

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

May 2nd, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10.20 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor, A. C. Hawkins, M. D., and Controller Taylor, Finlay, Hines and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

War Veteran's Church Parade.
Sanitary Inspector, F. C. Craig.
Hack and Motor Cab Fares.
Fire Alarm System.
Ferrying Privileges.
Recall of City Engineer Doane.
Military Patrol of Devastated Area.
Fire Department.
Motor Trucks.
Fire Department-Hose Tenders.
Fire Department-Reorganization.
Provincial Highways Tax.
Isolation Hospital.-City Home Property.
Workmens Compensation Act Assessments.
Street Cleaning.
Loan \$10,000.00 from Relief Commission.
Overdue Taxes.
Water Supply-Military Huts on Common.
Police Accounts.

WAR VETERAN'S CHURCH PARADE.

Read invitation to His Worship the Mayor and members of the City Council, as follows:-

All Saints Cathedral,
May 1st, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council.

Dear Sirs:-

The first church parade of the Great War Veteran's Association of Halifax will take place on Sunday next, May 5th at the above Cathedral, at eleven o'clock.

The unique nature of the occasion has suggested to the Cathedral Authorities that you might desire to attend in company with the City Council and Board of Control

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A reply is requested either by note or telephone so that seats may be reserved.

Yours very Truly,

J. P. D. Llyd.
Dean.

The invitation is accepted by the members of the Board and copies ordered to be forwarded to the members of the City Council.

The Secretary is instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the invitation and to inform The Very Reverend Dean Llwyd of the action of the Board.

SANITARY INSPECTOR F. C. CRAIG.

Read account F. C. Craig \$467.75 for pay for special services as a Sanitary Inspector for the City Health Board.

Referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion as to whether a member of the City Health Board can legally be paid for services as an employee of the Board.

HACK AND MOTOR CAB FARES.

Read petition of Hackmen for increase in fares, as follows:-

Halifax N. S., May 1st, 1918

To The Committee on Cabs
and Board of Control.

We the undersigned Taxi-cab owners of the City of Halifax, find it impossible to operate our cars at the present scale of \$2.00 per hour for 5 passenger cars and \$25.00 per hour for 7 passenger cars. This fare being made when gasoline sold for .17¢ per gallon, where we are paying .40¢ today. Tires, Oils,

Members ✓
Council ✓

Letter ✓
Dean Llwyd ✓

City Solicitor ✓

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etc., have also increased materially.

We therefore ask that the ordinance be amended as follows;-

For cars hired by the hour 5 passenger car \$4.00 for the 1st hour and \$3.00 each succeeding one.

For 3 passenger cars \$4.00 per hour.

To and from any railway station, steamship office dwelling houses, the fare to be for each passenger-.75¢

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

Read report City Electrician re fire alarm boxes, as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,
May 1st, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor,
and Board of Control.

Dear Sirs:-

The following F. A. Boxes have been inspected and found in good working order.
No. 51, 5, 43, 4, and 312

P. R. Colpitt.
City Electrician/

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The City Electrician is instructed to make an inspection and report on the Fire Alarm Boxes at Ungars Laundry, at once.

The City Electrician is also instructed to inspect and report upon ^{all} the private Fire Alarm Boxes in City with recommendations as to the cost of maintenance of same, including boxes at the Nova Scotia Car Works.

Read report Chief of Fire Department re Fire Alarm from box 212, as follows:-

May 2nd, 1918.

Halifax, N. S. May 2ndm 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I have been requested to report on apparatus responding to different boxes on April 29th. Having investigated I found that the registers did not register correctly, some houses getting No. 211, some 212 and some 21, consequently responding to the call as they received it.

J. W. Churchill.
Chief. H. F. D.

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The Secretary is instructed to notify the City Electrician to leave word as to where he is going when he leaves the City Hall.

FERRYING PRIVILEGES.

Read ^{applications} ~~avocations~~ G. A. Holmes and John Barker for ferrying and boat/privileges near the foot of Hanover Street.

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

RECALL OF CITY ENGINEER DOANE.

Read letter Military Authorities, as follows:-

Militia And Defence,
April 30th, 1918

To-

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

Applicatin for return to Canada
Major Francis Wm. Whitney Doane.

Sir:-

The following cable has been received at Headquarters, Ottawa-

"Is return to Canada Major Francis William Whitney Doane imperative does not desire to return otherwise"

*Electrician ✓
Chief Fire ✓
Supt. ✓*

Carl Taylor ✓

*File
Recd
Supt*

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As this application was not made for military but for civic reasons, will you kindly advise as to the reply you wish sent?

W. E. Thompson, Colonel,
A. A. G., Mil. Dist. No. 6

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Hines that the City Clerk write the Military Authorities informing them that the City considers it an imperative necessity that Major Doane immediately return to his duties as City Engineer. Motion passed.

Letter
Col W E
Thompson ✓

MILITARY PATROL OF DEVASTATED AREA.

Read letter Military Authorities as follows:-

Militia and Defence,
30th April, 1918.

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

Sir:-

With reference to your letter dated the 29th instant, relative to the marginally noted subject, it is regretted that this request cannot be complied with, as the men composing this draft are under orders to proceed overseas at an early date, and the remaining time they have here must be devoted entirely to preparation.

There are no other men available for patrol duty in the Devastated Area.

W. E. Thompson, Colonel.
A. A. G., Mil. Dist. No. 6.

Copies of the correspondence between the City and the Military Authorities on this subject are ordered to be forwarded to the Relief Commission for its consideration.

Letter
Relief
Commission

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

May 2nd, 1918.

Office of Chief Fire Dept.
May 1st, 1918.

Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to leave to make the following report for the month of April, there having been 23 alarms of fire from the following causes; chimneys 9; defective flue 1, false 3, thawing out water pipes 2; pan of fat in oven 1, rubbish on fire 2; oil lamp upset 1; sparks setting fire to shingles on roof 1; overheated stove pipe 1; unknown 2;

Insurance at risk	\$80,000	
Loss by Insurance		\$ 36,941
Loss without Insurance		<u>5,000</u>
		\$ 41,941

Deaths.

That Albert Ward an employee of the Reconstruction Commission met his death in the King Edward Hotel Fire of March 30th.

Resignations.

That George Mann, hoseman on No. 4 Hose resigned February 16th., and Wm. Carroll Hoseman on No. 4 Hose resigned on March 29th.

A. W. Churchill,
Chief H. F. D.

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MOTOR TRUCKS.

On motion of Controller Taylor the City Solicitor is instructed to prepare such legislation or ordinance as may be necessary to impose a license fee of \$50.00 a year on Motor Trucks.

FIRE DEPARTMENT-HOSE TENDERS.

Read report Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department re tenders for the purchase of 2000 feet of 2½-inch Fire Hose, as follows:-

May 2nd, 1918.

City Hall, May 2nd, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

We beg to report that we have gone carefully over the specifications and tenders for Fire Hose and beg to report as follows:-

500 feet	Paramont.....	Lawrence Hardware Co	\$ 2.30	per ft
500 "	Multiple.....	Austen Bros.	1.25	
300 "	Keystone.....	Canadian Consoli- dated Rubber Co.	1.30	
300 "	Paragon.....	Gutta Percha Rubber Co.	1.30	
200 "	Goodyear.....	Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.	1.30	
200 "	King.....	Empire Rubber & Tire Co. (Stairs Son & Morrow)	1.25	

J. J. Hines,
Controller.
J. W. Churchill
Chief H. F. D.

*Cont. Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓*

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Referred to Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department for further report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION.

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

Office of Chief of Fire Department,
~~April~~ May 2nd, 1918.

Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg leave to make the following report in connection with the Paid Fire Department as follows:-

That James E. Keefe be appointed 1st Deputy Chief.

That Wm. Howley be appointed 2nd Deputy Chief.

And Joseph Fultz " " 3rd

" " That Matthew Young be appointed Chief Engineer.

That the following 31 names be added to the present permanent force;

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Thomas Strachan	A Druhan,	B. Horne
J. Kline	J. Jerrat,	G. Bishop
E. Brown,	T. Whelan	J. O'Brien/
A. Brunt,	G. Gallagher	J. Lloy
A. Clarke,	J. Bishop,	Wm. Bishop
J. Hoganson	H. Morrow,	J Brooks
A. Lynch	C. Hillier,	E. Stone
J. Eong,	D. Brown,	J. Sweeney
R. Beck,	J. Coady	C. Wickwire
J. Cochran	R. Walsh	T. Power
E., McIvor		

I also recommend that the present permanent force with the above names added would total 65 all ranks and that as our permanent department calls for 77 men, I would recommend that a sufficient number of call men be retained until such times as our permanent department can be completed .

Controller Hines,
John J. Chruchill,
Chief H. F. D.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Finlay that the report be adopted and forwarded to the City Council for approval

Moved in amendment by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Taylor that further consideration of the report be deferred until Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Amendment passed.

PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS TAX.

Read report Controller Finlay, as

follows:-

Halifax, N. S., May 2nd, 1918

His Worship Mayor Hawkins and
Members Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to report on the attached communication in re Provincial Highways Tax. The City Assessor returns the total assessment as \$38, 385.000

Sec. 11 Sub. Sec. 3 reads. The amount required to be raised in each City or incorporated Town under the provisions of the Section shall after deducting the cost of collecting the same be paid over the the

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Provincial Treasurer by the City or incorporated Town respectively, not late than the 30th day of June in each year, beginning with the year 1918, etc., Provided however the cost of collecting said Taxes shall not in any event exceed the rate paid by the City or Town after collecting other City or Town Taxes.

Our total assessment this year is \$1,016,000 and our salary list, directly connected therewith is \$44,920 I figure that the cost of collection is 4½%.

DEDUCTIONS.

On this amount \$38,385. @ 4½% \$1727.32
Our estimate provides 1% short collection \$ 383.85
Proportion of printing and Stationery involved \$ 152.00
Discount allowed if paid previous to July 31st. \$ 767.70
A total cost for collection of \$ 3,030.87
which should be deducted from gross amount so that the City will pay a net amount of \$35,354.13

The question at issue now is how much of this amount \$3,030.87 shall be collected and I would suggest that the amount rated shall be \$35,354.13 plus \$383.85 for short collection in all \$35,738.00

The same machinery which collects the \$1,016,000 can do the Road Tax and Printing and Stationery account will not bear anything much and the bank interest will be made up by the interest charged to accounts not paid by September 1st.

A. J. Finley,
CONTROLLER.

Approved and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL-CITY HOME PROPERTY.

Controller Hines complained that the Contractors building the Isolation Hospital on the City Home Property had not levelled of the ground after excavating for a drain

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The Secretary of the City Home is instructed to call the attention of the Relief Commission to the complaint.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT ASSESSMENTS.

Read account totalling \$739.95 chargeable to various apartments of the Works Department for 1917-18 and \$1519.50 chargeable to 1918-19 an account of assessment under the Workmen's Compensation Act. The accounts are passed for payment.

STREET CLEANING.

Read report Controller Murphy, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. May 2nd, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

We have succeeded, even at this early date, in having the streets in the business section of the City put in good shape. I think it desirable, in view of the condition of other streets, that we undertake regardless of expense involved, to have the earliest possible cleaning up made of the entire City.

In order to carry this through I would recommend that we undertake at once to secure the services of all men and teams available for this work; and I am accordingly arranging to have an advertisement inserted to the effect that the City is prepared to give employment to all men applying for this work, at the new scale of wage-30¢ per hour: also to take on all teams offering at the revised scale.

I consider this the only possible means of coping with the situation, Once we accomplish this complete clean-up, we will be in a position to keep the streets in shape during the balance of the season.

John Murphy,
CONTROLLER.

Approved.

Gas at Bygon

*Engineer
Council*

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LOAN \$10,000.00 FROM RELIEF COMMISSION.

Read letter Relief Commission, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., May 1st, 1918

City Treasurer,
City Hall, City.

Dear Sir:-

The extract from the City Council Meeting of April 25th which was received by the Commission on the afternoon of the 29th was considered at a meeting of the Commission held on the 30th, and it was decided that the Commission would advance \$10,000 at once, and the balance of the \$20,000 asked for at a later date.

The Commission assumes that you are getting your Bonds in definitive form, and expects to receive from you at an early date said securities to an amount approximating advances already made to the City of Halifax by the Relief Commission.

Cont. Finlay

Ralph P. Bell,
Secretary.

Referred to Controller Finlay for report.

OVERDUE TAXES.

Alderman Godwin appeared before the Board asking for a report from the City Collector under the following headings:

MEMO OF TAXES DUE CITY OF HALIFAX TO APRIL 1 9 1 8.

City.	County,	School and	Water	Personal	Remarks.			
	Poor Rates	- Rates.	- Rates.	Tax				
Owner:	No:	Street:	Year:	Amount:	Year:	Amt:	Year:	Amt:
:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
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Collector

Referred to the City Collector to comply with.

WATER SUPPLY -MILITARY HUTS ON COMMON.

Alderman Godwin informed the Board that notwithstanding the promise that the High Service

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Water Supply would not be furnished the Military Huts on the Common the work of installing the pipes is being proceeded with.

The Acting/^{City}Engineer in answer stated that it is the intention of the Military Authority to install Booster Pumps in order to force the water from the Low Service to serve these ^{temporary} Military buildings but that it will be from six to eight weeks before the pumps can be placed .

Engineer
The Engineer is instructed not to turn on the water from the High Service to these buildings and to inform the Military Authorities that it will be necessary for them to immediately procure Booster Pumps or other suitable appliances in order to enable them to utilize the Low Service System.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts chargeable to the Police Department are passed for payment:

Police Accounts.

E. W. McLeod	Drugs.	\$ 1.75
R. M. S. P. Co.	Transportation	15.50
Chronicle Publ Co.	Advertisements	6.27
Farquhar Bros.	Supplies	35
"	Amt. Acct. Ren.	44.75
Herald Halifax.	Advertisements	6.27
Munser Rubber Co.	Storm Coat & Cap	6.28
Tel & Tel. Co.	Monthly Acct.	18.59
Kennedy W. Y.	Oil Hats	2.25
Blackadar Bros.	Advertisement	6.20
Herald Halifax	"	6.27
Chief of Police	Laundry	1.24
Blackadar Bros.	Advertisement	5.85
		<u>\$121.57</u>

The Board adjourned.

L. Fred Monaghan
CITY CLERK.

MAYOR

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Current Overdraft \$316,210.00
Ferry and Boat landing privileges.
Relief Accounts.
Recall F. W. W. Doane, City Engineer.
Fire Department Tenders for Hose.
Fire Department Reorganization.
Water Bill #314 Barrington St. F. Hill;
Grafton St. Sewer-Bentley & Layton Ltd.
Queen Street-Water Extension.
Policeman Farmer-Suspended.
City Fuel Yard.
Queen St. Right of Way-Mrs. Margt. Buckley.
Water Department Estimates -1918-19
Damaging Trees and Dumping Rubbish on North Common
Damaging Trees and Theft of Flowers.
Acting Superintendent City Home-Jas. H., Dow.
Taxi-cab Fares.
Collection of Waste Paper.
Boys Setting Fire to Woods.
Patrol Woman-Mrs. E. M. Paint.
Advisory Relief Committee.
Street Line #180 Gottingen Street.
Relief Commission.

CURRENT OVERDRAFT \$316,210.00

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 \$1,054,036.00

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Halifax do forthwith borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada the sum of \$316,210.00 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

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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.

Council ✓

The Resolution is put and past and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for approval

FERRY AND BOAT LANDING PRIVILEGES, CHAS. DUGGAN, JR

Cont. Taylor ✓

Read application Chas. Duggan Jr. for Ferry and Boat Landing privileges at the foot of Hanover Street.

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

RELIEF ACCOUNTS.

Read letter Rhodes Curry Company Limited asking for information as to the likelihood of the date on which they may receive settlement from the City of an account for materials supplied for the explosion.

Rhodes Curry Co ✓

The Secretary is instructed to inform Rhodes Curry Company that the City is still negotiating with the Relief Commission in connection with overdue accounts and that it is expected that a settlement will be arrived at in a few days.

RECALL OF F. W. W. DOANE-CITY ENGINEER.

Read letter Military Authorities, as follows:-

Militia And Defence,
4th May, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter dated the 3rd instant relative to return to Canada of

May 6th, 1918.

Major Francis Wm. Whitney Doane, City Engineer, and in reply would say that the information contained therein has been forwarded to Headquarters, Ottawa with a request that this matter be brought to the attention of Major Doane, and if he is willing and can be spared, he be returned to Canada.

As soon as a reply is received, you will be advised.

W. E. Thompson, Colonel.
A.A.G., Mil. Dist. No. 6

Filed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TENDERS FOR HOSE.

Read report Chief of Fire Department and Controller Hines re tenders for Hose, as follows:

City Hall, May 6th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

We beg to report that we have received the following tenders on 2000 ft. of 2½-inch Fire Hose;

Gutta Percha & Rubber Co. Ltd. per A.D. Smith Mgr.

Maltese Cross	400 lbs.	3 yrs.	\$1.35	Rubber covered.
	pressure	guarantee		
Crescent	400 "	3 "	1.20)	
Eureka	400 "	3 "	1.40)	Cotton Rubber
Paragon	400 "	3 "	1.30)	
Red Cross	400 "	3 "	1.20)	Lined
Helmet	350 "	2 "	.95)	

The Goodyear Tire & Tubber Co of Canada Ltd.
Thos. McNally, Agent.

Goodyear	400 lbs.	3 yrs.	\$1.30)	Cotton
double Jacket	pressure	guarantee		
Reliable "	400 "	3 "	1.20)	Rubber Lined.
Magnet Multiple	400 "	3 "	1.20)	
Surety Double	400 "	3 "	1.10)	
Jacket	400 "	3 "		

Empire Rubber & Tire Co. H. Camp Manager. Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow.

King	400 lbs	3 yrs.	\$1.15)	Cotton Rubber Lined.
	pressure	Guarantee		

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Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co. Ltd. F.F. Davis, Mgr.

Keystone	400 lbs.	3 yrs.	\$1.30	} Cotton rubber lined
	pressure	Guarantee		
Patrol	400 "	3 "	1.20	
Squelcher	400 "	3 "	1.20	

Austin Bros. Ltd.

Multiple	400 lbs.	3 yrs	\$1.25	} Cotton rubber lined.
	pressure	Guarantee		

The Lawrence Hardware Co. Ltd. H. G., Lawrence Mgr.

Bay State	400 lbs.	3 yrs	\$1.50	} Cotton Rubber Lined
	pressure	guarantee		
Paramont	400 "	3 "	1.30	
Winner	400 "	3 "	1.15	

Dunlop Tire & Rubber Goods Co. Ltd. per W.H. Thackeray.

Dunlop White	400 lbs.	3 yrs.	\$ 1.25	} Cotton Rubber lined
	pressure	guarantee		
Dunlop Grey	400 "	3 "	1.25	
Imperial	400 "	3 "	1.20	
Niagara	400 "	3 "	1.20	
Cataract	400 "	3 "	1.10	
Globe	350 "	2 "	.95	

Jno. Birch & Co. Ltd. F. C. Horwood Agent.

No samples specification or prices.

We have gone over the above tenders carefully also the specifications and samples, therewith, and will recommend as follows:-

500 feet	Paramont...	Lawrence Hardware Co.	\$1.30	perft.
500 "	Multiple....	Austin Bros.	1.25	"
300 "	Keystone....	Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co.	1.30	"
300 "	Paragon	Gutta Percha Rubber Co.	1.30	"
200 "	Goodyear...	Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.	1.30	"
200 "	King.....	Empire Tire & Rubber Co. (Stairs Son & Morrow)	1.15	

Respectfully submitted,
Controller J. Hines

J. W. Churchill,
Chief H. F. D.

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Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Finlay that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Controller Murphy that the whole order of 2000 feet of hose required, to be ~~purchased~~ placed with one firm the hose to be purchased to be the best brand that the Chief of the Fire Department can recommend.

The amendment is not seconded. The original motion is put and passed, Controller Murphy dissenting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION.

The report of Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department re the reorganization of the Fire Department submitted at meeting May 2nd and consideration of which was deferred is again taken up.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Finlay that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

WATER BILL #814 BARRINGTON STREET.-F. HILL.

Read complaint F. Hill, 3 Cogswell Street of excessive charge for ^{water} ~~that~~ property #814 Barrington Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

GRAFTON STREET SEWER-BENTLEY & LAYTON LIMITED

Read complaint Bentley & Layton Limited of damage caused through an old sewer on Grafton Street running parallel with their cellar.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

Council ✓

Council ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

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QUEEN STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read application J. L. Delaney for water extension Queen Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

POLICEMAN FARMER SUSPENDED

Controller Taylor reports that Policeman Farmer has been suspended pending an investigation to be held.

CITY FUEL YARD.

Read letter Canadian Government Railways re accounts against the City for demurrage on coal cars, as follows:-

Canadian Government Railways,
Halifax, N. S., May 3rd, 1918.

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

Dear/Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 25th ult. with reference to demurrage charges which we hold against the City and beg to advise you that this matter has been referred to our Comptroller and Treasurer at Moncton to be dealt with.

J. McGrath,
Act. F. A.

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QUEEN STREET RIGHT OF WAY-MRS. MARGARET BUCKLEY.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
May 6th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I am asked to make a further report on deeding a piece of City property on Queen Street for a right of way to property of Mrs. Margaret Buckley.

Engineer ✓

*Cont. Taylor ✓
Chief of Police ✓*

*Engineer ✓
Chief of Works ✓*

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On the 22nd of April I reported that I could see no objection to giving a lease of the proposed right of way on certain terms and conditions, among others, that the City should cancel the lease at any time on giving three months notice. Mr. Buckley, I understand, objects to this clause and wished either a deed in fee simple or a permanent right of way over the strip.

c In dealing with this matter, it must be remembered as a reference to the plan will show that the property to which access is required, abuts and joins a property fronting on Victoria Road owned by the same person, and therefore the property as a whole, fronts on Victoria Road, and access can be had to that Street.

The matter of disposing of a portion of this lot is one of plicey. At the present time the City is not using the land, but, as stated in by former report, owing to the changes taking place in this end of the City it is possible that the property may be required in the near future for City use.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Moved by Controller Murphy that the a common right of way 15 feet wide over the north end of the lot be opened in accordance with the recommendation of the Acting City Engineer in his report dated April 22nd, 1918 see Board of Control Minutes, page 1006 eliminating from said report the provisions for three months notice for cancellation of the lease, and that the City engineer and City Solicitor draft and submit to this Board a form of agreement to be entered into between the City and Mrs. Buckley.

WATER DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES-1918-19.

The Estimates for the Water Department up 1918-19 are again taken/for consideration, see Board of Control Minutes April 25th pages 1023-1027.

Council ✓

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Controller Finlay submits the following report which is ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for its information, along with the Estimates:

Halifax, N. S. April 29th, 1918

To His Worship the Mayor
and
Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

I want to say that in the Department over which I have control the Water Accounts are kept separate from all others City Accounts, such as City Auditor's, City Treasurer's and City Collector's and Controller Murphy should know if they are kept separate in his. If they are, then why seek to entail extra officials upon an overburdened taxpayer, for the sake of two accounts?

ENGINEER. During the first term of the Board of Control, on motion of Controller O'Connor and Hoben, the City Engineer was requested to divide his staff for special work. He named Mr. Johnson for Water and Permanent Sidewalk; Mr. McCleave, for Sewers and Incinerator; Mr. Lynch for General Work while the City Engineer would have general supervision, so that there should be now, an Engineer in charge of the Water Department unless that motion is not acted upon since Mr. Doane went overseas.

Controller Murphy wants the City Engineer to recommend a special Engineer. WHAT THEN? Will he be a power unto himself, or will he be obliged to make his report to the City Engineer? If not then Sec. 3., and numerous sections of the City Charter must first be changed because I do not think that F. W. W. Doane is the man to rubber stamp any Engineer's report unless he agrees and the City Engineer, under section 566 is the only recognized authority.

Our Engineering Staff will cost the City this year, nearly \$9,500 and there should be among them One at least, capable of successfully solving the Water trouble without another being appointed. The Water Estimates submitted are now changed with \$3,860. for Engineers.

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ACCOUNTANT. All expenditures must have the check mark of the Clerk of Works or City Engineer and be countersigned by Controller Murphy, himself before being passed by the Board of Control and the City Council and then rechecked by the City Auditor before payment. Cannot Controller Murphy trust himself to see that nothing is put over on him without a special account-- and and staff?

AUDIT. I want the opinion of the City Solicitor on the audit at this point, as it is in direct conflict with Sec. 326, City charter and Sec 1.4.6. ordinance on duties of City Auditor. This work has hitherto been done by the present staff and with the work on the devastated area taken over by Bill 82, I cannot see any reason for extra officials as there are only two accounts involved and these were audited by the City Auditor up to April 1st, 1918.

With the knowledge that nearly \$15,000 has been expended on meters during the last three years, with the addition to the low service of the vast consumption hitherto supplied to the Sugar Refinery, (now removed) and in view of the admission drawn from Controller Murphy by Alderman Kelly, at the last meeting of Council that the Pitometer in the restricted area, which it was testing revealed that 900.00 gallons had been daily waisting on the low service, would it not be of more practical value to reduce the water meter appropriation one half, and use the balance of \$3,000 in addition to the \$4,000 proposed for extra officials, for an extended survey by Pitometer tests, of the high service for the single puprose of providing water for Willow Park by the detection of the supposed leaks in the main of that district, or proving absolutely that the trouble exists from another cause than leakage.

A. J. Finlay,
Controller.

The various appropriations in the Estimates are taken up and considered item by item, and passed, with exception of the item "Contingencies" \$5,400.86 which was amended, as below.

His Worship the Mayor objected to the following increases in salary;

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Assistant City Engineer, Contingent return of Engineer Doane; Engineer DeWolfe, Clerk of Works, Assistant Clerk of Works, City Collector \$200 (subject to opinion of City Solicitor), 1st Clerk Collector's Office, Superintendent Water Department, Meter Foreman and Meter Readers.

The item "Contingencies" is amended to read as follows:

"Contingencies" including \$1800. for a Pitometer for Pitometer survey of the High Service and \$1000. for a special survey of the Devastated District - \$5,400.86

A motion by Controller Finlay that the item Contingencies be placed at \$1100. is not seconded

DAMAGING TREES AND DUMPING RUBBISH ON NORTH COMMON.

Read report Superintendent of Public Gardens, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. May 6th, 1918

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of Board of Control.

Sir:-

I beg to call your attention to complaints from citizens, with regard to children destroying trees on the South Common by climbing and swinging and breaking branches on same.

Also to the dumping of broken glass and other material by unknown parties. The Tramway Company has used the commons this past winter for the dumping of snow carted from the streets the procedure has been kept up ever since by the dumping of offensive rubbish by unknown parties.

Richard L. Power,
Supt. of Public Gardens.

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Copies of the report are ordered to be forwarded to the Relief Commission and the Chief of Police and the City Engineer.

DAMAGING TREES AND THEFT OF FLOWERS.

Read letter W. R. Morton of destruction of trees, plants, flowers and lawns by boys and theft of flowers.

Copies of the letter are ordered to be forwarded to the Chief of Police and the Board of School Commissioners.

ACTING SUPERINTENDENT CITY HOME -J. H. DOW.

On motion of Controller Hines the Secretary is instructed to write James H. Dow who has been temporarily acting as Superintendent of the City Home during the illness of the Superintendent J. B. ^J Mulcahy informing him that since the appointment of Mr. Buchanan as Superintendent his services will ^{be} no longer required and to acknowledge to Mr. Dow on behalf of the Board the appreciation of the City for the services rendered by him.

TAXI -CAB FARES.

Read protest G. A. Mitchell against increasing the fares for Taxi-cabs.

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

COLLECTION OF WASTE PAPER.

Read letter Capt. John Hicks suggesting a means of collecting waste paper flying about the streets by the employment of children for the purpose.

RP Bell ✓
Chief of Police ✓
Engineer ✓

Chief of Police ✓
School Board ✓

Letter ✓
Jas H Dow ✓
Jas A Bryson ✓

Cont Taylor ✓

May 6th, 1918.

The Secretary is instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the communication and to inform Captain Hicks that his suggestion will receive consideration by the Board.

Capl. Hicks ✓

BOYS SETTING FIRE TO WOODS.

Read complaint Captain John Hicks of boys setting fire to Marlborough Woods.

*Chief of Police
Capl. Hicks ✓*

A copy of the letter is ordered to be forwarded to the Chief of Police and the Secretary instructed to inform Captain Hicks that his letter will be given every attention.

PATROL WOMAN MRS. E. M. PAINT.

Read account Mrs. E. M. Paint Patrol Woman for \$31.00 for car fares, from November 1st, 1916 to May 1st, 1917.

Mrs E. M. Paint ✓

The Secretary is instructed to inform Mrs. Paint that before her account can be considered she would have to have it certified by the former Chief of Police.

RELIEF
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that in his opinion that the Advisory Committee appointed under the last administration had too unwieldly a membership and that he proposed to nominate at the City Council's meeting a smaller Committee to consist of the Mayor, Controller Finlay and Aldermen Godwin and Parker .

The recommendation of His Worship the Mayor is approved.

STREET LINE #180 GOTTINGEN STREET.

The City Solicitor is requested to submit

May 6th, 1918.

Solicitor ✓
in writing information as to the "Stated Case" he proposed to bring before the Supreme Court in connection with the disputed Street Line at property of James Godwin, #180 Gottinga St.

RELIEF COMMISSION.

Read correspondence between the Relief Commission Committee and His Worship the Mayor as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. April 30th, 1918

Dr. A. C. Hawkins,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr., Mayor:-

I desire to convey to you an expression of the good will of my fellow commissioners and myself upon your taking office as Mayor of the good City of Halifax.

We all realize the difficulty of your work at this crisis, and we desire to tender to you our hearty co-operation in everything that will assist the restoration of the City and its good government generally.

We wish you would at the earliest possible moment after assuming the duties of office, meet with us informally and discuss the matters of future interest, so that we can get off to a good start. There is no reason whatever, as far as the undersigned, can see why the Commission and the City Council cannot completely harmonize their work and co-operate without any friction whatever.

Believe Me,
Yours faithfully,
T. S. Rogers,
Chairman.

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City Hall, Halifax, N. S.,
May 2nd, 1918.

T. S. Rogers, Esq., K. C.,
Chairman, Halifax Relief Commission,
City.

Dear Mr. Rogers:-

I received your communication of April 30th., I thank you very much for your expression of good-will also your fellow Commissioners, upon my taking office as Mayor.

May 6th, 1918.

I have a keen appreciation of the difficulties of my office at the present time and, personally, my intention is to co-operate with your Commission in its work of restoration of the City.

