

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 1916 AT
8:00 P.M.**

Present: His Worship Mayor Hanes
Alderman Foreman
Alderman Barclay
Alderman Biss
Alderman Irwin
Alderman Wright
Alderman Morden

Minutes of January 31st, copies of which had been furnished to the Council were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Biss adopted.

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Biss and resolved that the Council express its sincere sympathy through Mr. H.H. Stevens, MP, to the Honourable the Premier, Sir R.L. Borden, on account of loss of life and property in the recent fire which destroyed the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

from City Treasurer Humphreys being statement of the traffic receipts of the City ferries for the month of January. Referred to Ferry Committee.

From the North Vancouver Lumber Company specifying as to what they intended to build in the shape of a wharf at the foot of St. George's Avenue provided they were given permission by the Council to do so. Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that this be referred to Committee of the Whole Council on Thursday, February 10th, and that a representative of the North Vancouver Lumber Co. be requested to be present at the Meeting.

Moved by Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Biss and resolved that the City Solicitor investigate and report as to the legal right the City may have in allowing its street ends to be used for any purpose other than street purposes.

From the Assessment Commissioner, Vancouver, being the assessment notice of the City's leasehold at the Ferry terminal in Vancouver. Referred to Ferry Committee.

From City Clerk Collins reporting that the snow was getting heavy on the City Hall and recommended that the same be shoveled off at once. Moved by Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that the Building Inspector be instructed to have the snow removed off the City Hall.

From City Clerk Collins reporting that Fire Insurance was falling due as follows:
Chesterfield avenue warehouse, \$2500, March 24th, 1916.
City Horses, February 27th, 1916 and Ferry No. 1, \$7,000, March 18th, 1916.
The Chesterfield avenue warehouse was referred to the Board of Works;
City Horses insurance was referred to Fire, Light and Lanes Committee;

Ferry No. 1 Insurance was referred to ferry Committee.

From John F. Helliwell advising the Council that he had been requested by the Bank of British North America to make a report to the Bank upon the requirements of the Municipality for the balance of the current year. Referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Foreman and resolved that the several Committees submit an approximate estimate of the sum required by each Committee next Thursday evening.

From the Secretary Returned Soldiers Aid Committee being a request for a grant of \$50. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Mayor Hanes recommending that J.L. Davidson be requested to furnish the Council with the following:

1. Copy of Charter and Power of the Amalgamated Engineering Company.
2. Copy of contract existing between the Amalgamated Engineering & Dry-dock Co., and the Pacific Coast construction Company.
3. Copy of the Incorporation and Articles of Association of the Pacific Coast Construction Company.
4. Copy of the Trust Deed as between the Amalgamated Engineer Company and the Pacific Coast Construction Company.

Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that Mr. Davidson be requested to furnish the above documents to the City Council.

From Acting Engineer Clucas advising the Council that he had ceased clearing the snow on Lonsdale Avenue and recommended that he be given authority to employ as many men as he might see fit in case of a sudden and heavy thaw. Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Foreman and resolved that the above recommendation of the Engineer be adopted.

From E. Wilmot, Ferry Advertising Manager being an application for continuation of his pass for free transportation on the City Ferries. Referred to Ferry Committee.

From Acting Engineer Clucas being a report on the effect that frost had on macadam roads. Referred to Board of Works.

From the Victorian Order of Nurses being a request for a grant of \$500. Referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. Alex Smith was present and on motion of Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Wright was granted permission to address the Council. Mr. Smith stated that the Victorian Order of Nurses had appointed an Advisory Board owing to the fact that the members of the Society had sufficient work to attend to without looking after the finances which had been placed in the hands of the Advisory Board consisting of Wm. Dickinson, A.G. Perry and himself, and requested the Council to make a liberal donation to the Society to the amount of \$500.00 if possible.

From the Canada Patriotic Fund re aid. Referred to Finance Committee.

From City Solicitor Sutton being his opinion in respect to certain matters in connection with the B.C. Electric Railway Co. referred to in a letter of the City Treasurer, dated January 24th. The Solicitor's opinion in respect to taxation of the Company's property was referred to the Finance Committee and his opinion in respect to the rates charged for street lighting was referred to Fire, Light and Lanes Committee.

