

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MONDAY, MARCH 27th, 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 the Regular Meeting of the 20th instant copies of which had been furnished to each member of the Council, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Biss adopted.

Minutes of Committee of the Whole of the 23rd instant, were read and on motion of Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Foreman adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From John Bird, advising the Council that he had joined his Majesty's forces for overseas service and requesting that his property be protected from Tax Sale until his return. Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Foreman and resolved that the City Clerk keep a special file for the purpose of filing applications of men who had joined His Majesty's forces for overseas service in respect to their property being protected from Tax sale proceedings.

From Miss M. Dawson advising the Council that she intended closing the General Hospital in the course of a few months and suggesting that the Council buy the property to be used as a General Hospital. Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Biss and resolved that Miss Dawson be replied to and advised that at the present time the City does not contemplate the purchase of a building for a General Hospital. Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the letter from Miss M. Dawson re General Hospital be referred to the Board of Health.

From Acting Engineer Clucas reporting that there was considerable damage being done by the action of the sea to the fill on the water lot in front of Fell Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From Secretary Mainland Fire Underwriters Association requesting information as to why the City's Fire Department did not respond to a fire which occurred in the District of North Vancouver at the corner of 29th Street and Somerset Street. Referred to Fire, Light and Lanes Committee.

From the Secretary Board of Police Commissioners submitting an estimate of the expenditure of the Department for the year 1916. Referred to Police Committee.

From A.H. Sperry, General Manager, Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co. enclosing papers for the consideration of the Council as to whether they would wish to encourage

a modern tannage industry in the City of North Vancouver. Referred to Industrial Committee.

From D.E. Brown, Hope & Macaulay requesting payment on Marine Insurance on Ferry No. 3 amounting to \$1530. Moved by Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that the request of D.E. brown, Hope & Macaulay re payment of premium on Marine Insurance on Ferry No. 3 be referred to Ferry Committee with power to act.

From the British Foreign & Colonial Corporation being a complaint against the manner in which the City has been paying interest on certain loans. Referred to Finance Committee.

From W.W. McGregor advising the Council that he intended to construct a building on his property at the corner of 13th Street and St. Andrew's Avenue and requested that a bullhead of some description be placed along the property line in order to protect his property. Referred to Board of Works.

From J. Findlay, Fire Chief being a report as to the number of inspections made, etc. regarding the fire hydrants in the City. Referred to Fire, Light and Lanes Committee.

From Robert Currie, advising the Council that he had joined His Majesty's Forces for overseas services and requested that his property be protected from Tax Sale. The Clerk was instructed to place Mr. Currie's letter on file kept for such correspondence.

From the Deputy Minister, Department Marine & Fisheries, advising the Council that a protest had been received from the Conservative Association of North Vancouver against the City leasing the water lot in front of St. George's Avenue for industrial purposes on the grounds that it would not be to the interest of the public and also that the water lot was granted to the Council originally for public and Municipal purposes only, and requested that a statement in connection with this be forwarded to the Department at as early a date as possible. Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Biss and resolved that the Department of Marine be furnished the information requested.

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Foreman and resolved that the Department of Marine be requested to furnish the City with a copy of the protest filed with them from the Conservative Association of North Vancouver.

From the Machinery Installation Company re oil burning apparatus on the City ferries. Referred to Ferry Committee.

From E.M. Bailey tendering his resignation as an employee of the City and requesting that the resignation take effect as on March 31st, 1916.

Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Foreman and resolved that the resignation of E.M. Bailey be accepted and the same take effect as from March 31st, 1916.

From John Chivers being an application for the position of teamster to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of E.M.Bailey. Moved by Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that Mr. Chivers' letter be referred to the Parks Committee.

From Fire chief Findlay reporting that Messrs. Patterson & Goldie could not furnish the tires, recently tendered on by them for some time owing to their firm having to make the tires, and recommended that Goodyear tires as tendered on by Paine & McMillan be purchased instead at a cost of \$152.55. Referred to Fire, Light and Lanes Committee.

From Dan Amskold tendering his resignation as an employee of the City and requesting that the resignation take effect as on April 15th and that he be allowed two weeks holidays as from that date. Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that he resignation of Dan Amskold be accepted with regret and that the same take effect as on April 15th, 1916, and that Mr. Amskold be allowed two weeks holidays on full pay from that date. Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Biss and resolved that he City Clerk write a letter of recommendation in respect to Mr. Amskold and that the same be signed by the Mayor and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

Under the head of Inquiries, Alderman Foreman stated that in his opinion a Meeting of the Council should be called to consider and decide upon the estimates for the year 1916.

