

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MONDAY, DECEMBER 6th, 1915 AT 8:00 P.M.**

Present: His Worship Mayor Hanes
Alderman Foreman
Alderman Vance
Alderman Kennedy
Alderman Biss
Alderman Wright
Alderman MacDonald

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 8 o'clock and as a matter of privilege Alderman Wright moved the following Resolution:

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Biss and resolved that this Council deeply regrets the loss of Mr. J.H. Keller late High School instructor of this City, and that the City Clerk write the relatives expressing this Council's heartfelt sympathy with those bereaved.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 29th were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Kennedy adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From Miss C. Homewood being a request for a sidewalk on 14th Street West of Chesterfield Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From Helen P. Thomson, Secretary, Victorian Order of Nurses being a request for the use of the Council Chamber for the Society's annual Meeting. Moved by Alderman Vance seconded by Alderman MacDonald and resolved that the Victorian Order of Nurses be given the use of the Council Chamber for the purpose of holding their annual Meeting on the afternoon of Tuesday, January 11th, 1916.

From City Treasurer Humphreys being a statement of the traffic receipts of the City Ferries for the month of November. Referred to Ferry Committee.

From the BC Telephone Company enclosing a Plan of a proposed lateral and pole to be placed across 3rd Street at Heywood Avenue.

Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Foreman and resolved that the plan from the BC Telephone Co. showing the location of a proposed lateral and pole to be placed at the crossing of 3rd Street and Heywood Avenue be approved, and that the pole be set at an offset of 16' 6" from the property line to the outside face of the pole.

From Thomas Irwin re water rent on the premises situate on Lot 16/155/274. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, acknowledging receipt of the City's letter regarding the Amalgamated Engineering Works. Filed.

From A. Stewart, President, Union of British Columbia Municipalities, with reference to proposed amendments to the Municipal Act affecting the issue and sale of tax certificates. Letter was ordered filed. Moved by Alderman Vance seconded by Alderman Biss and resolved that the City Clerk again communicate with Alderman Byrne, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed at the last Convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to prepare the proposed amendments to the Municipal Act effecting the sale and issue of Tax Certificates with a view of finding out what is being done in the matter and obtaining a copy if possible of the proposed amendments.

From City Solicitor Sutton re City Auditor. Referred to Motions.

From City Treasurer Humphreys being a report of a check made on the Ferry passenger tickets. Referred to Ferry Committee.

From A. Davies, Chief of Police being the streetlight report for the month of November. Referred to Fire, Light and Lanes Committee.

From Fire Chief Findlay being his report of the fires in the City and District during the month of November. Referred to Fire, Light and Lanes Committee.

From Alderman R.C. Biss suggesting to the Council for their consideration the possibility of making arrangements with the Bond holders of the City's local improvement bonds with a view of extending the period of years of the bonds in order to lessen the burden of the local improvement taxpayers. Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that the subject matter of Alderman Biss's letter be referred to the Finance Committee and City Solicitor for investigation and report.

From J. R. Davison in respect to the City contributing to advertising mater to be distributed in the Northwest Territories. Referred to Finance Committee.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, Police, Schools, Ferry, Board of Works, Waterworks, Fire and Light, Parks and Board of Health Committees on due accounts were submitted by the respective Chairmen and read to the Meeting and the Treasurer was authorized to pay the accounts to the amounts following:

Finance	\$746.00
Schools	3,610.28
Police	732.50
Ferry	3,921.05
Board of Works	727.70
Waterworks	230.00
Fire & Light	991.25
Parks	201.85
Board of Health	241.00

The report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 2nd instant was read and on motion of Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Vance adopted.

The report of the Board of Works as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 2nd instant was read and it was moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that the report be adopted with the exception of paragraph relating to the drafting of a Bylaw governing the placing of a lighted lamp on all vehicles traveling through the City between sunset and sunrise.

The report of the Police Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 2nd instant was read and on motion of Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Vance adopted.

