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PRESENTATIONS

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73RD ANNIVERSARY OF HALIFAX EXPLOSION

HFX. EXPLOSION

A presentation was given by Mr. Gosley on the impact of the Halifax Explosion on north-end Dartmouth, this year being the 73rd anniversary of the explosion. Of the 1,500 people killed, 40 were killed outright in Dartmouth, and 50 more people later died from injuries they received. An Indian village located in the north end of Dartmouth was completely demolished, and Mr. Gosley also referred

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to the homes, schools and businesses that were destroyed in the north end. He showed a series of slides to illustrate the extent of the damage and the magnitude of the overall devastation in north-end Dartmouth. In conclusion, he noted that the Dartmouth Heritage Museum has a very good exhibit and a video record of the explosion and aftermath.

Ald. Woods felt that some thought should start to be given to the 75th anniversary of the explosion, in two years time, so the City can prepare for an appropriate commemoration. It was suggested that the Heritage Advisory Committee and the Museum Board would be appropriate bodies to look at commemorative suggestions, and a motion of referral was presented.

MOTION: To refer the request for commemorative ideas and suggestions to the Heritage Advisory Committee and the Museum Board for their consideration, and report back to Council.

Moved: Ald. McCluskey  
Second: Ald. Hetherington  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried

Ald. Connors commended to Council, a recently-published book on the explosion, entitled 'The Shattered City', now in a paperback edition.