

# City Fiscal Health Capital Balance

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WALTER DESILVA'S planning and housing study of the city is studied by members of the Charlotte housing study committee at the Charlotte Hotel yesterday. Left to right are Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, representatives R.F. Gagne, John Fowle, and J.A. Houston; Mr. Desilva; Wendell Mackey; and deputy minister of municipal affairs; public works engineer John Gilmore and Municipal Affairs Minister J. David Stewart.

# As Zoning Overlaid

## Housing Efficiency

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Charlotte has a serious housing problem. It is far overzoned for commercial and light industrial uses. It was stated by Walter P. DeSilva, town planner in his "Planning and Housing Study" report presented to City Council last night. The report proposes a comprehensive revision of zoning by-laws and recommends that City Council immediately adopt an "interim zoning" to control development in the meantime. Originally planned by City Council as a purely housing study to determine living conditions in the city, the report goes much beyond to provide a blueprint for the future. It takes into consideration 10 such related matters as the need for changes in zoning regulations regarding lot sizes, which it states are too large for many areas and need, and for new thinking regarding in-

The chief magistrate promised to continue exerting pressure on the two members of Parliament for a success County for federal participation in the rebuilding of the breastwork at Victoria Park. The mayor termed the park's breastwork as a "major problem" and said both the city and provincial government are ready to pay one-third the cost of repairs. The mayor said, "We have pressed for... federal participation through our Queens MPs during 1962 without success, and shall continue that pressure until we gain final success." Other items reviewed in the report include: "No Man's Land"; "I again welcome the students of this area into our city, including both staff and students of our only provincial university, St. Dunstan's"; "The amalgamation of the amalgamation of Charlotteville, Parkdale, Sherwood, and Westwood..."; "We take note with satisfaction and approval of the start of new land on Queen Square on the Confederation Memorial Building."

Additional local and Queens County news, along with further reports from last night's annual meeting of City Council, will be found on page eight. Among the items there are more reports based upon the long-awaited Housing and Planning report of town planner Walter DeSilva. In this regard the mayor promised continued efforts to have the Canadian National Railway enlarge the eating facilities at the Charlotteville Hotel. He said this is "extremely necessary" to cope with our annually increasing convention business, especially for the 50 or more conventions already arranged for that centennial year. He remarked that conditions were better than that of the surplus was brought about in addition to allocating 1.8 million of \$25,000 as an advance against Centennial Celebrations, and making a total contribution of \$100,000 to the Employment's Pension Fund. The chairman stated another \$4,740 had also been set aside as a part of the cost of the revision of an assessment. He also stated that conditions were better than that of the surplus was brought about in addition to allocating 1.8 million of \$25,000 as an advance against Centennial Celebrations, and making a total contribution of \$100,000 to the Employment's Pension Fund. The chairman stated another \$4,740 had also been set aside as a part of the cost of the revision of an assessment. He also stated that conditions were better than that of the surplus was brought about in addition to allocating 1.8 million of \$25,000 as an advance against Centennial Celebrations, and making a total contribution of \$100,000 to the Employment's Pension Fund.

# At Site of Sacred Heart Come

## Some Non-Residential Buildings

Purchase of the old Sacred Heart Home site as a start on a housing and redevelopment plan for the city was proposed last night by Walter DeSilva, professional town planner, in his housing study report. Mr. DeSilva said there were three areas selected for clearing and redevelopment, one of them extremely poor housing conditions that exist there. The minister of the section faces Caughnaght Street and he proposes erection of a municipally-owned dormitory on the site of the Sacred Heart Home to provide housing for the future. He also proposed the clearing of the site for the clean area project. While the whole section above Union Street to Dowland and along the latter to Water Street is proposed as a redevelopment area not all of it is listed for rehousing. The development is to be to the proximity and suitability of the area for defined commercial, industrial, hotels, office buildings, and a large establishment only a part should be redeveloped for residential purposes. The rest should be reserved for potential commercial development. The P.M. suggests that in the area above where he proposes to start this housing, a large four-story apartment building should be erected to take care of all the families now living in the area. He notes since all clearances involves rehousing people from the area, it is likely that a certain percentage of the owners will not accept public housing, and that some will be received from expropriations to purchase homes of their own. The first move he suggests would be for the city to acquire land for the new apartment building. He also suggested that the city will have to obtain expropriation powers from the provincial legislature. His second choice for redevelopment is west of Cumberland Street and east of the intersection of Westmore Street in back of the Danes Convent. He also suggests that the city should have a public open space (Hill) in the area above where he proposes to start this housing. He also suggested that the city should have a public open space (Hill) in the area above where he proposes to start this housing.

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# Best Lighted City in East

## Is Aim of Light Committee

Continuation of the light installation program until "we have the best lighted city in Montreal" was announced by city council chairman Allan Gaudet at a meeting of the light committee yesterday. He said his committee had a report of complete replacement of the incandescent lighting system with fluorescent lighting. He said this type was also being used where installations had to be made in the newly developed sections of the city. Mr. Gaudet expressed his hope that the city would be the best lighted city in the world. He said that the city should have a public open space (Hill) in the area above where he proposes to start this housing. He also suggested that the city should have a public open space (Hill) in the area above where he proposes to start this housing.

# Driving Courses Favored

A recommendation that a safe-driving educational program be introduced into high school curriculum was made in the police committee's annual report to city council yesterday. The committee said a high percentage of teenagers had been charged with traffic violations during the past year in police court, and members felt such a program was needed. The committee recommended the police department for its acceptance of the program. The committee said that the program should be a part of the curriculum in the city. The committee said that the program should be a part of the curriculum in the city.

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# PRESENTATION OF REPORT APPROVED

Waithen Gaudet (left) and town planning committee chairman Walter Cox whose report was presented to city council last night.