

MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, JULY 23rd, 1917 AT 8:30 P.M.

Present: His Worship Mayor Vance
Alderman Wright
Alderman McBain
Alderman Morden
Alderman Barclay
Alderman Clark
Alderman Irwin

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held July 16th, 1917, copies of which had been furnished each of the Aldermen was taken as read and on motion of Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Morden adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From George E. Kyle, City Collector, being a report on the Trades Licenses collected for the period from January 15th to July 15th, amounting to \$1,498.00 being \$380.00 more in the six months than was collected during the year 1916. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From Acting City Engineer, Mr. A.R. Clucas, being a report in connection with a hydrant situated at the corner of the Esplanade and St. George's Avenue, stating that on examination of this the cause of the hydrant leaking was found to be through a faulty gasket. Ordered filed.

From Acting City Engineer, Mr.A.R.Clucas, being a report on LOCAL IMPROVEMENT WORK ON 2ND Street, between Forbes and St. David's Avenue, stating that the Engineer's estimate of cost was \$8,400.00 actual cost was \$14,205. Amount collected per 50 foot lot, between Forbes and St. David's during the years 1913, 1914, 1915, and 1916 was as follows:

During the year 1913 \$10.81, correct amount \$18.41, shortage \$7.60
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Amount yet to be collected in the year 1917, \$15.20. Ordered filed.

From Acting City Engineer, Mr.A.R. Clucas, requesting leave to take his annual holidays commencing on Monday, July 30th, 1917.

Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above request of the City Engineer be granted.

From City Clerk, R.F. Archibald, stating that Miss Cleary, Stenographer, wished to take her holidays commencing August 6th and that it would be necessary to arrange for a substitute during her absence. Laid over for a week.

From J.L. Douglas, of 21st Street, west, calling attention to the fact that a sidewalk had been promised in 1914 on above street, but had never been done and requesting that the promise of the Council of that time be fulfilled. Referred to the Board of Works.

From the Women's Canadian Guild, stating that the cost of the lumber for enlarging the platform in Mahon Park was \$13.00 and stating that they would greatly appreciate the Council taking this lumber off their hands as otherwise it would cost them considerable trouble and expense disposing of it elsewhere.

Moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the City pay for the cost of the above lumber and that it be charged to the Board of Works and that the Clerk be instructed to notify them that the Council in addition to the above was donating the cost of the light used by them, amounting to \$5.06.

From G.S. Wilson, Assistant Secretary, Union of Canadian Municipalities, being an invitation to Representatives from this Council to be present at the London Convention August 27th, 28th and 29th, to take an active part in the proceedings and enclosing an outline of the program for that date.

Moved by Alderman McBain and seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the invitation be acknowledged with thanks and that the Union of Canadian Municipalities be requested to furnish this Council with a report of the proceedings of the Convention.

From the Vancouver Branch of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers requesting the pleasure of the Company of the Mayor and Council at an exhibition of Moving Pictures prepared by the Water Power branch of the Department of the interior illustrating the hydro-electric power plant of Canada, at the Imperial Theatre July 25th, at 8:30 p.m.

Moved by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that this invitation be accepted and that a suitable acknowledgment be forwarded to the Vancouver Branch of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers.

From A.E. Harron, Secretary pro tem of the I.O.O.F. Annual picnic committee, extending an invitation to His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen with their wives and families to attend the third annual basket picnic of the above order to be held in Mahon Park on July 38th, 1917.

Moved by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the above invitation be acknowledged with thanks.

From John G. Farmer, CMC, with reference to the water works buildings situate on the road allowance on DL 1016 stating that these buildings have under arrangement between the two Councils been allowed to remain on the road allowance, until such time as the District required to open up the road for traffic. The road is now required for use by the Cedars Limited and requesting the removal of the above building.

Moved by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above matter be referred to the Engineer and that he protect the City's interests in report to engaging the water mains.

