

E V E N I N G S E S S I O N

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

January 10th, 1918.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above named hour; present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Finlay, Hines, Murphy and Taylor, and Aldermen Masnab, H. S. Colwell, R. B. Colwell, Gillis, Kelly, Foley, Hart, Day, Guildford, Godwin and Parker.

The Council was summoned to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted:-

Reports (18) Board of Control, viz:-

Victoria General Hospital Account for Patients.
Street Railway Service.
Telephone Service.
Halifax Appeal for Full Reparation.
Investigation into Catastrophe.
Removal of Debris from Richmond District.
Repairs to School Buildings.
Horton Aerial Ladder.
North West Arm Sewer Change in Location.
Nova Scotia Car Works Indebtedness to City.
City Home.
Commutation of Common Lot, Mrs. Isabella Stairs.
Hire of Steam Fire Engine.
Emergency Shelters on Common and Military Property.
Repairs to Public Gardens Fence.
Loans from Sinking Funds.
Fire Department.
Accounts.

Other Headlines.

Massachusetts Motor Trucks.
Theft of Liquor from Inspector's Office.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

ACCOUNTS.

Read report Board of Control recommending for payment accounts chargeable to various services.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Taylor that the report be adopted and the accounts paid.

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Motion passed.

CITY HOME.

Secy - City Home ✓

Read report Board of Control covering report City Home for the month of December.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Taylor that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*Chief Fire Dept ✓
City Treasurer ✓
Engineer ✓*

Read reports Board of Control and Chief Fire Department for the month of December.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Taylor that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

LOANS FROM SINKING FUNDS.

Read reports Board of Control and City Treasurer re loans from Sinking Funds.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Taylor that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted:-

WHEREAS the City will require \$49,000.00 for the purpose of providing for the refunding of City Bonds for that amount, which fell due January 1st, 1918;

AND WHEREAS the Trustees of the Sinking Funds have offered to purchase 531 shares of City of Halifax Stock of the Consolidated Fund 1905, at the par value of 92.35, bearing interest at the rate of 5% per annum, and to be repayable on the 1st day of July, 1940;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Control have recommended to the City Council the acceptance of the said offer;

Treasurer ✓

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the said sum of \$49,000.00 be borrowed from the Silliker Sinking Fund for the above purpose recited, and that the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue and deliver to the Trustees of the Sinking Funds, for the said loan, 531 shares of the City of Halifax Consolidated Fund 1905, same to be dated January 1st, 1918, and to be repayable on the 1st day of July, 1940, and to bear interest at 5% per annum.

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

The following resolution is submitted:-

WHEREAS the City will require, in accordance with Section 31, Chapter 74, Acts 1914 and its amendments, Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for Street Fund Account;

AND WHEREAS the Trustees of the Sinking Funds have offered to lend the said amount of Three Thousand Dollars

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(\$3,000) at 92.35% of par, same to be repayable in five equal annual instalments, interest to be at the rate of 5% per annum;

Treasurer!

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue to the Trustees of the Sinking Fund, short term debentures (5 years) to cover said loan, same to be dated 1st day of January, 1918, and to bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum.

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

STREET RAILWAY SERVICE.

Read report Board of Control covering letters (2) from the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company, Limited, re unsatisfactory condition of street railway service.

Filed.

TELEPHONE SERVICE.

Read report Board of Control re unsatisfactory service given by the Telephone Company, covering letter from the Telephone Company.

Filed.

EMERGENCY SHELTERS ON COMMON AND MILITARY PROPERTY.

Read report Board of Control covering consent of the Military Authorities to the erection of emergency shelters on the Halifax Common, the Citadel Glacis and Camp Hill.

Filed.

REPAIRS PUBLIC GARDENS FENCE.

Read report Board of Control recommending payment of account for repairs to the Public Gardens fence.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Taylor that the report be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS FOR PATIENTS.

Read report Board of Control recommending payment to the Victoria General Hospital of account for care and treatment of patients.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Taylor that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

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COMMUTATION OF COMMON LOT, MRS. ISABELLA STAIRS.