I am informed that there is an advisory Committee, appointed by my predecessor in office. Whether the personnel of that Committee will continue the same in the future, I will be able to inform you in a few days. I think it wise in discussing matters of interest with your Commission, informally or otherwise, that this Committee should be present with as a body, so that all can be familiar at first hand with any policy that you may lay down regarding your work.

A. C. Hawkins,
MAYOR.

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Halifax, N. S. May 4th, 1918.

Dr. A. C. Hawkins,
Mayor, City of Halifax.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

I have to acknowledge your letter of May 2nd, and to express the appreciation of this Commission for the sentiments you convey to us. We all realize that your duties under the present circumstances are of the most arduous character, and we desire the co-operation of yourself, the Board of Control and the Aldermen and the City Officials.

Immediately upon our appointment last winter we met the City Council, and asked for the appointment of an Advisory Committee. While its personnel was, of course left to the City we suggested the Mayor, two Controllers, and two Aldermen, the latter so that the affected district would be represented, and the committee not too large.

We entirely agree with you that in discussing matters of mutual interest your committee should be present and act as a body and its personnel is a matter entirely for you and your associates. We shall be happy to co-operate with any duly authorized committee, or body representing the City at any time.

There are now pending some problems of great importance, and it would we believe be useful to have a conference at an early date and at such hour and place you may decide upon.

T. S. Rogers,
Chairman.

May 6th, 1918.

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PERSONAL.

Mayor A. C. Hawkins,
City Hall,
City.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

I have to go away to Ottawa tomorrow, and I have been so pressed for time, that I have not been able to look into the motor situation, but our disposition would be to help the City in its cleaning up process. I have spoken to Mr. Bell, the Secretary about this matter and have asked him to take it up in my absence and endeavor to arrange with you. We will keep account of the expense incurred, just as you appear to be doing in case of claims you allege as against the Commission. When adjustments have to be made I am sure that a spirit of fairness will be exhibited both by this Commission and the city government.

I have to thank you personally for the interview of yesterday and the cordial expression of your intention to help the Commission.

Yours truly,

T. S. Rogers,
Chairman.

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The Board adjourned.

MAYOR.

L. Fred McLaughlin
CITY CLERK.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL,

May 6th, 1913.

The Board of Control met this evening at 11.15 o'clock ; present His Worship the Mayor & Controllers Finlay, Hines and Murphy.

WATER DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES.

The Board met to consider items of the Water Department Estimates referred back by the City Council for further consideration.

Assistant City Engineer's Salary.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Murphy that the recommendation of the City Council that the salary of the Assistant City Engineer be placed at \$3000.00 be concurred in.

The motion being put Controllers Hines and Murphy voted for it and Controller Finlay and His Worship the Mayor against it.

Superintendent Water Department Salary.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Hines that the recommendation of the City Council that the salary of the Superintendent of the Water Department be placed at \$1550.00 be concurred in. Motion passed.

Meter Reader's Salaries.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Finlay that the recommendation of the City Council that the salaries of the four Water Meter Readers be placed at \$1032.00 each be concurred in. Motion passed.

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Water Department Contingent Account.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Hines that the recommendation of the City Council that the Water Department Contingent Account be placed at \$3800.86 be concurred in. Motion passed Controller Murphy dissenting.

Meter Rentals.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Finlay that this Board report to the City Council that they will within thirty days make a recommendation to the Council fixing a minimum rate for use of water, the said rate to be applied to accounts for water for the last six months of the present Civic year. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned .

At 11.35 o'clock the Board again met on the floors of the Council Chamber and agreed to the City Council's recommendation that the salary of the Assistant City Engineer be \$3000.00 from the appropriation for the salary of the City Engineer during the latter's absence from duty.

The Board adjourned.

L. Fred Mowbray

CITY CLERK.

MAYOR.

Council ✓
(Verbal)

Council ✓
(Verbal)

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

May 7th, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

High Service Water Supply.
Street Traffic Regulations.
Policemen-Leave of Absence.
Pay of Fireman of Military Duties.
Interest on Money Borrowed from Relief Commission
Motor Trucks-Relief Commission.
Relief Advisory Committee.
Fire Alarm System-Private Boxes.
City Home Report for April.
City Home Accounts.

HIGH SERVICE WATER SUPPLY.

Charles Pickford and E. A. Saunders again appeared before the Board complaining of lack of Water Supply at Willow Park and demanding that all institutions and other buildings in the low service district now being supplied with water from the High Service be cut off from the High Service.

The City Clerk is instructed to write to the Honorable Commissioner of Works and Mines strongly urging him to expediate the matter of installing pumping appliances in the Victoria General Hospital and informing him that whether such arrangement is made or not the Hospital will be cut off from the High Service within six weeks from date of receipt of such communication.

The Secretary is also instructed to forward

Handwritten notes:
Letter - Hon
EH Amundson
Letter
Hospital
Commissioner
May 10/18.

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a copy of such letters to the Victoria General Hospital.

STREET TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

Alderman Gillis appeared before the Board urging a strict enforcement of the recently enacted Street Traffic Ordinance and requesting that a proclamation be advertised in the news-papers calling attention to the clause relating to the Parking of cars, Speeding in congested areas, Head lights and other matters.

On motion of Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines the suggestion is concurred in.

POLICEMEN LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Policeman Henry Lawlor and James R. Martin are given leave of absence on the usual conditions to enlist for overseas service.

PAY OF FIREMEN ON MILITARY DUTY.

The matter of paying Firemen ~~working~~ serving on Military Duty is referred to Controller Hines for report.

INTEREST ON MONEY BORROWED FROM RELIEF COMMISSION.

Read letter Relief Commission, as follows:-

Halifax Relief Commission,
May 6th, 1918.

Dr. A. C. Hawkins.
-Mayor-
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Hawkins:-

You wished me to write you as to the advances proposed to be made by the Relief Commission to the City against its Bonds as collateral.

Records ✓
mail ✓
Echo ✓
all Gillis ✓
Mayor ✓

Chief of Police ✓

Cont-Hines ✓
Chief Fire ✓
Depl ✓

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Under the policy the Commission has to adopt under the Government's order in Council we are not in a position to say that schools or city property would be entitled to a share of the relief funds, but if at a later date it turns out that they can participate in such funds then, of course, the interest on any monies borrowed for repairs will have to be rebated by the Commission, or what is the same thing interest would be allowed on the amount of money expended for repairs.

This I thought was made sufficiently clear to Controller Finlay and Treasurer Hopewell the other date, but if not this letter will, I hope, be satisfactory.

T. S. Rogers,
Chairman.

Receipt of the communication is ordered to be acknowledged and the letter filed.

MOTOR TRUCKS -RELIEF COMMISSION.

Read letter Chairman Relief Commission relating to use of Relief Commission Motor Trucks to assist the City in cleaning up, as follows:-

Halifax Relief Commission,
May 6th, 1918.

Mayor A. C. Hawkins,
City Hall, City.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

I have to go away to Ottawa tomorrow, and I have been so pressed for time that I have not been able to look into the motor situation, but our disposition would be to help the City in its cleaning up process. I have spoken to Mr. Bell the Secretary about this matter, and have asked him to take it up in my absence and endeavor to arrange the matter with you. We will keep a count of the expense incurred just as you appear to be doing in case of claims you allege as against the Commission. When adjustments have to be made I am sure that a spirit of fairness will be exhibited both by this Commission and the City government.

I have to thank you personally for the

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for the interview of yesterday and the cordial expression of your intention to help the Commission.

T. S. Rogers,

Chairman.

Referred to the City Engineer.

RELIEF ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The City Clerk is instructed to notify the Relief Commission of the appointment of a new Relief Advisory Committee and asking the Commission to appoint an early date for a conference between the Commission and the Advisory Committee.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM-PRIVATE BOXES

Read report City Electrician, as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,
May 6th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor
And Board of Control.

Dear Sirs:-

Referring to your instructions for a report on the Fire Alarm equipment at Ungar's Laundry, and similar privately owned apparatus in the City. I beg to report as to Ungar's Laundry, that there was nothing wrong with the box, the trouble being in the auxiliary equipment used for operating the box from different parts of the building; and all that was wrong with it, was failure of the local battery.

These batteries are ordinary type, and can be easily procured and installed by anyone, the difficulty is in knowing when they should be renewed. To overcome this, I have always tested the privately owned boxes monthly, as regularly as those owned by the City, and with the exception of the Intercolonial Railway and Dockyard, where men are employed for the purpose, I test the local batteries by pulling the main box from an auxiliary station, and if the batteries or other part of the equipment is found defective, the owner is notified

Engineer ✓

Letter
T. S. Rogers ✓

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and usually the matter is attended to in the same way as a defective door bell or electric light viz; by employing an electrician to do the necessary work.

As to the annual cost of maintaining this service, I do not think it would be possible to give an estimate that would be at all close, because of the uncertainty of battery life, and the time and material necessary to maintain other parts of the system. The cost might vary \$3.00 to \$35.00 or even more in some cases.

The following is a list of privately owned boxes and auxiliary equipment.

Deep Water Ter.	1.	box and Auxiliary.
Ungars Laundry	1	" " "
Tram Co.	1	" " "
V. G. Hospital	1	box only
School for Blind	"	"
N. S. Car Works	1	" "
Cotton Factory	1	" "

I have had the batteries renewed at Ungars Laundry.

P. R. Colpitt,

City Electrician.

The City Electrician is instructed to regularly inspect all private boxes and to maintain the same in good working order and *charge* report any cost incurred to the owners of the premises, such owners to be advised accordingly.

Controller Hines is requested to obtain from the City Electrician an estimate of the approximate cost of new Fire Alarm Boxes and Punch Registers required.

Read reports (2) City Electrician on Fire Alarm Boxes, as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,
May 3rd, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Dear Sirs:-

The following F. A. Boxes have been

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inspected and found in good working condition.
No. 36, 17, 15, 23, 21.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

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City Electricians Office,
May 6th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Dear Sirs:-

I beg to report that the following
F. A. Boxes have been tested, and found in
good working condition.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

Filed.

CITY HOME REPORT FOR APRIL.

Read report City Home for the month
of April showing the number of inmates at
the end of the month to be 295. Filed.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS.

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

N. S. Hospital	Maintenance	\$45.00
" "	"	45.00
" "	"	45.00
" "	"	45.00
Gunn & Co. Ltd.	Flour	235.25
Wentzells Ltd.	Groceries	596.13
H. L. Williston	Meat	547.43
Wm. Rogers	Milk	171.00
Smith & Proctor	Butter	240.68
Fordham & Co.	Leather	6.80
Buckley Coal Co.	Coal	142.31
W. Y. Kennedy	Dry Goods	42/47
F. W. Fraser	Feed	67.14
Davis & Fraser	Mess Park	104.50
A. Wilson & Co.	Fresh Fish	70.65
Fleischman Co.	Yeast	3.90
V. C. Hospital	Medicine	41.68
N. S. Tram Co.	Light	37.13
Hillis & Sons Ltd.	Iron Work	280.66
" "	Sundry Furn.	5.15
Mar. Tel. & Tel.	Telephone	7.50

*Chris Fair
Supl.
Electrician ✓*

James W. Brown ✓

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City of Halifax	Water Rates	500.00
Alfred Carter	Repairs	95
S. A. Marshall	Plastering	27.00
Brockfield Bros.	Lime	4.00
Baldwin & Co.	Crockery ware	2.93
H. McFatriage	Vet. Services	15.00
"	Horse shoeing	4.25
Blackadar Bros.	Advertising	12.40
Halifax Herald	"	10.43
Chronicle Pub. Co.	"	10.45
Jas. Simmonds Ltd.	Sundry Fixing	4.60
J. McD. Taylor	Insect Powder	1.20
Dr. Fraser Harris	Lunacy Certificate	5.00
B. J. Mulcahy	Cash expended	41.37
Salaries	Pay Sheet April	996.80
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		\$4418.76
N. S. Hospital	Maintenance	2120.70
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		\$6539.46

The Board adjourned.

MAYOR.

L. Fred Monaghan

CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

May 9th, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Hack, Omnibus, and Motor Hack Licenses.
City Prison Escape of Prisoner-Underkeepers.
Nova Scotia Car Works Indebtedness to City.
Policeman G. W. Farmer.
Willow Street Water and Sewer Extension.
Oiling of Streets.
Sewers.
Cash Statements City Treasurer.
Fire Alarm Boxes.
Fire Department.
Removal of Paper.
Public Schools Hours.
Green Market.
Fire Hose Tenders.
Tenders for Lumber.
F. C. Craig Account for Services.
Street Railway Service.
Union of Canada Municipalities.
City Prison Monthly Report.
Repairs City Home.
North West Arm Sewer-Oakland Road to Chain Rock.
Explosion Accounts.
Accounts.

HACK, OMNIBUS, AND MOTOR HACK LICENSES.

Controller Taylor submits schedule of applications for Licenses, as follows:-

Hack	20 Applications.
Omnibus	2 "
Motor Hack	108 "

On motion of Controller Taylor it is decided to grant the 20 Hack Licenses applied for and the 2 Omnibus Licenses applied for on the usual conditions subject to passing inspection.

The list of applications for Motor Hacks is referred to Controller Taylor for report.

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CITY PRISON ESCAPE OF PRISONER -UNDERKEEPERS.

Read report Governor of the City Prison re the escape of a prisoner and recommending the employment of the fourth underkeeper.
Filed.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS TO THE CITY.

Read letter re Nova Scotia Car Works Indebtedness to the City, as follows:-

McInnes, Jenks, Lovett, Fulton & Kenny,
Halifax, N. S. 8th May, 1918

The Board of Control.
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:-

On February 9th, 1917 a communication was sent to you by Canada Corporations, Limited with reference to the contention of that Company,- that it was entitled to recover from the City such amount as had been paid by it in excess of the amount for which the Nova Scotia Car Company and its purchasers were liable under the legislation contained in Chapter 41 of the Acts of 1911.

This matter has now been placed in our hands and we will be obliged if you will let us have an answer to said letter at an early date.

McInnis, Jenks, & Lovett.

Referred to Controller Finlay and the City Solicitor for report in writing at the Board's meeting on Thursday next.

POLICEMAN G.W. FARMER.

Read report Chief of Police charging misconduct on the part of Policeman G. W. Farmer.

Investigation of the report is deferred until 12 o'clock today.

WILLOW STREET WATER AND SEWER EXTENSION.

Read letter St. John's Presbyterian Church

*Cont Finlay ✓
Solicitor ✓
Deacon ✓*

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requesting sewer and water extension Willow Street.

Also read reports Acting City Engineer May 8th, 1918 and March 27th, 1914:

City Engineer's Office,
May 8th 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition from St. John's Church and a request from H. McC. Hart for a sewer in Willow Street between Windsor and Dublin Streets.

The sewer and water extension in this block was reported on in March 1914 and the report was adopted at a meeting of Council held on the 9th of April 1914. I am enclosing a copy of that report. It will be seen from it, that the City Engineer at that time recommended that the sewer and water systems be extended in the street when two houses were under construction, provided ~~houses-to-be~~ that all the owners signed an agreement to limit the value of the houses to be built, to a minimum price of \$3000. plans and specifications to be approved by the City, and that a building line 15 feet on each side of the street be established.

St. John's Church will extend nearer the street line than this 15 feet, and therefore I do not see how the sewer can be built under the original recommendation. At present, the church is the only building in the block, and it can be drained to the Windsor Street sewer. Last October a permit was issued for this connection and work was started, -but afterwards the trench was refilled, due I understand to the objection of Mr. Hart, who claimed ownership in Willow Street and refused to allow the church to proceed with the work.

I am informed that it is the intention to erect two more houses in this block, and I would recommend that the sewer and water be extended when two houses are under construction, provided the owners sign an agreement to carry out the original agreement with the exception of the building line.

The estimated cost of work is \$6.400
" sewer rates 2.800

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

May 9th, 1918.

Engineer ✓
The City Engineer is instructed to consult with St. John's Presbyterian Church in respect to the grading of Willow Street and report at next meeting.

OILING OF STREETS.

Committee ✓
Read letter Board of School Commissioners, as follows:-

Board of School Commissioners,
Halifax, N. S., May 7th, 1918

His Worship the Mayor.
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

Engineer ✓
At a meeting of the Board of School Commissioners held on Friday, May 3rd, it was resolved that the Board of Control be requested to have the streets oiled in the vicinity of the various City Schools.

S. J. Wilson,
Secretary.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

SEWERS .

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
May 8th, 1918

His Worahip the Mayor.
Sir:-

Committee ✓
Owing to the difficulty in securing labor we have only one sewer under construction- Chestnut Street from Jubilee Road to Watt Street. Leaving out the sewers that were opened on streets in the devastated district, there are, on the order paper at present, sewers in

Quinpool Road	Bloomingdale Terrace to Oxford Street
Preston Street	Watt Street southwardly
Chestnut Street	Cedar Street to Shirley St.
Beach Street	Quinpool Rd. to Chebucto Rd.

Three of these, the Quinpool Road, Chestnut

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Street and Beech Street sewers are urgently required in the interests of the health of the City, and I would recommend that I be authorized to advertise for tenders for these three sewers.

H. W. Johnston,

Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

CASH STATEMENTS CITY TREASURER?

Read Cash Statements City Treasurer for the month of May. Filed.

FIRE ALARM BOXES.

Read report City Electrician re Fire Alarm Boxes, as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,
May 7th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:☉

The following F. A. Boxes have been tested and found in good working condition.
No. 61, 6, 57, 95, 93, 63, and 58.

P. R. Colpitt.
City Electrician.

Filed.

Controller Hines reports that the Canadian Government Railways' Electrician was killed in the Explosion of December 6th and that the Railway's Fire Alarm Boxes have not been properly attended to since.

Referred to the City Electrician for immediate attention.

Controller Hines is authorized to obtain tenders for the purchase of six Fire Alarm Boxes destroyed in the Explosion of December 6th.

Council ✓

Council ✓

Electrician's
Cont. Hines ✓
clerk for Dept ✓

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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

Office of Chief Fire Department,
Halifax, N. S. May 8th, 1918.

Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg leave to make the following report for the month of April there having been 39 alarms of fire from the following causes: false 3; matches 1; chimneys 8; defective flue 3; grass setting fire 2; oil stove 2; unknown 1; tar pot 2; rubbish 2; fire on roof 1; bush fire 1; dumps 1; bedding 1; sparks from chimney setting fire to roof 2; grass fire 4; defective stove pipe 1; smoke backing down chimney 1; cigarettes setting fire to building 1; over heated stove pipe 1;

Insurance at risk \$155,000.00
Loss by insurance \$230.00
Loss without insurance 180.00
\$410.00

Overseas Service.

The following members of the department have reported to Military duty overseas: John Fultz, James Whelan, John Whelan and Wm. Richards.

J. W. Churchill,
Chief H. F. D.

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REMOVAL OF PAPER.

Read report Acting City Engineer re Removal of Paper, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
May 9th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

Under our regulations, paper is removed by the City carts when tied up tightly in bundles or placed in bags and tied up. For some time past, papers have been put out

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loosely in boxes and barrels and as a result the streets become littered with paper blowing about or disturbed by boys or others poking through them in search of junk, ect.,

Yesterday morning a very glaring example occurred on George Street. The Street had been flushed and was in a very clean and tidy condition early in the morning, and boxes of papers were put out and two or three boys upset a large quantity of the contents of the boxes, which blew around the street and made the latter look as though it had not been swept and cleaned for weeks.

This is not a new matter but has been going on for some time to the detriment of the appearance of the streets. Last year the Local Council of Women took all the paper at a warehouse, baled the same and shipped it away, at, I understand a considerable profit, which was used for war work. It seems wasteful, in view of the fact that paper has a value, to recommend that the property owners destroy the same, and in view of this fact, I would hesitate to recommend this means of disposal but there is absolutely no reason why the householders and shop keepers should not carry out the existing regulation and if they wish to have the paper removed by the City, tie the same up tightly in bundles or enclose it in proper receptacles which would prevent the loose paper scattering around the streets.

I would suggest that the Police Department be instructed to strictly enforce the provisions of the ordinance in this regard; and it would probably be some good to call upon the citizens generally, in their own interests, to carry out the existing law.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to the Chief of Police for attention and with a request that he instruct the members of the Police Force to carry out the Law.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS HOURS.

Read report Controller Murphy, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. May 9th 1918.

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

There seems to be a general feeling

Chief of
Police
Engineer

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That the hour of 8.30 at which the kindergarten and lower grade rooms now open, is somewhat too early and that it would be in the children's interest if same be made at least 9 o'clock.

I understand the session now lasts from 8.30 to 12.30. While this is a question which is entirely at the discretion of the School Board, it would seem to be rather a long time for the smaller children to be kept.

I would recommend that the matter be taken up with the School Board and that they be asked to give consideration to a change to not earlier than 9 o'clock and a possible shortening of the session to say 12 o'clock.

John Murphy,
CONTROLLER.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to the Board of School Commissioners for their consideration.

GREEN MARKET.

Read letter Board of Trade, as follows:-

Board of Trade, Halifax, N. S.
May 8th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I have been desired by the President and members of Council of this Board, to ask your favorable consideration towards having the temporary site occupied by the "Green Market" moved from its present location round the Post Office, to the block occupied by the Province Building.

The reason of this request is that the market situated where it is, is a nuisance on Saturday mornings- a day when most of our merchants are endeavoring to crowd a whole day's work into half a day, owing to the banks, etc., closing at twelve o'clock.

As the present position of the Market is temporary only, and will soon be moved back again to the Market building, we would ask that immediate steps be taken to carry out

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this suggestion.

Trusting this matter will receive your favorable consideration.

E. A. Saunders,
SECRETARY.

The City Engineer is instructed to have the City Market Building prepared as soon as possible for use for its proper purpose and to arrange if possible with the Relief Commission to rent a portion of the Building to them for storage purposes.

FIRE HOSE TENDERS.

The City Council having referred back to this Board for further consideration its report relating to Tenders for Fire Hose.

Controller Hines recommends that the former report of this Board be amended and that the Board recommend to Council 1000 feet of King Hose at \$1.15 per foot be purchased from Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow and 1000 feet of Winner Hose at \$1.15 per foot from the Lawrence Hardware Company. Approved.

TENDERS FOR LUMBER.

Read extract from minutes of City Council meeting April 29th, recommending that the Tenders of Brookfield Bros. for supplying of lumber be accepted. It is decided to report to Council concurrence in their recommendation.

F. C. CRAIG ACCOUNT FOR SERVICES.

Read opinion City Solicitor, as follows:-

City Solicitor,
May 6th, 1918.

Secretary Board of Control.
Dear Sir:-

As I understand the case upon which my
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Request reports, correspondence mentioned in minutes: archives[at]halifax.ca.

Engineer ✓
Secy Board ✓
S. Insole

Council ✓

Council ✓

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opinion is requested is the following:-

Mr. Craig was a member of the Board of Health. At a meeting of the Board Mr. Craig was appointed Plumbing Inspector. I am instructed that Mr. Craig took no part in his appointment; but withdrew from the Board while the matter was considered. He has performed the duties of the office and his account has been approved by the Board and set up for payment, and the question upon which I am now asked to pass is whether or not such payment can legally be made.

The disqualification sections of the City Charter, namely 21 & 25 have no application for the reasons, first because they relate exclusively to a mayor, a controller or an alderman, and secondly because they deal only with disqualifications on being elected or holding any one of those offices. There are no similar provisions in respect to membership of any Health Board.

Apart, however from the provisions of the City Charter there is a well-recognized principle of common law which in my opinion governs the case, namely that any contractual relation between a board discharging public duties and an individual member of that board is contrary to public policy and illegal. For an expanded statement of the law and numerous authorities I would refer to Dillon on Munic. Corp. 5th Ed. S. 72 & 73. Of the many cases referred to one appears to me so completely in point that I make the following more extended reference to it. The case being Beebe vs. Sullivan County in the Supreme Court of New York reported 64 Hon page 377 and confirmed by the Court of Appeals 142 N. Y. 631. The facts were that the Board of Supervisors of the County employed a member of their own Board to institute proceedings for the recovery of money due the Board. He took no part in the vote upon his own appointment or in the passage of his accounts rendered for services. An action was brought by a rate payer out of the County to restrain the Board from paying these services, and it was held that they were illegal and could not properly be paid. As the matter is of interest to the public I submit the following extract from the judgement of the Court:-

"At the time of his employment the defendant Anderson was a member of the Board of supervisors; they were the agents of the county of Sullivan and as such had no

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right to enter into contracts for their own benefit with their principal, the county of Sullivan. They are trustees and have no right to enter into contracts with each other at the expense of those for whom they are acting, and whose interests they are bound to guard and protect.

"The illegality of such contracts does not depend upon statutory enactments, they are illegal at common law. It is contrary to good morals and public policy to permit municipal officers of any kind to enter into contractual relations with the municipality of which they are officers. And this principle applies with particular force to members of a board like a board of supervisors, which not only makes the contract but subsequently audits the bill.

"But it is said that in the case before us the supervisor who was employed did not vote on the question of his own employment or upon the audit of his bill; that does not cure the evil; the influence upon fellow members is the same; his constituents are entitled to his judgement in making contracts, to his scrutiny in passing upon accounts, and to his unbiased and disinterested efforts in both; and he cannot make the violation or neglect of the duties he owes to his constituents the means of validating an otherwise illegal act; he cannot put off and on the garb of a public official, and discharge or refuse to discharge the duties of his trust at will and as best subserves his private interests. He is a part of the board of supervisors; its act is his act, and he cannot, as a supervisor, make a contract with himself as a private citizen."

Other cases cited are of the same effect and I think therefore the law is so clearly established that there can be no doubt that the appointment of Mr. Craig was illegal and that the account cannot be properly paid.

F. H. Beal,
City Solicitor.

Approved and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council.

STREET RAILWAY SERVICE.

Controller Hines complained of the unsatisfactory service given by the Street Railway Company.

*Council ✓
Lewis Dorey ✓
City Clerk ✓
Mayor ✓*

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UNION OF CANADA MUNICIPALITIES.

His Worship the Mayor submits an account
\$150.00 annual membership fee of the City
of Halifax to the Union of Canada Municipalities
together with the following communication:-

Union of Canadian Municipalities,
Montreal March 1st, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor
and Council,
Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

While presenting the enclosed account
for your annual subscription, the Executive
of the Union are fully aware of the Necessity
you feel, as guardians of public interest,
to curtail every unnecessary expense. The
Executive also believes that you as mun-
icipal men appreciate the benefits and pro-
tection obtained for all our municipalities
through the efforts of the Union.

The war has caused such an upheaval
of our civic and social life that new con-
ditions, new needs, and new problems
are evolving and being forced upon us. To
meet these new conditions it is essential
that the Cities and larger Towns should
co-operate through the Union for united
counsel and action.

Among the many problems pushing to
the front are the difficulties regarding
issuing of municipal debentures, which
can be solved by our municipal representatives
getting together and working with one mind.

Recently, through the offices of the
Union, the Fish Committee of the Food Con-
troller's Office, have been greatly helped
by the municipalities in their campaign for
increased consumption of fish. In other
ways also it has helped in organized
prosecution of the war. The revision of the
Railway Act of Canada has called for much
skilled effort on its part, respecting the
clauses regarding streets and telephones, power
and other companies.

The Union is the parliament of the
municipalities, and represents more
than half of the population of Canada. It
is the only Dominion-wide body serving this
purpose.

The Union of Canadian Municipalities
is of vital interest to you and your people

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It is your own representative body and is constantly serving you. It needs your co-operation, and your moral and financial support.

Council ✓

W. D. Lightham,
Hon. Sec-Treas. U. C. M.

The account is past for payment.

CITY PRISON MONTHLY REPORT.

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

REPAIRS CITY HOME.

*Cont. Hines ✓
re City Home ✓*

Controller Hines is authorized to obtain tenders for repairs to the living quarters of the Superintendent of the City Home.

NORTH WEST ARMSEWER - OAKLAND ROAD TO CHAIN ROCK.

Read ~~report~~ certificate Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
May 6th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:- Certificate #8.

I beg to recommend payment to the Cook Construction Co. Ltd., & Wheaton Bros. of the sum of thirteen thousand four hundred and twenty-three dollars and seventy-two cents. (\$13,423.82) on account on their contract for constructing the section of the North West Arm Intercepting Sewer between Oakland Road and Chain Rock.

Estimated value of work done \$100,941.50

Less 10% retained 10,094.15
\$ 90,847.35

Paid on certificates 1 to 7 77,423.63

Balance recommended \$ 13,423.72

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The Account is passed for payment.

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EXPLOSION ACCOUNTS.

The Clerk of Works submits accounts amounting to \$47.28 in connection with damage to City Property by the explosion.

The accounts are passed for payment when funds are available for the purpose.

ACCOUNTS.

Union of Canada Municipalities Membership fee \$150.00

City Prison Accounts.

J. J. Scriven & Sons.	Bread	\$29.19
W. I. Hubley & Co.	Groceries	73.87
G. C. Hartlen & Co.	Beef	228.85
Frank W. Fraser & Co.	Feed	65.15
A. L. Melvin & Co.	Hardware	9.70
Halifax Herald	Advertising	6.27
T. C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	5.10
Robert Taylor & Co.	Bootlaces	2.50
N. S. T & Power Co.	Current Acct.	4.05
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Rainnie & Keator	Insurance	1.24
Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Rental	6.55
John Starr & Co.	Electric Lamps	5.28
Dr. McFatrige	Services	30.00
" "	Horsekeeping	70
Irwin & Sons	Drugs	2.90
Technical College	Boots	26.25
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		\$301.29

Library Accounts.

A. M. Bell & Co.	Supplies	35
Bookroom	"	17.40
L. F. Barnaby	"	4.00
J. L. Connolly	"	15.84
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		\$37.59

General Accounts.

Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities		
Acct fee for 1918		94.00
St. Patricks Home Sruant Acct.		
Bal. old Acct.		6.74
St. Patrick's Home Truant Acct.		
For quarter ending May 1st, 1918		479.69
Halifax Industrial School Truants.		
For quarter ending May 1st, 1918		250.42
T. C. Allen & Co.	Stationery & Printing	
City Collector	\$14.45	
"	"	3.10

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	Liquor Inspector	\$2.10	
	City Assessor	27.65	
	City Clerk	91.60	136.90
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A. W. McKinlay Ltd.	Books		
	City Collector	3.90	
	" Treasurer	40	
	" Collector	1.50	
	" do	49.20	55.00
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London Rubber Stamp Co .	Dog Tax etc.,		85.35
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Halifax Herald	Advertising		
		20.08	
		6.27	
		5.01	
		23.38	
		6.68	
		41.02	
		16.75	119.19
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Blackadar Bros. Acadian Recorder	Advertising		
		4.65	
		34.40	
		13.75	
		40.30	
		3.45	
		4.65	101.20
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Dr. Finn Medical Examiner	Certificate of Death of		
	Martin Southall, Charles Faulkandam		
	Chalres McInnis, Albert Ward @ \$4.00 ea.		20.00
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United Typewriter Co.	Ribbon		2.00
British American Bank Note Co.	Bonds etc.		31.25
E. L Ruddy Co.	Posting Bills		24.00
E. M. Veith	Services for April		10.00
Kings Printer	Printing City Bills		43.00
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			\$1460.84

Fire Department Accounts.

