

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Kitz that the Halifax Regional Library Board be requested to report to City Council on the advisability of establishing a branch of the Library in Halifax North.

Alderman Ahern: "In 1949 when we were discussing plans for the Library the north end Aldermen were quite outspoken regarding the site. It was understood and I think agreed to by Council that there would be a branch of the library erected in the north end at a cost of not more than \$40,000.00. In Halifax North there are approximately 28,000 people. I feel the citizens will agree

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that the people of that section could very well use a branch library as they have in many large and middle size American cities. Members of the Library Board are in accord with this plan. They feel that Council should go on record as favoring that. I think you will also agree with me that we would be keeping faith by carrying out that plan."

8:10 P. M. Alderman Lane arrives and takes her seat in Council.

Alderman Kitz in seconding the motion said that the Chief Librarian and the Board were to be commended on their work in the operation of the Library as they are doing a marvellous job. He said the present location of the Library was not convenient for people of the north end of the City. He felt that the Willow Tree would have been more central when it was built. He then stated that he would like to see the Library Board look into the matter with a view to recommending if the costs involved would be commensurate with the circulation anticipated.

Alderman Vaughan: "I think the citizens will agree that this City has done well in providing library facilities. The Board is not unaware of the fact that the location does not serve all the people in the manner they would like to serve the population. Already the Board as constituted has approached the School Board authorities with a view to having a branch library for the children and I think one is to be started in Chebucto School. One year ago I proposed that a branch library be started in Halifax north and a building owned by the City was examined by the Board on the Exhibition Property. It was formerly the Ticket Office of the Exhibition Commission. That building lends itself well for a branch library. This Council secured permission from the Department of Municipal Affairs last year to make available to the Library Commission the sum of \$60,000.00 for books. These books are being purchased. We hope in a year or so that the

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out into an extension. The City Council and the Forum Commission should keep in mind that the library would like to have that building in the event of establishing a branch library in the north end. It is not forgotten and it is being taken care of. When the financial position of the Commission is such that we are able to embark upon this we will do so."

The motion was then put and passed.