Read report Board of Control re commutation of part of common lot No. 20 for Mrs. Isabelle stairs.

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

HIRE OF STEAM FIRE ENGINE.

Read report Board of Control recommending the hire of a steam fire engine at \$5.00 per day from the American LaFrance Fire Engine Company, covering the Company's offer.

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

REPAIRS TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Read report Board of Control re financing the cost of effecting necessary repairs to school buildings, amounting to \$25,100.00.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman H. S. Colwell, seconded by Alderman Parker that the report be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration.

The amendment is put and passed.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS TO CITY.

Read report Board of Control re final payment to the City of the balance of the indebtedness of the Nova Scotia Car Works. Filed.

NORTH WEST ARM SEWER CHANGE IN LOCATION.

Read report Board of Control covering report and plan of the Acting City Engineer re change in location of a portion of the North West Arm trunk sewer.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Finlay that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

HORTON AERIAL FIRE LADDER.

Read reports Board of Control and Acting City Engineer recommending the sale of the Horton Aerial Fire Ladder

*Robertson & Moyer ✓
Solicitor ✓
Engineer ✓
Asst. City Clerk ✓*

*Cont. Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓
Agreement - filed ✓
in vault ✓*

Board of Control ✓

Treasurer ✓

Engineer ✓

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for \$250.00.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Taylor that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

REMOVAL OF DEBRIS FROM RICHMOND DISTRICT - INCINERATOR LOT.

Read report Board of Control recommending that the contractors for the removal of the debris from the Richmond district be permitted to use the Incinerator Lot for the erection of bunk-houses for their workmen.

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

HALIFAX APPEAL FOR FULL REPARATION.

Read report Board of Control covering copy of a letter forwarded by His Worship the Mayor to the Mayor of every incorporated City and Town in the Province of Nova Scotia, soliciting the sympathy of their municipalities with Halifax in an appeal to the Dominion Government to make full reparation for the material loss sustained through the explosion of December 6th.

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

INVESTIGATION INTO CATASTROPHE.

Read report Board of Control recommending the passage by the City Council of a resolution requesting the Government of Canada to cause a thorough investigation to be made into the cause of the catastrophe which happened in the City of Halifax on December 6th.

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

The following resolution is submitted:-

WHEREAS the recent catastrophe to the City of Halifax was apparently due to some causes which might have been prevented, and attention to which may avert a recurrence;

AND WHEREAS the investigation at present being conducted is apparently concerned only with the responsibility

*Engineer ✓
Chas. Finlay ✓
Supt. ✓
Carl Hines ✓*

Engineer ✓

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for the collision which resulted in the explosion, which, in the opinion of the public, is the least important of the contributing causes;

AND WHEREAS it may be that an investigation into all the causes can only be properly held by a commission appointed by the Federal or even the Imperial Government;

THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Board request the Dominion Government to take such steps as are necessary to fully ascertain all the causes of the disaster and also what measures should be taken to prevent a recurrence.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Finlay and passed unanimously

*Letter
Prime
Minister.*

MASSACHUSETTS MOTOR TRUCKS.

Alderman Kelly asked if proper care is being taken in the way of housing, operation and management of the ten valuable motor trucks presented to the City of Halifax by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He advised the securing of the services of a competent person for this duty.

The Acting City Engineer stated that whilst not out working they are stored now at the City Workshops, Bell Road, and are properly cared for.

Engineer ✓

Alderman Gillis, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, advised that more supervision be given this matter.

THEFT OF LIQUOR FROM INSPECTOR'S OFFICE.

Moved by Alderman Macnab, seconded by Alderman Kelly that His Worship the Mayor hold an investigation into the matter of the statements made by the Evening Mail, charging elected representatives of the City and City Officials with breaking into the office of Liquor Inspector Tracey and stealing "booze". Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor ✓

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Murphy that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 9.20 o'clock.

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. J. Monaghan
CITY CLERK.