N. S. Tram' Power Co.	Light	28.4
Blackadar Bros.	Advertising	4.5
W. & A. Moir	Supplies	38.45
Soulis Type. Co.	Rental	1.00
W. H. Isnor		1.00
R. N. McDonald	Groceries	32.10
Imperial Oil Co.	Oil	64.11
Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Rental	20.68
Ungars Laundry	Laundry	19.24
Buckley's Coal	Coal	253.31
T. C. Allen & Co	Stationery	75
A. Meagher	Services	22.10
Jas. Simmonds	Hardware	1.85
Maxwell's Ltd.	Clothing	152.00
Wm. Regan	Leather	4.00

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Cragg Bros.	Hardware	287.50
A. J. McNutt	Repairs	2.75
O. C. Marriott	Horseshoeing	10.00
Robert Horner	"	27.75
H. McFarridge	Vet. Services	39.21
F. Fraser	Feed	18.16
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		\$1008.95

Works Department.

Water Maintenance	\$2250.91
City Property	171.98
Internal Health	280.83
Teams & Stables	814.22
Fuel City Hall	168.60
Permanant Sidewalks	310.69
Telephones	87.26
City Hall Lighting	83.91
Streets	364.53
Sewerage	549.88
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	\$5052.65

Loan Widening Streets	30.65
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	\$5083.31

The Board adjourned.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK.

L. Fred McLaughlin

Council ✓

MAYORS ROOM, CITY HALL,

May 9th, 1918.

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

CIVIC OFFICIALS APPOINTMENT OF.

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

Assistant City Clerk	H. S. Rhind
Assistant City Engineer	H. W. Johnston
Clerk of Works	A. F. Messervey
Asst. Clerk of Works	Minnie Hunter
Foreman of Streets and Sewers	Jas. Downie.
Foreman of Water Department	D. J. McLean
Water Department Clerks, Collector's Office:	Jas. A. Laidlaw
	Margaret Hopewell
	J. W. Caldwell
Deputy Assessor	C. R. Rosborough
Clerks Assessor's Office	C. G. Corbett
	Hattie Doyle
City Electrician	P. R. Colpitt
Water Inspector	J. E. Burns
Governor of City Prison	George Grant
Matron City Prison	Mrs. Martha Grant
Underkeepers City Prison	A. E. Laurellard
	Harry Hunter
	Freeman White
	J. E. Lynch
Janitor City Hall	Mrs. J. E. Lynch
Matron Police Station	John H. Buchanan
Superintendent City Home	Mrs. Mary McDonald
Matron City Home	Jas. O'Bryan
Secretary City Home	John H. Grant
Engineer City Home	Wm. A. McKende
Surveyors of Lumber	Edward Gibson
	Carl Fox
Fence Viewers	Wm. T. Horton
Inspectors of Painter's Work	Frank Reardon
	Jas. Harrison
Inspector of Mason's Work	Jas. A. Marshall
	Jas. Taylor
Pound Keepers-At City Stables Bell Road	Edward Martin
Pound Keeper At Incinerator	Foreman of Incinerator.
Weighers of Bundly Hay and Loose Hay	L. E. Godwin
Librarian Citizens Free Library	Lizzie Barnaby
Assistant " " "	Mary Durney
2nd " " "	Lillian Dunn

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Superintendent Public Gardens.	Richard L. Power
Gauger of Mollasses	Maurice Kavanagh
Assistant Building Inspector	Wm. R. Fegan
Temperance Act Inspector	E. S. Tracey
Stenographers:	Mary Gowan
	Elsie King
	Mary Langdon
	Carrie Higgin
	Marion Thomson

Council ✓

The Appointment of the following named Officials is deferred for further consideration.

City Medical Officer	Dr. W. B. Almon
Weighers of Coal	(Supervisor) Simon Cummins
	D. J. Sullivan
	John F. Selig
	Robt. P. Burns
	A. H. Cullymore
	J. P. O'Connor
	D. J. Sampson
	Patrick Leahy
	Christopher Davison.

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The matter of the appointment of a Registrar of Camp Hill Cemetery is referred to the Cemetery Commission for recommendation.

The Board adjourned.

MAYOR

L. J. McLaughlin
CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

May 9th, 1918.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSE TENDERS.

The Secretary informs the Board that the City Council at its session this evening had referred back to this Board for further consideration its report on Tenders for fire Hose.

It is unanimously decided to recommend to Council that 1000 feet of "Winner" brand hose at \$1.15 per foot be purchased from the Lawrence Hardware Company and 1000 feet of "King" brand hose at \$1.15 per foot be purchased from Wm. Stairs Son and Morrow.Ltd.

The Board adjourned.

MAYOR.

L. J. M. Mowghan
CITY CLERK.

Council ✓

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

May 14th, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Civic Finance.
Union of Canadian Municipalities.
Small Pox.
Water Supply at Construction Camp on Exhibition
Grounds.
Bicycles Licensing Of.
Alphabetical List of Licenses for Chief of Police.
Chebucto Road Shop in Residential District.
Littering of Streets-Garbage Boxes.
Brandram Henderson Co. Encroachment on Right of Way
Destruction of Trees of Common.
Fire Insurance-Fire Apparatus.
Fire Insurance-Motor Fire Apparatus.
Insurance of Firemen.
Account Parole Woman-Mrs. E. M. Paint.
Victoria General Hospital-Water Bill.
Coal Weighers Monthly Report.
Duplicate Water Bills.
Water Meter Bills.
Fire Alarm Signal Boxes.
City Engineer Recall of.
Chief of Fire Department Member of National Fire
Protection Association.
Death of Alderman Furness' Boy.
Water Bill G. E. Faulkner Cunard Street.
Conservation of Food.
Streets Flusher and Sprinkler.
Boat Landing and Ferrying Privileges
Hack and Taxi-cab Fares.
Licenses for Motor Hacks.
Electric Lights Out.

CIVIC FINANCE

Read report Controller Finlay re

Civic Finance as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. May 13th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

As the Board of Control are fully
aware, but for the information of your Worship,

May 14th, 1918.

I wish to state the position of our finances in regard to the loans ordered for last year's work and the probable loans for this year.

On June 7th, 1917, the City Treasurer was instructed to advertise for tenders for the sum of \$199,500, made up of these items:--

Permanent Sidewalks	\$20,000
New Motor Fire Engine	12,500
Public Comfort Station	2,000
Public Abattoir	20,000
Sewers	145,000

In response to said advertisement several tenders were received, but the prices offered were considered so low that the Board considered it inadvisable to accept any; the highest being on a basis of 5 7/8 %.

On July 7th, 1917, after negotiation with our Bank I received the following communication:--

The Royal Bank of Canada,
Halifax, July 7th, 1917.

Controller Finlay.

Chairman Finance Committee.

Dear Sir:--

Confirming our conversation of today I beg to advise you that the Bank will advance to the City a temporary loan to the extent of \$200,000 charging them interest at the rate of 5%; this to be secured by the hypothecation of debentures at the market price. All advances will be made by way of overdraft.

It is understood that should the City desire to dispose of all or portion of their debentures, they may do so, and apply the proceeds to the reduction of the advance mentioned.

Sgd. R. L. Ritchie, Manager.

This was accepted. Subsequently, Controller Murphy submitted a proposition to build the North West Arm sewer section, from the Cook Construction Co and Wheaton Bros. whereby the payment contract would be accepted in our debentures at not less than 93.25 which was accepted. There was an offer from a Toronto firm of 91.60 instalment plan, but it was withdrawn before acceptance. The original loan of \$199,500 was then amended in this manner:--

Bermanent Sidewalks.....	\$15,000
New Motor Fire Engine.....	12,500
Public Abattoir.....	10,000
Sewers.....	96,000
in all.....	\$133,500

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Our position has however, been such that I was able to finance all our requirements which included the renewal of \$109,000 due in July and January and \$32,000 for various short term loans without drawing against this credit until April 16th, 1918, when \$50,000 became necessary so that the City was only paying the current rate of 5% to that date on our Bank overdraft. The loan of \$133,500 was to terminate July 1st, 1918.

I have been in consultation with the Bank for the past month as to an extension of the loan and an estimated prospective loan of an additional \$140,000 for this year's work and am pleased to report that our Bank will most cordially meet our wishes for the extension and on further advances up to \$140,000, on the same terms as those stated in their letter of July 7th, 1917.

With regard to our reconstruction demands, as embodied in the Act legalizing a loan of \$500,000 while the Bank is of the opinion that the City should obtain cash advances from the Relief Commission, as much as possible, still in its strong desire to help the City it stands ready to make further advances covering a certain period on the same terms as those stated in letter of July 7th, 1917 but the rate of interest would be 6% on net amount borrowed.

There is a sum of \$28,000 due July 1st, 1918 and a further sum of \$6,000 due January 1st, 1919. These amounts can be taken care of by our Sinking Funds without outside borrowing.

I have received various offers for the \$133,500 hypothecated, varying from 75 to 85 but also strong opinions with which I agree that if the City can do its financing at the present terms it would be wise not to place any loans now, in view of the fact that the Canadian Finance Department are arranging for another war loan.

It is now possible for us to increase our interest rate to 6% and the demand for money continues strong, the ruling rate yielding 6.10% to 7% according to the status of the City in the Market.

The above remarks are a fair statement of our financial position in regard to loans.

A. J. Finlay

CONTROLLER

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Referred to the City Council for its information.

UNION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES ANNUAL
CONVENTION.

Read letter Union of Canadian Municipalities re Annual Convention at Victoria B. C., July, as follows:-

Mayor's Office,
Lethbridge Alberta,
May 7th, 1918.

Mayor and City Council,
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:-

Several years ago- just before the war- the general convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities voted that their next annual convention should be held in Victoria B. C. but on account of the war no convention was held, The following convention was held in London Ontario.

At the meeting of the Executive held recently in Ottawa, with no prospect of the war ending and a strong feeling that the convention should be held in the West this year, it was decided that the promise made to Victoria several years ago should be fulfilled this year, in view of the fact that most of the Cities replying to the President's letter asking an expression of opinion as to where the convention should be held, thought it would be wise to have the convention in the West, hence Victoria was decided upon by the Executive.

This annual convention is of vast importance to all our Canadian Cities, I fear the full value is not appreciated, more especially those who do not take a full and active interest in the workings and works of the Union of Canadian Municipalities. I hope from this time forward the Western Cities will be well represented so they shall have their full share of influence in this important organization. The Eastern Cities have always played up fairly well in everything except that they did not exercise the wider outlook of the necessity of keeping in closer touch with the West.

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This year it is fully expected that the East will send representatives from all their important Municipalities and from many of the progressive municipalities also of the East.

However this is a Western meeting, and I am expressing the sincere hope that every municipality in the West from Winnipeg to Victoria will have one or more representatives at the coming convention to help widen the spirit of camaraderie which is very essential in these times, and that will help widen the knowledge of how to have good municipal government. Do not miss this opportunity.

Hoping to see your representative in Victoria on the days of the Convention, which are the 9th, 10th, and 11th days of July this year.

W. D. L. Hardie,
President-Union of
Canadian Municipalities.

Consideration of the letter is deferred for one week.

SMALL POX.

Read correspondence between the City Health Board and Relief Commission and His Worship the Mayor re Small Pox, as follows:-

Halifax Relief Commission,
May 10th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor and the Board of Control.

Dear Sir:-

Dr. N.E. McKay, Chairman of the Board of Health, accompanied by Mr. Cragg one of the Directors, waited on this Commission yesterday and urged the necessity of immediately constructing an addition to the Small Pox Hospital at Rockhead.

They submitted a sketch of the building required, which we hand on to you herewith, and stated that they estimated the cost would not exceed \$2500.00

We have today received a letter from them in connection with the matter, copy of which we attach herewith.

The Relief Commission is prepared to undertake this work if the City wished it to do so, on the distinct understanding that the expenditure entailed will be taken into con-

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sideration in the final adjustment of matters
as between the City and the Commission.

We also attach herewith a copy of letter
from the Board of Health with reference to
the water supply at the Almon Street Constructh
Camp. Will you be good enough to advise us why
it is that we are unable to get sufficient
water supply at this point, and whether or not
it is possible to improve existing conditions.

Ralph P. Bell,
Secretary

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Office of City Health Board,
Halifax, N. S., May 10th, 1918.

From: Secretary City Health Board.

To: Chairman Rogers & Members Govt.
Relief Commission.

Gentlemen:-

I am directed by the Chairman to
bring to your attention the fact that the small
po~~x~~ hospital is practically full and that we have
now seven houses under quarantine for shallpox,
that these houses have to be policed day and
night and that all the occupants have to be
fed. This costs money. Just now it costs
the Board \$35.00 daily to police the houses,
leave alone feeding the inmates. The disease
is spreading and it at present breaks out in
every part of the City. Eighty per cent of the
cases have been traced to the reconstruction
camp at the Alexander McKay school, and so
far no case has been traced to men employed
by other contractors. The remaining twenty
per cent are scattered cases and we have not
been able to ascertain the source of infection.
The number of houses to be quarantined and
policed is increasing daily. We cannot take
a woman into the hospital until an addition is
made to the building. At first only men con-
tracted the disease but now women are having it
and the hospital is full of men and we are
therefore unable to accomodate women until
the institution is enlarged, and to keep
the sick quarantined in their houses endangers
the spread of the disease greatly.

The situation as you will see is becoming
alarming and an addition to the hospital is
therefore urgent and should be made immediately.

You have a rough plan of the addition re-

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REQUIRED and we have every confidence that the matter will receive from you the attention the situation demands.

(Sgd) John. A. Watters,
Secretary C. H. B.

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Office of City Health Board,
Halifax, N. S. May 10th, 1918.

From: Secretary City Health Board
To; T. S. Rogers, Chairman, &
Members Govt. Relief Commission.

Gentlemen:-

I am directed to call your attention to the fact that there is no water supply for flushing W.C.'s or for even drinking and cooking purposes, in the day time, in the Reconstruction Camp on Almon Street. The occupants of these buildings in day time have to depend ~~en~~ for their supply of water for all purposes, on the watering carts. This is a serious matter in buildings occupied by such a crowd of men, and unless sufficient water is obtained to properly flush the W. C.'s at all times there is great danger of an epidemic developing amongst the men.

The Board would recommend the construction of a tank sufficiently large to hold water enough for all purposes for 12 hours. We believe there is water available there at night, but not in the day. The Board would appreciate if if you were to deal with this matter at the earliest possible moment.

(Sgd) J. A. Watters,
Secretary C. H. B.

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Mayor's Office, City Hall,
May 13th, 1918.

Dr. N. E. McKay, Chairman,
City Health Board.

Dear Sir:-

The increasing prevalence of small pox in our City and the apparent inability of the Board to deal with the disease as it should be properly dealt with would seem to indicate that something is not done at once, the City is faced with the possibility of an epidemic of this loathsome disease.

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I would suggest that a veneral vaccination as far as the law will permit, be ordered by your Board at once, as the first step to combat this disease.

I would also suggest that provision be made by your Board to segregate the cases as they occur.

A. C. Hawkins,

MAYOR.

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Office of City Health Board,
Halifax, N. S. May 14th, 1918.

To His Worship ~~the~~ Mayor Hawkins.

Sir:-

In answer to your letter of the 13th inst. received this moment. I have to state that a general vaccination cannot be ordered until the so called "Conscientious Clause" which was unfortunately inserted in the Board's regulation in May 1909 is repealed, which I trust will be done at tomorrow's meeting no general vaccination can be ordered. On the 15th of March I called a special meeting of the Board to repeal this objectionable Regulation but I could find no one to move or second a resolution to that effect. It may be of interest to you that in the recent Mayoralty election the canvas was made against myself, in the North End especially to the effect that I was in favor of a general vaccination, I was then and I am now in favor of compulsory vaccination.

With all due deference to your opinion the Health/ Board is dealing intellinently and energetically with the situation.

To enable the Board to segregate patients, two weeks ago I interviewed the Relief Commission and urged upon them to make an addition to the smallpox hospital immediately as that institution was full and we had no more room for patients there. They asked me for a rough sketch of the addition required, with an estimate of the cost. This I had done and submitted plans and estimates to them on the 9th inst. The Relief Commission favorably received our proposition, and I believe referred the whole matter to the Board of Control, of which you are chairman, for immediate action.

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as the situation was urgent. No action was taken in this matter by that body, so far as I am aware up to the time of writing. Nothing can be done to segregate patients until the proposed addition is made to the hospital which should be done immediately.

N. E. MacKay,
Chairman City Health Board.

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Office of City Health Board,
Halifax, N. S. May 13th, 1918

To His Worship Mayor Hawkins.

Sir:-

In compliance with your request I beg to report on the complaint made to you in a telegram from the Premier of Prince Edward Island that labourers recently returning to the Island from Halifax were infected with small-pox.

I might say that the City Health Board is taking every precaution to prevent the spread of the disease and so far has been very successful. The outbreak of the disease was traced to a reconstruction camp and since then eighty per cent of the cases have been among reconstruction men. Conferences have been held between the Chairman and members of the Board and members of the Government Relief Commission, with the result that every precautionary measure we recommended has been carried out by the Commission and the spread of the disease kept down to a minimum. We are at present negotiating with the Government Commission for the erection of an addition to the small -pox hospital, so that women patients may be accommodated.

It is impossible to stop workmen removing from one place to another unless they are successfully vaccinated because there is no compulsory vaccination law. In order to check the spread of the disease in St. John's Nfld., the Government issued orders that no person was to be allowed to enter the Colony until he or she first produced a certificate of successful vaccination.

Halifax was free from small-pox up to and for some weeks following the disaster, the first case not being discovered until January 30th.

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About three weeks ago a soldier came to the city from Prince Edward Island and was found to be infected with the disease, indicating that the disease was prevalent among the new recruits from that place. A press despatch of a few weeks ago says: When Lieutenant - Colonel Jenkins returned to Charlottetown from Halifax he found a case of small-pox among the men at the Armouries and immediately ordered sixteen days quarantine for all"

Reports to the Provincial Health Officer show that a mild type of small-pox is prevalent in many places in Nova Scotia. As it takes fourteen days for the disease to develop, it is evident that it is impossible to take definite steps to stop persons, who might be infected with the disease, going to another place. The problem appears to be one for the city in which the disease seems to be spreading to take such steps as are necessary in order to stamp it out. The City Health Board has taken and will continue to take whatever precautions are necessary to safeguard the health of the citizens from a spread of the disease.

(Sgd) J. N. Watters,
Secretary C. H. B.

Referred to the Advisory Committee to take up with the Relief Commission at the conference to take place between them this afternoon.

A copy of the report from the City Health Board to His Worship the Mayor is ordered to be forwarded to the Premier of Prince Edward Island.

WATER SUPPLY AT CONSTRUCTION CAMP
ON EXHIBITION GROUNDS.

Copies of the letters above written relating to Water Supply at the Construction Camp on the Exhibition Grounds are ordered to be forwarded to the City Engineer.

BICYCLE LICENSING OF.

At suggestion of Alderman Gillis the

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Halifax*

*Advisory
Committee ✓*

*Premier ✓
Prince Edward
Island*

Engineer ✓

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City Solicitor is instructed to draft an Ordinance providing for the licensing of all bicycles each bicycle to be provided with an identification number for the purpose of facilitating the work of the Traffic Policeman . The license fee to be sufficient to defray the cost of providing the numbers.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF LICENSES FOR CHIEF
OF POLICE.

The Assistant City Clerk is instructed to tabulate and keep posted daily and furnish same to the Chief of Police an alphabetical list of all licenses granted.

CHEBUCTO ROAD SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
May 11th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to submit herewith an application from a Matthews for permission to erect a store shed and shop on the south side of Chebucto Road between Elm Street and Poplar Street.

This is in the residential district. Mr. Matthews gave notice in the papers that this application had been made, asking any persons having objections to the granting of the permit, to notify the Building Inspector of such objections.

I have had a petition against the granting of this permit, a copy of which is attached for the information of your Worship, as this is the first case of this kind that has come up since you assumed office, I may say that in 1915 an Act of the Legislature was passed, fixing a residential district within which, except as specifically provided no building shall be

*Solicitor
Chief of Police*

*Chief of Police
Asst. City Clerk*

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ERECTED OR USED FOR ANY purpose other than for that of a private residence; it is however provided that a building may be erected and used as a shop for the sale of goods by retail, provided the plans and specifications shall be approved by the Inspector of Buildings and permission to erect or alter the building obtained from the Board of Control.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Consideration of the report is deferred until the City Engineer obtains and submits to the Board the plan of the proposed structure.

LITTERING OF STREETS - GARBAGE BOXES.

Alderman Kelly complained of people sweeping rubbish from their premises on the Streets.

Referred to the Chief of Police .

He also called attention to the fact that the Garbage boxes usually placed at street corners by the Works Department have not yet been put out, he asked that these boxes be placed as usual and that an additional number be provided.

BRANDRAM HENDERSON COMPANY ENCROACHMENT ON
OF RIGHT OF WAY.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

Office of City Engineer,
May 14th, 1918

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I am enclosing a sketch showing the location of a building on Brandram-Henderson's property encroaching over the right of way of our 27-inch main. The right of way was acquired from Henderson & Potts by deed dated the 25th of July 1895 and conveyed to the City a right of

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to pass freely at all times over a strip of land 16 feet wide, eight feet on each side of the centre line of the 27-inch main.

In 1904 the City leased the right of way to Henderson & Potts Limited. Among the other provisions contained in the lease is one that the City can determine the lease on one months notice, and another retaining the right of free passage over the lot at all times .

The building was erected in November 1915 and is clearly an encroachment which prevents the City using the land as contemplated in the deed.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the City Engineer inform Messrs. Brandram-Henderson of the encroachment and instruct them to remove the thing and also furnish them with a blue print of the plan submitted to this Board.
Motion passed.

DESTRUCTION OF TREES ON THE COMMON.

Read letter Relief Commission as follows:-

Relief Commission,
May 10th, 1918.

City Clerk,
City.

Dear Sir:-

We acknowledge with thanks the extract from the minutes of the Board of Control Meeting of the sixth of May, re destruction of trees on South Commons.

We are today instructing our Housing Department to see that every possible precaution is taken to prevent this practice.

Ralph P. Bell,
Secretary.

Filed.

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FIRE INSURANCE - FIRE APPARATUS.

Read letter A. S. Wylde offering to insure fire apparatus against fire at a rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent per annum according to schedule. It is decided to report to Council that in view of the very small losses of fire apparatus through fire in the past and the high total cost of premiums that the Board does not recommend the carrying of such Insurance.

Council ✓

FIRE INSURANCE MOTOR FIRE APPARATUS.

Read letter A. S. Wylde offering to insure the Motor Fire Engine "Cornwallis" at a rate of $1\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.

*Cont. Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓*

Referred to Controller Hines for report.

INSURANCE OF FIREMEN.

Controller Hines called attention of the Board to the fact that the sum of \$850.00 had been included in this years estimates for the purpose of paying premiums on the insurance of firemen.

*Cont. Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓*

The matter is referred to Controller Hines for report.

ACCOUNT PAROLE WOMAN MRS. E. M. PAINT.

His Worship the Mayor submitted an opinion from the City Solicitor as to the account of Parole Woman Mrs. E. M. Paint \$31.00 for car fares for a period from November 1st 1916 to May 1st, 1917, as follows:-

Office of City Solicitor,
May 13th, 1918.

The Secretary,
Board of Control

Dear Sir:-

I am instructed that this account was

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for car fares paid by Mrs. Paint while she was acting as Police Woman. If she had been regularly sworn in and wearing a badge, the Tram Company would have been obliged to give her free transportation, but in the absence of these two qualifications, the Tram Company declined to give her free transportation and she was compelled to pay her fare.

I am of opinion that Mrs. Paint was a good de facto officer, and paid the money in the discharge of her duties as such, and the consequently the City is perfectly justified in discharging this claim.

F. H. Bell,
CITY SOLICITOR.

It is decided to recommend the account to Council for payment.

VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL WATER SUPPLY.

Read letter Board of Commissioners

Victoria General Hospital, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., May 11th, 1918

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

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., enclosing therein a copy of letter addressed to the Hon. E. H. Armstrong, Commissioner Public Works and Mines under date May 7th having reference to the water supply to Victoria General Hospital of and containing the declared determination/the Board of Control to discontinue the supply of six water to the hospital from the High Service in/weeks from date of such letter.

W. W. Kenney,
Secretary Board of Commissioners.

Filed.

COAL WEIGHERS MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Coal Weighers showing each man to have received \$53.23 for the month of April. Filed.

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DUPLICATE WATER BILLS.

Read report City Collector suggesting that the furnishing of duplicate water bills be done away with for the current year.

The Collector is instructed to prepare a smaller and simpler form of water bill and to get his supply of same from whatever printer he can obtain them cheapest and to send them out in duplicate, the original and duplicate to be made in one writing by the use of carbon paper.

WATER METER BILLS.

In compliance with recommendation of the City Council the Clerk of Works is instructed to reduce the cost of printing Water Meter Bills by eliminating all surplus matter and having them printed in one color only and ^{on} one side of the paper, the bills to be made up in duplicate as usual.

FIRE ALARM SIGNAL BOXES.

Read reports (3) City Electrician as follows:-

City Electricians Office,
May 9th, 1918.

To Hsi Worship the Mayor.
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The following F. A. Boxes have been inspected and found in good working condition.
Nos 21, 23, 24, 28, 123, 12.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

Collector ✓

Clerk of Works ✓

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Office of City Electrician
May 10th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor.
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The following Fire Alarm Boxes have
been inspected and found in good condition.

No. 7, 13, 212, 35, 37, and 19.

P. R. Colpitt,

City Electrician.

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City Electrician's Office,
May 13th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The following F. A. Boxes have been
inspected and found in good working condition.

No. 15, 17, 214, 95, 37, 35.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

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CITY ENGINEER RECALL OF.

Read letter Military Authorities, as follows:-

Militia and Defence,
Halifax, N. S. 10th May, 1918.

To L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,
City Clerk, Halifax, N. S.
Major Francis Wm. Whitney Doane. C. E. F.

Dear Sir:- further

With/reference to the return to Canada
of the marginally noted Officer, the following
cable has been despatched to the Canadian Overseas
Military Authorities from Ottawa-

"Board of Control City of Halifax
State Major Doane's return to Canada imperative
owing to conditions occasioned by explosion Halifax
if willing and available. Cable action taken".

W. E. Thompson, Colonel.
A.A. G. Mil Dist. No. 6.

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CHIEF FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBER OF NATIONAL
FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION.

It is decided to recommend that the Chief of the Fire Department become an associate member of the National Fire Protection Association^{so} that he may receive the benefit of the various publications issued from time to time by that body.

DEATH OF ALDERMAN FURNESS' BOY.

The City plrk is instructed to convey to Alderman and Mrs. J. E. Furness an expression of sympathy of the City Council with them in the loss this morning by death of their six year old son Walter Ernest.

WATER BILL G. E. FAULKNER #117 CUNARD STREET.

On motion of Controller Murphy it is decided to recommend to Council that the Water Bill charged G. E. Faulkner, Agent for a property on Cunard Street \$56.67 be reduced to \$20.00

CONSERVATION OF FOOD.

Read letter A. S. Barnstead, Organizing Secretary, Nova Scotia Branch of National Committee on Food Resources, of the Canada Food Board, urging activity in the conduct^{ing} of the campaign to be carried on beginning Sunday, May 19th relating to the greater conservation of food production particularly wheat.

Consideration of the report is deferred until next meeting.

STREETS FLUSHER AND SPRINKLER.

The Board discusses the question of the

*Chief Fire Dept. ✓
Letter to N.F.P.A.*

*Letter adj. to ✓
as Mrs. Furness*

Council ✓

M.C. ✓

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immediate purchase of a Motor Street Flusher and Sprinkler and defers action until Thursday's meeting.

Clerk

The City ~~Secretary~~ is instructed to call a special meeting of the City Council for Friday afternoon 17th inst., to consider a report from the board respecting the purchase of a Street Flusher and Sprinkler.

BOAT LANDING AND FERRYING PRIVILEGES.

On motion of Controller Taylor it is decided to grant Boat Landing and Ferrying Privileges to Charles Duggan, Jr, and George a Holmes at the foot of Hanover Street for one year ^{on the usual} conditions . The City Engineer is instructed accordingly.

HACK AND TAXI-CAB FARES.

The Board discusses ^{the} a petition for an increase ~~of~~ in the rate of Hack and Taxi-cab fares, and ^{the} ~~the~~ petition against the increasing ~~of~~ same and unanimously decides not to recommend any increase.

LICENSES FOR MOTOR HACKS.

Licenses for Motor Hacks are granted as follows:-

Anderson Edw.	2	Fournier Geot	1
Bowser Charles W2		Fraser Wells	1
Bowe Michael	1	Faulkner Geo.F	1
Burgess Herbert	1	Fraser Thomas	2
Burbridge Rich.	1	Fraser Hugh G.	10
Castle Wm.R.	1	Green Roy Arthur	1
Craig Chaires	1	Gates William	1
Conway Wm.	1	Graham Geo. T	1
Drysdale Albert	2	Grono Stanley	1
Evans Robert M	1	Grant Harry D	2

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Engineer ✓

Chairman ✓

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Grant George	1
Hubley Louis E	1
Hart Harry	1
Hardiman Jos.	2
Ham John	1
Hartry P.J	1
James Geo. Jr.	1
Kean Wm.	2
Kennedy Frank	1
Lindsay Albert	1
McDowell Wm.H	1
Mosher Samuel	1
Mullane John	3
Morrissey Lewis	1
Myra Wm.	1
Merson Thos. W	1
McNamee T	1
McKee Wm. E	1
Mannette Benj.	1
Myra Thos.	1
O'Connell Dan.	1
Osborne Norman	1
Bennell Fred.	1
Pepper Geo.	1
Power Michael G.	1
Parson Wm.	2
Quinn Howard	2
Redmond John D.	1
Redmond Alfred	1
Robinson Gus. S	4
Roachford L. G.	1
Rose Ste hen	1
Robinsons Ltd.	8
Sweet Leo.	2
Stokes Wm.	2
Titus Geo. D	1
St. Omar Emmanuel	1
Lycou John	1
Wheeler John	1
Woodworth Amos	1
Whiteborune Chas.	1
Woods Jas.	2
Warren John J	1
Woodworth Eugene	1
Zetman Wm.	2

*Chas. Police
out - as club*

*2nd Ward
CITY CLERK*

The application of Maud Gibblin for one Motor Hack License is refused.

