as applied in the case of Alexander Hobrecker.

CRAGG BUILDING GEORGE STREET - E. P. ALLISON'S <sup>Account</sup> ~~WALL~~.

Read reports Acting City Engineer and City Solicitor as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I have gone over Mr. Allison's account with the City Solicitor and I attach hereto report of the latter on same. It will be noted that in the Solicitor's opinion, the City is properly chargeable with only \$18.46. As this is a legal matter entirely, I am unable to offer any suggestion as to whether or not this is a proper charge against the City.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

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Office of City Solicitor,  
May 21st, 1917.

Secretary Board of Control.  
Dear Sir:-

We have re-examined this account to ascertain what items are properly chargeable against the City upon the



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principle already stated, namely that for a compulsory taking of the land and the expenses of making good the title and making the conveyance should be borne by the purchaser, but any other expense incidental to the transfer, by the vendor.

After going over the account Mr. Allison concurs that upon this principle a number of items should be struck off. To those thus agreed upon we are of opinion there should be added the charge of \$ 5.00 for attendance before the board of Control as to the preparation of the first description. A perfectly good description and the only description really possible was prepared by us. The same observation applies to the charge of \$2.00 for preparing description, but we feel that Mr. Allison is fairly entitled to the charge against the City for his letter explaining the matter to the Imperial Like Company as the City really saved money by obtaining the concurrence of that Company instead of being compelled to expropriate.

The account, after these deductions, amounts to \$18.46 which we recommend should be paid.

F. H. Bell,  
City Solicitor.

The account is passed for payment at \$18.46 instead of \$46.34 as rendered, Mr. Allison to be notified accordingly.

GRAFTON STREET - HATCHWAYS AT MOIR'S LIMITED.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to submit herewith an application for hatchways on the east side of Grafton Street south of Duke Street in front of the premises of Moirs Limited.

These hatchways are already in existence, and it is proposed to change the covers from iron gratings to prism lights.

I would recommend that the permission asked for, be granted.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

SUPERVISED PLAYGROUNDS ON CENTRE COMMON.

James D. O'Connor on behalf of the Supervised Playgrounds Commission requested permission for the Commission to use the centre common during the season as a playground for children.

The Board informed Mr. O'Connor that in so far as they

*E. Palliser  
Engineer  
Solicitor  
Council*

*Engineer*

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*Johnson*

have authority to grant permission that permission is granted but that it would be necessary for him to get further permission from the Commissioners of Halifax Common and from the Military authorities.

*Council*

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS.

Municipality of Halifax	City's share of work on bridge North West Arm	\$25.00
Workmen's Compensation Board	Three month's Assessment on estimated pay roll	\$421.08
Edmund P. Allison, K.C.	Legal services, Cragg Building George Street.	\$ 18.46

The Board adjourned.

*P. F. Martin*

P. F. Martin.

MAYOR.

*L. J. McLaughlin*

CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

May 31st, 1917.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Provincial Exhibition Finances.  
Rubber Boots - Police Department - Fire Department.  
Stone Contract - Progress Payment.  
Fire Insurance on City Property.  
Billiard License George P. Pillson.  
Cornwallis Street Street Line - Wm. Judge.  
War - Cultivation of Vacant lot, Mulgrave Street.  
North West Arm Trunk Sewer - Progress Payment.  
Cement-Progress Payment on Contract.  
City Hall - Sanitary Condition.  
Theatres-Sanitation and Public Safety.  
Billiard Room License - Agelo Paros.  
Temperance Law Enforcement - Legal Assistance - R. H. Murray Account.  
High Cost of Living.  
Fire Alarm System.  
Schedule of Accounts.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION FINANCES.

Read letter Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition

Commission covering resolution re finances, as follows:-

Halifax, May 25th, 1917.

To the City Clerk,  
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find copy of resolution, which was passed at the last meeting of our Exhibition Commission, May 22nd, copies of which I have been instructed to forward to the City Council of Halifax for their approval.

M. McF. Hall,  
Manager and Secretary.

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WHEREAS after careful investigation this Commission is of the opinion that it is both requisite and necessary that steps be taken at once to borrow money for the purchase and improvement of land, and for the erection, alteration and repair of suitable buildings for Provincial Exhibition purposes, and

WHEREAS in the opinion of this Commission it is estimated that upwards of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars is immediately needed to effect repairs in the buildings in order to hold an Exhibition this year; that Seven Thousand and Five Hundred (\$7,500.) Dollars is immediately necessary to deposit with the Supreme Court for the acquisition of the Monaghan property by expropriation; that Nine Thousand and (\$9,000.) dollars is necessary to reimburse the Province of Nova Scotia and the City of Halifax for the advances

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made to the Commission for the purchase of the Cross property; and that certain other amounts are necessary to liquidate an amount borrowed from the Bank and expended by the Commission on Capital Account.

THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Commission hereby borrow on the credit of the Commission and subject to the terms and conditions of Chapter 57, Revised Statutes, 1900 "The Provincial Exhibition Act" as amended by the Legislature at the session of 1917, the sum of Forty Thousand (\$40,000) Dollars to be expended and appropriated by the Commission for the above purposes, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission for the purposes of effecting such loan, make and issue its bonds redeemable within such time as the Executive may determine, not to exceed a period of thirty years, and that said bonds bear interest at a rate to be determined by the Executive, not to exceed six per cent (6%) and that the Executive are hereby empowered and have authority if thought advisable, to provide for a Sinking Fund, not to exceed two per cent (2%) per annum,

FURTHER RESOLVED that the President and Secretary of this Commission be authorized to sign said bonds on behalf of the Commission, and that they further have the power to execute on behalf of the Commission any Mortgage or Trust Deed that may be necessary to more fully effect a loan,

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor-in-Council of the Province of Nova Scotia, and to the City Council of the City of Halifax for approval.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor-in-Council of the Province of Nova Scotia and the City Council of the City of Halifax be requested to guarantee the repayment of any bonds that are made and issued hereunder.

Referred to Controller Finlay, His Worship the Mayor and the City Solicitor for report.

RUBBER BOOTS - POLICE DEPARTMENT - FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read joint report Controllers Hines and Taylor re tenders for rubber boots for the Police Department and for the Fire Department, as follows:-

Halifax, May 30th, 1917.

The Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

The undersigned to whom were referred for report the tenders received for supplying 54 pairs rubber knee boots for the Police Department and 3 dozen pairs rubber hip boots for the Fire Department beg to report as follows:-

The tenders received were -

	<u>Police Dept.</u>	<u>Fire Dept.</u>
Gutta Percha & Rubber Co. Ltd	\$3.60	
	4.45	\$5.80
Wm. Taylor, Co., Ltd.	4.75	5.75
	4.45	5.45
Robt. Taylor Co. Ltd.	- 99 - 4.25	

*Carl Finlay ✓  
Mayor ✓  
Solicitor ✓  
City Hall ✓*

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	<u>Police Dept.</u>	<u>Fire Dept.</u>
Robt. Taylor Co., Ltd.	\$4.00	\$6.00
	5.00	4.75
J. F. Kennedy	4.65	5.65
Amherst Boot & Shoe Co. Ltd.	4.75	5.75
	3.50	4.25
	3.25	
	3.40	
	4.75	

Having carefully compared the various tenders and the samples of boots submitted and consulted with the Chiefs of the Fire Department and Police Department we beg to recommend that the Contract be awarded to The Robert Taylor Co. Ltd., at \$4.25 per pair for Police Department knee boots and at \$4.75 per pair for Fire Department hip boots.

John J. Hines,  
Controller Fire Department.

G. A. Taylor,  
Controller Police Department

*Council*

Approved.

STONE CONTRACT - PROGRESS PAYMENT.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to Heber Hartlen of the sum of three hundred and twenty-four dollars and seventy two cents (\$324.72) on account on his contract for delivery of stone -

*Clerk of Works*

13,530 bushels @ 3¢	\$405.90
20% retained	81.18
	<u>\$324.72</u>

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

The report is approved and the account passed for payment.

FIRE INSURANCE ON CITY PROPERTY.

Read report Clerk of Works and letter Rainnie & Keator re tenders for fire insurance on City Property, as follows-

City Works Office,  
May 31st, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.  
Gentlemen,

In connection with letter of Rainnie & Keator, Ltd., under date 29th inst., I have made enquiry and find that all

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the companies referred to have a Dominion license to do business throughout Canada, and that all have Provincial licenses except the Provincial Insurance Company and North Western National Insurance Company.

The only difference this makes is that the insurance policies have to be issued from the head office in Canada instead of by the local agents. In other respects the companies are on the same basis to do business.

The two companies referred to are carrying between them thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) of the City's present insurance.

I called on Rainnie & Keator and find that several of our large concerns are carrying heavy lines that are placed in the different companies referred to.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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Halifax, May 29th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Council,  
City.

Gentlemen:-

In re Fire Insurance on schedule on City  
Property amounting to \$102,900.

Regarding your inquiry in reference to Companies in which we would place the City insurance we beg to name the following, all of which hold both Dominion and Provincial licenses, and which are of first class financial standing:

National Union Fire Insurance Company	-	Pittsburg.
Mount Royal Assurance Company	-	Montreal.
National Fire Insurance Company	-	Paris.
Provincial Insurance Company	-	Bolton, Eng.
Northwestern National Insurance Co.	-	Milwaukee.
British Colonial Fire Insurance Co.	-	Montreal.
Dominion Fire Insurance Company.	-	Toronto.

