

### Mayor Stresses

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As we look to the year ahead, we must bear in mind, and be able to cope with, the continuing pressure for Capital spending which is part of our growth potential, taking into consideration the possible continuance of tight money and its concomitant, high interest rates.

In other words, my Council will continue to enforce the most rigid economy in the administration of this City's business, and enter into Capital outlays only when they are deemed necessary. Nevertheless, we must keep Charlotteville comparable with other cities—i.e. modern and up-to-date in every respect.

#### BYLAWS ENACTED

During the year, there were twelve regular meetings, and twenty-three special meetings.

The following by-laws were passed during the year: — 1. By-law levying and specifying the Rate of Assessment on Real Estate and Personal Property and Business Occupancy, and amount of Educational Tax, is the City. 2. By-law to establish the Installment Payment of Civic assessments, and to fix the rate of interest thereon. 3. By-law respecting Taxi-cabs and the licensing thereof. 4. By-law to amend the By-law of February 9th, 1942, establishing a restricted Building Area or Zone in Charlotteville. 5. By-law to amend the By-law respecting Milk and Milk Vendors. 6. By-law to amend the By-law to regulate traffic. 7. By-law to amend the By-law of February 9th, 1942, establishing a restricted Building Zone.

I feel I should avail myself of this opportunity to refer briefly to the several Committees of my Council, so that it may be recorded in our Year Book.

#### FINANCE

To you, Chairman Johnstone, and members of your Finance Committee, I extend my congratulations and thanks, on a tough job well done. You have shown a substantial surplus in maintenance account, and not only this, but you have also reduced the net debt on this City. It was a year when much was accomplished and much money spent. Nevertheless, it is the first year since 1948 that we have had a reduction. The financial statement you are presenting tonight could not have been as good, if your Committee had not given so freely of their time and energy. You have worked most strenuously and your efforts have borne fruit.

#### STREETS

The Street Committee, under the chairmanship of Councillor McCormac, had a very busy year. Actual expenditures were \$158,961.87, as against an estimate of \$154,350.00. This shows a deficit of \$4,611.87. A detailed account of this department's spending will be found in Councillor McCormac's report.

#### PUBLIC PROPERTY

The Public Property Committee had a very busy year. They were confronted with repairs of a major nature: The sea wall at Victoria Park and the roof of the Harris Memorial Library. They are to be highly complimented on the landscaping job to the West of Government Pond, and, while the outlay of money for this project was large, the results are most gratifying, and I feel it is money well spent. I believe, this coming year, some major projects with respect to Government Pond will have to be undertaken, if we are to have it in keeping with the surroundings in our new landscaped area.

I am sure the Council, and the City as well, has lost a very valuable Councillor and citizen, when Councillor MacDonald resigned, and took up residence in the U.S.A. However, we were fortunate in having Councillor O'Neill assume the Chairmanship of this very important Committee.

#### FIRE

The Fire Department, under Councillor Gaudet, continued to function in its usual efficient manner. We are very proud of, and grateful to, our Volunteer Fire Force. The work of the Department and the equipment are comparable with any City of similar size in Canada. Some thought, however, must be given to the acquisition of a new Pumper.

#### POLICE

Councillor Gormley's report also shows that our Police Department is functioning in a most creditable manner, and is keeping abreast of other Police departments. I congratulate Councillor Gormley and his Committee on the interest shown throughout the year. The example they have set by their number of meetings might well be followed by the other Committees of the Council.

#### MARKET

The Market Committee has given utmost satisfaction under the Chairmanship of Councillor Foster, and his committee. During the year, the F. G. Spencer Company's lease of the Empire Theatre expired, and was not renewed. We would welcome suggestions or ideas along the lines of making the up-stairs in this Market Building a real Community Auditorium, comparable with the Travel Bureau and the Bus Stand on the ground floor.