The following applications are deferred for consideration at Thursday's meeting:-

Burino Ralph	2	Power Fred. G.	1
Hache Alex.	1	Stevenson Wm.	1
Halifax Hotel Co.	10	Slattery Jos.	1
Wood J. W.	1	Wade Wm. J	1

b/c ✓

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ELECTRIC LIGHT OUT.

Controller Finlay reports that an electric lamp at the corner of Jubilee Road and Edward Street has been out for two weeks.

Referred to the City Electrician for report.

The Board adjourned.

Electrician

Street Sprinkling - Steam-Propelled Auto Trucks.
 Removal of Ashes and Garbage.
 Auto Gas Taxes.
 Billie Ann Stone Grave Funding.
 Trenching Company, 10111.
 Shell Tax.
 Plumbing Order, South Side - 77 Elliot Street.
 Tuberculosis Hospital Board of Directors.
 Auto Truck Licenses.
 Auto Truck Drivers and Insurers.
 Auto Truck Drivers Insurance Service.
 Drivers at William Park, Herring Street.
 Heavy Cattle, Horses and Pigs.
 Construction of Ford.
 Bill Stone Car, 10111.
 City Prison.
 Office of City Engineer.
 City Name Tenders.
 City Road Equipment.
 Campbell Road Station.
 Fire Alarm Boxes.

L. J. McLaughlin

MAYOR

CITY CLERK.

REPORTS TO CITY ENGINEER

Report of City Engineer as follows:

City Engineer's Office,
May 12th, 1918.

His Honor, the Mayor:

Sir:

The specifications for the purchase of 100
 gallons of oil for the City of Halifax, N.S.,
 for the year 1918-1919, and the purchase of
 100 gallons of oil for the City of Halifax, N.S.,
 for the year 1918-1919, are herewith
 submitted to you for your consideration.
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 gallons of oil for the City of Halifax, N.S.,
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COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

May 16th, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Repairs to City Building.
Street Flusher and Sprinkler
Street Sprinkling-Massachusetts Auto Trucks.
Removal of Ashes and Garbage.
Auto Cab Fares.
Hillis and Sons Stove Foundry.
Tramway Company Tolls.
Small Pox.
Plumbing Under Health Rules-83 Bilby Street.
Tuberculosis Hospital Board of Trustees.
Auto Hack Licenses.
Auto Hack Numbers and Badges.
Auto Hack Drivers Unsatisfactory Service.
Quarters at Willow Park, Mounted Patrol.
Stray Cattle, Horses and Dogs.
Conservation of Food.
Bill Board Cor. Cunard and Gottingen Street.
Repairs to City Prison.
Salary Janitor of City Market.
City Home Tenders.
City Home Equipment.
Quinpool Road Cutter.
Fire Alarm Boxes.

REPAIRS TO CITY BUILDING.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
May 16th, 1918/

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

The specifications for the repairs to City Buildings are about complete. We require slates for the roof of the Incinerator and Rockhead Prison. I have had an offer of these from the Vendor Slate Company who are supplying the School Board with the slates required for repairs to the roofs of the schools.

By ordering in quantities a reduction in price can be had, and I would recommend that the slates for the roofs of the Incinerator and Prison be purchased by the City, the Contractor for the buildings to place the same.

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There will be about 75 squares of 9x18 slate required for the Prison, and the price of these is \$11.35 per square f. o. b Halifax freight and duty paid. At the Incinerator 15 squares will be required to renew the roof. These are 12 x24 and the price is \$10.75 per square, f. o. b, Halifax freight and duty paid. To obtain these prices it will be necessary to give the order immediately, so that the same can be made up in carload lots with the slates for the schools.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved and ordered to be forwarded to the
City Council.

STREET FLUSHER AND SPRINKLER.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as
follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
May 15th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

In 1917 the City was empowered to borrow \$7500. for the purchase of motor sprinkling apparatus. As it was late in the Spring, when the borrowing bill was authorized, it was decided to wait for another year before purchasing such a machine. A water barrel and attachments was placed on our old motor truck and used during the season to good advantage. It was the intention during the winter to obtain an additional motor sprinkler for this year.

After the explosion when a gift of ten motor trucks was made to the City by the State of Massachusetts, it was thought that at least two of these could be utilized by transforming ~~them~~ barrels from our horse-drawn sprinklers and using them for street watering purposes. As your Board is aware, an Act was passed, vesting in the Halifax Relief Commission all property donated for relief purposes, and the Commission feels that these trucks will be needed in connection with its work of reconstruction.

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Owing to the difficulty in obtaining teams and drivers and the high cost of same, it becomes absolutely necessary to provide means at once to cope with the dust nuisance. If we did not have the prospective chance of eventually obtaining the trucks from the Commission, I would not hesitate to recommend the purchase of two sprinklers instead of a combined flushing and sprinkling machine.

Our permanent pavements are kept clean by the patrol system and hand sweeping. This gives good results, and despite the criticisms heard, I think any citizen who has travelled in other cities must acknowledge that our paved streets compare very favorably with the majority of them as regards cleanliness. Owing ~~to the traffic from the former carries~~ to the number of unpaved streets joining the main paved streets, the traffic from the former carries on the pavements a large amount of dust and dirt. The hand sweeping removes this more effectively than machine sweeping, but the practically complete removal of this fine dust or slime, when it is sprinkled, can be effected only by flushing. By getting the combined flusher and sprinkler, this flushing when necessary could be done by the machine, and at other times the latter could be used for sprinkling purposes.

I have tenders from Watson, Jack & Co, Ltd. of Montreal for a 900 gallon combined flusher and sprinkler mounted on a $3\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck at a price of \$6840. f. o. b. factory Oregon, Ill., Canadian duty paid, Shipment in thirty days.

The Canadian Fairbanks Morse Co. Montreal tender on a 1000 gallon combination flusher and sprinkler, mounted on a $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck for \$6840. nett fob. Montreal, shipment from six to seven weeks from receipt of order.

F. H. Hopkins & Co., 900 gallon combination flusher and sprinkler \$8225. f. o. b Halifax.

Each of these machines use the two motor sprinkler, that is, an auxiliary motor for driving and the flushing equipment, which is separate from the machine motor.

The only difference between the two first tenders would be the difference in freight from Oregon to Montreal. This is more than offset by the fact that the Watson Jack tender is for a $3\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck, while the Fairbanks Morse tender is for a $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck.

I would recommend the purchase of the former machine.

H.W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

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Recommended to the City Council for approval.

STREET SPRINKLING-MASSACHUSETTES AUTO TRUCKS

The Acting City Engineer is instructed to at once install street sprinkling apparatus upon two of the auto trucks presented to the City by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts if it is possible to obtain the trucks for this purpose temporarily or otherwise from the Relief Commission.

REMOVAL OF ASHES AND GARBAGE.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
May 15th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached letter from B. W. Russell, Secretary of the Civic Improvement Committee of the Commercial Club, asking that the ashes and garbage be removed at night instead of in the day time. This used to be the practice, but last year a change was made, and the removal was carried on during the day time through the summer months as well as in the winter. Judging by our experience of last year, the removal during the day time was more satisfactory to the citizens at large, as the barrels were removed during business hours instead of during the hours of recreation, in the evening, when people are using the streets more than in the day time. This applies more especially to the residential streets and main arteries to the A.M. and outside the City limits. In removing the ashes and garbage the barrels are taken from the business streets first, and as a rule there is very little left of these streets after nine o'clock. The following are some of the objections to doing this work at night-

Work is commenced at 6 p.m. and as a large number of citizens do not leave their work until this hour, their barrels are not put out in time to be collected.

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In the down-town districts the ash barrels are put out ~~in-time-~~ early and boys dig around in the barrels and the refuse gets scattered about the street. There is not much control over malicious persons upsetting ash barrels after dark as there is in the day time. Empty barrels are also often taken from in front of premises and rolled down the hills or moved to other parts of the streets. The noise of the teams collecting the ashes at night is a source of complaint from citizens. Ashes can be used and disposed of to much better advantage if collected during the day. Wednesday afternoon during the summer being a half-holiday with a large number of business houses, the ashes are put out early in the afternoon as the occupants in fine weather may be away through the afternoon and evening. From the point of view of the horses where they work at night they do not get their proper rest during the day, as a number of the horses in the stable are working during the day, and disturb them.

For these reasons I would recommend that the practice of removing the ashed and garbage during the day time, be continued.

A great improvement could be effected in appearance at least, if receptacles for ashes and garbage were constructed of galvanized iron with covers thereon, and I would suggest that this be made compulsory, at least in certain districts.

Undoubtedly our present method of removing ashes and garbage by having the same put out on the streets, whether taken by day or by night, is not a modern and scientific method of removing refuse. It should be taken from within the premises so that the sidewalks would not be obstructed, and ~~disturbed with rows of barrels, cans, boxes~~ with garbage and refuse of every description offensive not only to the sight but also to the nostrils, and littering the streets with rubbish and dirt. The extra work entailed in removing it from inside the premises cannot be undertaken this year with the existing appropriation and with the difficulty in obtaining sufficient labor.

I would suggest to the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club that a great service would be done the City if they would bend their energies towards inculcating a spirit of civic pride in the public and educating the latter to carry out the laws and ordinances at present in existence. It is a common sight in our shopping district between 7.30 and 8.30 in the morning to see the sweepings from the shops swept on the sidewalk and street.

May 16th, 1913.

If the patrol has already swept the paved street in front of these premises, this litter remains on the street until the middle of the day. Argyle Street was recently thoroughly swept and cleaned, and the following day, owing to the litter thrown out on the street, one would have thought it had been weeks since it had been attended to. While with a sufficient force of Police, this practice could be stopped, it would be far better if it could be done by education and reason rather than by force. This Department will always welcome suggestions from any citizen having in view the betterment of the City and it is only too ready to adopt any that are feasible and that can be carried out with the means at our disposal.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The report is approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club.

AUTO CAB FARES.

Hugh G. Fraser, John Mullane and George M. Robinson Licensed Auto Cab Owners appeared before the Board urging an increase in the time charges for Auto hire and in the rate of fares for carrying passengers.

On motion of Controller Murphy, Controller Taylor and Alderman Gillis and the three members of the delegation present are authorized to prepare and submit for the consideration of the Board recommendations for amending the scale of fees.

HILLIS AND SONS STOVE FOUNDRY.

James Hillis appeared before the Board stating that all the devastated district had been cleaned up by the Relief Commission excepting Hillis' Foundry on Campbell Road.

*Civic Committee
Commercial
Club.*

*Carl Taylor
Ald. Gillis
Hugh Fraser*

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He asked that a quantity of pig iron be now removed through Relief funds from the site of the old foundry to their new plant on Kempt Road.

Mr. Hillis is advised that if he submits his request to the Relief Commission no doubt they would comply with it.

Mr. Hillis also asked that the City dump some ashes for filling in purposes on their new foundry site.

Referred to His Worship the Mayor ~~as~~ to take up with the City Engineer.

TRAMWAY TOLLS.

Controller Finlay informed the Board that the tolls from the Tramway Company payable for the six months ending April 30th, 1918 amount to \$11,436,51 and submitted the sworn statement from the Company.

SMALL POX.

Read letter City Health Board as follows:-

Office of City Health Board,
May 16th, 1918.

From: Secretary City Health Board.
To: Mayor Hawkins and Controllers.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board afternoon, May 15th the matter of having an addition built to the present hospital building was discussed. I am instructed to ask the Board of Control to immediately request the Government Relief Commission to go ahead with the erection of this addition. In the discussion of this matter it was pointed out by the Chairman that the cost of treating the patients at the Lawlor Island Hospital will be heavy and besides only temporary use of the building had been granted.

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The Health Board is anxious that an addition to the present hospital be commenced at once and instructed me to write and ask your Board to notify the Relief Commission to go ahead with the work without delay.

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

Approved and the City Clerk forwards the following letter to the Relief Commission.

Office of the City Clerk,
May 16th, 1918.

T. S. Rogers, Esq.,
Chairman Halifax, Relief Commission.

Sir:-

In reply to your favor of 10th inst., covering copy of letter from the Chairman of the City Health Board re the erection of an addition to the Small Pox Hospital, I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of a report from the City Health Board dated May 16th inst., which was approved at a meeting of the Board of Control held this morning. It is very necessary this work be proceeded with immediately and the City is quite willing that the Relief Commission do the work under the arrangement suggested in your favor of the 10th instant.

L. Fred, Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

The City Clerk is instructed to report the action of the Board to the City Council and to request concurrence., see Board of Control Minutes May 14th,

PLUMBING UNDER HEALTH RULES-63 BILBY STREET.

Read report City Health Board that Richard Ryan 63 Bilby Street had failed to comply with the orders of the Board to provide proper sanitary conveniences in said premises and requesting this Board to have the necessary work carried out under the authority of Section 864 of the City Charter.

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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.

Engineer ✓
City Health
Board.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Read resignation Alderman H. S. Colwell
as a member of the Board of Trustees of the
Tuberculosis Hospital.

Council ✓

Ordered to be forwarded to the City Council.

AUTO HACK LICENSES.

Read applications C. F. Holland and John
McCarthy for Auto Hack Licenses. Referred to
the City Solicitor for his opinion as to
whether applications filed subsequently to
May 1st can be legally be granted.

Solicitor ✓

AUTO HACK NUMBERS AND BADGES.

The Chief of Police is instructed to strictly
enforce the law requiring every driver of a
licensed Auto Hack to wear a badge with the
City License number of his hack in numerals
of a suitable size and to have said number
painted on his hack.

Chief of
Police ✓

AUTO HACK DRIVERS UNSATISFACTORY SERVICE.

Read complaints of unsatisfactory service
rendered by licensed Auto Hacks from Mr. Justice
Chisholm, D. Rutherford and J. E. Hamilton.

Chief of
Police ✓

Referred to the Chief of Police for attention.

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QUARTERS AT WILLOW PARK, MOUNTED PATROL.

Read letter Military Authorities as follows:-

MILITIA AND DEFENCE,

14th May, 1918.

To:

The City Clerk,
City Hall.
Halifax, N. S.

Sir:-

I beg to inform you that the quarters at Willow Park which were occupied by the mounted Patrol who were doing duty in the devastated area have now been vacated.

R. B. Willis, Major,
D.A.A. Q.M.G. (Halifax)

Referred to the City Engineer.

STRAY CATTLE, HORSES AND DOGS.

Read letter John McKeen as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. May 14th, 1918.

To

His Worship Mayor Hawkins,

Dear Sir:-

I need not bring to your attention the urgent call for greater production within the city on the part of vacant lot owners and home gardens. Is our effort to promote this movement complaints come to us that those of our citizens who honestly try to cultivate their lots and gardens are seriously annoyed in some cases by stray cattle and horses, others by the dog nuisance.

I need not remind you of the damage two or three dogs loose in the neighborhood of newly planted gardens can do. May I ask you, on behalf of our Committee to instruct your policemen to keep a strict oversight at this particular season in order to abate these nuisances, or better, to prevent them entirely. By so doing I am sure we will be making a valuable contribution in helping to win the war by increased production.

John McKeen
CHAIRMAN.

Vacant Lot and Home Garden Cultivation Committee

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A copy of the letter is ordered to be forwarded to the Chief of Police for attention and His Worship the Mayor is requested to advertise a cautionary notice in the newspapers.

CONSERVATION OF FOOD.

In connection with the letter from A. S. Barnstead regarding a campaign to be carried on during the week beginning May 19th relating to the greater conservation of food products and particularly wheat, His Worship the Mayor is requested to confer with Mr. Barnstead.

BILL BOARD COR. CUNARD AND GOTTINGEN STREET.

Read application E. L. Ruddy Co. as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., May 15th-18

His Worship the Mayor
Board of Control.
City.

Dear Sir:-

We beg to make application for a permit to build a board on the north-west corner of Cunard and Gottingen Streets. This board would be built on the side of the wall in such a way as to improve the property.

We previously made application for this permit, but understand that it was recommended by the City Engineer and then held for reconsideration by the Board.

E. L. Ruddy Co. Ltd.
Per. E. R. Ryan.

The City Clerk is instructed to lay upon the table at next meeting the previous application for this Bill board together with the report of the Acting City Engineer thereon.

REPAIRS TO CITY PRISON.

Read report Governor City Prison as follows:-

Chief of Police
Mayor ✓

A. S. Barnstead
Mayor ✓

City Clerk ✓

May 16th, 1918.

Halifax, N. S. May 17th, 1918

To His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to report repairs to City Prison
out houses, which require to be proceeded with in
order that the work already done, by be preserved
without increased expenditure which is as follows:

Completion of Cookhouse including 3 ply paper
Roof, dividing walls and floors also sheathing
and Beaver Board.

Also laying floors of Barns, shigling walls
of same, finishing shed doors and windows and
repairs to stable and stone shed.

The above work has been in course of
construction and is imperative as above stated.

George Grant,
Governor of City Prison.

Referred to the city Engineer for a written
estimate of the cost of repairing the City
Prison together with a statement of the cost
of repairs effected up to date.

SALARY JANITOR OF CITY MARKET.

On motion of Controller Murphy the salary
of the Janitor of the City Market is increased
by the sum of \$150.00 to date from May 1st, 1918.

CITY HOME TENDERS.

Tenders for work at the City Home are
received and opened as follows:-

Plastering	Samual A. Marshall and Son	\$227.00
Painting, Whitewashing, Color Washing & etc.,	Walsh Bros.	\$271.00

The tenders are ordered to be recommended
to the City Council for acceptance.

CITY HOME EQUIPMENT.

Controller Hines is authorized to purchase
necessary equipment for the sick wards of the
City Home.

Engineer ✓

*Engineer ✓
Clerk's works ✓
Auditor ✓*

Council ✓

*Cont. Hines ✓
Jas. O'Brien ✓*

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QUINPOOL ROAD GUTTER.

The City Engineer is requested to report on remedying the condition of the Quinpool Road gutter.

Engineer ✓

FIRE ALARM BOXES.

Read report City Electrician re Fire Alarm Boxes, as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,
May 15th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The following F. A. Boxes have been inspected and found in good condition.

Nos. 45, 42, 62, 53, 54, 12, 15, 29,
27, 26, 18.

P. R. Colpitt,
CITY ELECTRICIAN.

Filed.

L. Fred Mowbray

MAYOR.

CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

May 21st, 1918.

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.

Oakland Road Encroachment by House.
Police Motor Patrol.
Chief of Fire Department - Motor Car.
Fire Alarm System.
Fires Outside City Limits.
Chebucto Road- Shop in Residential District.
Pay of Firemen Overseas.
Fire Department Engineer Wells.
Motor Hack Fares.
Street Line 180 Gottingen Street -James Godwin.
City Health Board Telephone Account-1914-15
Water Bill - Mrs. Hannah Pierce 274 Maynard Street.
Water Bill - Miss Jane Davis -162 Upper Water St.
Water Bill - M. Hubley - 29 Granville Street.
Water Bill - Mrs. Hattie Holmes- 36 Lawrence St.
Water Bill - Louis Weiss- 129 North Street.
Great War Veteran's Association Old Home Week.
Bacteriological Test of City's Water Supply.
Brunswick Street Extension.
Policeman Alexander Chisholm.
Tuberculosis Hospital.
Repairs to City Buildings.
Paving Agryle & Grafton and Blowers Streets.
Nova Scotia Car Works Indebtedness to City.
Small Pox Hospital.
Bill Board on House N. W. Corner Cunard and Gottingen Streets.
Morris Street Sprinkling.
City Home Painting.
Street Sprinkling.
Hack Licenses.
Theatre License Fees.
Sewer 181 South Park Street -Mrs. G. M. Hervey.
City Medical Officer.
Use of Salt Water.
Coburg Road Sewer.
18 Bauer Street- Junk Nuisance.
City Health Board Accounts.

OAKLAND ROAD ENCROACHMENT BY HOUSE.

Road McDonald appeared before the Board claiming that the City had now authority to order

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the removal of the house which is now temporarily on what is called Oakland Road, that it does not belong to the City who attempted to expropriate the property, but did not legally do so. He did not desire the removal of the building and neither did his wife who he claims is the owner of the property.

The matter is referred to the City Solicitor for report as to the ownership of the land.

The City Health Board is requested to report as to the fitness of the building for human habitation.

POLICE MOTOR PATROL.

On motion of Controller Taylor the City Clerk is instructed to advertise for tenders for a Police Motor Patrol.

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT MOTOR CAR.

On motion of Controller Hines the City Clerk is instructed to advertise for tenders for a six cylinder Runabout Model Car for the Chief of the Fire Department.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

Read reports (2) City Electrician. Read report Chief of Fire Department and letter from the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters re Fire Alarm System, as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,
May 18th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor,
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to report that Box 91 failed

*Solicitor
Health Board*

adv ✓

adv ✓

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to respond correctly to an alarm yesterday afternoon. On examination I find that the trouble was due to breaking down of insulation in both magnets, thus short-circuiting the box.

This box was tested on April 26th, and appeared to be in good working condition. It is comparatively new and of modern successive type.

We had some trouble with it, however, about two years ago, which was apparently caused by corrosive material of some kind getting into the movement and causing it to stick. After showing the movement of the manufacturer's representative here, I cleaned it and put it into service again.

After taking the box down this morning, I asked Mr. Murdock, Mgr. of the Northern Electric Co., to examine it, which he did and afterward asked permission to send it to the factory for the purpose of discovering if possible why such unusual defect should develop in a box of this type.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

City Electrician's Office,
May 20th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor,
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The following boxes have been tested and found in good working order:

Nos. 12, 15, 24, 13, 14, 6, 9.

Also Box 67 was tested and the non-interference mechanism was found slightly out of adjustment and was corrected.

The circuit apparently opened after the first round of an alarm from Box 12 yesterday afternoon and closed again before a test could be made to locate the trouble. Up to dark last night we were unable to get the circuit to remain open again. What probably caused the trouble was a corroded lead found today in the pipe of another box.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

Office Of Chief Fire Department,
May 21st, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

Acting upon your instructions in ref-

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reference to the fire which occurred May the 17th in Mr. Hartnett's barn Windsor Street I beg to report as follows:-

The Fire Alarm System.

The Alarm was sounded from the Nova Scotia Car Work's property, box 91, some two hundred yards from the building on fire and did not register correctly in any of the engine houses.

The Apparatus Responding.

West Street Fire Station being the nearest to the fire received the call by telephone and responded promptly with driver Mulcahy hosemen Bishop and Taylor, No. 2 Chemical which are a sufficient crew under ordinary circumstances to man a chemical engine. I have been informed ~~the~~ by these men that there was no hitch whatever in running off their line from the hose barrel, in fact this part of the apparatus is so simple to handle that men with much experience as these men have and still young and active could have no difficulty whatever and I believe any complaint against the taking off of the hose or any other part of their duty is entirely uncalled for.

Box 53.

I have enquired and have been informed by the City Electrician that early in December or thereabouts box 53 had been removed for repairs and had been under repairs for some time. This box is situated on the corner of Brunswick and Cornwallis Sts, and has been in commission for the past two months.

J. W. Churchill,
CHIEF H. F. D.

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Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters.
May 20th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members Board of Control.
City.

Gentlemen:-

Fire Alarm System:- I have to draw your attention to the fact that the fire alarm system at two recent fires- viz- barn at the corner of Windsor and North Streets on the evening of the 17th inst., and at a fire on Tower Road, Sunday the 19th, inst., did not operate satisfactorily.

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On previous occasions we have drawn your attention to the unsatisfactory working of the fire alarm system, and trust that your Honorable Body will have immediate steps taken to see that the fire alarm system is placed in such a condition as to ensure its perfect working.

E. J. Fahie,
Secretary.

Copies of the reports are ordered to be forwarded to the Fire Underwriters.

FIRES OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS.

Read letter Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters, as follows:-

Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters,
May 20th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I am directed to call your attention to a very alarming matter that transpired on Sunday the 19th. inst., when the only piece of modern fire apparatus in the City (Motor Engine Cornwallis) was ordered out of the City to fight a fire across the Arm, and left the City in its present crippled condition as regards apparatus and men, even worse.

I trust you will kindly have this matter looked into and steps taken to prevent any such recurrence.

Edward J. Fahie,
Secretary.

The Secretary is instructed to inform the Fire Underwriters that the Motor Fire Engine "Cornwallis" went out of the City on Sunday last contrary to the express orders of Controller Hines, and that the matter is being enquired into.

CHEBUCTO ROAD SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Arthur Matthews appeared before the Board and presented a petition in favor of the erection

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of a shop by him in the residential district.

The City Engineer lays upon the table plans of the proposed building. The Board decides to grant the permission applied for.

PAY OF FIREMEN OVERSEAS.

Controller Hines verbally reports in respect to the application of families of firemen overseas, that ten members of the call force proceeded overseas but as the City has settled the policy of paying employees only the difference between their City pay and Military pay and these men are receiving more Military pay than City pay they are entitled to nothing from the City. Approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINEER WELLS.

Controller Hines informs the Board that Engineer William Wells who was Engineer of the Motor Fire Engine "Patricia" at the time of the Explosion and who was injured, has been in receipt of his pay ever since, and in his opinion should be continued to be paid.

It is decided to ask the Relief Commission to reimburse the City for Well's pay from the time of the Explosion and to continue paying him during his disability. The Advisory Committee to take the matter up with the Commission. In the meantime the Fire Department is instructed to continue paying Mr. Wells until the determination of the Relief Commission is made known.

Engineer ✓

Chief Fire ✓
Dept -

Relief ✓
Commission

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MOTOR HACK FARES.

Read report Controller Taylor, as follows:

Halifax N. S., May 20th, 1918

To the Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit for the approval of the Board the following amendment of ordinance No. 14 "The Regulation of Hacks". Schedule of fares for Motor Hacks:-

MOTOR HACK FARES FROM HACK STANDS, RAILWAY STATIONS OR OTHER PLACES TO ANY OTHER PLACE.

For each person for any distance up to one mile.....	50¢
" " " beyond one mile within the City limits.....	75¢
All calls between 12 o'clock midnight and 7 o'clock a. m. within City limits, for any distance.....	1.00

MOTOR HACKS RATES HOUR DRIVING.

For 5 passenger Car per hour.....	\$3.00
For 7 " " " " " " " "	4.00

and a like proportion for every fraction of an hour after the first hour.

Children under one year old free; over one year old and under twelve, half fare.

All Motor Hacks when on Hack Stands or at Railway Station shall display a sign to the effect that the Car is either for hire or engaged.

All Motor Hacks shall have a copy of the table of fares and distances displayed on his Car in accordance with Section 33 of the Hack Ordinance.

Motor Hack owners or drivers who undertake or agree to take a fare from one place to another within the City limits and who fails to carry out said agreement shall be liable to a fine not exceeding ten dollars (\$10.00) and to have his license cancelled, or both, providing he cannot prove to the satisfaction of the Chief of Police that his failure for so doing was beyond his control

The schedule of rates as above specified shall apply to the City of Halifax only.

The rates charged beyond City Limits shall be as arranged between parties interested.

G. A. Taylor,
CONTROLLER.

Approved.

Solicitor

*27m
cc*

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C. Taylor ✓
The Committee appointed at meeting May 16th, to report on Motor Hack Fares, is requested ^{to} also report on horse drawn hack fares.

STREET LINE # 180 GOTTINGEN STREET - JAMES GODWIN.

The City Solicitor informs the Board that he and J. B. Kenny, had last week discussed the preparation of the Stated Case in the matter of James Godwin's claim #180 Gottingen Street and that they have not yet agreed upon the details.

CITY HEALTH BOARD TELEPHONE ACCOUNT 1914-15

Health Board ✓
Read account \$26.21 from the Telephone Company against the City Health Board chargeable to the year 1914-15 the account is ordered to be referred back to the City Health Board for an explanation as to the why the account has been so long outstanding.

WATER BILL MRS. HANNAH PIERCE-274 MAYNARD ST.

Engineer ✓
Read report City Collector re Water Bill Mrs. Hannah Pierce 274 Maynard Street \$4.10 claimed to be excessive.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

WATER BILL MISS JANE DAVIS -162 UPPER WATER STREET.

Engineer ✓
Read account Miss Jane Davis, 162 Upper Water Street \$42.29 claimed to be excessive.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

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WATER BILL M. HUBLEY-29 GRANVILLE STREET.

Read Water Bill M. Hubley, 29 Granville Street \$11.04 claimed to be excessive.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

WATER BILL MRS. HATTIE HOLMES -38 LAWRENCE STREET.

Read Water Bill Mrs. Hattie Holmes, 38 Lawrence Street \$12.04 claimed to be excessive.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

WATER BILL LOUIS WEISS -129 NORTH STREET.

Read Water Bill Louis Weiss, 129 North Street \$19.78 claimed to be excessive.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

ASSOCIATION.
GREAT WAR VETERAN'S/OLD HOME WEEK

Read letter Great War Veteran's Association asking for a reply to their application for permission to use the Exhibition Grounds or other grounds belonging to the City for the purpose of holding an Old Home Week in September.

The Clerk is instructed to inform the Association that on account of their condition since the Explosion it would be impossible to use the Exhibition Grounds for the purpose suggested, and that the Common is now almost completely occupied by dwelling houses and Military hutments and asking if they can suggest any other property under the control of the City which might serve their purpose.

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BACTERIOLOGICAL TEST OF CITY'S WATER SUPPLY.

Engineer
The City Engineer is instructed to order a Bacteriological test of the City's Water supply on both the High and Low Services.

BRUNSWICK STREET EXTENSION.

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

City Engineer's Office,
May 20th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

Application has been made for a permit to erect a garage at the north-east corner of Doyle and Queen Streets.

In the earlier reports and discussions on the extension of Brunswick Street, it was assumed that the extension would be made through the Barracks to join Hastings Street and thence to Spring Garden Road.

Council
I am submitting a plan showing an alternative location which runs diagonally from the corner of Brunswick Street and Mackville Streets to the corner of Doyle and Queen Streets. This latter location has the advantage of connecting with Queen Street, giving a through street north and south, whereas if the former location is chosen, it forms a blind end at Spring Garden Road. As will be seen from the plan the former location will also destroy more buildings than the latter.