We have distributed the insurance of \$102,900, among the various Companies herein cited, the date of inception being the 31st instant pending your approval of the Companies.

Rainnie & Keator,  
J. G. Rainnie,  
Director.

It is decided to recommend to the City Council the acceptance of the tender of Rainnie & Keator at the rate of 65¢ per annum.

The Clerk of Works is instructed to obtain from Rainnie & Keator a list of the amounts to be allotted to the various Companies and report same to this Board and to also arrange with them to keep the City Properties cov-

*Council ✓  
Clerk of Works ✓*

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ered by insurance between May 31st and the time of acceptance of the Board's recommendation by the City Council.

BILLIARD LICENSE - GEORGE P. PILLSON.

Read application George P. Pillson for a license to conduct a billiard room at 185 Brunswick Street.

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

CORNWALLIS STREET STREET LINE - WM. JUDGE.

Read report Acting City Engineer re street line Cornwallis Street at property of Wm. Judge, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control that I had a survey made of Mr. Judge's property at the south-west corner of Cornwallis and Gotten Streets and I am attaching hereto a copy of the plan.

As will be seen, the official south line of Cornwallis Street as laid down on the Official City Plan, is in the same location as on the original plan of the division of Creighton's Field, of which Mr. Judge's lot forms a part. Mr. Judge's lot is of the full dimensions as given in his deed. This acknowledged by him, but he claims that the wording of the deed giving him the property and the "appurtenances" thereto, gives him a right to a strip of land on the south side of Cornwallis Street because he has a hatchway extending out there.

As Mr. Judge has all the property that his deed calls for and all that he is entitled to according to the original plan of the division, and as the street line as laid down on the Official Plan follows the original boundary of the property, I am unable to see what possible claim he can have against the City.

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

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

WAR - CULTIVATION OF VACANT LOT, MULGRAVE STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that the lot asked for by Samuel Orr, is

*Cont - Taylor ✓*

*Engineer ✓  
Mr. Judge ✓*

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diagonally opposite the piece recently leased to Mr. Fader, and is a portion of Acadia Square on Mulgrave Street. I have informed Mr. Orr, that the City will lease him the piece of ground asked for, for one year at a nominal rental.

*Engineer*

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER - PROGRESS PAYMENT.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to the Cook Construction Co. & Wheaton Bros, of the sum of sixteen thousand five hundred and thirty four dollars and ten cents (\$16534.10) on account on their contract for building the North West Arm Sewer -

*Clark's work.*

Estimated value of work done	\$19,451.88
15% retained	<u>2,917.78</u>

Bal. recommended \$16,534.10

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved and the account passed for payment.

CEMENT - PROGRESS PAYMENT ON CONTRACT.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:-

Certificate #2.

I beg to recommend payment to J. C. Calder & Company of the sum of two thousand five hundred and eighty-four dollars and forty-six cents (\$2584.46) on account on their contract for cement -

*Clark's work.*

766,938 lbs. @ 54 1/7¢	\$4152.44
8765 sacks @ 10¢	876.50
	<u>\$5028.94</u>

10% retained	\$502.89	
Paid on certificate #1	<u>1941.59</u>	<u>2444.48</u>

Bal. recommended \$2584.46

H. W. Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved and the account passed for payment.



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CITY HALL - SANITARY CONDITION.

On motion of Controller Taylor the City Health Board is requested to report to this Board as to the sanitary condition of the whole of the City Hall and particularly with reference to the Police quarters and lockup.

*City Health Board*

THEATRES - SANITATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

On motion of Controller Taylor reports are requested at an early date from the City Health Board, the Building Inspector, the Chief of the Fire Department and Controller Hines in regard to the sanitary conditions and public safety arrangements, fire escapes, etc. etc. in all the theatres in the City with particular reference to Acker's Theatre, The King Edward Theatre and the Imperial Theatre.

*City Health Board  
Building Inspector  
Chief Fire Dept  
Cont. Hines*

BILLIARD ROOM LICENSE - AGELO PAROS.

On recommendation of Controller Taylor it is decided to grant a billiard room license to Ageol Paros at 15 Prince Street.

*Cont. Taylor*

TEMPERANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT - LEGAL ASSISTANCE -

R. H. MURRAY ACCOUNT.

City Solicitor.

Controller Murphy recommended that the City Solicitor under the provisions of Section 156 of the City Charter be instructed to render legal advice and assistance to Inspector Tracey in prosecutions in the Police Court of cases under the Prohibition Act.