#### LIGHT

Councillor Haslam and his Light Committee have possibly one of the hardest jobs in the function of the lighting of our streets, the replacing and re-locating of old lamps, and in the addition of new ones; also in the trimming of trees, so that the maximum light may be obtained. However, I have appreciated their efforts. This phase of City work is very important, and does require much thought.

#### TENDER

The Tender Committee, under

Councillor O'Neill, and now under our youngest Councillor — Councillor Nicholson, was not overlooking during the year. As a matter of fact, I do not think Councillor Nicholson had occasion to have the Tender Committee function, since he became a member of the Board. But to the Tender Committee, we must extend thanks and appreciation. They have been very interested in seeing that the contracts or purchases awarded by the calling of tenders have been in the best interests of the City.

**Industry and Tourist Development**  
This new Committee, under the Chairmanship of Councillor Gaudet, has been worthy of its appointment. A great deal of work has been done with most satisfactory results. I feel that through their efforts, there has been a great influx of tourists to our City, and many Conventions which would have been held at other centres convened in Charlotteville.

Our Act of Incorporation was amended in 1954, to allow for the appointment of a Deputy Mayor, and I feel that we should record into the Minutes that the First Deputy Mayor under our Act of Incorporation is Councillor A. W. Gaudet. Deputy Mayor Gaudet has been, and is, a great help to me. He has carried out the duties of Mayor in a very splendid manner, when I have been called out of the City or Province, and not in this regard alone, but in representing me time and time again, at functions when I have been unable to attend. I believe the appointment of a Deputy Mayor a popular one, rather than having me appoint a Councillor to act in my stead when occasion demands.

**Metropolitan Committee**  
I would like, also, at this time, to express the appreciation of my Council and myself, to our Town Planning Board under the Chairmanship of Mr. F. Curtis. Since the appointment of this Board, they have had several meetings, and are functioning in the most capable manner. They have been a great assistance to this Council in an advisory capacity, on many occasions.

Another important Committee which was formed during the latter part of 1955 and became most active in 1956, is the Metropolitan Committee. This committee which originated as a result of the Board of Trade's interest in Charlotteville, and adjoining areas, consists of representatives from the Board of Trade, the City of Charlotteville, the villages of Parkdale and Spring Park, and it is making a very extensive survey of the areas represented, to ascertain the feasibility of amalgamation. This Committee, with its sub-committees on fact finding, will also deal with the findings of H. W. Crandall, professional Engineer, from Moncton, N.B., who has been engaged by this City to carry out a topographical water and sewage survey of the City and its suburban areas including the villages of Parkdale and Spring Park and to prepare a written report including comparative estimates of costs of both separate and integrated water and sewage systems.

I have singled out and mentioned the various Chairmen of my Council in respect to the particular Committee of which they were the heads. I now take the liberty of expressing to them, not individually but as members of the full Council, my appreciation of their thoughtfulness and co-operation at the many Council meetings throughout the year. After all, the City's business is not transacted by Committees, but by the Council as a whole.

**Sewers and Water Supply**  
I noticed from the City Clerk's statement, that the returns from the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply are down considerably from last year, but it can be accounted for by the fact that considerable new machinery has been purchased. We will hope that 1957 will see a larger return from the Commission.

#### Board of School Trustees

This Board had a very busy year. The educational problem of the City became more and more complicated in the providing of school room accommodations. However, they have not the worry of finding the ways and means of financing such accommodations. Notwithstanding this, they have had a very strenuous year, and they are now confronted with the major problem of supplying another new High School for our City, and this certainly takes very considerable time, thought, and energy, in itself. When one adds to this, the direction of our present fine schools, you can readily see that the task of a Member of the Board of School Trustees is not an easy one.

Again, I speak for my Council and myself, when I say that we go on record and pay tribute to the long, faithful, and efficient service of T. Edgar MacNutt, who for over thirty years was Secretary to the Board of School Trustees. May I extend my thanks to the Board for their untiring efforts.