From the Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Marine & Fisheries acknowledging receipt of the Mayor's lettergram being a protest against the application of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co. for certain water lots in front of Chesterfield, St. Andrew's and St. Patrick's avenues. Filed.

From Miss M.D. Douglas being an application for a students pass on the North Vancouver City Ferries. Referred to ferry Committee.

From Chas. Price being an application for students passes for his two sons on the North Vancouver City ferries. Referred to Ferry Committee.

From H.R. Heffell being an application for students passes for his two daughters on the North Vancouver City ferries. Referred to Ferry Committee.

The report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 3rd instant was read and on motion of Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Biss adopted.

The report of the Ferry Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 3rd instant was read and on motion of Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Foreman adopted.

The report of the Board of Works as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 3rd instant was read and on motion of Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Irwin adopted.

The report of the Fire, Light and Lanes Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 3rd instant was read and on motion of Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Barclay adopted. Alderman Irwin opposed the adoption of the recommendation.

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Foreman and resolved that the City Clerk have a statement prepared showing the amount spent for uniforms for the Ferry Department last year.

Alderman Wright and Alderman Biss the City's representatives on the Directorate of the Horticultural Society, submitted the following report:

THAT the City extend aid to the Horticultural Society by granting a sum of money equal to the amount of the taxes, interest and costs against the property up to December 31st, 1916, in consideration of which the Society shall throw open to the taxpayers of the City

of N. Vancouver 18 years or over, the tennis courts, croquet lawn and bowling green, four days in the week, viz:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, (two fair days excepted) from April 1st to September 30th, on payment of \$1.00 membership fee to the Society. The Society to have sold management as at present. The report was referred to the Finance Committee.

The following motion was submitted:

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Foreman that the Chief of the Fire Department be empowered to purchase one second-hand Napier auto for the sum of \$450 with the intention of converting same into one City Fire service truck.

Fire Chief submitted a report which was read in connection with the auto referred to , also the offer of the owner offering to sell to the City the said auto for the sum of \$450 was read. Mvoed by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Foreman and resolved that he matter of purchasing as second-hand auto as outlined in the motion recently offered be referred back to the Fire, Light and Laners Committee.

Under the head of unfinished business the Resolution form the Council of the City of Prince Rupert re taxing war profits which had been referred back to the Council by the industrial Committee was read. Mvoed by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that this Council endorse the Resolution of the Council of the City of Prince Rupert re War profits, which is in the terms and words following:

WHEREAS the cost of the great war has rendered enormous taxation necessary, the burden of which falls heavily upon citizens of Canada as a whole, who are also in many ways, put to great loss; all of which it is believed has been wand will be cheerfully borne;

BUT WHEREAS there are certain classes of industries in Canada which are making enormous profits on account of the war, this being particularly the case with regard to certain firms who are engaged in the manufacturing and supply of war munitions and supplies, who it is alleged, are making exorbitant profits from their contracts; and to certain products of our mines, such as copper, which has greatly increased in value owing to the conditions created by the war;

AND WHEREAS it is proper that industries which are so specially benefited by the war should bear a share of the increased burden somewhat proportionate to the advantage reaped by such industries;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian people will have to pay their share, not only of the actual cost of the war whilst it lasts, but also in providing for its returning soldiers and for those dependent upon soldiers both during the war and after its conclusion;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLED that the Municipal Council of the City of Prince Rupert is in favor of the imposition of a special war tax upon all industries in Canada which, directly or indirectly profit by the war conditions;

AND FURTHER, that the profits earned by persons engaged in the manufacturer or supply of war munitions or equipment, shall be made subject to a special tax as follows, namely:

On copper one per cent (1%) on assessed value so long as the market price of copper exceeds fourteen cents (14¢) per pound.

On gold and silver an increase of one per cent (1%) on assessed value.
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RESOLVED FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the City Clerk to the Honourable the Premier of Canada and the Honourable the Premier of British Columbia, and to the Municipalities in the Province.

At 9:40 it was moved by Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that the Council adjourn.

Signed: George S. Hanes, Mayor