I am bringing this matter to the notice of the Board, as, while there may not be any immediate prospect of carrying through the extension of Brunswick Street, still it is a matter that will likely be finally dealt with in the very near future, and if it should be decided to adopt the alternative location it would be a mistake to allow the proposed building to be erected, as it would add very largely to the expense in acquiring the land for the extension.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

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Consideration of the report is deferred.

POLICEMAN ALEXANDER CHISHOLM.

Chief of Police ✓
Controller Taylor submits application Alexander Chisholm for appointment to the Police Force and recommends his appointment. Approved.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

Read report Acting City Engineer re Tuberculosis Hospital site covering letter from the Tramway Company, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
May 18th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

At a meeting of the City Council held on March 7th it was decided to acquire the southern half of property owned by the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company immediately north of Point Pleasant Park on the shores of the North West Arm, as a site for a tuberculosis hospital.

I wrote the Company asking them to quote me a price for the land required, and have received a reply from them, copy of which is attached. They suggest that the question of price to be paid by the City for the property it is desirous to take from them, be fixed by arbitration under the customary rules provided for such cases.

As no agreement as to price can be reached with it, it will be necessary to acquire the property by expropriation. I have prepared plan and description of the land proposed to be expropriated, and submit the same herewith.

H. W. Johnston
Acting City Engineer.

Deferred.

REPAIRS TO CITY'S BUILDINGS.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
May 21st, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

The City Council at its meeting on May 21st, 1918, deferred consideration of the report of the Acting City Engineer on the subject of repairs to City's buildings. Request reports, correspondence mentioned in minutes: archives[at]halifax.ca.

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ferred the report of the Board of Control recommending the purchase of slates for the roof of the City Prison and Incinerator, back to the Board of Control for further report, with a recommendation that the slates for the City Prison be not purchased.

The price quoted for the slates for the Incinerator roof was \$10.75 per square. I wrote to the agent, asking if this price would hold, and he replies that the prices quoted were on the basis of the whole order, which would make up one carload, and that if only the fifteen squared required for the Incinerator were purchased, the price would be \$12.00 per square delivered, the additional amount being half the difference between the freight on the small lot and the carload.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Engineer ✓

The City Engineer is instructed to order the slates for the Incinerator at the increased price named and to defer ordering the slates for the City Prison for the present.

PAVING ARGYLE, GRAFTON and BLOWERS STREETS.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
May 21st, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I have been asked to report on the question of paving Argyle Street, Blowers Street and Grafton Street from Blowers Street to Spring Garden Road.

I do not think there is any necessity for producing any arguments in favor of the necessity of paving Argyle Street, as four years ago it was recognized that this street should be paved, and tenders were called for doing the work. On account of the outbreak of the War the work was deferred, since this time, on account of Spring Garden Road from Grafton Street to Pleasant Street having been made a one-way street, a considerably larger amount of traffic has been diverted through

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Blowers Street and Grafton Streets and this combined with the natural growth of traffic, more especially automobiles, makes the paving of these portions of these two streets necessary.

I would recommend that bitulithic or asphalt be used for these streets and that the intersections of the west east and west streets with Argyle Street, be paved with granite blocks.

It is difficult to make an accurate estimate of cost, as prices are varying from day to day, but I think the total work will approximate \$67,000. The City has power to borrow \$40,000 for permanent paving. If the above estimate of cost is correct, the City's share of the work on account of its owning property on the different streets, would be more than half and would amount to about the sum authorized to be borrowed. The balance will be paid by the property owners.

In reporting on the distribution system on Feb. 26th, 1917 I recommended that while a larger main laid on Barrington Street would make a great improvement in the system, yet as Barrington Street was paved it would be inadvisable to tear this pavement up, and a main should be laid on Argyle Street and Blowers Streets before paving these streets. We have sufficient 12-inch pipe on hand to do this work and if the pavement is ordered, it should be done in advance of it.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer

The City Engineer is instructed to advertise for tenders for the work.

On recommendation of Controller Hines the City Engineer is instructed to examine into and report on the sewer and water systems in Argyle Street.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS TO CITY.

Read opinion City Solicitor on claim of Nova Scotia Car Works for a return of \$4,165.35 Water Rates, as follows:-

Office of City Solicitor.
May 20th, 1918.

Secretary Board of Control.
Dear Sir:-

In so far as the claim of the Canada Cor-
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porations is for a refund of the amount paid for meter rates, I am informed that allowance was made for the five million gallons to which the Company was entitled free of charge, and there is therefore no ground whatever for so much of the claim.

As to the claim for a return of the amount paid for protection rate it should be borne in mind that the original agreement with the Sil- liker Company expressly provided that the rate should not be covered by the exemption and the Act granting exemptions to the N. S. Car Works was intended to be only a continuance of that agreement for a further period, with the addition of a grant of free water up to five million gallons. At the date of that Act (1911), previous to the decision of the Privy Council on the sewer rates, an exemption from "taxation" was understood not to apply to water rates of any description.

After the Company had gone into liquidation the matter of the rates due the City was carefully gone into between the representatives of the Company and the City officials and the amount due adjusted at \$4165.35 including both meter and pipe rates. The amount so adjusted was given to the liquidator and the property was sold subject to the City's claim for the agreed amount. The purchaser, the present claimant, subsequently paid it to the City. The claim for repayment is now an apparently an after-thought, arising out of the interpretation put on the expression "taxation" by the Privy Council.

I am of opinion that this claim cannot be sustained on two grounds.

First, I do not see how a bargain made with the consent of all parties interested at the time could be set aside at the instance of a subsequent purchaser who bought on the understanding that this debt was payable to the city, and was to be assumed by the purchaser.

Secondly, I think it plain that even assuming the bargain was not so clear as I am instructed it was, nevertheless money paid under such circumstances cannot be recovered back. There was no mistake as to the facts. There was at most a doubtful and

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disputable point of law which the Company, in view of the consideration shown it by the City could well afford to waive in the City's favor. While money paid under a mistake of fact can generally be recovered it is well established principle that a payment made voluntarily under no compulsion cannot be recovered merely because of a mistaken view as to the law. I am of the opinion that this principle is applicable here, and may moreover add that in view of the circumstances there is in my opinion nothing inequitable in the City relying upon it, as the Company has done nothing more than carry out what certainly was the understanding at the time the exemptions were granted to it.

F. H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Finlay that the opinion of the City Solicitor be accepted and that the City Clerk inform the Company that the City cannot entertain their claim.

SMALL POX HOSPITAL.

Read letter Relief Commission as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. May 20th, 1918

To
His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Dear Sirs:-

We have thirty men at work on the addition to the Small Pox Hospital at Rockhead and our Estimating Department report to us that on taking off a careful detail of building material required, that the cost of this building will in all probability run to between \$2700 to \$3000. The figure of \$2500. used in our original letter in this matter was a figure submitted to us by Dr. MacKay as was merely a rough estimate.

Ralph P. Bell,
SECRETARY.

Approved.

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BILL BOARD ON HOUSE N. W. CORNER OF
CUNARD AND GOTTINGEN STREETS.

The Board resumes the Consideration of the City Engineer's report on application of the E. L. Ruddy Company to erect a bill board on the wall of house on the N. W. corner of Cunard and Gottingen Streets.

The City Engineer is instructed to consult the Aldermen for Ward 5 in connection with this application and report to the Board.

MORRIS STREET SPRINKLING.

Read letters (2) Sidney Locke re Street Sprinkling Morris Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

CITY HOME PAINTING.

Read tender David Roche \$351.00 for painting at City Home.

The Secretary is instructed to notify David Roche that his tender was received too late and that in any case his price was higher than the other tenderers.

STREET SPRINKLING.

Controller Hines informs the City Engineer that the Fire Department can supply three drivers for street sprinkling.

HACK LICENSES.

The following hack licenses are granted:-

Thomas S. Mayatt	1	Taxi.
W. H. Isnor	3	Taxis - 5 Hacks.
Frédéric Parsons	3	Taxis - 8 Hacks.
John McCarthy	1	Taxi
Mrs. Maud Gibblin	1	Taxi
Harry D. Holland	1	Taxi

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THEATRE LICENSE FEES.

The Assistant City Clerk is instructed to collect license fees from Theatres as usual.

SEWER 181 SOUTH PART STREET -MRS. G. M. HERVEY.

Read claim for damages \$84.70 from Mrs. G. M. Hervey for alleged overflow of sewerage. Referred to the City Engineer for report.

CITY MEDICAL OFFICER.

The City Clerk is instructed to advertise in the local newspapers and ⁱⁿ the ~~in~~ Canadian Medical Association Journal for applications for the office of City Medical Officer, applicants to have a diploma of Public Health.

USE OF SALT WATER.

On motion of Controller Hines the City Engineer is requested to submit an estimate of the cost of installing 12-inch pipes for furnishing salt water from the Harbor to standpipes or feedwells on Water Street at the foot of the principal hills.

COBURG ROAD SEWER.

The City Engineer is instructed to report on what changes he would recommend for remedying sewer conditions at the foot of Coburg Road.

18 BAUER STREET -JUNK NUISANCE.

The City Engineer is requested to report as to complaints made of a nuisance from the collection of junk from Whitzman's 18 Bauer Street and a dangerous fence on the property.

and city clerk ✓

Engineer ✓

Adv ✓
Council July 29/15 ✓

Letter
Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

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CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

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

1917-18 Accounts.

Nov. 19 to Feb 18th- Tel Co. for service....	\$116.33
Nov. 1-Hfx. Wet wash, washing for I.D.Hosp...	10.50
Nov. 30-" " " " " " " " " "	9.00
Jas. 2-" " " " " " " " " "	3.00
Apr. 9-Wm. Robertson & Son, enamel, brush white paint for L. D. Hospital.....	2.20
Mar.19-Halifax Herald By-Law amended, nurse wanted, etc.,.....	31.96
Dec.24-W. A. Shanks, cake for I.D. Hosp.....	3.04
Mar & Apr.O.C.Warner, Supplying Milk I.D.Hosp.	87.85
Apr. 3-London Rubber Stamp Co. 7 badges.....	10.50
Feb. Mar.& Apr.T. C. Allen Office Supplies....	17.50
Mar. 30-Hugh McKenzie 5 tons coal I.D.Hosp..	40.00
Dec. 6-P.J.Otto Supply Ice for milk samples...	14.10
Mar.9,15 & Apr.12-Blackadar Bros (Acadian Red- order) advertising.....	26.25
Apr. 26 Melvin Bros..Tea kettle, oil stove....	2.00
Mar. 12.Robinsons Bros..Horse hire inspectors..	2.50
Oct. Nov. & Dec-Fred Parsons , conveyance patients	21.00
Mar.15-A.S. Barnstead .supphuric acid.....	55
Mar & Apr.John Starr & Son..Batteries, elec- trical supplies.....	6.00
Mar. 9-16-Chronicle Publ. Co..Advt. Daretaker & amendment.....	753
Jan, Feb.& Apr.G. R. Marshall, Washing for I.D. Hospital.....	57.00
Jas. Feb. Mar.A& W. McKinlay, Dairies, ptv. chart forms.....	18.55
Feb. Marc.Apr. Batteries, flashlights, etc.....	12.40
Mar.8-19 tons coal....Works Dept.....	144.40
Apr.25-A Milne Fraser, Hire typewriter.....	1.50
	<u>\$ 645.66</u>

1918-19 Accounts.

May 9th -University of Toronto, 100000 units anti toxin.....	\$150.00
May 11th-Wm. Stairs, Son & Morros, lead pipe plumbing examiners.....	12.16
	<u>\$162.16</u>

The Board adjourned.

L. Fred McWayhan

MAYOR.

CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

May 23rd, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10-15 o'clock. Present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Murphy, Hines and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Policeman Leo Tough.
Police Caps.
Taxi License.
Fire Alarm Boxes.
Auto Trucks for Street Sprinkling.
Town Planning.
Abolition of the Senate of Canada.
High Voltage Electric Wires.
Morris Street Lease.
City Water Front Properties.
Office Hours of Officials.
Hennessey Dump-West Young Street.
Halifax Power Company-Hydro Electric Power.
Water Bill-Mrs. Francis Moore.
Fire Prevention.
Fire Insurance Rates.
Fire Protection Temporary Buildings.
Board of Fire Escapes.
City Hall Letter Box.

POLICEMAN LEO TOUGH.

Medical
Read letter Assistant/Superintendent of the Nova Scotia Sanitorium, Kentville asking that special consideration be given Policeman Leo Tough recently an inmate of the Sanitorium. Officer Tough being present addressed the Board.

The Secretary is instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the letter and to advise the Superintendent of the Sanitorium that Officer Tough will have every consideration at the hands of the Police Department.

POLICE CAPS.

Tenders for Police Uniform Caps are received and opened from Kline & Mullins \$3.75 each and

*Chief of Police
Asst. Asst. Suplt
N.S. Sanitorium*

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T. J. Whelan and Company \$3.95 each.

Moved by Controller Taylor seconded by
Controller Hines that the tender of T. J.
Whelan & Co. be accepted. Motion passed.

TAXI LICENSE.

Read application Richard Burbridge for
a Taxi License. The license is granted.

FIRE ALARM BOXES.

Read report City Electrician, as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,
May 22nd, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor.
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The following F. A. Signal Boxes have
been tested, and are in good condition.
Nos. 27, 28, 29, 12, 26, and 23.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

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AUTO TRUCKS FOR STREET SPRINKLING.

Read letter Relief Commission as follows:-

Halifax Relief Commission,
May 21st, 1918.

His, Worship the Mayor and the
Board of Control.

Dear Sirs:-

With reference to your enquiry of
this afternoon with respect to two White Motor
Trucks, we have taken this matter up with our
Reconstruction Department and our Architects
and are advised that it will be impossible to
spare these from the Reconstruction work.

We regret our inability to help you
in the matter.

Ralph P. Bell,
SECRETARY.

Council ✓

and City Clerk ✓

Engineer ✓

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TOWN PLANNING.

Read letter Thomas Adams, Town Planning
Advisor of the Commission of Conservation,
as follows:-

Commission of Conservation,
Ottawa, Canada, May 20th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor of Halifax,
Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir:-

I have been engaged for some time acting as Consultant of the Town Planning Board of the City of Halifax and I hope I may have an opportunity of meeting you in the near future to discuss certain matters of importance that are bound to arise in connection with the preparation of the scheme. Unfortunately, there have been several serious delays which have hampered our work and recently there has been trouble of not knowing what is going to happen in regard to the planning of the devastated area.

I concurred in certain views you expressed during your candidature as to it being undesirable to promote any fanciful town planning scheme at the present time and I am inclined to think also that it would be better if the question of planning the devastated area had remained in the hands of the citizens representatives which for that purpose is the Town Planning Board of your Council. However, it has been arranged otherwise and I am doing the best I can to co-operate with the Relief Commission so as to get the best measure of Planning for the devastated area, consistent with the interests of the citizens who own land in that neighbourhood. My view is that very little interference is necessary to make it one of the finest suburbs of Halifax.

With regard to the general Town Planning Scheme I have forwarded the documents to Mr. Hattie and no doubt he will be conferring with you so as to enable us to get forward with the next stage. In your capacity as Mayor you will be Ex-officio the chief Member of the Town Planning Board and I hope to have the privilege of co-operating with you in preparing a scheme that will enable the present Council to hand down a practical and useful piece of legis-

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lation under your regime. I have asked my assistant, Mr. Seymour to call and see you and give you any information you require.

Thos. Adams.
Town Planning Advisor.

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ABOLITION OF THE SENATE OF CANADA.

Read circular letter from the City Council of Toronto covering a petition of His Excellency the Governor General for the abolition of the Senate of Canada. Consideration of the matter is deferred.

HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRIC WIRES.

William Wells appeared before the Board stating that residents in the neighbourhood ^{the} feared a storage of large quantities of dangerous gasses in metal containers at the Liquid Air Plant, and asked for an inspection and report. Mr. Wells also stated that he had been informed that the high voltage electric line supplying the town of Dartmouth is being tapped to supply the Liquid Air Plant, and thought the condition dangerous. The City Electrician in answer to questions informed the Board that the Electrical Superintendent of the Tramway Company had informed him that they were running a three phase line to the Liquid Air Plant similar to the Dartmouth High Tension Line.

Referred to the City Electrician for investigation and report, giving his opinion.

*Electrician
Chief Fin Dept*

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MOORIS STREET LEASE OF.

Read offer of Buckley Coal & Contracting Co Limited, to pay \$50.00 a year for the use of the piece of property on the North side of the foot of Morris Street owned by the City.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

CITY WATER FRONT PROPERTIES.

The City Engineer is requested to report on all Water front properties owned by the City, who occupied by, their condition, whether there are buildings on them and what revenues derived.

OFFICE HOURS OF OFFICIALS.

The Board decides to prepare and report as to the hours of City Officials and the time for opening and closing civic offices.

HENNESSEY DUMP-WEST YOUNG STREET.

The City Engineer is instructed to clean up all offensive matter on the dump on the Hennessey property and burn all combustible s.

Read report City Health Board, as follows:-

Office of City Health Board
May 22nd, 1918.

From: Secretary City Health Board.

To: Mayor Hawkins.

Siz:-

For some time the Health Board has been endeavoring to meet the wishes of the citizens especially in the North End, to improve conditions in the interest of Public health, Many complaints have been received about a dump on West Young Street and following our police of reinspectng premises and other places where we find nuisance exist or where the plumbing is not working properly. We have had the West Young

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Street reinspected this week and find the conditions existing there worse than ever and far worse than when we inspected the dump in April. A copy of the report submitted by one of our inspectors yesterday on the condition of the dump is attached for your information and action, please.

J. Watters,
Secretary C. H. B.

The Secretary is instructed to reply to the communication stating that the Board of Control will look after any offensive matter on the Street proper but that it is the duty of the Health Board to look after offensive material on adjoining properties.

HALIFAX POWER COMPANY-HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER.

The Secretary is instructed to ask the Halifax Power Company when they will be prepared to discuss with the Board of Control measures to be taken under Chapter 88 of the Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to Authorize the City to hold Shares in the Halifax Power Company and to lend money to the said Company."

WATER BILL -MRS FRANCIS MOORE. 23 CHARLES ST.

The City Engineer is requested to submit a special report on the conditions surrounding the metering of the premises of Mrs. Francis Moore-23 Charles Street.

FIRE PREVENTION.

Read letter Board of Trade, as follows:-

Board of Trade,
May 21st, 1918.

To the President
Members of Council
of the Halifax Board of Trade.

Engineer ✓
Health Board ✓

Mr. Brookfield ✓
President -

Engineer ✓

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Gentlemen:-

Your Committee on Fire Prevention matters in view of the recent Legislation being obtained giving the Chief of the Fire Department certain powers; and having been requested to define what is required in said Legislation, beg to report as follows:-

Inspection
of Build-
ings.

Your Committee would approve of the Card System, suggested by Controller Hines and Chief Churchill, as in vogue in other cities, for the purpose of detailed information regarding public and commercial buildings, gathered as a result of inspections made by uniformed members of the fire Department; this information contains all details regarding the construction and lay out of the different premises visited.

They would further recommend that the district to be inspected quarterly be that at present known as the "Brick District" or "Fire Limits" defined as follows:-

Beginning at a point on a line drawn in prolongation of the south side line of Dawson Street, distant eighty feet eastwardly from the east side line of Water Street, thence running westwardly by the said line drawn in prolongation of the south side line of Dawson Street and the south side line of Dawson Street to a point in line with the centre line of Water Street; thence northerly by the centre line of Water Street to Morris Street; thence westwardly by the centre line of Morris Street to South Park Street; thence by South Park Street northerly to Sackville Street; thence by Sackville Street to Brunswick Street; thence by Cogswell Street to a line distant one hundred and twenty-five feet westerly from the west side line of Cottingen Street; thence by said line northerly to Gerrish Street; thence by said line northerly to eastwardly by a line drawn in continuation of the centre line of Gerrish Street to the Harbour; including also the distance of eighty feet on both sides of each of the said streets or parts of streets form-

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the boundary line and eighty feet eastwardly from the east side line of Water Street from Fawn Street to Gerrish Street.

Outside the district named, all buildings of a public or business nature to be inspected at least, once a year.

Fire Alarm System.

Your Committee would recommend that this Board interest itself in an improved fire alarm system and urge upon the City that immediate steps be taken towards remedying the deplorable condition of same, and it's present unsatisfactory working may be the cause of a large conflagration.

As an example, within the last several months, it worked unsatisfactorily at the following fires, viz: the King Edward Hotel, entailing a loss of some \$40,000.00; Sherwin-Williams' Warehouse; Hartnett's barn on Windsor Street; fire on Tower Road on Sunday last; etc.,

In this connection, your Committee would suggest that the recommendations contained in the report of the Engineer of the Nation Board of Fire Underwriters of December 1916 be carried out- especially those marked "Important and early adoption urged"

Water Conditions.

Complaints of both high and low water service, are many-almost weekly, complaints are made to the Board of Control with reference with the high, but the same conditions exist on the low service. It has been stated that on Argyle Street, water does not reach the second floor in certain buildings thereon, this is especially so when fires are in progress the water being practically cut off from other parts of the City.

Your Committee would urge that the recommendations of the Acting City Engineer in his report of February 26th, 1917 especially that of a thorough and systematic leakage and wastage survey being made, be acted upon; said recommendations have been endorsed and approved by several engineering experts, viz;- Mr. Willis Shipman, who was engaged by

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the City to make investigation and report to the Water Department at a cost of thousands of dollars to the citizens; also by the engineers of the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

Your Committee would further recommend that the suggestion of Controller Hines to use water from the Harbour by the laying of pipes below low water level to feed wells and hatchways in Water Street from which the Fire Engines could take suction, be carried out this, it is believed, would relieve the City Water Service to a very great extent, It is understood by the Committee that an arrangement could be made with one or two of the large firms on Water Street, where by the practicability of such a service could be tested at a very low cost to the City.

Fire Fighting Appliances.

Your Committee urged Legislation to enable the Chief of the Fire Department to order fire fighting appliances in buildings where he considered necessary.

The Committee is in possession of information that such power is vested in the Chiefs of the Fire Departments in Lethbridge, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Victoria, Toronto, and Montreal. Some of these cities, however, limit their power to public buildings, where large crowds assemble-while others specify that standpipes and floor plates must be installed where directed.

Your Committee would recommend that a City Ordinance be prepared whereby the Fire Chief could compel the installation of such appliances, where he considered necessary, to value not exceeding \$100,000; where the cost of installation would exceed that amount he must report same in writing to the Board of Control with his recommendations and an estimate of costs for providing such facilities.

Your Committee cannot too strongly impress upon the Council the unsatisfactory condition of the several branches of the Fire Department enumerated above, and the necessity of stringent measures being taken for the prevention of fires; also prompt action on the

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part of the City authorities giving effect to improvement.

In conclusion your Committee wishes to record it's thanks with City Solicitor Bell in interesting himself in the several suggestions made for improved fire prevention legislation; we also wish to record our appreciation of the interest Controller Hines has taken in all matters in connection with the improvement of the City's fire fighting force, and especially his effective work in inaugurating a paid Fire Department.

E. A. Saunders.
SECRETARY.

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Board of Trade, Halifax, N S.
May 22nd, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of the Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I enclose copy of report in connection with Fire Prevention, submitted by special committee of this Board.

This report was adopted at Council meeting yesterday afternoon, and I was desired to write ~~to~~ and ask your Honourable Body to give favourable consideration to the several matters contained therein.

E. A. Saunders,
SECRETARY.

Copies of the report are ordered to be forwarded to the City Solicitor and the Chief of the Fire Department, and the City Solicitor and the City Engineer are requested to prepare an ordinance and submit the same to the Board.

FIRE INSURANCE RATES.

E. A. Saunders, Secretary of the Board of Trade being in attendance is asked to endeavor to induce the Board of Trade to interest itself

*Solicitor ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓
Engineer ✓
E A Saunders ✓*

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in efforts to secure a reduction in Fire Insurance Rates.

FIRE PROTECTION TEMPORARY DWELLINGS.

The Chief of the Fire Department is requested to report in writing the best measures to be taken for the protection of the temporary dwellings on the Exhibition grounds and the Commons from Fire.

A letter from Colonel Flowers on the above subject is submitted and read.

BOARD OF FIRE ESCAPES.

On motion of Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Taylor, Controller Hines is appointed as representative of the Board of Control on the Board of Fire Escapes under Section 13 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1918.

CITY HALL LETTER BOX.

The City Engineer is instructed to construct a proper chute leading to the Post Office letter box in the City Hall.

The Board adjourned.

L. Fred Munnaghan

MAYOR.

CITY CLERK.

E. G. Saunders

Chief Fire Dept ✓

Cont. Hines ✓

Engineer ✓

RIOT MAY 25th, 1918.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

May 26th, 1918.

Agreeably to notifications sent out by order of His Worship the Mayor there attended at His Worship's Office in the City Hall at 11 o'clock this (Sunday) morning, Admiral Story and members of his staff, Colonel W. E. Thompson, A. A. G., Colonel Armstrong, His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Hines, Murphy Finlay and Taylor, the Chief of Police and the City Clerk.

The meeting was held to discuss measures to be taken for the future protection of persons and property in view of the riot which occurred last night when a very large mob gathered around the City Hall and with stones and other missiles and revolver shots destroyed most of the windows in the building, set fire to the City Engineer's Office, wrecked the Police Court room, threw the Police Patrol waggon and a Police Motor Cycle overboard at the City slip, destroyed an automobile stored in the Police Patrol house, cut and destroyed about one thousand feet of fire hose, injured a number of persons and committed other depredations.

The City representatives called the attention of the Naval and Military Authorities to the great delay which occurred in securing their assistance for the suppression of the tumult and requested that they take measures

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to ensure that there would be no such delay and loss of time should there unfortunately arise any recurrence of the disorder.

Col. Thompson explained the delay as partly due to the small number of troops on duty in the City Proper and the lack of Military training and inexperience of such soldiery as are available.

Colonel Thompson disclaimed any responsibility on the part of the Military for the riot stating that it commenced through the rough handling of a sailor by a policeman while arresting him for refusing to pay for a cake of soap at the 15 Cent Store on Barrington Street.

The Chief of Police stated that the sailor had not been illused by the Police and that the trouble arose through discontent on the part of returned soldiers who made a pretext of the arrest of the sailor as an excuse for starting the disturbance.

His Worship the Mayor requested that the Military and Naval Authorities Patrol the Streets with their pickets as had always been the practice in Halifax, for the purpose of looking after the men of their respective Services.

Before the Conference adjourned the Naval and Military representatives lead the

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

May 28th, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Brunswick Street Extension To Queen Street.
Fire Hose destroyed in Riot May 25th, 1918.
Fire Hose Lost in Explosion of December 6th, 1917
Morris Street Sprinkling-Letter Sydney Locke.
High Tension Electric Lines.
Tuberculosis Hospital Site.
Robie Street Water Extension-Heber Hartlen.
Cost of Stone Crushing-Heber Hartlen.
Hennessey Field Dump.
Fire Protection Temporary Buildings.
Fire Alarm Boxes.
Edward Street And Jubilee Road Light.
War Risk Fire Insurance.
Insurance of Firemen.
Robie Street Account Heber Hartlen-for
Removal of Snow.
Coal Weighers Annual Report.
Coal Weighers Increase of Fees.
Market Building.
Coal Supply.
Small Pox Cases Watchman.
Bill Board Corner Cunard and Gottingen Streets.
Taxi Licenses Halifax Hotel.
Riot May 25th, 1918.

BRUNSWICK STREET EXTENSION TO QUEEN STREET.

In connection with the report submitted by the City Engineer at meeting 21st., inst., re extension of Brunswick Street diagonally from Sackville Street through Artillery Park and the property of Robinson's Ltd. to Queen Street the City Engineer is instructed to interview Mr. George Robinson as to the acquisition by the City of the portion of property required and report.

Engineer

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FIRE HOSE DESTROYED IN RIOT -MAY 25th, 1918.

Read letter Canadian Rubber Co. Ltd.,

to Controller Hines as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. May 27th, 1918

Cooperation of Halifax,
City Hall.

Dear Sirs:-

We beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your order of even date covering 1000 feet of 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ inch Keystone Wax and Gum Treated Fire Hose coupled at \$1.30 per foot.

We have wired your order to the factory and shipment will be made today via Express prepaid.

CANADIAN CONSOLIDATED RUBBER CO. LTD

T. F. Davies.
BRANCH MANAGER.

Approved.

FIRE HOSE LOST IN EXPLOSION -DECEMBER 6th, 1917.

Controller Hines is authorized to immediately ascertain from the Chief of the Fire Department the quantity of each brand of hose lost in the explosion of December 6th, 1917 (total 1500 ft.) and to forthwith order duplicate quantities of the same make at the prices quoted in the last tenders received for like kinds hose.

MORRIS STREET SPRINKLING-LETTER SYDNEY LOCKE

Read letter Sydney Locke re Street Sprinkling Morris Street.

Referred to the City Engineer

Council ✓

*Cont. Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓
Council ✓
Auditor ✓*

Engineer ✓

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HIGH TENSION ELECTRIC LINES.

Read report City Electrician and letter
Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company re
high tension electric lines.

Deferred for discussion with the City
Electrician.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL SITE.

The City Solicitor submits the following
draft form of resolution accompanied by the
following report on proposed acquisition of
a site for the proposed Tuberculosis Hospital
on property owned by the Tramway Company
adjoining Point Pleasant Park in the shores
of the North West Arm.

"Resolved that the City enter into an
agreement with the Nova Scotia Tramways
and Power Company for the acquisition of
the site required to a Tuberculosis Hospital
at a price to be determined by three ar-
bitrators in the usual way."

Office of City Solicitor.
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Secretary Board of Control.

Dear Sir:-

I have had several conferences with
Mr. Covert representing the N.S. T. & P. Co-
mpany and am informed by him that the Company
is perfectly willing to waive all preliminar-
ies of an expropriation and enter into an
agreement to buy or sell the property required
by the City for the price to be determined
by three arbitrators.

F. H. Bell.

City Solicitor.

Consideration is deferred until Thursday's
meeting.

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ROBIE STREET WATER EXTENSION-
HEBER HARTLEN.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
May 28th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

In accordance with your request I have looked into the matter of the extension of water to Robie Street for Mr. Hartlen's property. The water pipe is laid along the Hospital Lane, so called from Gottingen Street to the Infectious Disease Hospital. Last year Mr. Hartlen asked to have this pipe extended to Robie Street so that he could obtain a supply of water to his property on the west side of the latter street. This was reported on and came before the Board of Control on May 3, 1917.

The estimated cost of the extension of the pipe was \$1000 and I recommended that the extension be made, provided Mr. Hartlen sign a bond guaranteeing the City fifty dollars a year from water rates. A copy of this report was forwarded to Mr. Hartlen but no reply was received from him, and no further action taken.