His Worship the Mayor stated that he had spoken to the City Solicitor and that it had all been arranged that the Solicitor was to furnish advice and assistance to Inspector Tracey when requested as he had done in the case of Inspector Messervey.

R. H. Murray Account.

Read opinion City Solicitor re account R. H. Murray for legal advice and assistance to Liquor Inspector Tracey

May 31st, 1917.

as follows:-

Office of City Solicitor,  
May 30th, 1917.

Secretary Board of Control.  
Dear Sir:-

I cannot usefully add more to the opinion which I gave on Mr. Murray's first account. Assuming that legal assistance was necessary, the propriety of the charges would depend on the length of time occupied and the importance of the case, respecting which I have no information.

I should, however, point out that many of the matters in respect to which a charge is made, do not seem to me such as would necessarily involve the assistance of counsel. Similar matters are dealt with every day by the Police in the ordinary discharge of their duty, and the late Inspector Mr. Messervey, attended to similar matters almost entirely without assistance. I can understand why a new Inspector at the outset would require legal assistance, but after a short experience in view of the fact that the procedure and evidence in all these cases is practically identical, I see no reason why he should not be able to conduct them as efficiently as was done by Mr. Messervey. In unusual cases Mr. Messervey was always at liberty to obtain any assistance and Mr. Tracey should have the same privilege.

F. H. Bell,  
City Solicitor.

( See Board of Control Minutes, April 19th, 1917, p. 374, and printed City Council minutes April 23rd, 1917)

Deferred.

HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Read letter Dominion Government acknowledging receipt of resolution of City Council re high cost of living, as follows:-

Ottawa, 28th May, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honour by direction of the Prime Minister to acknowledge receipt of your letter including copy of a resolution passed by the City Council of Halifax, Nova Scotia, urging the Government to take immediate steps to control the prices of foodstuffs with a view to preventing further unjustifiable inflation in the cost of necessities and to say that this matter is receiving the earnest attention of the Government.

High Clark.

Referred to the City Council for its information.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

Read report City Electrician in reply to letter Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters, re Fire Alarm System,

RH Murray ✓  
plc ✓

Council ✓

May 31st, 1917.

as follows:-

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

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

With reference to the complaint of the N. S. Board of Fire Underwriters regarding the failure of the Fire Alarm system when Box 72 was pulled for the fire at the Home for Aged Men on May 9th, the facts are as follows:-

The first two rounds of the box were not correctly transmitted. The balance of the signal, however, came in correctly as well as a second alarm from the same box. I do not know who pulled the box, but it has been reported to me that the man who sent in the alarm received a severe shock from contact with the box, and afterwards his umbrella to pull the trigger.

On examination of the box later in the afternoon I found the release mechanism pulled out of place and the box damaged so that it was necessary to bring it in for repairs. I do not know how much force was used in pulling the box, but evidently it was considerable and sustained for more than a minute, or long enough, to interfere with the first two rounds, after which, as before stated, the signal came in correctly.

As to the claim that the box was charged with high tension current. I could find no evidence of it in the box, and there was no disturbance in the office that would indicate any such condition,

I can only remember one similar case in 22 years when Box 15 was pulled so violently that the trigger was bent out of shape so the box could not be pulled a few days later when required for another fire in the vicinity.

I cannot agree with the statement of the Underwriters' association that either of the above incidents demonstrate an unsatisfactory condition of the Fire Alarm system. Such things are liable to happen at any time, and for matter, are as liable to happen in a system installed today as in one installed 20 years ago. I do not claim that the system is perfect. I could suggest many improvements, but the cost would be considerable and I should be inclined to doubt the wisdom of scrapping apparatus that gives as good service as this system is giving notwithstanding the fact that a considerable part of it is extremely old. I should have no hesitation in challenging a comparison in the performance of this system with that of any city of similar size with open line work on this Continent.

Regarding the reference made to the tower strikers, I am unable free to admit that there is some cause for complaint due to unsatisfactory service. The strikers are all old and, unlike the boxes, are in constant use, and consequently, much more worn. I have made attachments to most of them in an effort to compensate for the lost motion due to wear. The difficulty is I am having is to get the adjustments right when one begins to perform badly. But bad as they undoubtedly are, it is not uncommon to have one run for more than a year without a complaint.

P. R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

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*E. J. Fabie  
S. J. Seely  
Cont. Hines*

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to the Board of Fire Underwriters. The clause of the report in regard to improvements in striker parts for fire alarm bells is referred to Controller Hines for report.

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS.

Heber Hartlen	contract for delivery of stone	\$324.72
Cook Construction Co & Wheaton Bros.	contract for building the North West Arm Bridge	\$16,534.10
J. C. Calder & Co.	contract for cement	2,584.46

The Board adjourned.

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

*R. Fred Wray*  
CITY CLERK.