Under the head of Inquiries Alderman Biss reported that a certain German in the City had been asking the Board of Works for employment, but they would not give him work without the consent of the Council. Referred to Board of Works for investigation and report.

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Biss and resolved that the action of His Worship Mayor Hanes and Mr. G.A. McBain in attending at Victoria to meet the Municipal Committee on the request of the Ratepayers Association on Municipal business be confirmed.

Reports and recommendations by the Board of Works, Waterworks, 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:

Board of Works	\$202.20
Waterworks	88.50
Parks	48.00
Board of Health	64.50

The report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 23rd 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 23rd 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 23rd instant was read and on motion of Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Irwin adopted.

The report of the Waterworks Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 23rd instant was read and on motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Biss adopted.

The report of the Fire, Light and Lanes Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 23rd instant was read and on motion of Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Barclay adopted.

The report of the Parks Etc. Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 23rd instant was read and on motion of Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Wright adopted.

Mayor Hanes reported that he had attended at Victoria together with Mr. G.A. McBain and Mr. A.G. Perry on the 23rd instant and had interviewed the Municipal Committee and laid the matters before them as instructed by the Ratepayers Association and Board of Trade, to the effect that taxes be made to be two years in arrears before being deemed delinquent and also that Municipalities be given power to borrow money against arrears of taxes, and that two years be allowed for redemption of property sold at Tax Sale, and stated that in his opinion the matter of a Municipality being granted authority to borrow against arrears of taxes and taxes to be two years in arrears before being deemed delinquent would be made law, but his impression in respect to the two year redemption period was that it might not be passed at this Session of the Legislative Assembly. Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Foreman and resolved that the report of the Mayor be received.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that a Committee consisting of the Mover and Seconder and Alderman Biss be and are hereby appointed to inquire into all civic Departments to ascertain if any reductions can be made in the staff or otherwise of any or all departments, and if so still be possible to continue the affairs of the City in a satisfactory manner, said Committee to report their findings to the Council.

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that owing to the information received by the Fire Chief with respect to the tires ordered by resolution of this Council from Patterson & Goldie, that the former resolution be rescinded and that the order for the tires be given to Paine & McMillan at the price of \$152.55.

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that the Fire Chief bring in a report to the Fire, Light and Lanes Committee on Thursday, March 30th, in respect to the inquiry contained in the letter received from the Secretary Mainland Fire Underwriters Association explaining to the Council why he had not responded to the call as complained of by them.

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Biss and resolved that the property of the Soldiers who have enlisted for service in the War, especially the properties

offered at Tax Sale in 1915, be held by the City until such time as the said soldiers return or the property be redeemed by their Estate, and that the Treasurer be instructed to make a notation in the Collectors' Roll opposite said soldier's property so that the above wishes of the Council may be carried out.

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Biss and resolved that at all times when the Mayor or any Alderman have occasion to make a report of any special committee that the Mayor or Alderman be requested to submit such report in writing in order that the same may be recorded in the Minutes of the Council.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Biss and resolved that the several standing Committees investigate the condition of the City buildings under their jurisdiction and submit a report as to the condition, with a view of ascertaining what necessary repairs including painting, if any, is required to keep the several buildings in a proper state of repair.

Under the head of unfinished business the City Clerk informed the Council that the local Manager of the Bank of British North America had phoned and requested that he be given reply to his recent letter to the effect that the City give an undertaking to hold a Tax Sale in the event of the Municipal Act not being amended so as to give a Municipality power to borrow against arrears of taxes.

After considerable discussion it was moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Foreman and resolved that the Bank be advised that according to arrangements entered into with Mr. Helliwell the Council understand that the Bank agree to finance the City to the amount of \$76,000 to carry the City over to the first of April or such time as we should have a definite answer from the Government as to whether they would pass such legislation as would enable the City to borrow money against arrears of taxes, and that the Council does not consider it advisable to decide to hold a Tax Sale until the decision of the Government in this matter has been given.

Alderman Foreman gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the Council introduce the following Resolution: THAT the Treasurer be appointed Purchasing Agent for the City of North Vancouver and that no supplies be obtained for any department unless a written requisition be first obtained from him, no goods to be purchased at one time exceeding in value \$50. Unless the same shall have been previously passed by the Council.

At 10:20 it was moved by Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that the Council adjourn.

Signed: George S. Hanes, Mayor