Many distinguished persons visited our City during the year, and called at City Hall. These visits have been recorded in our Visitors' Book, and rather than take up space in this report, I feel that their signatures on the Visitors' Book are sufficient to have them for posterity.

This report could not be complete without making reference to the passing on the 2nd of January of Councillor G. R. Keefe. His wide Council and good judgment revealed itself many, many times in his various duties as a City Father. He served his City well. We must also record the passing of Mr. Edward Stanley, Mr. Joseph Steele, and Sgt. Allan MacJanis, who served their City in another phase of Civic activity. They, too, served their City well. To those left to cherish their memory, we extend our sincere sympathy.

Finally, I wish to extend to the City Clerk and his staff, and to all Civic Employees, my appreciation for a hard year's work well done, and for the many courtesies extended me during the year. To you Councillors, my thanks for your co-operation throughout the year just closed.

### City Accounts

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also payment in full of all re-unding issues, using an earnings rate of 3%. On this basis, when the 1955 refunding issues of \$43,250.00 referred to above are made, the Sinking Funds will be in excess of actuarial requirements by \$26,573.21, and if this trend continues, the foregoing refunding plan can be eliminated before 1968. In 1957 a deposit from Current Funds of \$137,155.11 will be required to maintain the schedule, along with \$22,000.00 for serial maturities and \$15,800.00 for the annual instalment on the High School loan.

### Employees' Pension Fund Balance Sheet

In addition to the regular contributions by the employees and the City, an additional amount of \$9,000.00 was taken from Current Funds, in line with recommendations of a firm of actuaries made in 1953 that the Pension Fund be augmented. These additional contributions are not in themselves sufficient to place this fund on an adequate actuarial basis, and reference should be made to this report for details. The Pension Funds include uninvested cash totalling \$34,726.39 and a portion of this should be invested as soon as possible to increase the earnings of the Fund.

#### CURRENT FUNDS BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1956

ASSETS	
Cash on hand — change funds	\$ 80.00
Taxes Receivable — Real Estate	\$156,670.79
Personal Property and Business Occupancy	142,400.47
Poll and Educational	153,440.31
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	116,140.02
Debt Interest prepaid	71.25
Deferred Charges: Motor Equipment	\$ 27,121.52
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	20,221.52
	\$343,422.80
LIABILITIES	
Bank Overdraft	\$ 33,097.37
Debt Interest Payable	9,627.09
Accounts Payable	12,464.29
Amount due to Capital Funds	228,883.65
	\$284,072.37
Surplus — Balance, December 31, 1955	\$ 29,942.61
Add: Excess of Revenue over Expenditure for the year 1956	29,407.86
	\$343,422.80

#### STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

REVENUE		Grants and Subsidiaries from the Province:	
Taxation:		Fire Department	1,500.00
Real Estate	\$544,606.23	Library	1,500.00
Personal Property and Business Occupancy	252,318.69	Dominion - Provincial Agreement	20,000.00
Educational	84,999.00	Per-capita	49,338.00
	\$881,923.92	Commissioners of Sewers & Water Supply	40,364.13
Licenses: — \$17,402.25		Parking Meters — City's share	5,809.69
Rents:		Refunds from Centennial Committee	2,084.68
Market rents	\$ 11,403.85	Miscellaneous receipts	1,040.50
Market tolls	599.50		
Scale House	1,346.00	Total Revenue for the year — \$1,053,436.90	
	\$ 13,349.35	Less: Total Expenditure for the year — \$1,024,029.04	
Sundry:		Police Court & Dog Tax	\$15,244.55
Interest on taxes	3,879.83	Excess of Revenue over Expenditure	\$29,407.86