The report of the Ferry Committees as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 2nd instant was read and on motion of Alderman Vance seconded by Alderman Kennedy adopted.

The report of the Fire and Light Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 2nd instant was read and on motion of Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Kennedy adopted.

The report of the Parks, Boulevard Etc. Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 2nd instant was read and on motion of Alderman MacDonald seconded by Alderman Wright adopted.

On permission Alderman Foreman left the Council.

Moved by Alderman Vance seconded by Alderman Biss and resolved that the position of City Auditor heretofore held by Percy S. Howard, be and the same is hereby declared vacant, as and from the date hereof.

Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that Mr. E.H. Giske be and is hereby appointed Auditor for the City of North Vancouver for the balance of the year 1915 at the same salary as formerly paid to City Auditor Percy S. Howard, viz: \$55.00 per month. There was a division in the Council on the question, resulting as follows:

For the motion: Alderman Vance Alderman Biss Alderman Wright and Alderman Kennedy

Against the Motion: Alderman MacDonald and Mayor Hanes.

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Kennedy and resolved that the Council recommend to the INCOMING council of 1916 that only a resident and ratepayer be appointed as Auditor for this City, and that the applications received be referred to the incoming Council for their reconsideration.

Alderman MacDonald voted against the motion.

Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that whereas Mr. Clucas has been appointed Acting City Engineer and until the return of Mr. West, Mr. Clucas is to all intents and purposes the City Engineer and that he be paid his salary accordingly, viz: \$125 per month commencing as on December 1st, 1915.

Moved by Alderman Vance seconded by Alderman MacDonald and resolved that the City Clerk write the Council of the City of Vancouver with a view of obtaining from them their reasons why they have decided to drop the proposed Amendment to their Charter whereby it would be possible for them to grant exemptions from taxation on the City of North Vancouver's ferry terminal at Vancouver.

Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman MacDonald and resolved that the resolution contained in the Minutes of the Council of November 29th, 1915 relative to the term of years for the existence of the proposed agreement between the Wallace Shipyards Ltd. and the City relative to exemption from taxation and water rents be rescinded.

Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman MacDonald and resolved that the term of years for the existence of the proposed Agreement with the Wallace Shipyards Ltd. re exemption from water rent and taxation be extended to ten years.

Alderman Vance submitted suggestions for submission to the District council in the matter of the proposed granting of aid by the District to eh City in respect to losses that might be sustained on account of operating the City Ferries as follows:

The City Council having by Resolution confirmed the principle of the District granting aid by way of indemnity against losses sustained in operating expenses of the City Ferry system in proportion to the relative populations of the two municipalities, the Committee appointed in respect thereto on Monday last, beg to report to the City Council and suggest that the following be forwarded to the District council as a basis for working out of the proposed undertaking.

1. That all detail as to what sections of the Municipal Act whereby such aid may be granted be submitted to and left with the respective solidicots of the two Municipalities.
2. That the District be asked to submit Bylaws to the Electors for sanction of granting aid to the City Ferries for losses (if any) sustained in operating expenses of said ferries, such aid to commence with the present year 1915, and be given by the District in proportion of one to three, the District paying one hundred for every three hundred dollars of said losses per year.
3. That such aid be granted and paid by the District as follows: For the losses of 1915 in January 1916 and so soon after the first of the year as the financial statement for the ferry system has been laid before the Council and the losses ascertained.
4. That the present ferry service or fares be not changed without first submitting the proposed changes to the District Council.
5. That the same fares and freight rates shall apply to City and District residents.
6. That a member of the District council act in an advisory capacity on the City Ferry Committee.

7. That the operating expenses of the City Ferry system shall mean and include the actual running expenses and upkeep of the ferry boats, wharves, bridges, and buildings in connection therewith and payment of interest on debentures heretofore issued and sold for the building and construction thereof.

Moved by Alderman Vance seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that the suggestions as submitted be approved and a copy forwarded to the Council of the District of North Vancouver.

At 9:30 it was moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Biss and resolved that the Council adjourn.

Signed: George S. Hanes, Mayor