Mr. Hartlen has been obtaining water from the stone crusher while we were operating the same. The small pipe was laid ~~across~~ to the crusher across City property other than the one it was supplying. I protested strongly at the time against the use of it by Mr. Hartlen, as a tap on this pipe, being exposed, was liable to be turned on by any person passing, and the water wasted. This pipe was purely a service pipe and not intended to supply any property other than the one it was supplying. During the time when the Crusher was not working our foreman visited the place and found the tap running full bore.

I would repeat my former recommendation that the water be extended to Robie Street, provided Mr. Hartlen signs a bond guaranteeing the City fifty dollars a year water rates from the extension.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Heber Hartlen appears before and addressed the Board asking that the water be turned on at the stone crusher and that he be permitted to

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to take his supply from it. He complained that water from the City Prison had been allowed to run across Robie Street (Longard Road) into his wells destroying them.

The City Engineer is instructed to immediately place a meter on the pipe running to the stone crusher so that the quantity consumed may be measured and to permit Mr. Hartlen to obtain a supply through such meter at the usual meter rates and also to report on the matter of correcting ~~mette~~ conditions on Robie Street so that Mr. Hartlen's wells may not be contaminated through surface water from the street running into them.

COST OF STONE CRUSHING -HEBER HARTLEN.

Heber Hartlen appeared before the Board enquiring into the particulars of contract for stone crushing and requesting information as to the cost.

The City Engineer is requested to submit a report on the cost of stone crushing and to forward a copy to Mr. Hartlen.

HENNESSEY FIELD DUMP.

Alderman Parker addressed in Board complaining of the offensive condition of the dump on the Hennessey field West Young Street.

The City Engineer is instructed to remedy the conditions complained of.

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FIRE PROTECTION TEMPORARY DWELLINGS.

Read report Chief of Fire Department as follows:-

Office of Chief Fire Department,
May 28/18

His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to report on the emergency shelters on the Provincial Exhibition Grounds and the South Common, as follows:-

I would recommend.

(Exhibition Grounds) That a chemical engine now in reserve at Brunswick Street Station be put in commission on the Exhibition Grounds and that four men be attached to same. This would necessitate the building of temporary quarters sufficient in size to properly house four men, one pair of horses and the engine. I would suggest as the most convenient location that the South end of this block be chosen and in the event of an alarm being sounded from box 94 (which is situated in the centre of the block) would bring a triple combination car and ladder truck from West St. Station together with the chemical which would already be in action.

(South Common) I do not think it necessary to install any apparatus on the common as the triple combination from Brunswick Street Station together with the apparatus from other stations could reach this location in very quick time. I am of the opinion that this would be sufficient apparatus to properly cover this particular district.

J. W. Churchill,
Chief H. F. D.

The report is approved, the Chief of the Fire Department authorized to do whatever he deems necessary for the protection of persons and property in the districts referred to and the Relief Advisory Committee requested to take the matter up with the Relief Commission tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Chief Fire Dept. Mayor ✓

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FIRE ALARM BOXES.

Read report City Electrician as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,
May 27th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:

The following F. A. Boxes have been
inspected and found in good working order.
No. 21, 214, 31, 312, 25, 212.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

Filed.

EDWARD STREET AND JUBILEE ROAD LIGHT.

Read report City Electrician, as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,
Ma 27th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor.
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

In compliance with your order, I beg
to report, that I have inspected the Street
light corner of Edward & Jubilee Road on three
separate nights, and found it lighted each time
I observed it.

P. R. Colpitt.
City Electrician.

Filed.

WAR RISK FIRE INSURANCE.

Read letter A. M. Jack and Sons as follows:-

Hartford Fire Insurance Company
May 27th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor and Members
of the Board of Control.

Dear Sirs:-

On the fourth of April we wrote you
stating we were in a position to issue a Full

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War Risk Insurance Policy in this Company, and we would state that such a policy would cover damage to property done as a result of rioting or civil commotion, such as occurred Saturday night.

We again quote rates as follows:-

	With 50% Co-insurance Clause	With 80% co-insurance Clause	With 100% co-insurance Clause
City Hall	\$1.40	\$1.05	\$.93
Fire Department Buildings.	"	"	"
Market Building.	1.34	1.00	.89
Reservoir	1.05	1.24	1.10
City Home	1.275	.956	.85
Schools	"	"	"

As stated in our former letter those rates are for a policy for 12 months but if the War was over say in six months the policy would be cancelled and the customary rebate allowed but the policy could not be cancelled for at least 150 days beginning with the date of issue.

A. M. Jack & Son.
General Agents.

Filed.

ROBIE STREET ACCOUNT HEBER HARTLEN FOR
& REMOVAL OF SNOW.

Read account Heber Hartlen as follows:-

Halifax N. S. May 22nd, 1918

To City of Halifax.

In account with Heber Hartlen.

Feb.	To work performed with ox team.	:	:
Mar.	Plough and scoop also two men	:	:
	opening the road north of Lady	:	:
	Hammond Road which was impassible	:	:
	for man or beast during	:	:
	Feb. & Mar.	:	\$40.00
		:	:
		:	:

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

INSURANCE OF FIREMEN.

On recommendation of Controller Hines the

Engineer

May 23th, 1918.

City clerk ✓

City Clerk is instructed to call for tenders for insurance against accident of active firemen and officers of the Fire Department.

COAL WEIGHERS ANNUAL REPORT.

Read annual report Coal Weighers for 1917-18 as follows:-

Halifax N. S. May 22nd, 1918.

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

Gentlemen:-

I have the honor to submit herewith for your information my annual report showing the amount of coal and coke weighed by the City weighers during the Civic Year ending April 30th, 1918 also the quantity weighed of the different coals which is as follows:-

Reserve-	Mine:	Coal:	Tons:	Lbs:
Reserve	"	"	67326	805
Old Sydney	"	"	.8452	1525
Inverness	"	"	.4114	1300
Pictou	"	"	.1650	.422
Springhill	"	"	.1362	1995
Milford	"	"	..804	1050
Maritime	"	"	..305	.660
Smithing	"	"	...34	1600
Welsh	"	"	1121	1810
Briquettes	"	"	..446	.330
Slack from various mines			6837	.175
U.S.A. Anthracite			-37931	1997- 636
Coke			4355	1997

132743

1405

2000 tons @

6 cents per ton \$7964.63

\$7964.63

Less current expenses

\$42.95

Cash paid Supernumeraries

1286.63

\$1329.58

\$6635.65

The above balance divided among 8 men gives each the sum of eight hundred and twenty nine dollars and thirty eight cents. \$829.38.

S. Cummings,
Supervisor of City Coal Weighers.

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Referred to City Council for publication
in the Annual Civic Report.

COAL WEIGHERS INCREASE OF FEES.

Read petition of Coal Weighers as
follows:-

Halifax, N. S. May 23rd, 1918

To His Worship the Mayor.
and Members of Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit herewith to your
Board a petition from the permanent coal
weighers asking that the coal weighing fee
be increased from 6 to 8 cents per ton for
the reasons they give in their petition.

Trusting that the same will receive
the attention and favorable consideration of
your Board.

Simon Gummings.
Supervisor of Coal Weighers.

Referred to the City Engineer for
report.

MARKET BUILDING.

Read offer Frank Reardon to hire from the
City a portion of the City Market Building
at a monthly rental of \$100.00 as follows:-

Halifax N. S., May 22nd, 1918

The Board of Control.
City Hall.

Gentlemen:-

I have some glass stored in a part
of the North end of the Market Building which
Mayor Martin gave me the privilege of using
while the building, owing to its condition,
could not be used for market purposes. Now
that the roof has been made tight and the
sashes reglaxed I would like to continue to
use that portion of the building if you do
not require it for the present for other pur-
poses. ~~if-yes-ee-ne-~~ and would be willing to
pay One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month

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until you require the space. you allowing me sufficient time to remove the glass etc., when giving me notice to vacate.

Kindly let me know at once what you will do in the matter.

Frank Reardon.

It is decided to grant Mr. Reardon a lease of the portion of the North western section of the building now occupied by him at a rental of \$150.00 per month from May 1st 1918, fifteen days notice to quit to be given by either party.

The City Engineer is authorized and instructed to offer the Relief Commission a lease of the north eastern half of the Market Building now occupied by them at a rental of \$200.00 per month from May 1st, 1918 fifteen days notice to quit to be given by either party.

The City Solicitor and City Engineer are instructed to draw up the two leases.

COAL SUPPLY.

The City Engineer is instructed to submit a schedule of the ^{quantities} ~~quantities~~ of coals required for the various departments with the view of calling for tenders.

It is decided not to invite the School Board to pool its coal supply with the City's requirements, the statement having been made that the price of Coal at the mines is fixed by the Fuel Controller.

Engineer
Solicitor
Club work

Engineer

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SMALL POX CASES WATCHMEN.

Read letter City Health Board as follows:-

x Office of City Health Board,
May 28th, 1918.

From: Secretary City Health Board
To: Mayor Hawkins & Members Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I am directed by the Chairman of the City Health Board to inform you that the Mayor has not signed the warrant for the pay of several watchmen employed on houses in which there were cases of small-pox, covering the past week.

J. Watters,
Secretary C. H. B.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by
Controller Hines that the account be paid.

Motion passed.

BILL BOARD CORNER CUNARD AND GOTTINGEN STS.

Read letter Alderman Guildford as follows:-

Guildford & Sons Ltd.
May 27th, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

In reference to our telephone conversation of Saturday morning, re Bill Boards on the north west corner of Cunard and Gottingen Streets, I now hand you herewith a letter protesting to the erection of such bill boards from E. E. Parsons Esq., Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Gottingne St. retail merchants.

As this letter speaks for itself I feel in duty bound to back up the retail merchants in this matter, and so beg to be recorded as against the erection of the proposed bill Boards.

R. D. Guildford,
Alderman Ward 5.

Consideration of the matter is deferred
until the other Alderman for Ward 5 reports.

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TAXI LICENSES HALIFAX HOTEL.

It is decided to grant the Halifax Hotel six of the ten Auto hack licenses applied for.

RIOT MAY 25th, 1918.

Read report City Solicitor as follows:-

Office of City Solicitor,
May 27th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your request for a short statement of the law as to your powers in connection with the suppression of a riot and the functions of the Military Forces in that connection, I beg to say as follows:-

The primary duty of the suppression of a riot rests by English common law with the civil magistrate who is bound for that purpose to use all the police force at his disposal including special police, and who has also the right in case of need to call upon any citizen for assistance, and in this connection he has the right to call upon a member of the naval and military forces of the Crown in the same way and to the same extent as any other citizen; but not at common law to require the services of the military as an organized body.

The right of the civil power to call upon the military as such depends upon statute. In Canada that statute is section 80 and following sections of the Militia Act, which authorizes magistrates to requisition assistance from the Officer Commanding the military forces in any district when required for the suppression of a riot beyond control of the civil power, and upon such requisition being duly made the Officer Commanding is required to act.

The expenses incident to such action are required to be borne by the municipality in which the assistance is rendered. This law has been recently modified by an order in council under the Military Measures Act made subsequent to the disturbances in Quebec which authorizes the Officer Commanding in any district to use the Military Forces without a requisition from a Magistrate if the magistrate fails to ask for them and the circumstances in the opinion of the officer require military forces to be used.

F. H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

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Filed.

The City Engineer is instructed to submit a statement of the damage done to City property during the riot of Saturday night.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the attention of the Naval and Military Authorities at Ottawa should be drawn to the dilatoriness of these services in rendering assistance to the Police Department. in the suppression of the riot.

Controller Hines called attention to the fact that on Sunday 19th., inst he had been unable for hours to get in touch with any Commanding Military Officer when he required their assistance in the extinguishing of Woods fires.

The Chief of the fire Department and Controller Hines are requested to submit a report in writing as to the conditions on Sunday May 19th.

His Worship the Mayor and the Chief of Police are requested to submit a report as to the conditions on May 25th.,

The Board adjourned.

MAYOR.

L. J. McLaughlin
CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

May 30th, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Taxi License.
#18 Bauer Street Unsanitary Conditions.
Tuberculosis Hospital Site.
N. W. Arm Sewer - Oakland Road to Chain Rock.
Water Construction Account.
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Riot May 25th, -Tenders for glazing City Hall Windows.
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Greighton Street- Mrs. Moore.
Water Bills Andrew Hubley.
Water Bill Charles Woods 14 Black Street.
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Fire Extinguishers.
Argyle Street Paving.
High Tension Electric Wires- Lines.
Street Cleaning Appliances.
Loans for Various Purposes.
Oxford Street - E. Pattison Wall.
Purity of Water Supply.

TAXI LICENSE.

Read application John Park #80 Black 14 Main Avenue, Exhibition Grounds for a Motor Hack License.

Controller Taylor is authorized to order the issuing of a license if in his opinion the applicant is a fit person and his motor suitable.

#18 BAUER STREET INSANITARY CONDITIONS.

Mr. Outhouse appeared before the Board complaining of the existance of an insanitary manure pit and nuisance from a pile of junk and mattresses on premises of Mr. Whitzman No. 18 Bauer Street next door to his property.

*Cont. Hines ✓
ass. by clerk ✓*

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Health Board ✓

Referred to the City Health Board for report.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL SITE.

The Board again takes up the matter of a site for a permanent Tuberculosis Hospital

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Taylor that the Board visit Dartmouth this afternoon going by the 3 o'clock boat for the purpose of viewing possible suitable sites there. Motion passed.

N. W. ARM SEWER - OAKLAND ROAD TO CHAIN ROCK.

Read report City Treasurer as follows:-

Office of City Treasurer,
May 29th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor
and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I am requested to make a settlement by the Cook Construction Co. & Wheaton Bros. of the following certificates of the City Engineer for work done on Sec. 2 North West Arm Sewer in accordance with the contract:

1918	Jan. 2	Balance due on Certificate #4	\$	8936.28
	Feb. 2	" " "	5	21829.50
	Mar. 2	" " "	6	7157.70
	Apr. 9	" " "	7	9948.15
	May. 6	" " "	8	1323.72
		Total		<u>\$61295.35</u>

For certificates previous to Jan. 2nd, 1918 and including a portion of #4 certificate I have delivered unto the above Company \$32000. in City of Halifax Bonds @ 92.35 and have paid it the proceeds thereof.

Under our Legislation 1917 the City Treasurer can deliver to said Company \$38000. additional under date July 1st, 1917 which will exhaust our authority as well as the Bonds on hand.

Under the Legislation 1918 authority is given for an additional sum for Sewers of \$200,000; of this amount \$27,500 in Bonds is now due. I would respectfully request that the City Treas-

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urer be instructed to order the printing of the necessary Bonds for the completion of the work under the date of July 1st, 1918; the term 34 years, the interest 5% and issue, when necessary, interim receipts pending the issue of the Bonds. Memo of account attached.

Council ✓

James J. Hopewell.
City Treasurer.

Approved.

WATER CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Read account Osterberg & Hinds \$363.68 for Water Construction Chebucto Road. The account is passed for payment.

COMMON - TEMPORARY MILITARY HUTMENTS.

Read report, Acting City Engineer covering letter Military Authorities re temporary Military hutments on the common, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
May 30th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

In accordance with the instructions of the Board, I prepared an agreement and forwarded the same on the 27th of April to the Officer Commanding the District. I have just received a reply from him, that the Minister in Militia Council decided that it would not be possible at present to state what period after the termination of the war these huts would be vacated, and the buildings removed, and I am asked to take the matter up with the Board and inform them that the Militia Department would prefer that this matter be left in abeyance for the present.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

The City Engineer is instructed to confer with the Military Authorities with the view of preserving to the public if possible the use of one or more of the footpaths across the Common through the fencing proposed to be erected.

Engineer ✓

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RIOT MAY 25th-TENDERS FOR GLAZING CITY
HALL WINDOWS.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
May 29th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I have asked for tenders for glazing the sashes damaged on Saturday night last. There are approximately 331 panes of glass of different sizes. The following tenders were received -

Frank Reardon	\$ 893.00
B. E. Hatt	1008.00
David Roche	1040.00
Martin & Moore	1050.00
Walsh Bros.	1084.00

The tender of Frank Reardon being the lowest, I would recommend that it be accepted, and that the work be proceeded with immediately.

These tenders do not include any of the stained glass windows either in the Hall or the fanlights, nor the ground glass windows in the office doors. All these will be included in the contract for repairing the explosion damages.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

Read letter Board of Trade, as follows:-

Board of Trade, Halifax N. S.,
May 29th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor Hawkins,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

At the meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade yesterday, extended reference was made to the regrettable disturbance in the City on Saturday evening, when considerable damage was done to City property, and also some harm to the City's good name for the observance of law and order.

The members of the Council of the Board quite realize that as there was no warning that anything of the character was to

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happen, no preparation therefore could have been made to meet it, and that the day and hour added to the difficulties of the Police to cope with the disturbance. The Council, however, feels that the occurrence is a clear warning that there is a restless feeling abroad in the City and that every precaution should be taken with energy and promptness to cope with any repetition of disorder, and I have been desired to write this letter to you to assure you of the firm support of the business community in this regard.

The Council of the Board of Trade would respectfully urge that the number of Policemen should be increased at once, and that special attention should be given to their training and efficiency. The Council will support you in any representations which you may consider it necessary to make to the Military authorities to exempt suitable men for this purpose. The Council will also support you in requesting of the Military and Naval authorities that they shall in future take cognizance of the tendency of soldiers and sailors to assemble in large groups on the street - particularly on Barrington Street, often blocking entrances and the passage of pedestrians, and that by adequate patrolling they shall keep these men moving, and thereby hold the streets clear for the unhampered use of all citizens alike.

E. A. Saunders,
Secretary.

The Secretary is instructed to write the Board of Trade and in order to save verbiage and at the same time to show the answer in the record the following communication is inserted in the minutes.

City Clerk's Office, City Hall,
May 30th, 1918.

E. A. Saunders, Esq.,
Secretary Board of Trade.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of 29th inst., relating to precautionary measures to cope with any recurrence of the Riots of May 25th, was read and considered at a meeting of the Board of Control this morning.

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I was directed to communicate to the Board of Trade the thanks of the Board of Control for the interest manifested and the assurance of support promised in the taking of suitable steps for future security.

The City for the past year or two has had the greatest difficulty to secure recruits for the Police Force and for a long time the Department has been undermanned. Every possible means have been exercised to prevail upon the Military Authorities to permit us to retain our young Policemen and to secure active men to supplement the force without success.

The Board is and has been since the Riot maturing plans to deal with the situation and hopes that the fears of the citizens may be allayed.

On Sunday morning last a conference was held at the City Hall with the Naval and Military Authorities as a result of which it is believed that in the unfortunate event of any trouble in the future more prompt action may be expected.

In the meantime a suggestion was thrown out that the Board of Trade, the Commercial Club, the Rotary Club and other kindred organizations might in a practical way aid in assuring the preservation of the peace by supplying volunteers to aid the Police Department. Such volunteers to be under the control of the Chief of Police, clothed by the City with necessary authority and supplied by the City with such uniform equipment as the occasion might require.

L. Fred. Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

On recommendation of Controller Taylor the City Engineer is authorized to repair the Automobile belonging to Detective Kennedy which was wrecked in Saturday night's riot, at the City Workshops, Bell Road, and to utilize the services of one of the chauffeurs of the Fire Department in assisting.

✓
Letter Board
Secretary
to Trade.

✓
Engineer
Chief Fire Dept
Chief of Police

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BRUNSWICK STREET EXTENSION - ROBINSONS GARAGE

George A Robinson of Robinson's Limited together with his Solicitor Mr. Burchill and his Architect appear before the Board asking, for an immediate decision as to the granting of a permit for his corporation to erect a garage on property corner Doyle and Queen Streets.

Mr. Robinson is informed that the Board of Control will recommend to the City Council that a street running diagonally from the junction of Brunswick Street and Sackville Street through Artillery Park and the Robinson property to the corner of Doyle and Queen Streets be placed on the City plan thus depriving his corporation of the right to build on a portion of the property.

The City Engineer is instructed to further confer with Mr. Robinson and submit a supplementary report and the City Engineer and City Solicitor are instructed to submit any necessary formal report, description, plan, resolution etc., required by statute to be presented by the Board to the Council.

PLUMBING IN DWELLING HOUSES #162-164
CREIGHTON STREET - MRS. MOORE.

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Read report City Health Board as follows:-

Office of City Health Board,
May 30th, 1918.

From: Secretary City Health Board
To: Mayor Hawkins & Members Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to notify you that Mrs. Moore

Engineer ✓
Solicitor ✓

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Bedford, agent for Nos. 162-164 Creighton Street has neglected to comply with the orders of the Board of Health to provide proper sanitary conveniences at these places, 162-164 Creighton Street.

I am directed by the City Health Board to request that you take action to have the necessary work carried out in accordance with section 864 of the City Charter, Mrs. Moore, as agent for the properties expressing her willingness that this be done.

J. Watters,
Secretary C. H. B.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Finlay 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 call for tenders for the same and report the same to the Board of Control with his recommendations. Motion passed.

WATER BILLS ANDREW HUBLEY.

Andrew Hubley appeared before the Board informing them that he is in receipt of a large number of water bills for the period following the explosion of December 6th, charged against tenement houses owned by him where on account of the damage done the water had been allowed to run to prevent freezing. He asked that the bills for these premises be adjusted on the basis of the amounts charged for water for the like period last year.

Mr. Hubley is requested to submit the bills to the City Engineer for report to the Board.

Engineer

Engineer

*Engineer ✓
City Health Board ✓*

Engineer ✓

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WATER BILL CHARLES WOODS 14 BLACK STREET?

Read letter Charles Woods 14 Black Street covering Water bill claimed to be high owing to the Explosion. Referred to the City Engineer for report.

Engineer ✓

WATER BILL 23 WOODHILL STREET - SAMUEL RIELIN.

Read letter Samuel Rielin claiming he has been excessively charged for water at 23 Woodhill Street. Referred to the City Engineer for report.

Engineer ✓

POLICEMAN REYNO.

Read charge by Victor E. Stimers 100 Argyle Street against Police Officer Reyno. Referred to His Worship the Mayor.

*Chief of Police ✓
Mayor ✓*

FIREMENS ACCOUNTS FOR FLUSHING STREETS?

Read account Fire Department \$41.00 for services of 39 men four days street flushing. The account is passed for payment.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

Read letter Northern Electric Company soliciting the City to purchase fire extinguishers from them as follows:-

Northern Electric Company,
May 28th, 1918.

Dr. A. C. Hawkins, Mayor.
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

Some days ago, I called upon the City Works Storekeeper at the City Field, and spoke to him in regard to Fire Extinguishers. He informed me that there has never been, at either shops or plant, any protective device in regard to fire. We have in stock at our

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warehouse, the Badger Fire Extinguisher, which is the standard extinguisher used by most warehouses and concerns throughout the city and province, and would be pleased to quote prices on complete extinguishers and refills to you.

Hoping to hear from you in respect to this matter.

D. Meriarty,
Salesman.

Referred to Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department for report on special equipment for appliances for fire protection in all City properties.

ARGYLE STREET PAVING.

Controller Hines informed the Board that Argyle Street Merchants had informed him that they were opposed to the permanent pavement of the street while the war is on.

Alderman Kelly urged that all electric wires be put under ground in the street before Argyle Street is paved.

The City Engineer stated that it had not yet been decided to pave the street, that the only action taken was to ascertain by calling for tenders how much the paving would likely cost.

HIGH TENSION ELECTRIC LINES.

The report of the City Electrician and the letter from the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company are high tension electric lines submitted at last meeting and deferred for consideration at this meeting are taken up.

Said communications are read as follows:-

*Cont - Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓*

Engineer ✓

May 30th, 1918.

City Electrician's Office,
May 28th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor,
And Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

Following your instructions I have inspected the Tram Co's proposed high tension line to the Liquid Air Works on East Young & Gottingen, and Kane Streets.

The poles are set but the line has not yet been run. The poles are the same grade as those carrying the Dartmouth line, and I am advised by the Company that the completed line will be the same grade of construction throughout as that of the above mentioned line. This being so the grade of construction is in my judgment adequate for the voltage proposed and I would recommend that it be approved.

With reference to the Dartmouth line I have made complaint to the Company that the line has not been properly cleaned up by transferring the older construction to the new poles and removing the old ones and enclose Mr. Mallinson's reply to my last communication on the subject.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

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Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co. Ltd.
May 5th, 1918.

P. R. Colpitt, Esq.,
City Electrician.

Dear Sir:-

I have for acknowledgement receipt of your favor of the 23rd instant relative to our high tension lines.

With reference to the lines being built to supply the Liquid Air Company's Factory at the corner of Agricola Street and Kane Street, I beg to advise that permission for the erection of this pole line was received from the City Engineer in the customary manner and one of the employees from the City Engineer's Office gave us the pole locations. This line to the Liquid Air Factory is being constructed of 40' poles with Standard Type

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High Tension insulators and the workmanship will in all respects be similar to that on the line serving the Dartmouth System.

With reference to your criticism regarding the short poles which have been allowed to remain on the Streets on the route followed by the Dartmouth line, I may say that we exceedingly regret that we have been unable up to the present to change over our line and remove the poles in question. As previously advised it is our intention to do this but we have been so extremely short of linemen, and so unusually pressed with additional work, house connections, and reconstruction work, that it has been an utter impossibility for us to make this change.

We realize the desirability of removing this duplicate pole line but we have thought it better to make an effort to meet the immediate requirements of the Public in so far as we are able and to defer working on this line until some more favorable time, as apart from the duplication of the pole line we do not consider that there is any inconvenience being caused by this line remaining temporarily in position. We believe that both the Dartmouth Line and the line to the Liquid Air-Plant- Works when finished will represent the best possible type of overhead line construction.

Assuring you that we will cause the remaining portions of the duplicate line to be changed over and removed at the very first opportunity available, I am,

Yours very truly,
H. R. Mallison,
Managing Director.

The City Electrician is requested to submit a special report on the placing of high tension wires underground, pointing out the danger of the overhead wiring, system and its real seriousness and to make recommendations for the protection of persons and property without regard to expense.

The City Engineer is instructed not to allow any further progress in the extension of high voltage power wires than has up to the

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*Electrician ✓
Engineer ✓*

present been installed on any of the Tramway Company's Wire lines or to permit said Company to place or use poles facilitating such extension.

STREET CLEANING APPLIANCES.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that he was in receipt of printed matter delineating and describing up to date appliances for street cleaning appliances and advocated that the City of Halifax should modernize its equipment for this important service.

Engineer ✓

Referred to the City Engineer for a comprehensive report with recommendations.

LOANS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

On recommendation of Controller Finlay the City Engineer is requested to submit a recommendation regarding amounts to be borrowed under the authority of the Acts of 1918 on account of :-

Construction of Curbs and Gutters.
Sewers.
Market Building.
Explosion of December 6th, 1917.
Abattier.

*Engineer ✓
Auditor ✓*

and any other service under his department requiring loans for which there is legislative enactment.

OXFORD STREET - E. P. ALLISON WALL.

Read letter E. P. Allison re stone wall at his property south west corner of Oxford Street and Coburg Road as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. May 30th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

On account of having to take down

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and rebuilt substantial portions of the foundations walls of the Stables at "Oakville" (24 Oxford Street,) owned by the Estate of the late Levi Hart deceased, which are now in an unsafe condition through damage thereto resulting from the effects of the Explosion of December 6th, last, it has become necessary for said Estate to obtain a supply of stone material therefor. The only suitable material available are the stones contained in the boundary fences of said property situated on the west side of Oxford Street.

The contractors have at last notified the writer who is one of the Trustees of the above Estate and who has this matter personally in hand, that they wish to commence the execution of the repairs in question on or about the 17th proximo, and inform me that it will be absolutely necessary to have the material available at that date.

The removal of the boundary fence in question will necessarily allow a large portion of the western side of Oxford Street to fall in upon the Oakville Property, which is due to the fact that the City have for years, and contrary to the express protest made personally by the writer on behalf of said Estate to the Civic Authorities on several occasions, allowed the western street line of Oxford Street to encroach and trespass upon the said Oakville property.

The right of the Estate to remove the wall in question cannot, in my opinion, be questioned and your City Solicitor concurs in that view, as you will by a perusal of his letter of (June 8th, 1914, L.F. M. C.C.) to the Secretary of your Honorable Board in connection with the right of the Estate to remove the fence in question a copy of which letter you will find enclosed herewith.

Naturally the Trustees do not wish to put the City to any unnecessary inconvenience or expense in connection with this matter, especially at the present time and under present conditions, but they find they are unable to obtain the necessary supply of stone anywhere else except at an exorbitant figure, and I must therefore request your City to take the necessary steps to protect and retain the west side of Oxford Street along the boundary ~~line~~ of the Oakville Property in order that the street ground will not fall upon and trespass on the Oakville Property upon the removal of the fence in question, which

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will certainly occur unless the necessary pre-ventative measures are immediately taken by the City Authorities.

Engineer & Solicitor ✓

E. P. Allison.

Referred to the City Engineer and City Solicitor for report.

PURITY OF WATER SUPPLY.

Controller Hines informed the Board that recently boats had been observed on Long Lake with men in them fishing for trout.

Engineer ✓

The City Engineer is instructed to carry out the regulations that the practice must be stopped and to have the boats removed from the lake.

The Board adjourned.

L. Fred McLaughlin
CITY CLERK.

MAYOR.

MAYORS OFFICE, CITY HALL,

May 31st, 1916.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Murphy, Finley, Hines and Taylor. There was also in attendance T. S. Rogers, Chairman of the Halifax Relief Commission, F. S. Isard representing J. W. Norcross and R. M. Welvin, and associates of Montreal; P. J. McManus, City Assessor, H. W. Johnston, Acting City Engineer, F. H. K.C. Bell, City Solicitor; L. Fred. Monaghan, City Clerk.

SHIPEUILDING.

For detailed report of the proceedings see stenographic notes taken by Miss Helen B. Dugan, on pages following.

The City Clerk is instructed to summon the City Council to attend an emergency meeting at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning to consider the proposition submitted by Mr. Isard and the resolution adopted by the Board.

Council

L. Fred Monaghan

MAYOR.

CITY CLERK.

Mayor's Office,
May 31, 1918

A special meeting of the Board of Control was held this morning- present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Murphy, Hines and Finlay, F.S. Isard, representing Messrs. Norcross and Wolvin, H.W. Johnston, F.H. Bell, P.J. MacManus, T. S. Rogers, representing the Relief Commission, and L. Fred Monaghan.

