

A F T E R N O O N   S E S S I O N .

3.00 o'clock.

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,  
12<sup>th</sup> 1917  
December 12th, 1917.

An emergency meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock; at the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Finlay, Hines, Murphy, Taylor and Aldermen, H. S., Colwell, R. B. Colwell, Macnab, Gillis, Furness, Kelly, Hart. Day. Guildford. Godwin, Parker and Foley.

The meeting was called for the purpose of dealing with the matters arising as a result of the catastrophe which occurred on the 6th inst.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

Reports (7) Board of Control are submitted, as follows:-

Acquiring and Rebuilding Devastated area of City.  
Appointment of Chief Mortuary Officer.  
Cemetery Lots.  
Fire Department - Appointment of Chief and District Chief.  
Motor Fire Engine "Patriot".  
Appointment of Guards for the City.  
Burial of the Dead.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

By unanimous consent the order of business is suspended to permit the following resolution to be read:-

WHEREAS the terrible catastrophe which has overtaken our City has resulted in an appalling loss of life among our most useful and respected citizens and their families;

AND WHEREAS many of our citizens whose lives have been mercifully spared, are now mourning the loss of loved ones;

AND WHEREAS there are now many of our citizens, men, women and children, maimed and suffering in our midst;

THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City Council hereby expresses its profound sympathy with the surviving members of the families so suddenly stricken and assures them that all measures tending to mitigate their sufferings will have the whole-hearted support of the civic corporation.

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Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines and passed unanimously.

The following resolution is submitted and ordered to be printed in all the daily newspapers:-

RESOLVED that this Council takes this, the earliest opportunity of expressing its profoundest thanks and deepest gratitude for the magnificent manner in which assistance has been rendered to her in this time of her great calamity and trusts that the publication of this resolution through the Press will be accepted as an acknowledgment of its gratitude until such time as opportunity is afforded for more ample expression.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Alderman Gillis and passed unanimously.

CHIEF MORTUARY OFFICER.

Read report Board of Control re the appointment of a Chief Mortuary Officer for the City of Halifax.

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

BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

Read report Board of Control re agreement with Snow & Co., Ltd., the Nova Scotia Undertaking Co., and Joseph Spencer for the burial of the dead.

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

CEMETERY LOTS.

Read report Board of Control re the acquiring of cemetery lots.

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

GUARDS FOR THE CITY.

Read report Board of Control re the appointment of guards for the City. Filed.

FIRE DEPT. - APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF AND DISTRICT CHIEF.

Read report Board of Control re the appointment of a Chief and District Chief for the Fire Department.

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

*John W. Churchill  
James E. Kerby*

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Moved in amendment by Alderman R. B. Colwell,  
seconded by Alderman Foley that the report be referred  
back to the Board of Control for further consideration.

The amendment being put is lost, the vote being  
as follows:-

	<u>For the amendment.</u>	<u>Against.</u>
Controllers	Finlay, Hines	Aldermen R.B.Colwell
	Taylor, Murphy	Foley - 2.
Aldermen	H. S. Colwell	
	Gillis, Furness	
	Kelly, Hart	
	Day, Guildford	
	Godwin, Parker - 13.	

The original motion is put and passed.

MOTOR FIRE ENGINE "PATRICIA".

Read report Board of Control re motor fire  
engine "Patricia". Filed.

ACQUIRING AND REBUILDING OF DEVESTATED AREA.

Read reports Board of Control and Acting City  
Engineer re the acquiring and rebuilding of the  
Devestated Area.

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

RAILWAY TRANSPORTATION FOR PERSONS TO AND FROM  
CITY.

Alderman Gillis addressed the Council, stating  
that the Railway Authorities had requested the Trans-  
portation Department to obtain from the City a guar-  
antee for the issuing of transportation of refugees  
from the City and for those coming into the City for  
the purpose of assisting in relief or construction  
work.

The matter is referred to the Board of Control  
with the power to act.

Moved by Alderman Gillis, seconded by Alderman  
Foley that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 3.30 o'clock.