

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MONDAY, MAY 29th, 1916 AT 8:00 P.M.**

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the 22nd instant were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Irwin adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From R.N. Doyle being a request for certain improvements to Ottawa Gardens.
Referred to Parks and Board of Works Committees.

From R. Baird, Inspector of Municipalities re protecting soldier's property from Tax Sale.
Field.

From secretary, Greater Vancouver Recruiting League advising the Council that an organization of 100 was about to be made for the purpose of recruiting men for the Canadian forces and requesting that the City of North Vancouver appoint three representatives.

Moved by Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Biss and resolved that the Board of Trade and the Ratepayers Association be requested to each appoint one to act on this Committee and that one member of the Council be appointed. Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Biss and resolved that Alderman C.F. Foreman be and is hereby appointed to act as a member of the Grater Vancouver Recruiting League on behalf of the City of North Vancouver.

From Wm. McQueen, City Clerk, Vancouver advising the Council that the matter of exemption from taxation of the Ferry Leasehold would be taken up by the Vancouver Finance Committee somewhere about the first of September and advising that the Council of the City of North Vancouver appear before the Vancouver Finance Committee about that time. Referred to Ferry Committee.

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the City Clerk reply to Mr. McQueen's letter and advise him that the north Vancouver City Council will appear before the Finance Committee about September 1st in respect to exemption form taxation of the Ferry leasehold.

From the Victorian Order of Nurses requesting that the permission given them to hold a Tag Day on June 3rd and also the permission to make collections on board the Ferries be cancelled for that date and extended to June 17th owing to the fact that June 3rd is a holiday being the King's Birthday. Moved by Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that the request be granted.

From Solicitor Sutton being his opinion as to whether the Council had the legal right to charter any of the City ferries. Referred to Ferry Committee.

From Acting Engineer Clucas stating that an application had been made to him to construct a Bridge over the creek on Bewicke Avenue over the creek at the fill on Bewicke Avenue, and also that verbal application had been made for the installing of a 6" water main to the fill at the foot of Bewicke avenue.

Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Foreman and resolved that a bridge be constructed over the creek at the fill at the end of Bewicke avenue at once, and that the Engineer purchase the necessary plank for planking Bewicke avenue out on to the fill.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Foreman and resolved that the Engineer and Chairman of the Waterworks Committee satisfy themselves as to the bona fides of the contemplated works about to be constructed on the fill at the end of Bewicke and Fell avenues and that as soon as they are satisfied that a 6" water main be laid out on to the fill, and that the Engineer purchase the necessary material to effectually carry out the work.

From A.W. Caotes asking that Lot 18/101/550 the property of Lieutenant B.G. Wolfe-Merton, which had been sold at Tax Sale be protected by the City until Mr. Wolfe-Merton's return. Referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that application be made to the proper authorities at Victoria for the admittance of Wm. McKerrow to the Provincial Home.

Mrs. McDowell was present and on motion her son was permitted to address the Council, whereupon he stated that Mrs. McDowell had sustained injury by falling on the sidewalk somewhere about last Christmas and claimed damages against the City to the amount of the rebate which she lost by not paying her taxes promptly, and also the amount of interest from the first of the year charged against said taxes. Referred to Finance Committee.

Progress estimate certified correct by the City Engineer was passed for payment as follows: Keith Road Bridge, J.J. Miller, \$125.00.

The report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 25th 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 25th instant was read and on motion of Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Irwin adopted.

The report of the Board of Works as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 25th 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 25th 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 25th instant was read and on motion of Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Foreman adopted.

The report of the Parks & Boulevard Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 25th instant was read and on motion of Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Wright adopted.

Mayor Hanes reported that a Public Meeting had been held in the City Hall on Friday, May 26th, and the matter of extension of time for redemption of property sold at 1915 Tax Sale was discussed, and the Meeting decided to send Delegates to Victoria to interview the Executive Council, and, if possible, persuade them to amend the Municipal Act at this session, whereby two years would be given for redemption instead of one, and that Mr. W.J. Irwin and himself had been appointed by the meeting to attend at Victoria, which they did on Monday morning and met the Executive Council.

The matter was placed before them, but no definite statement was made by the Executive as to whether the Act would be changed. He stated that he had telephoned Mr. Collins, City Clerk, and asked for information as to how much of the property sold last year was owned by residents of the Province of B.C. as the Executive Council desired to have this information before them, and that he had found out from the City Treasurer that there was approximately 80% of the property owned by the residents of B.C. and that he would wire the results of his findings to Victoria in the morning. Moved by Alderman Biss seconded bylaw and resolved that the report of the Mayor concerning his trip to Victoria re redemption period of property sold at Tax Sale be received and that said trip be confirmed by this Council.

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Biss and resolved that if the Mayor is satisfied with the correctness of the statement of the City Treasurer that a telegram be sent to the Executive Council at Victoria advising that 80% of the property sold last year at the Tax Sale belonged to persons residing in British Columbia.

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Biss and resolved that the applications received by the Clerk for stenographer in his office be referred to the City Clerk to choose from among them as to whom should be appointed as stenographer in his office.

At 9:15 it was moved by Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that the Council adjourn.

Signed: George S. Hanes, Mayor