Mayor Hawkins- Gentlemen, I called this meeting of the Board of Control together to consider the proposition of Mr. Isard, representing Norcross and Wolvin. This matter of shipbuilding seems to be rapidly coming to a head and is a matter of great importance to the City. I do not know of any question that involves so much and is of such vast importance at the present time. As the district that is largely affected thereby is for the most part in the hands of the Relief Commission, I have asked Mr. Rogers to be present at our meeting. Mr. Isard has written a letter, outlining the points he wishes taken up by the Board of Control. They cover the question of the partial or total exemption of taxation and the diverting of what was formerly known as Campbell Road. From my interview with him yesterday, I find that they discovered when they made soundings, that the bottom of the Harbor on account of the explosion, has evidently been very much deepened; where there was 20 feet, to-day there is 60 feet, and to make their shipyard fit in with the present condition would mean a large amount of filling. To overcome that, they have to push the yard up further on shore. That means the diversion of the railway tracks and the diversion of Campbell Road or the abandoning of it entirely. That portion of it, I think, is largely in the hands of the Relief Commission, for they have full control of that district as regards roads, etc. I will have the Secretary read Mr. Isard's letter-

Halifax Hotel, May 31, 1918

The Mayor and Council
City of Halifax.

Gentlemen-

On behalf of my principals, Messrs. J.W. Norcross and R.M. Wolvin, and associates of Montreal, I beg to advise you that we have taken certain preliminary measures with a view to establishing a steel shipyard in Halifax Harbor, and within the bounds of your City. I may say that we have been working our our plans for some months, and that at first we contemplated selecting a site elsewhere in the harbor, where we would not come in direct contact with your municipality. Owing to various causes, the more important of which were beyond our control for reasons arising out of the war, we were, much to our regret, unable to carry through that project and were compelled to turn our attention to your side of the harbor, where certain conditions produced by the explosion of December last, appeared to suggest an industry such as we propose. Before, however, we will be able to further advance our plans, I have now the honor to request that you will kindly advise me the basis on which your Council would fix the assessment of a steel ship-building plant in Halifax. If we had been able to establish in the County of Halifax, we have reason to believe we would be granted total exemption, or at least a nominal fixed assessment, for a period of twenty-five or thirty years. I understand some such terms were offered to

Mayor Hawkins - I thought it better for you to know, because I did not know a company with which negotiations were carried on last year. It therefore would not appear unreasonable for us to expect that you would be willing to place our company in as favorable a position with regard to taxation, since the benefits of the industry would now accrue most largely to Halifax. I understand further that the City Council of last year, in pursuance of a long established policy, agreed to grant to the company in question, the sum of \$200,000 in tonnage bounties. This, it is to be noted, was to an industry situated entirely outside the corporation and on the other side of the harbor. I respectfully submit that in order to place our proposal on a similar footing, you would be fully justified in granting us total exemption for a period of years. It seems to me that an industry of this character will just now fit in very well with the conditions prevailing in the north end of your City, and will supply a large class of tax producing artisans that will in years to come, prove of great advantage to Halifax.

From enquiries made elsewhere in Nova Scotia, I find that the City of Sydney gave the Dominion Iron & Steel Co. Ltd., total exemption from taxation on its plant for a period of twenty years. The same City would give us a free site, \$350,000 in bonuses, and exemption from taxation for twenty years, exclusive of school water and sewer rates. That municipality is alive to the great industrial advantages which the steel ship-building industry produces, which wherever established. In Amherst, in order to encourage the industries which have made that town prosper, the assessment of the larger concerns were fixed at merely nominal figures, as the following list will show.

Rhodes Curry Co. Ltd.	\$30,000
International Engineering Co	17,000
Amherst Foundry Co.	14,000
Christie Casket Co.	10,000

In connection with the full development of our plant in Halifax, it may be necessary that the railway tracks near Lynch's bakery northward to beyond old Pier #6 shall have to be moved back on to Campbell Rd. and when you make reply to our request on the subject of taxation, kindly also definitely advise me if the City will agree to grant that portion of Campbell Road for the above purpose. I should add that as important decisions depend upon the replies which your Council will make, I beg you will kindly favor me with your answer before 1 o'clock p.m. Monday 3rd proximo.

Yours truly,
F.S. Isard

Mayor Hawkins - That is very full. Do you wish to add anything to that?

Mr. Isard - No. I think it would be absolutely necessary to have Campbell Road. I cannot see how we could do without it. It will cost a tremendous amount of money to do it otherwise.

Mr. Rogers - The railway would still be there, I suppose? The shipbuilding would not remove Richmond as a freight centre?

Mr. Isard - The railway will be up on Campbell Road.

Mr. Rogers - We have the right to divert and close up streets in that vicinity; of course, as the City wishes.

Mayor Hawkins- I thought it better for you to know, because I did not know your plans for that portion of Campbell Road.

T.S.Rogers- We have reserved any plans, for we felt something like this might happen. We felt some time ago that it was better not to deal with this situation until we had another opportunity to confer with the Department of Railways and Canals. The road should be straightened in any case, and if the railway is to remain there, it would mean there should be warehouse facilities to the west of the road, so that in plans we are developing, we are leaving out entirely that frontage. There is this matter, of course. We are trying to find an easy grade there to run across the devastated area to reach the upper streets. That is practically settled, altho the exact location is not settled, pending negotiations with the military authorities.

Mayor Hawkins- If you divert the road you will have to go on Military property.

T.S.Rogers- How far south would you expect the railway would come?

Mr. Isard - Opposite Lynch's.

T.S.Rogers- We are not allowing any building up to the corner of the military property until this matter is settled. If the road is diverted, someone will have to pay for the land that will be required for the new Campbell Road. We could not get along without that road.

Mayor Hawkins- I thought perhaps we could.

Cont. Murphy- Are we under any obligation to preserve any right of way to the Imperial Oil Co?

F.H.Bell- The Intercolonial can do it, but we cannot. The idea is to put the railw up where Campbell Road now is and to divert or abandon Campbell Road.

Cont. Murphy- Do you say that as far as your plans are concerned, it looks as if it was absolutely necessary to take Campbell Road?

Mr. Isard- I do not believe we could possibly do without it. The bow of a ship must be at an angle of at least 19 feet. We want it to lie square up to the shore. Unless you get in here you are dropping into 60 feet of water. The piles would never set up-

H.W.Johnston- What is the length of your ways?

Mr. Isard - About 460 feet.

Cont. Murphy- What capacity will your shipyard be?

Mr. Isard- Three berths to carry 10,000 tons each.

Mr. Johnston- It is just possible that Campbell Road could be done away with altogether and we could widen Street.

T.S.Rogers- That would not be a very great undertaking- I would think if Mr. Johnston, your engineer and our engineer got together, it could be arranged. It is purely an engineering matter.

Mayor Hawkins- The question is how far our Board of Control and City Council can go. As I understand it, we have to have legislation.

Cont. Murphy- There would be nothing against the Board or Council expressing its approval and stating that we would seek the necessary legislation.

Mr. Isard - Yes.

Cont. Murphy- I think in order to put this before the Council we should have some further details as to what it involves for the City. We should have some idea of the possible expenditure involved. The Council will want to know.

Mr. Isard- The minimum cost of the shipyard will be \$3,000,000 as an initial outlay. That does not include our engine shops or boiler shops, because we cannot get sufficient men to work them.

Cont. Murphy- How many men will you employ?

Mr. Isard- We will employ every man we can get hold of - from 3000 to 4000 men.

Cont. Finlay- How long before you will begin operations?

Mr. Isard- If you approve this and send it to the Council, I think our contractors will be working by the end of next week.

Mayor Hawkins - In your communication you have not definitely stated what your people would like in the way of exemption from taxation.

Mr. Isard- Naturally we would like the best we can get. Assess us on the same basis that the ordinary taxpayer is assessed. We might have to buy other small properties and we are willing to exactly on the same basis as the City is assessing to-day. If we have to buy another strip of property, we want the same terms on that.

P.J. McManus- Any building that they buy for the purpose of improving their plant, the assessment we have on it, remains.

Mayor Hawkins- Isn't there a special Shipbuilding Act?

F.H. Bell- It has expired.

Mayor Hawkins- Do you think a clause of that exemption Act would relieve from assessment of building materials.

F.H. Bell- The Council can do that, but not for a period of 25 years, only ten years. We would need legislation for that.

Mr. Isard- If you say you will get legislation, we will be satisfied.

Cont. Finlay- How long will it be before you would be constructing ships?

Mr. Isard- If we have any luck, we will have our machinery in by November. of this year.

Mayor Hawkins- Mr. Bell, will you draw up a resolution for the Council? There would have to be an undertaking in that resolution that we will seek the legislation for them to extend the time to say 25 years.

H.W. Johnston- With regard to the acquisition of Campbell Road. I think the Board would be wise to enquire a little further into the requirements there.

Mr. Isard- We are not going to use Campbell Road unless it is absolutely necessary, as it will mean we will have about 200,000 cubic yards of rock to take out to bring our grades down. We are not going to do that if we can help it. We can build 8000 ton ships in there without using Campbell Road, but I think it is bigger and better for Halifax to have a yard capable of building ships of 10,000 tons.

Cont. Murphy- Why could not we arrange that the City Engineer

confer with your engineers here and make us a report on Monday, and we could dispose of the financial part of it.

Mayor Hawkins- I think Campbell Road with its level railway crossings is a menace, and if they intend, as I understand, to continue this street out eventually, carrying Albert Street to Brunswick and continuing it down over the hill, Campbell Road could be abandoned.

Cont. Murphy- Assuming that it is necessary to cut off Campbell Road from Lynch's to Pier 6, Mr. Johnston, you could see right off, couldn't you, the best way of meeting that situation if it should arise?

H.W. Johnston- I think I would require a certain amount of time to consider different schemes.

Mayor Hawkins- About your own plant - could it be put down below Campbell Road?

Mr. Isard- I am afraid it could not be. We have to push the tide so far back beyond the end of our ways so as to make launching possible at high water. We are going out about 120 yards beyond our sheds and those ways have to be ~~put~~ piled up under the boat. I do not think our engineers themselves know any too much about ship-building work. We have not our own men on the work.

At this point, Mr. Isard leaves the meeting and the Board continues its session.

Cont. Murphy- Personally I look on this as such a big thing for Halifax, that even if we foresee what might look like sacrifices at the outset, I would be prepared to support it.

Cont. Hines- Halifax has always stood in its own light in that way. I think what he asks for is not out of the way.

Mayor Hawkins- Will we give them total exemption?

Cont. Murphy- I would move the following resolution -

(revised by City Solicitor)

RESOLVED that in the event of the Norcross Syndicate or other company promoted by them establishing a yard for the construction of Steel ships in Halifax City the City Council under the authority of Section 378 of the City Charter agrees and grants an exemption from taxation as follows-

(1) The real property used for such yard, including engine shops and other buildings and land immediately used in connection with the construction of ships, shall be a period of ten years from this date be valued for taxation at the amounts following, that is to say-

(a) Any property (other than that of the Halifax Graving Dock Company) acquired in the year 1918 at the assessed value of the land apart from any building or other improvements at date of acquisition-

(b) The property of the Halifax Graving Dock Company if ~~valued~~ acquired at \$200,000.

(c) Any property acquired subsequent to 1918 at its assessed value both land and improvements at date of acquisition.

(2) The Council further agrees that the machinery and personal property of the Company shall for ten years be exempt from taxation to the extent provided in said section 378.

(3) The Council also agrees to use its best endeavors to secure legislation at the next session of the legislature to extend the exemption hereby agreed upon, to a period of twenty-five years.

(4) The City also agrees to use its best endeavors to secure any legislation necessary to make any diversion of Campbell Road required by the said Company - and also for closing any other streets requiring to be closed.

H.W. Johnston- Would you let it go the way it is, or should there be a proviso that they start within a certain time.

Mayor Hawkins- I do not think that is necessary. They have decided that this is the tactical point for repairs, etc., and they have a contract for 25 ships of 10,000 tons.

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FIRE INSURANCE ON CITY PROPERTY.

Read report Clerk of works, as follows:-

City Works Office,
June 1st, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The fire insurance on City property expired on May 31st and I have received from Messrs. Rainnie and Keator Ltd., new policies covering same amounting to \$100,000.00. Last year the

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

June 4th, 1918.

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

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Read report Clerk of Works, as follows:-

City Works Office,
June 1st, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The fire insurance on City property expired on May 31st and I have received from Messrs. Rainnie and Keator Ltd., new policies covering same amounting to \$102,600.00. Last year the

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Provincial Insurance Company held \$20,000 of this risk and the North-Western National \$10,000. The Agents desire to replace these two amounts by a policy of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., for \$30,000. This Company's head office is in Hong Kong, China, and they claim to have assets of about \$20,000,000, and state that they have both Dominion and Provincial License. I have made enquiry and find that the Company secured a Dominion License last year, but through an oversight on the part of the Agents, an application has not yet been made for a Provincial license., but they propose doing so at once. As this policy would cover nearly one-third the total risk, will this be acceptable to your Board?

A. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

The Clerk of Works is instructed to advertise for tenders for the insurance referred to.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINEER WELLS.

Read letters (2) Relief Commission, re

Motor Engineer William Wells, as follows:-

Relief Commission, Halifax, N.S.
June 3rd, 1918

City Clerk.
Halifax.
Dear Sir:-

I acknowledge with thanks yours of the 30th May being extract from Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Control held on the 21st, May re Engineer Wells of the Fire Department. This matter has been referred to Dr. Cutten, Director of Rehabilitation and Pensions Branch, for attention.

Ralph P. Bell,
SECRETARY.

Rehabilitation Department,
June 4th, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-
A copy of an extract from the Minutes regarding Mr. William Wells, engineer of the Motor Fire Engine, has been handed to me.

Convoit ✓
See minutes
June 6/18.

Juen 4th, 1918.

We will endeavour to have Mr. Wells come before the Medical Board at an early date, and as soon as we can ascertain his condition, will notify you concerning our action.

George B. Cutten,
Director of Rehabilitation Department.

Filed.

Engineer Wells appears before the Board and is given one months leave of absence with salary.

ANNUAL REPORT CITY PRISON.

Read Annual Report City Prison for 1917-E.

Filed.

YOUNG STREET EXTENSION HENNESSEY FIELD.

Read letter L. A. Lovett, As follows:-

McInnis, Mellish, Fulton & Kenny,
31st, May, 1918.

The Board of Control.
City.

Dear Sirs:-

In the year 1913 certain negotiations took place between Gerald B. Ternan and the City of Halifax with reference to the purchase by the City of part of the Hennessey Field, so called, the consideration at that time being \$3500000, and the agreement of the City to extend West Young Street through the property and to maintain the jib of land not used for such extension as a Park.

Apparently, the transaction was never completed.

I have been instructed to prepare a Deed to the City in which the description of the land and consideration for the transfer will be as follows:-

"All that lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being at the north west corner of West Young Street and Gottingen Street, in the City of Halifax and County of Halifax, the said lot being more particularly described as follows:-

*Chief of
Dept.
Council*

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First. Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the existing west line of Gottingen Street with the existing north line of West Young Street; thence in a westerly direction by the said north side line of West Young Street five hundred and thirty (530) feet more or less or until it meets the proposed new north line of East Young Street as shown by a blue line on the plan hereinafter mentioned thence easterly by the said proposed new north line of Young Street for a distance of four hundred and ninety seven (497) feet more or less or until it meets the existing west line of Gottingen Street; thence southerly by the said existing west line of Gottingen Street one hundred and seventy four (174) feet more or less to the place of beginning.

Second. All that lot, piece of parcel of land, lying between the existing north line of the said street, the said lot being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the existing north line of the said West Young Street distant five hundred and thirty (530) feet more or less westerly from the existing west line of Gottingen Street; thence by the various courses of the existing north line of West Young Street until it comes to the existing east line of Longard Street; thence northerly by the said existing east line of Longard Street for a distance of three feet six inches (3' 6") more or less or to the prolongation of the new north line of West Young Street; thence easterly by the said prolongation of the said north line of West Young Street and by the said new north line of West Young Street to the place of beginning.

The above described new north line of West Young Street being as shown by a blue line on Section 5 of the Official City Plan; together with all and singular the buildings, easements, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances, --- for and in consideration of the said City of Halifax opening up and grading the extension of West Young Street through the property hereinafter described immediately and in

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consideration of the said City of Halifax holding and retaining the said property, except the part of said property required for street purposes for a Park and in consideration of the sum of thirty five hundred dollars of lawful money of the Dominion of Canada.

The property can be transferred immediately, but as the purchase was made in 1913 the Vendors would of course receive interest at 5% from that date on \$3500.00 and should receive an allowance or rebate for taxes based on the proportionate value of the part of the land sold to the remaining land.

Would your Board be good enough to give this matter prompt attention and if you require any further information I shall be glad to obtain it for you on request.

L. A. Lovett.

The Clerk is instructed to inform Mr. Lovett that the property referred to is now in the district controlled by the Relief Commission and that therefore the City is not in a position to deal with the subject at the present time.

CITY PRISON MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Governor of the City Prison for the Month of May. Filed.

CITY PRISON - NAVAL PRISONERS.

The Governor of the City Prison is requested to submit a report showing the cost per day of the maintenance of Naval prisoners in the City Prison, the number confined there during the last Civic Year, the length of time of each, the amount paid for each prisoner per day and the total amount received.

ANNUAL CIVIC REPORT.

On motion of Controller Murphy the City

June 4th, 1918.

Clerk is directed to instruct the heads of the various departments in accordance with the recommendations in the report submitted by him to the Board on April 25th, last to issue notices to all firms having accounts against the City to render them promptly within 30 days in order to facilitate the early publication of the Annual Report.

The City Clerk is also instructed to insert a public notice in the newspapers to the same effect.

WATER BILL SAMUEL R. FRAME 7-8 BELLE AIRE TERRACE.

Read letter Samuel R. Frame re Water bill 7-8 Belle Aire Terrace, claiming to be excessive.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

QUEEN STREET CITY PROPERTY MRS. MARGARET BUCKLEY.

William P. Buckley appeared before the Board asking for an early determination as to right of way through City property, Queen Street. Mr. Buckley informs the Board that if the City will sell the property he will guarantee to erect a building thereon at a cost not less than \$20,000.00.

Referred to the City Engineer for an approximate value of the land per foot.

CITY HOME LAUNDRY PLANT.

The Superintendent of the City Home is instructed to advertise for tenders for laundry machinery for the City Home, tenders to be receivable up to June 20th.

Chief of Police ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓
Engineer ✓
City Works ✓
Auditor ✓
City Home ✓
Gov of Prison ✓

adv

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

Gas & Bygon ✓

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WATER BILL F. HILL. 8-10 LOCKMAN STREET.

Read water bill F. Hill 8-10 Lockman Street
claimed to be excessive.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

ROBIE STREET WATER EXTENSION HEBER HARTLEN.

Heber Hartlen appeared before the Board
claiming that the water had not been turned on
at the stone crusher for his benefit as ordered.

The Acting City Engineer explained that there
is a break in the pipe in one place part and
a stoppage in another and that the workmen have
been ordered to repair same and that the water
will be turned on as soon as possible.

WAR-ENEMY ACTIVITY-GENERAL ALARM.

Read letter Colonel Lang, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. 1st, June, 1918

To-
His Worship the Mayor of Halifax,
Halifax, N. S.

Sir:-

I beg to inform you that should any enemy
activity in the city of neighbourhood be im-
minent or take place, the GENERAL ALARM announ-
cing this and calling the military forces to
their war stations will be three (3) rounds
fired from the Citadel time-gun, followed at
an interval of three minutes by a further three
rounds.

2. This notification need not cause any alarm
to the public; complete preparations to meet
the unseen are, as you can understand necessary.

3. I shall be glad if you will have your
Fire Chief call and see me with his most recent
instructions to the brigade for action in time of
emergency and with any other proposals he would
wish to discuss.

4. I would suggest that a body of Special
Constables be enrolled from amongst responsible
householders with badges, whistles and batons,
and that they be instructed as to their posts
and duties in all emergencies.

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Copies of the letter are ordered to be forwarded to the Chief of the Fire Department and the Chief of Police.

His Worship the Mayor is requested to put a proclamation in the newspapers calling the attention of the Citizens to the matter and to also advertise calling upon the citizens to the number of about 200 to volunteer for their services to act as special citizen constables in aid of the regular Police Force.

ARMING OF POLICE FORCE.

The City Clerk is instructed to write the Chief of Police instructing him to purchase and issue to the members of the Police Force the most suitable revolvers obtainable and ammunition with which they shall continue to be armed while on duty until further notice.

FIRE ALARM SIGNAL BOXES.

Read report City Electrician, as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,
May 29th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The following F.A. Signal Boxes have been inspected and found in good working condition.

No. 17, 18, 45, and 54.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

Filed.

F. C. CRAIG ACCOUNT \$100.00

Read letter City Health Board submitting

Chief Fire Dept - Chief of Police

*Recorder
wait
acko.*

*Letter ✓
Chief of Police*

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for approval and payment an account \$100.00 for services rendered by F. C. Craig as inspector for the month of May.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Taylor that the account be approved and recommended to the Council for payment with- and that the Council be also recommended to pass a resolution protecting His Worship the Mayor against any personal liability for signing the warrant for the payment of the account.

His Worship the Mayor declines to put the motion and instructs the City Clerk to refer the motion to the City Solicitor for his opinion in writing.

SHIPBUILDING.

The City Clerk is instructed to submit a report to the City Council recommending that the Council reaffirm the action taken by it in respect to Shipbuilding at the emergency meeting held 1st, instant.

CHILDREN'S PROTECTION ACT ACCOUNT.

Controller Finlay submits the following Resolution:

Whereas certain claims against the City have been presented under the Childrens Protection Act for the maintenance of children in such claims amounting in all to \$ for which claims the City is legally liable but not funds are at present available for their discharge.

Therefore Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow from any bank or fund available a sum not exceeding \$ and

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to apply the same in discharge of the said claims and that at the next session of the legislation legislature be sought ratifying and confirming such loan and providing the money required for repayment thereof.

The Resolution is referred to the City Auditor for a report in writing.

MENTALLY DEFICIENT CHILDREN CITY HOME

Controller Hines informed the Board that the nurses employed at the City Home to attend the mentally deficient children temporarily accommodated there have not been paid their salaries for the last two months as agreed by the Superintendent of the Neglected and Delinquent Children in the letter submitted at a meeting of the Board, February 12th, 1918.

The Secretary is instructed to write Mr. Blois calling his attention to the matter and asking for an explanation,

ACADIAN SCHOOL PROPERTY.

The City Solicitor submits a certified cheque from Nickerson and Crease for \$26,600.00 balance of purchase money on the Acadian School property together with the following letter:-

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 19th, 1918.

T. F. Tobin, A. C.

Dear Sirs:-

We acknowledge with thanks, receipt of \$1400.00 being 5% deposit on Acadian School Property purchased by Nickerson and Crease Ltd.

I think all particulars you need for a search in acts of 1891 Chapter 129- any further information you require will be given.

W. S. Rogers,

The Secretary is instructed to write Mr.

Auditor ✓

E. H. Blois ✓
John LeBeyec ✓

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*W.S. Rogers ✓
check bonded
to City Treasurer*

W. S. Rogers requesting him to pay over to the City the \$1,400 deposit money together with his account against the City.

*Cont. Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓*

FIRE DEPARTMENT HORSE.

Read certificate Dr. McFatridge recommending that the Fire Department buy horse "Tommy" be humanely destroyed. Deferred.

*Jos. W. Byron ✓
City Auditor ✓*

CITY HOME ATTENDANT JOHN SMITH.

Read application John Smith an attendant at the City Home for an increase in pay also read recommendation of the Superintendent that the increase of \$4.00 per month be granted. Approved.

Engineer ✓

1074 BARRINGTON STREET WASTE OF WATER.

to
Controller Hines called attention of the of premises 1074 Barrington Street damaged in and the explosion/in which City water has been running ever since.

Referred to the City Engineer for attention .

Electrician ✓

ELECTRIC WIRING.

Read application G. W. DeGrishe for position on the Staff City Electrician's Staff.

Referred to the City Electrician for report.

ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts are passed for payment.

City Health Board.

Pay of Small Pox cases watchmen etc.,	1918-19 acct.
	\$199.00
" " " " " "	1917-18 Acct.
	8.75

CITY PRISON.

J. J. Scriven & Sons.	Bread	\$35.28
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COUNCIL CHAMBER CITY HALL

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R. N. McDonald	Groceries.	\$73.84
G. C. Hartlen & Co.	Beef	33.77
F. Fraser	Feed	63.10
J. & M. Murphy	Dry Goods	12.70
I. B. Shaffner	Feed	23.25
Imperial Oil Co.	Oil	2.80
"	Gasoline	3.80
D. J. McIntosh	Horse shoeing	9.00
A. L. Melvin & Co.	Supplies	15.03
"	Farm Implements	260.25
Hillis & Sons	Stove Fittings	7.35
Neil Fox	Harness	9.00
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		\$49.17

Council

The board adjourned.

L. J. O'Connell

CITY CLERK.

MAYOR.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL?

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Motor Hack License William Wells.
City Home Report for May.
Insurance of Soldiers Overseas.
Fire Insurance on City Property.
Shop, Corner of Windsor and Almon Streets.
North West Arm Sewer-Oakland Road to Chain Rock.
Coal Weighers Increase of Fees.
Brunswick Street Extension.
Arming of Police.
Automobile for Chief of Fire Department.
Dilapidated Building Cuhard Street.
Cambridge Street Sewer.
Sewerage Overflow #181 South Park Street.
Water Supply Outside City Limits
Expediting Business.
J. & M. Murphy Flooding of Cellar.
Shipbuilding.
Salary William J. DeWolfe, Asst. City Engineer.
Cash Statements City Treasurer for May.
Shop on Common, Mrs. Chas. J. Wimperis.
City Medical Officer.
Police Department Motor Patrol.
Water Extension Oxford Street.
Argyle Street Obstruction by Vehicles.
Buckingham Street Dangerous Hatchways.
Jacob Street.
Fire Chiefs Annual Convention.
Acadian School Property
Seats for Returned Soldiers.
Riot May 25th, 1918.
Water Bill J. Burbridge 222 West Young Street.
Fire Department - Motor Car for Chief.
Tenders for Damaged Fire Chief's Car.
MOTOR HACK LICENSE WILLIAM WELLS.

Read application William Wells for a Motor Hack license.

On motion of Controller Finlay the license is granted.

CITY HOME REPORT FOR MAY.

Read report City Home for month of May.

Referred to the City Council for its information.

Accounts

Ass't City Clerk ✓

Council ✓

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INSURANCE OF SOLDIERS OVERSEAS.

Read circular letter from the City Council of London, Ontario, covering form of petition re the Insurance of Soldiers on overseas service as follows:-

City Clerk's Office, London Ont.,
May 25th, 1918.

To the Clerk.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Council of the City of London to say that it had adopted a resolution petitioning the Government of Canada to provide, or assist in providing insurance for soldiers on overseas service along the line of that adopted in the United States.

I am further directed to ask that your Council will consider the matter and I enclose a form of petition for use in the event of your Council desiring to take similar action.

Petitions should be transmitted to Rodolphe Boudreau, Esq., Clerk of the Privy Council, Ottawa, Ont.

S. Baker,
City Clerk.

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To

HIS EXCELLENCY
The Duke of Devonshire, K.C., G. C.M.D.,
G.C.V.O., P.C., et., etc., Governor-General of
the Dominion of Canada.

The petition of the undersigned, the
Corporation of the _____ of _____

HUMBLY SHEWETH

That, in the opinion of the Council of _____ of _____, it is expedient and in the best interest of the Dominion of Canada, that the soldiers on overseas service in the Great War be given every protection and assistance possible in meeting their obligations and in providing for their dependent relatives; and that it is the duty of the Government of the Dominion of Canada to provide, or assist in providing, insurance along the lines of the plan adopted by the United States Govern-

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ment.

AND your petitioners as in duty bound will every pray.

DATED at _____ this _____ day of _____ A.D., 1918

Maya protesting against the building of shop on the corner of Windsor and Alma Streets

which was recently done Mayor or Reeve,

if a permit had been issued for the work. He Clerk.

It is decided to redomend to Council that they concur in the action of the London City Council and authorize His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk to sign such petition on behalf of the City of Halifax.

Cy. Clerk ✓

FIRE INSURANCE ON CITY PROPERTY.

Read letter Rainnie & Keator, June 6th re Fire Insurance on City Property, see minutes Board of Control June 4th. as follows:-

Rainnie & Keator,
6th, June, 1918.

A. F. Messervey, Esq.,
Clerk of Works,
City Hall.
City.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to our conversation over the telephone, we beg to advise that if the Board of Control so desire we would replace the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. line of \$30,000.00 covering on City property as follows;

Council ✓

Provincial Insurance Company	\$20,000.00
(This Company was on the risk last year for the same amount)	
National Union Fire Insurance Co.	5,000.00
Mount Royal Assurance Company	5,000.00

If you wish the \$30,000.00 arranged in this way, please advise us, and we will issue policies.

C. E. Hubley,
Secretary.

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Filed.

SHOP CORNER WILLOW AND ALMON STREETS.

Charles S. Pickford appeared before the Board protesting against the ^{re} building of shop on the Corner of Windsor and Almon Streets which was recently destroyed by fire and asked if a permit had been issued for the work. He protested against the reconstruction of a building of this character and thought that none such should be allowed in the residential district of Willow Park.

Engineer ✓

The City Engineer informs the Board that no such permit has been issued.

The Engineer is instructed to have the work stopped immediately.

NORTH WEST ARM SEWER - OAKLAND ROAD TO CHAIN ROCK.

Read certificate Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
June 5th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

Certificate # 9

I beg to recommend payment to the Cook Construction Co. & Wheaton of the sum of thirteen thousand six hundred and twenty-nine dollars and fifteen cents (\$13,629.15) on account of their contract for the construction of the second section of the North West Arm intercepting sewer.

Estimated value of work done and materials delivered	\$116,085.00
Less 10% retained	<u>11,608.50</u>
	\$104,476.50

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Less paid on certificates 1 to 8 90.847.35
Balance recommended \$13,629.15.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The account is passed for payment.