#### EXPENDITURE

General Government:			
Advertising	\$ 507.29	Conservation of Health	6,403.53
Assessing and Collecting	15,164.43	Public Welfare — Grants	14,342.50
Auditing	1,100.00	Board of School Trustees	212,202.90
City Government	18,435.98	Recreation and Community Services:	
City Hall Maintenance	11,244.21	City Dump	\$ 5,126.98
Civic Election	3,785.99	Library	9,290.53
Insurance	7,411.31	Market	14,780.26
Interest and Bank Charges —		Government Pond	285.85
Handling Charges	562.16	City Squares	5,858.71
Bank Overdraft	15,520.07	Victoria Park	12,988.08
Parking Meters	5,107.59		48,330.41
Pension Fund Contributions	19,468.06	Debt Charges:	
Printing Reports	1,372.35	Interest on Debentures	\$168,941.78
Safety of Securities	1,357.14	Sinking Fund Provision	136,089.86
Superannuation	1,680.00	Serial Debenture Instalment	21,000.00
Miscellaneous	3,694.39	Instalment on Provincial Loan	15,800.00
	\$106,410.97		\$341,831.64
Protection to Persons and Property:		Less: Payments received on Street and Sidewalk Assessment	4,295.77
Building Inspection	\$ 226.13		337,535.87
C. N. R. Wig-wags	167.03	Sundry Expenditures:	
Fire Department	17,356.81	School Taxes at Airport	\$ 376.66
Fire Department Grant	10,150.00	Depreciation on Motor Equipment	6,780.38
Police Department	66,274.09	Survey for Metropolitan Commission	4,568.77
Police Court	3,936.48	Tourist and Industry Committee	2,213.12
Street Lighting	21,275.13		13,938.93
	119,385.67	TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR	\$1,024,029.04

#### CITY OF CHARLOTTETOWN CAPITAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1956

ASSETS	
Cash in bank — Queen Charlotte High School Account	\$ 13,247.26
Street and Sidewalk Assessments Receivable	71,200.36
Less: Allowance for Uncollectable Accounts	11,009.40
Amount due from Current Funds	228,883.65
Capitalized Expenditures —	
Street and Sidewalks	\$2,566,802.01
Lands and Buildings	1,323,451.78
Plant and Movable Property	215,491.23
Parks and Public Grounds	177,516.55
Water and Sewer System	923,500.00
Direct Relief	187,000.00
Civic Purposes	241,700.00
	\$5,635,461.57
	\$5,937,783.41
LIABILITIES	
Bank Overdraft	\$ 353,026.72
Debentures Payable —	
Original Issues	\$3,304,000.00
Refunding Issues	981,800.00
	4,285,800.00
Interest-free loan from the Province of Prince Edward Island for the Queen Charlotte High School	126,400.00
Amount due to Sinking Funds	43,250.00
	\$4,908,476.72
Capital Surplus	1,129,306.71
	\$5,937,783.41



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Low in price and high in value, this dress will keep you looking fresh as a daisy all day long. Bright cotton print in navy and white check with round neck, short sleeves, zippered front, and flared skirt with patch pockets. Sizes 15½ to 22½. **2.98**  
Price .....

The homemakers favorite dress. Made of fresh, sparkling Sanforized print cotton in shades of white/green/black or white/gold/black with contrasting trim. Neat V neck style, short sleeves, flared skirt and self belt. Sizes 14½ to 20½. **3.98**  
Price .....

Here is a cotton print that you will be proud to own. It is the ever popular coat style with V neck, short sleeves and semi-flared skirt. Finished with perky little bows of white pique at the neck. Aqua, blue or rose on a white background. **4.98**  
In sizes 14½ to 20½, price .....

Made of Sanforized gingham, this little dress is dainty and feminine and will keep you looking fresh as a daisy all day long. It has a long torso, full skirt with unpressed pleats. Button down the front to hip line, high neck with white pique trim. Pink and white or blue and white gingham in sizes 12 to 20, **4.98**  
Price .....

### Rayon Crepe BED JACKET

A wee bit of cover up . . . this rayon crepe bed jacket in either pink or blue has a double nylon embroidered yoke and peter pan collar edged with lace. The long sleeves have elasticised wrists for push-up effect and are also edged with lace. Sizes small, medium **2.98** or large, price .....

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