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**REPORT OF COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES ON LAWRENCE  
COMMITTEE.**

(Meeting held 21st October, 1940).

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We have to report that Councillor D. G. Shepstone has resigned from this Committee by letter dated 14th October, 1940.

We now report the resignation so that the Council may fill the vacancy.

**Councillor D. G. Shepstone re-elected.**

R. ELLIS BROWN,  
Chairman.

21st October, 1940.

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**RESOLVED :**

That the report of the Council's representatives on the Lawrence Committee be received.

**RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR D. G. SHEPSTONE :**

Councillor Kinloch moved :

"That the matter of Councillor Shepstone's resignation be referred to the Joint Committee at its meeting to be held this week."

Not put.

(At this stage of the proceedings Councillors Fyfe and Saunders re-entered the meeting).

The Mayor stated that the Joint Committee could not deal with the resignation and filling of the vacancy. Nominations were thereupon invited to fill the vacancy on the Lawrence Committee. Councillor Shepstone intimated his willingness to rejoin the Committee if the Council so desired.

On the motion of Councillor Capell, it was

**RESOLVED :**

That Councillor D. G. Shepstone be re-elected a member of the Lawrence Committee.

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**LAWRENCE COMMITTEE.**

In pursuance of notice given in terms of the Council's Rules of Order, Mr. Councillor Youngleson put the following questions to the Chairman of the Lawrence Committee and the Chairman (Councillor R. Ellis Brown, Mayor) made the replies indicated :

1. *Question :* Is the Lawrence Committee a constitutional Committee or Sub-Committee elected by the City Council under terms of reference or Rules of Order and Standing Orders ?

*Answer :* "The Lawrence Committee" is the name which has been adopted for itself by the Joint Committee consisting of six representatives of the City Council and six representatives of the Natal Indian Association

which was inaugurated on the 14th March, 1940, at the request of the Honourable the Minister of the Interior, Mr. H. Lawrence, K.C., M.P. It is not a Committee of the Council.

2. *Question* : (If Question 1 is in the affirmative)—Why has the Committee not reported monthly to the Council, in terms of Standing Orders ?

*Answer* : Falls away.

3. *Question* : Why have the Agenda of the Committee not been circulated in terms of Section 84, Rules of Order ?

*Answer* : Falls away.

4. *Question* : Will the Minutes of the Meetings of the Committee be circulated in due course ?

*Answer* : Falls away.

5. *Question* : Has the Committee in any way committed itself or the Council in any of its findings, or discussions with the members of the Indian Lawrence Committee.

*Answer* : No.

6. *Question* : Has the Committee committed itself to the allocation of any land in the Stellawood Area as quoted by the Ward 3 Burgesses Association's statement published in the press, or any other area within the boundary of the City ?

*Answer* : No. It is the intention of the Council's representatives upon the Joint Committee to report to the Council their recommendations upon this subject when they have decided what these shall be.

7. *Question* : Has the Committee reported any of its findings to the Responsible Minister, the Hon. H. Lawrence, Minister of Interior, if so, what were these findings ?

*Answer* : Yes. The report is too lengthy and detailed to be conveniently included in this reply, but a copy of it will be furnished by the Town Clerk to any Councillor who requires one.

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(At this stage of the proceedings Councillors Knight and Youngleson left the meeting).

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