COAL WEIGHERS INCREASE OF FEES.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
June 6th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control that the following is a statement extracted from the annual reports of the amount of coal weighed by the coal weighers and the total amount received since 1909-10-

<u>CIVIC YEAR.</u>	<u>TONS WEIGHED</u>	<u>FEE:AMT.RECD.</u>	<u>NO.OF WEDGHE</u>
1909-10	98766	5¢ \$4938.30	7
1910-11	106437	5¢ 5321.87	8
1911-12	110475	5¢ 5522.85	7
1912-13	111474	5¢ 5573.71	6
1913-14	120778	5¢ 6038.89	6
1914-15	119351	5&6¢ 6066.18	6
1915-16	128624	6¢ 7717.47	8
1916-17	129660	6¢ 7779.61	7
1917-18	132744	6¢ 7964.63	8

From the reports, it appears that each year there is a certain amount of cash paid to supernumeraries. During 1917-18 each coal weigher received \$829.38 as his share of the fees. An addition of 1¢ per ton would have increased the amount received by each man to \$995.31 for last year, and 2¢ per ton would have increased it to \$1037.24. I presume the referring of the application of the coal weighers to me for the purpose of getting these statistics, as the question of refusing or granting the increase asked for, is, I think, a matter of policy for your Board to deal with.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The Secretary is instructed to write to a number of Canadian Cities asking information

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as to their custom in regard to inspection and certification as to the weights and quality of coal.

BRUNSWICK STREET EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer re Brunswick Street Extension, covering Resolution, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
June 5th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

The Board of Control have decided to lay down on the Official City Plan the proposed extension of Brunswick Street as shown on plan #2570, extending diagonally from Sackville Street through the Artillery Park and property belonging to Robinsons Limited to Queen Street.

I have conferred with the City Solicitor as to the City's authority to lay down this street, and his opinion is that the City has power under sections 597-598 of the Charter. As stated in my report of May 20th, this matter has come up at the present time owing to the fact that Messrs. Robinsons Limited applied for a permit to erect a garage at the north-east corner of Queen and Doyle Streets, which would be partly within the lines of the proposed street extension. This is the only property besides Government property which would be affected by the proposed location, a fact which would relieve the question from a doubt suggested by the City Solicitor as to whether any further hearing should be given to persons who might be prejudicially affected by the proposed extension. Mr. Robinson is fully aware of the proposed extension, and has appeared before the Board.

It will be necessary for the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the Engineer to lay this street down on the Official Plan, and I am attaching a resolution covering this which has been approved by the City Solicitor.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

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WHEREAS the Board of Control deem it ad-

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visable to provide for the extension of Brunswick Street from the intersection of the said Brunswick Street and Sackville Street to the intersection of Queen Street and Doyle Street as shown on Plan #2570 filed in the City Engineer's Office at Halifax.

THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approved of this location as shown on the said plan, and that the City Engineer be instructed to place the said street on the official City plan.

The report and Resolution are approved and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for concurrence.

ARMING OF POLICE.

Controller Taylor reports that the Police Department is unable to obtain a sufficient number of Colt Revolvers in the City to arm the police force.

Referred to Controller Taylor to ascertain whether a sufficient number of suitable arms can be obtained from either the Military or Naval Department by purchase or otherwise.

AUTOMOBILE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Controller Taylor recommends that the City purchase an automobile for the Police Department.

The Secretary is instructed to advertise for tenders for a Five Passenger Car.

DILAPIDATED BUILDING CUNARD STREET.

Read report Acting Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
June 5th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report that a barn on Cunard Street

Council ✓

Chief of Police ✓
Cont. Taylor ✓

adv ✓

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belonging to J. Ead in the rear of his Windsor Street property is in my opinion in such a state of non-repair as to be no longer suitable for habitation or any business purpose, and has existed in such condition for not less than six months, and that in its present condition it is a public disfigurement and a fire menace.

Under section 17 sub-section 2 Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1915 the Board may appoint a time and place for the consideration of this report and shall give the owner or agent of the building not less than ten days notice of the time and place so appointed, furnishing him at the same time with a copy of this report. Sub-section 4 of the same section provided that upon consideration of such report the Board may make an order that the owner or agent of the said building shall within not less than one month from the date of such order, remove or destroy it.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Engineer ✓

The Board appoints Tuesday, June 18th, at 10 o'clock a.m., as the time and the Council Chamber, City Hall as the place for the consideration of the report and instructs the City Engineer to give the owner or agent of the building the notice required by law, furnishing him at the same time with a copy of the report.

CAMBRIDGE STREET SEWER.

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

City Engineer's Office,
June 5th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the petition of Colin C. Tyrer for a sewer on Cambridge Street, that there are at present two double flat houses occupied on this street, and another one in course of erection. The length of sewer required at present is about 400 feet; estimated cost \$3300; sewerage rates \$1141. I would recommend that the sewer be placed on the order

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paper to be done in its turn.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

SEWERAGE OVERFLOW #181 SOUTH PARK STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
June 5th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control covering letter from Mrs. G. M. Hervey asking for payment of loss occasioned by the overflow of sewerage into here property #181 South Park Street.

In November 1917 we were notified that the water was backing in cellars in this block on South Park Street, and the Foreman of Streets immediately investigated and found that the 15 inch pipe-crock pipe which is laid near the gutter on the east side of the street was choked at the entrance of a catch pit drain. The sewer was cleaned and a manhole built at this junction, and since then there has been no further complaint.

It is impossible at this late date to check over the items in the Bill rendered, but from a perusal of it, it would appear to be excessive. I would suggest that the whole matter be referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion as to whether or not the City is liable.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer

Referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion.

WATER SUPPLY OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS.

Read petition for water supply outside the City limits, near Chocolate Lake, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., May 31, 18

To
His Worship the Mayor of Halifax,
and the
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:- We the undersigned pray and petition

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the City of Halifax that permission be granted to obtain a supply of water from the city main, it being understood that the petitioners are to bear all expenses in connection with ditching and piping and are willing to pay the city current rates for water used.

We feel that in making this request we not only have the cause of necessity on our side but that the undersigned with one exception are ratepayers in the city of Halifax, and also that the only available source for a water supply in Armdale section is controlled by the city.

Engineer

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Referred to the City Engineer for report.

EXPEDITING BUSINESS.

The City Clerk is instructed to in future when in receipt of documents requiring reports from the various branches of the City service to turn them over ^{to} the heads of the proper departments and report to the Board in each case in which he has done so.

Engineer

Dating Stamps
The City Engineer is instructed to purchase Document Time Stamps for his own use and the the City Clerk's use.

J. & M. MURPHY FLOODING OF CELLAR.

Read complaint J. & M. Murphy Limited of the flooding of their cellar and claiming \$100.00 damages.

Engineer

Referred to the City Engineer and City Solicitor for report.

SHIP BUILDING.

Read letter Hon. Geo. H. Murray Provincial Secretary, re legislation respecting ship-building, as follows:-

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Halifax, June 5th, 1918.

L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,

June 6th, 1918.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 1st inst. in which you enclose me an extract of an emergency meeting of the City Council, and I may say in reply that I will be pleased at the next session of the Legislature to secure legislation necessary to enable the city of Halifax to divert Campbell Road and to close any other streets required to be closed and to extend to Messrs. J. W. Norcross and R. M. Wolvin and associates of Montreal certain privileges in respect to taxation.

G. H. Murray,
Provincial Secretary.

Ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for its information and a copy sent to F. S. Isard.

SALARY WILLIAM J. DEWOLFE, ASST. CITY ENGINEER.

Read letter William J. DeWolfe Assistant City Engineer re increase in salary.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

CASH STATEMENTS CITY TREASURER FOR MAY.

Read Cash statements City Treasurer for the month of May.

Forwarded to the City Council for its information.

SHOP ON COMMON MRS. CHAS. J. WIMPERIS.

Read application Mrs. Charles J. Wimperis No. 6, Block I, North Park Street, South Common, for permission to open a Grocery Store at the junction of Bell Road and North Park Street on the South Common.

Consideration of the application is deferred for one week.

The Secretary is instructed to forward a copy of the application to the Relief Commission asking them if they have any recommen-

Council ✓

Engineer ✓

Council ✓

Relief Commission
P/C ✓

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to make in the matter.

CITY MEDICAL OFFICER.

Read correspondence re Office of City
Medical Officer, as follows:-

35 Hollis Street, Halifax, N. S.
May 29th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor
And the Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

As the legislation passed at the last session of the Legislature, requiring that the Halifax City Medical Officer must hold the D. P. H. certificate, would seem to have the effect of removing me from my position of City Medical Officer. I shall be glad to receive a cheque from the City for the amount which I paid into the Superannuation Fund since my appointment in 1914.

Be good enough to issue instructions for a refund of this sum to me. At the same time I should be glad to learn what arrangements you propose making with regard to the work which I have performed as City Medical Officer, as up to the present time I have had no notice from the City that any change was impending or in contemplation.

W. Bruce Almon
Acting City Medical Officer.

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Office of City Clerk.
May 31st, 1918.

Dr. W. B. Almon,
City Medical Officer.

Sir:-

I am directed by His Worship the Mayor in reply to your favor of 29th inst., to request you to continue to perform the duties of City Medical Officer, until you receive notice to the contrary from the City.

L. Fred. Monaghan,
City Clerk.

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35 Hollis Street,
Halifax, N.S. June 5/18

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

Dear Sir:-

Digital copy of Halifax Board of Control minutes (102-2A) provided by Halifax Municipal Archives.
Request reports, correspondence mentioned in minutes archives at halifax.ca.

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the 31st of May., purporting to be written at the request of His Worship the Mayor in reply to my letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the Mayor and Members of the Board of Control of the City of Halifax.

May I say that this scarcely answers my letter.

I understand that by recent legislation, my position as City Medical Officer is abolished, and that from the date of such legislation, only a full-time man, holding the degree of P. H. D., can be appointed Medical Officer for Halifax.

As, therefore, I cannot legally hold the position of City Medical Officer, under existing conditions, and am only wanted as a stop-gap until a medical man qualified in accordance with the new Act is found, the circumstances under which I am acting for the City as Medical Officer are entirely changed from those under which I was originally appointed.

You will please understand that I am not quarrelling with the new legislation, nor the appointment of an all-time man with Public Health certificate as Medical Officer for the town, as the appointment of such a medical officer was discussed at the time I took the office, but the city has grown so and the demands on the time of the medical officer are so great, that I do not feel inclined to continue performing the duties required of today, at a salary fixed some thirty years ago for a permanent official, when I may be superseded by the new City Medical Officer at any time, without notice.

Kindly bring this letter to the attention of the Members of the Board of Control and His Worship the Mayor.

I shall be glad to receive the cheque referred to in my letter of the 29th May, and to hear from you further at your early convenience.

W. Bruce Almon,
Acting City Medical Officer.

The Secretary is instructed to request Dr. Almon to appear before the Board for the purpose of discussing his position in the matter.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MOTOR PATROL

Tenders for a motor patrol for the Police Department are received and opened as follows:-

*Dr. W. Balman
Council
July 29/18*

June 6th, 1918.

ble ✓

Robinsons Ltd.	Reo Car	\$3000.00
Halifax Auto-		
moble Co. Ltd.	Overland	1975.00
"	do	2275.00
"	do	2650.00

Consideration of the tenders is deferred.

FIRE DEPARTMENT -MOTOR CAR FOR CHIEF.

Tenders are received and opened for a motor car for the Chief of Fire Department, as follows:-

Council ✓

Nova Motor Co.	Royal Mail Chevrolet	\$1436.00
C. M. Jack	Buick	1100.00
Robinsons Ltd.	Reo	2400.00
Chas. Brister & So.	McLaughlin	1575.00
Do	Do	2000.00
Hlf. Automobile Co.	Overland	1675.00

It is decided to recommend to Council the purchase of a McLaughlin car at \$1575.00 a duplicate of the Chief's Car destroyed in the explosion of December 6th.

TENDERS FOR DAMAGED FIRE CHIEF'S CAR.

Tenders are received and opened for the purchase from the City of the Fire Chief's Car destroyed in the explosion of December 6th, as follows:-

Nova Motor Co.	\$160.00
Chas. Brister & Son.	220.00
P. J. Johnson	151.00

*Cont. Hines ✓
chief fire dept*

The offers being considered too low, it is decided not to accept any of them.

Controller Hines is requested to report as to the repairing of the Car and to have an estimate of the cost prepared by C. W. Wickwire of the Fire Department.

WATER EXTENSION OXFORD STREET.

Engineer ✓

W. W. Foster appeared before the Board asking for immediate action in the matter of water extension to his property, Oxford Street.

June 6th, 1918.

Referred to the City Engineer for report at next meeting.

ARGYLE STREET OBSTRUCTION BY VEHICLES.

Controller Hines complained of the obstruction of Argyle Street by market waggons and other vehicles.

The Chief of Police is instructed to order vehicles in the habit of standing on Argyle Street north of Duke Street to remove to the streets and squares around the market building.

BUCKINGHAM STREET DANGEROUS HATCHWAYS.

Controller Hines called attention to a number of dangerous hatchways on the north side of Buckingham Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for attention.

JACOB STREET.

Controller Hines called attention to the condition of Jacob Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for attention.

FIRE CHIEFS ANNUAL CONVENTION.

On recommendation of Controller Hines it is decided to send the Chief of the Fire Department, John W. Churchill to represent the City at the Annual Convention of Fire Chiefs to be held at Fredericton, N. B.

ACADIAN SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Read account sales W. S. Rogers of sale of Acadian School property (covering

Chief of Police ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

Chief Fire Dept ✓
City Auditor ✓

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cheque for \$840.00) as follows:-

W. STETSON ROGERS.

Halifax, N. S. June 5th, 1918.

Board of Control,
City of Halifax.

Credit.

By. 5% deposit on Acadian School
property Paid by Nicker-
son & Crease Ltd. ^{1.400} \$14,000.00

Debit.

To 2% Commission on Sale \$560.00
\$28000.00
To check ^{1.400}
June 5th, 1918. \$40.00 14,000.00

E. & O. E.

W. Stetson & H. H. Rogers.
Auctioneers.

Approved, and the Secretary is instructed to
hand over ^{to} the City Treasurer to be credited
to the proper account, the cheque above ref-
erred to and the cheque for \$26,600.00 sub-
mitted at the last meeting.

SEATS FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS.

The City Engineer is instructed to arrange
with the Superintendent of the Public Gardens
for the placing of seats for returned soldiers
and others on the Common and the counter
scarp, and glacies of the citadel, on
the Parade and on the parking at the Corner
of Robie Street and Coburg Road and also
to ask His Honor the Lieutenant Governor
if he has any objection to the placing of
seats on the grounds in front of his residence.

RIOT MAY 25th.

Read report Chief of Fire Department,

as follows:-

*Treasurer ✓
auditor ✓*

Engineer ✓

June 6th, 1918.

Office of Chief of Fire Dept
June 7th 1918.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

Acting upon instructions of Controller Hines I beg to make the following report re fire in the Engineer's Office and Argyle Street entrance of the City Hall, at 9.40 P. M. May 25th, and other occurrences therewith.

Box 4 The alarm was sounded from box 4 situated in the Police Station, City Hall.
Apparatus Responding.

The motor combination, "Cornwallis" from Brunswick Street Station being the first piece of apparatus to arrive immediately ran off their chemical line and proceeded to extinguish the fire in the Engineer's Office. This piece of apparatus was closely followed by No. 1 Ladder Truck from Grafton St. Station.

While the men of the motor were endeavoring to put the fire out in the Engineers Office the men from the Ladder Truck gave their attention to some straw or hay that was burning in the Argyle Street entrance. While discharging their duty in this manner they were assaulted by a mob who hurled stones and other missiles at the men, several of whom were hit but those two divisions endeavored to continue their work until all fire was extinguished.

Simultaneous No. 2 Waggon from Grafton St. Station came through Grafton St. To Duke St. and No. 4 Waggon from Bedford Row came up Duke to Barrington St. The former connected to hydrant at the northwest corner of Duke St. and Grafton Sts, and succeeded in running their line down Duke St. into Argyle St. This line was seized by an overwhelming mob and the hose was dragged north along Argyle St. and the men of this waggon were assaulted.

No. 4 Waggon in the meantime was endeavoring to connect a line of hose to the hydrant on the northwest corner of Duke and Barrington Sts. Those men were also assaulted One man receiving a blow on the nose and mouth losing several teeth. This line of hose was also dragged away from the men after a strenuous effort on their part to connect with the hydrant and being unsuccessful to do so were forced to proceed south on Barrington St. to St. Paul's Hill and to Argyle St. and endeavored to run a line of hose from the

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northwest corner of George and Argyle Sts, to the scene of the fire.

No. 4 Steam Fire Engine took up its position at the corner of Duke and Barrington Sts, and were not molested.

In responding to the alarm of fire myself I arrived at the corner of Duke and Barrington Sts. and was advised by Citizens not to proceed up Duke St, as the Mob would kill me (using the expression of those people) After having learned of the trouble in progress I immediately proceeded down Duke St. to No.4 Steamer at Granville St. and ordered this piece of apparatus home.

I then drove south to George St. Barrington St., St. Paul's Hill to Argyle St. near the City Hall. Leaving by waggon there I ordered No. 4 waggon home. At this time the mob were carrying off the suction from the "Cornwallis" We secured those suction and this piece of apparatus was also ordered home and got away with very little damage. I then left Duke St. for Argyle St. and on ly entrance into Argyle St. the men of the remaining two pieces of apparatus No. 1 Ladder truck, No. 2 Waggon together with my waggon were stormed with w stones and other missiles.

At this time Driver Lownds of the Truck recieved a severe scalp wound and Hoseman Stone who was previously assaulted on Barrington St. also received a scalp wound and a number of the men were hit but very luckily escaped serious injury.

Those two pieces of apparatus were then ordered home and were all put in commission in as much haste as possible. Before gettinging sufficient Military and Naval assistance I regret to say that our Department lost 950 ft. of hose valued at about \$1200.00 Some of the hose not being found until daylight Sunday morning and carried as far north as the Scotia Pure Milk Co. Other minor equipment was also lost some of which might have been saved but would have only added to the then much undissred condition of affairs and possibly the loss of life. Our Department responding to this alarm numbered 25 men all rank. Hoseman D. Brown was internally injured while entering the building and is home since confined to his bed.

I am pleased to note that the Members of My Department withstood this ordeal with much skill and determination to accomplish their end.

J. W. Churchill.
Chief H. F. D.

Controller Hines is ordered to obtain a further detailed report from the Chief giving if possible a description of the rioters and any names

*Chief Fire Dept
Cont. Hines*

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WATER BILL J. BURBRIDGE 222 WEST YOUNG ST.

Read water bill J. Burbridge, 222 West Young Street claimed to be excessive.

Referred to the City Engineer for report

ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts are passed for payment:-

Fire Department.

City Home	Kindling	\$ 1.25
Melvin & Co.	Hardware	35
D. Roche	Paint	1 0.25
McInnis & Sons	Lumber	77.39
Neil Fox.	Harness	6.00
Jas. Simmonds Ltd.	Hardware	2.00
Alex. Frizzell	Horseshoeing	1.10
T. Hogan	Repairs	2.70
T. H. & T. Francis	Furnishings	198.60
F. W. Fraser	Feed	358.74
Gordon & Keith	Furnishings	378.08
F. W. McNally	27.97
Edwards Furn. Co.	Furniture	36.00
R. Horner	Horseshoeing	18.25
City Home	Kindling	1.25
Dr. Little	Services	55.00
Herald	Advertising	6.27
Jno. Starr & Son	Elec. Lamps	39.60
McNeill	Oil	21.00
Dr. H. McFatridge	Services	175.00
National Drug	Drugs	6.75
Buckley Coal Co.	Coal	15.00
H. D. McKenzie	"	17.00
Wm. Regan	Leather	15.00
A. J. McNut	Waggon Repairs	9.25
Reardons	Glass	2.75
LeM. Buskins	Chimney Sweep	34.00
Jas. Simmonds Ltd.	Hardware	17.26
Jno. Starr Son & Co.	Electric Fit.	2.65
Canadaia Oil Co.	Oil	3.00
H. D. McKenzie	Coal	29.00
Rubber Stamp Co.	Stamp	4.10
Neil Fox	Harness	3.25
Tram. Co.	Light	17.47
H. D. McKenzie	Coal	14.50
Ungar Laundry	Laundry	19.23
F. W. Fraser	Feed	407.32
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		\$864.40

City Health Board. 1918-19

University of Toronto	100,000 Units Anti-toxin	\$150.00
Wm. Stairs & Son & Morrow	Lead pipe	12.16
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		\$162.16

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Mar. Tel. Tel Co.	Services	116.33
Wet. Wash	Laundry	10.50
" "	"	9.00
" "	"	3.00
Wm. Robertson & Son.	Enamel Etc.,	2.20
Halifax Herald	Advertising	31.96
W. A. Shanks	Cake	3.04
O. C. Warner	Milk	87.85
London Rubber Stamp	Badges	10.50
T. C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	17.50
P. J. Otto	Ice	14.10
H. D. McKensie	Coal	40.00
Acadian Recorder	Adv.	26.25
Melvin & Co.	Stove etc.,	2.00
Robinsons Ltd.	Horse hire	2.50
Fred Parsons	" "	21.00
Chas. A. Barnstead	Drugs	55
Chronicle Pub. Co.	Adv.	7.53
John Starr Son & Co.	Elec. Supplies	6.00
G. R. Marshall	Laundry	57.00
A. & W. MacKinlay	Supplies	18.55
J. Starr & Son	Batteries	12.40
Works Dep.t	Coal	144.40
A. Milne Fraser	Type. hire	1.50
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		\$645.66

Works Department.

1917-18

Water Maintenance	17.05
Internal Health	23.75
Streets	62.03
Sewerage	26.68
City Property & Market Maintenance	50
City Hall Lighting	90.59
Teams & Stables	100.55
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	\$321.15

1918-19

City Property	37.70
Sewerage	386.09
Market Revenue	5.00
Cleaning Paved Streets	18.65
Streetal Health	82.18
Internal Health (Explosion Damages)	74.82
City Property (Explosion Damages)	1.00
Teams & Stables	73.55
Fuel City Hall	88.00
Abattoir	1155.96
Water Construction	64.12
Water Maintenance	284.47
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	\$2594.49

Police Accounts.

W. B. Williams	Badges	5.50
Wm. Fraser	Transporation	4.00
Elijah Flint	Whitewashing	15.00
H. Lamphier	Repairs	14.50
" "	"	35.25

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Dr. McFatrige	Services	1.00
" "	"	7.55
T. C. Allen & Co.	Supplies	17.20
Tel. & Tel. Co.	Phone	18.59
Philip Boyle	Evidence	3.50
Dr. Little	Services	10.00
Hfx. Taxi Co.	Transportation	3.50
Neil Fox	Harness	8.00
Kelly's Ltd.	"	4.25
		<hr/> \$148.84

Library Accounts/

C. D. Caxnove & Son.	Books	133.44
Geo. H. Doran & Co.	"	2.50
C. E. Holman	Subscription	1.25
Library Bureau	"	2.25
McMillan Co. of Can.	"	6.00
T. C Allen & Co.	Books, Stat. etc.	50.45
		<hr/> \$195.89

City Home Accounts.

Wentzells Ltd.	Groceries	1200.98
H. L. Williston	Meats	646.61
Davis & Fraser	Mess Pork	139.80
Smith & Proctor	Butter	228.17
A. Wilson & Son	Fresh Fish	50.95
F. W. Keddy	Milk	186.00
F. W. Fraser	Forge	91.93
W. Y. Kennedy	Dry-goods	349.45
The Fleischmann Co.	Yeast	3.90
The Buckley Coal Co.	Coal	690.38
H. McFatrige	Services	3.75
N. S. Tramway Co.	Light	24.98
Mar. Tel & Tel. Co.	phone	3.75
Jas. Simmonds Ltd.	Hardware	56.35
J. T. Dorey	Elec. Lamps	8.40
Halifax Herald	Advertising	2.09
Amherst Boot & Shoe	Boots	33.50
Alfred Carter	Harness Rep.	27.25
T. J. Whelan & co.	Mens Cloth.	36.50
H. V. McLeod	Clock	5.50
Dr. M. A. McAulay	Lunacy Crt.	5.00
A. W. MacKinlay	Blank Books	8.40
Baldwin & Co.	Crocheryware	5.90
Cragg Bros.	Sundries	9.67
S. Cunard & Co.	Hard Coal	58.00
Halifax Seed Co.	Garden Seed	8.10
Bookfield Bros.	Lumber	11.40
William McFatrige	Rope	25.00
Gordon & Keith	Furniture	
" "	Invalid chair endowment A/c	
		28.60
		26.37
		<hr/> 54.97
Interest	Current	4000.00
J. H. Buchanan	cash expended	51.09
Pay Sheet	Salaries	943.20
		<hr/> \$8970.97

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City Home---Con.

Dr. G. A. MacKintosh	Lunacy Cert.	5.00
Hillis & Sons	Refrigerator	65.50
United Type. Co.	Typewriter	125.00
Chronicle Pub. Co.	Advertising	6.27
Dr. J. V. Graham	Lunacy Cert.	5.00
J. T. Dorey	Elec. Wiring	2.55
Wm. Stairs Son & Messow	Plumbing Supl.	286.00
		<u>\$496.13</u>

General Accounts.

T. C. Allen & Co.	Stationery Etc.	
	City Collector	\$56.95
	City Clerk	205.85
		<u>262.80</u>

A. W. MacKinlay Ltd.	Books etc.,	
	City Collector	16.00
	" Treasurer	12.35
	" Assessor	13.50
	" Auditor	9.25
	" Clerk	16.30
		<u>67.40</u>

Blackadar Bros,	Advertising	31.00
Halifax Herald	" 6.57	
	<u>38.67</u>	44.94

United Typewriter Co. 2.00

Canada Law Book Co. Annual Digest 1917 6.80

E, Montgomery Veith Services \$ 10.00

Dr. Finn	Certificates of death	
Child M. Evans	\$4000 John Scanlan	\$4.00
A. Croswell	4.00 E. H. Duhan	4.00
Unknown	12.00 Hos. Nixon	4.00
Thos. Slattery	4.00
		<u>36.00</u>

Town Planning Board
 MSBord of Fire Underwriters plan \$4.00 } 18.55
 Zuecher art store picture frames 5.90 } \$ 479.49
 Miss M. E. Smith operating 7.65 }
 The board adjourned.

L. J. McLaughlin

CITY CLERK.

MAYOR.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

June 6th, 1918.

The Board of Control met this evening at 8.10 o'clock. Present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Hines, Finlay and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Trunk

North West Arm/Sewer.Financing.
Bonds of City Officials.
Michael Campbell, Superannation Assessments.
Fire Chiefs Motor Car.
Union of Canadian Municipalities Convention.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER FINANCING.

Read report Acting City Engineer re North West Arm Trunk Sewer financing, as follows:-

Office of City Engineer,
June 6th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

On July 25, 1917 the City entered into a contract with the Cook Construction Co. Ltd & Wheaton Bors. for the construction of the second section of the North West Arm Sewer, the payments to be made in City of Halifax 5-34 year bonds at \$92.35 and subject to regular progress certificates of the City Engineer.

The sum available at that time was \$70,000.00 Authority was obtained at the last session of the Legislature under sed. Chapter of Acts of 1918 for the City to issue \$200,000 for sewer construction. The estimated cost of the sewer is about \$154,000. It will be necessary for the Council to pass a resolution authorizing the City Treasurer to issue, under the terms of the contract, the necessary debentures for payment of the balance. I would recommend that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, upon the certificate fo the City Engineer, the necessary debentures to be paid the contractors as the work progresses. I am attaching the resolution covering this matter.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

June 6th, 1918.

BONDS OF CITY OFFICIALS.

Read report His Worship the Mayor and
City Auditor re Bonds of City Officials, as
follows:-

Office of City Auditor.
June 6th, 1918.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:-

We beg to hand you herewith receipt
for guarantee renewal bonds of City Officials
for the year 1918-1919 as follows:-

London Guarantee & Accident Co.

	J. J. Hopewell	
	City Treasurer...	\$8,000.00
Do	Robert Theakston	
for 5 months	City Collector	10,000.00

United States Fidelity &
Guarantee Co.

	A. F. Messervey	
	Clerk of Works	2,000.00
do	J. W. Churchill	1,500.00
	Chief of Fire Dept.	
do	L. Fred Monaghan	
	City Clerk.	1,000.00
do	Chas. W. Nickerson	
	City Marshal	1,000.00
do	Henry S. Rhind	
	Asst. City Clerk.	1,000.00
do	Frank Hanrahan	
	Chief of Police	2,000.00
do	J. W. Buchanan	
	Supt. City Home	1,000.00

Also receipt from the United States Fid-
elity Company for four sub-Collectors at \$1,000.00
each, as required by the Acts of 1911.

A. C. Hawkins, Mayor.

W. W. Foster, City Auditor.

Referred to the City Council for its in-
formation.

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MICHAEL CAMPBELL SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENTS.

Read reports Secretary City Home and
the City Treasurer re superannuation assessments
of the late Michael Campbell an employee of
the City Home, as follows:-

Office of Charities Department,
Halifax, N. S. June 6th/18

J. J. Hopswell, Esq.,
City Treasurer.

Dear Sir:-

The amount paid by the late Michael
Campbell into the Superannuation Fund was
Two hundred and twenty dollars and eighty
cents (\$220.80).

James O'Bryan,
Secretary.

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Office of City Treasurer,
June 6th, 1918.

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

The widow and child of the late
Michael Campbell have made application for
the refund of the balance due on the Super-
annuation fees paid by her late husband.

Under Sec. 302 City Charter, "If
any official or employee who has been super-
annuated dies before he has received in allow-
ances an amount equal to his contributions
leaving a wife or child, who is a minor, or
who is dependent upon him, such wife or child
shall be entitled to receive from the fund
in one payment, an amount equal to the dif-
ference between the amount which he has
received and the total amount of this con-
tributions without interest".

The late Michael Campbell was paid
\$31.68 on May 3rd, 1918 and the amount
paid as per letter attached was \$220.80 leaving
a balance due the widow and child of \$189.12.

James J. Hopswell,
City Treasurer.

It is decided to recommend to Council that

Council ✓

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the sum of \$189.12 superannuation assessments paid in by Mr. Campbell be refunded to his widow.

FIRE CHIEF'S MOTOR CAR.

Read letter Chas. Brister & Son, re their tender for Motor Car, for the Chief of the Fire Department, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. June 6th, 1918.

Chairman Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

Council ✓

The Car we propose to furnish is the duplicate of the one purchased last year being a Six Cylinder McLaughlin Roadster, the price quoted includes the War tax and can be delivered within five days in receipt of order.

Chas. Brister & Son Ltd.
Per. Geo. Brister.

Referred to City Council with the Boards report and the tenders received.

UNION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION.

Council ✓

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Finlay that the Board recommend to the City Council that the question of the City sending representation to attend the Annual Convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, to be held at ~~Victoria~~, B.C., July, 9th-10th-11th- be left in the hands of His Worship the Mayor. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned.

L. J. W. Wagoner
CITY CLERK.

MAYOR.