

Chairman and Members,
Finance Committee.

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Gentlemen,

Re Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 4000 - providing that any male receiving sustenance shall on demand and in return for such sustenance perform work for the municipality.

The following table shows number of hours to be worked each week by persons in receipt of sustenance.

Family Unit	Sustenance scale operating after 6/7/32.	Number hrs. weekly.	Number days of 8 hours for 3 weeks sustenance.	Time men finish.
Individual residing with strangers or relations.	6/-	6½	2	5.p.m. 2nd.day.
Man and Wife.	9/-	7	2½	12 noon 3rd.day.
" " " & 1 child.	11/6	9	3	5.p.m. 3rd.day.
" " " " 2 child.	14/-	11	4	5.p.m. 4th.day.
" " " " 3 "	16/6	13	4½	12 noon 5th.day.
" " " " 4 "	19/-	15	5½	12 noon 6th.day.
" " " " 5 "	21/6	17	6	5.p.m. 6th.day.
X " " " " 6 "	24/-	19	4½	12 noon 5th.day.
X " " " " 7 "	26/6	21	5	5.p.m. 5th.day.
X " " " " 8 "	29/-	23	5½	12 noon 6th. day

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Where there are 6, 7 and 8 children in the family employment for the equivalent of only 2 week's sustenance will be possible, because the number of days required of them for equivalent of 3 weeks sustenance exceeds 6.

The general instructions provide that no man shall be paid in any one week an amount in excess of sustenance due to him for 2 weeks. Special permission must be obtained for any variation of this regulation. It is essential that we obtain a variation and get permission to work men in one week for the equivalent of 3 weeks sustenance. If we cannot do this, where there are so many in receipt of sustenance, as there are here, the scheme is not practicable. It is going to be very difficult as it is.

p-2 I suggest that the starting time be 8 a.m. daily, per day with 1 hour for lunch. The table above is worked out to the nearest hour equalling so many full days and halves. If odd hours are brought into the scheme, it would be too cumbersome. As shown above the hours worked will be equivalent to 3 weeks sustenance and none of the men employed will be eligible for further sustenance until the expiration of that period.

As required by the Act, the necessary demand will be issued personally as each man comes in for his sustenance. I will supply each week, a list of the numbers of men required for the following week, stating the numbers of 2, 3, 4 or 5 daymen required. All men will be drawn from those whose sustenance orders run out the week before they start work. The planning of work, arranging for foreman, tools and general supervision will be done by me. The Council will have to purchase tools - mainly picks, shovels and mattocks to carry out the work. The cost would probably be £ 90 and a conservative estimate of replacements and maintenance of these would be £ 15 per week.

The gangers on any works carried out will of course be drawn from our own staff, who will have to be paid from Council funds - possibly £ 15. per week. I am hoping it will be possible to split up the supervision between Mr. Day and myself. As there will ~~be~~ necessarily be a great amount of work in the way of making out work cards, demands, time sheets and payment of men, it will be impossible to do this work with my present staff. I will have to have a male clerk with some knowledge of engineering costing, preferably one who has done portion or whole of his engineering course at the School of Mines.

As the greater part of the work to be performed will be cleaning up and excavating, a number of drays will be necessary. The number will of course vary, according to the class of work being carried out, and to the distances of tipping places. Probably not less than 12 drays will be required most of the time. Now, there is no provision in the Act at all regarding horses and drays and drivers and the Council will therefore have to provide these. If Contractor Mc Williams can provide this number, the weekly cost to the Council would be about £ 33; if not

13 ✓ outside drays would have to be employed at a rate of 14/5 per day, the weekly cost to the Council being then £ 52.

To put the scheme into effect, then, it appears that the minimum weekly cost to the Council, exclusive of the small amount of materials that will be required will be £ 65.

The jobs proposed are -

- ✓ 1. Widening roadway Arnold Street, between Smith and Grattan Sts.
- ✓ 2. Removal of crest of hill for width of roadway, Comet Hill to give better vision.
3. Removal of portion of embankment Howard and Reginald Sts.
4. Widening Milroy St. between Boundary St. to Ironbark Creek.
5. Constfuction of open cut in sand heap at Fortuna Hill to old settling dam of Lazarus Mine.
- ✓ 6. Widening Bennett St. Harrison to Buckley Sts.
7. Construction roadway - Hodgkinson St. Sternberg St. to Haylin St. East
8. Construction Murphy St. between Mc Ivor Rd. and Lansell St.
9. Removal of rock outcrops in various parts of City, to enable better drainage of roads and footpaths.
- ✓ 10. General cleaning up of flanks of roads and footpaths.
11. Removal of rear portion of old lock up.
12. Clearing extensive silting in Long Gully Creek, off Bond St. and Prowser Road.
13. Trimming bed of Bendigo Creek in readiness for any permanent paving which might be carried out. (This work would have to be done immediately prior to paving.)
14. Extension of Hargreaves St. through sand heap to Panton St. and construction of open crossing.
15. Screening gravel and sandstone for footpath and road repairs.

In most of the above works very little material would be required and very much good and necessary work would be performed, particularly if a fair day's work can be obtained from those employed.

Yours faithfully,

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CITY ENGINEER.