

### Council Earmarks \$250,000 For Proposed Civic Centre

A motion that "the City of Charlottetown favor the construction of a Civic Centre, provided that sufficient funds can be made available for building it, and that it can be self-sustaining by the inclusion of revenue-producing premises," and that the sum of \$250,000 be earmarked for the project provided further monies become available, was passed on a split vote at the city council meeting held at City Hall last night, presided over by Mayor Edwin Johnstone.

Voting in favor of the motion were Councillors Foster, Baker, Hyndman, Gormley, Boyles, MacRae, Arsenault and Haslam. Against the motion were councillors Gaudet and O'Neill.

Councillor Baker and Hyndman maintained that earmarking a specific sum by the council did not make it liable unless sufficient funds were made available to build the centre.

They contended further, that it was a good business proposition besides being a much needed civic building, since it would be self-sustaining, and the city was acquiring a million-dollar building for an outlay of one-quarter that amount.

**GAUDET OPPOSED**  
Councillor Gaudet stated that he was opposed to the motion at this time since he would prefer to have the finances of the city presented at the annual meeting, Tuesday, January 27, in order to determine the financial condition of the city before making any commitments of this nature.

He contended further that at the present time no plan of such a centre had been presented, and that the council was unaware of its size, what it would contain or how much it would cost.

Dealing with the new road to be constructed from Brighton Road corner to North River Road, the council explained that the road would proceed to the north extremity of property owned by Stewart Jones, then eastwardly to the west boundary of property owned by R.H. Duvar, then north across Inkerman Road to Kirkwood Drive. Council explained that this had been the intention of the Town Planning Committee, but it had been misinterpreted.

Councillor Gaudet presented bills for payment on current account totaling \$45,228.03; bills paid amounting to \$43,453.86; bills paid on capital fund of \$30,118.71; bills to be paid on capital account of \$22,251.20; and bills paid on pension fund amounting to \$1,249.20.

**GARBAGE DISPOSAL**  
Communications were read during which a suggestion that a survey for garbage disposal for the city be made was given consideration, and a committee was appointed to look into the question.

A communication from the Business and Professional Women's Club protested against the proposed removal of trees in the city by the Maritime Electric Company where they deem trees to be hazardous to the provision of services. In its brief to the council the company proposed to remove such trees or trim them where possible, and in the event of removal to replace them with new trees in conformity with the general appearance of the street and with the beauty of the city as a whole.

**RESOLUTIONS**  
The following resolutions were passed: that W.H. Crandall be engaged to prepare tender documents for the sewerage in the area east of North River Road. That W.H. Crandall be engaged to draw a preliminary plan for sewerage in the area west of North River Road.

**DANGER SEEN**  
Mr. Cullen recalled that at a recent Ottawa meeting leading Canadian farmers had expressed the opinion that the growth of vertical integration might in time force the government to abandon support prices on such commodities as eggs, hogs, and broilers.

"The people of Canada would support any government in its efforts to keep the heads of the farmers above water, but would certainly not support government assistance designed to keep big corporations out of the red," Mr. Cullen observed.

Reporting on the potato organization, Mr. MacPhail said a complete new plan was being drafted and would be ready for presentation to the provincial government about February 1.

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Dealing with the over-all picture, Mr. Lewis said that the payroll of The Guardian and The Evening Patriot is the second largest of any private enterprise in Charlottetown "when you add in the part-time earnings of several dozen special correspondents and others, I wouldn't be surprised if the total newspaper payroll is the largest of any business in the city."

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There was no suspicion of theft. The doctor said that the tube could be carried near the body for weeks without serious harm.

**INTERESTS IDENTICAL**  
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Introduced by chairman Ian Burnett as a newspaper man who had been correspondent in both the capital of the United States and Canada, with the experience on newspapers in practically every province of Canada and several of the states in the American Union, Mr. Lewis punctuated his talk with authentic humorous incidents.

The speaker was thanked by co-chairman Sheldon Carson who said that the talk was of deep interest, dealing with one of the main cogs in both provincial and national life, both papers giving great coverage.

A letter of appreciation was read from Sister Mary Henry on behalf of the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau, for the recent donation received from Rotary. Similarly Mrs. Wendell Wood also acknowledged with gratitude a donation to the Musical Festival Association.

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City	Min.	Max.
Dawson	-23	
Vancouver	45	
Victoria	43	
Edmonton	-3	
Calgary	15	
Regina	1	
Winnipeg	3	
Toronto	17	
Ottawa	5	
Montreal	12	
Quebec	20	
Fredericton	15	
Saint John	16	
Moncton	15	
Halifax	18	
Charlottetown	18	
Sydney	13	
Yarmouth	24	
St. John's	22	

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office says the Maritimes can expect snowflurries today.

Forecast: Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island: Cloudy with a few cold intervals; snowflurries late in the afternoon; mild; southwest wind 15. Low-high at Halifax and Kenville 22 and 33, New Glasgow and Sydney 18 and 30, Yarmouth 18 and 35, Charlottetown 18 and 22, New Brunswick: Cloudy with snowflurries; mild; light wind. Low-high at Moncton, Fredericton, Edmundston and Campbellton 18 and 28, Saint John 18 and 32.