From the Mercantile Marine Service Association, acknowledging receipt of a letter from this Council and trusting that a tag day may be arranged at an early date to endeavor to collect funds for the above association. Ordered filed.

From C.W. Holt, in respect to the foot path and road way on Sutherland Avenue from Lynn Valley Road to Boundary Street. Referred to Board of Works.

From A. Campbell Reddie, Deputy Provincial Secretary, in respect to the holding of a celebration on the 4th of August to commemorate the anniversary of the Declaration of War and enclosing from the Central Committee for National Patriotic organizations a copy of a resolution which it is suggested should be moved at all meetings on that day, namely:

“That on this anniversary of the declaration of a righteous war this Meeting of the citizens of _____ records its inflexible determination to continue to a victorious end the struggle in maintenance of those ideals of Liberty and Justice which are the common and sacred cause of the Allies”.

In this connection His Worship the Mayor reported that he had been called up by phone and requested to meet with a Committee of the Vancouver Council and that it was proposed that representatives from the surrounding Municipalities should gather at 10 A.M., on the morning of August 4th at the corner of Hastings and Gore Avenue and to proceed to the Cambie Street grounds, where a celebration would be held, speeches made and suitable resolutions passed and that it was expected that the proceedings would be over by 12 o'clock.

Moved by Alderman Barclay and seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that this Council co-operate with the Council of Vancouver and the surrounding Municipalities in the celebration service at Vancouver on August 4th, 1917, and recommend to the citizens generally this course of action.

From Robert Wilson in respect to damage done to his house No. 645 - 7th Street East, on the 6th instant, when the City workmen were engaged doing work with explosives on the 6th instant, between Queensbury and Sutherland Avenue.

Moved by Alderman McBain and seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that the Engineer be authorized to repair the damage done.

From Mr. George E. Kyle, City Collector, recommending that a new bag for carrying money from the ferry offices be purchased as the one in use is considerably the worse for wear and hardly safe for a heavy collection.

Moved by Alderman Barclay and seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that the City Collector be authorized to purchase as suitable bag for transferring the money from the Ferry Offices. Alderman Irwin voting against.

From Alexander Philip, re Insurance on Ferry No. 2 stating that the Insurance Brokers maintaining local offices had united in offering to obtain one policy to cover this risk and to divide the commission equally amongst themselves.

Moved by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that Mr. Philip be requested to furnish the Council with the names of the Companies amongst whom it was proposed to distribute the above insurance.

Under the head of enquiries, Alderman Irwin wished a report on the faulty gasket which had been presented for inspection to the Council.

The Engineer reported verbally that the cause was probably due to the hydrant not having been used for a considerable length of time and that in opening the hydrant that it probably stuck, thus injuring the gasket.

Alderman McBain wished to call attention to the want of regulation of the traffic at the Ferry Wharf, particularly during the rush hours.

Alderman Wright wished a report from the Special Committee appointed to act in conjunction with a Committee from the District in respect to aid to the ferries, and suggesting a "little shoving from this end".

Alderman Barclay reported having interviewed Reeve Bridgeman who has been very busy but who had stated that the press of business was about over and that he hoped to be in a position to meet a committee from this Council at an early date.

The Clerk was instructed to write the District Council requesting them to name a day and place for a meeting.

The Mayor reported that at his request the City Solicitor has been securing daily reports to the enquiry in respect to the B.C. Electric Railway Co. matters and requesting to know the wishes of the Council when the proper time comes to appear before the Commissioner to state any grievances or complaints or to make any suggestions. Moved by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the Mayor and Solicitor be a committee from this Council to attend before the Commissioner holding the B.C. Electric Railway Co. enquiry at the proper time.

His Worship Mayor Vance reported that a delegation from the Seattle Chamber of Commerce is to be in Vancouver on July 25th and that the Board of Trade of Vancouver were laying before the Delegation the various points of interest around Vancouver worth visiting, also stating that a Reception would beheld by the Delegation on Board the Steamer "President" on the above date from 8 to 10 P.M. to which all the members of the Council were invited.

His Worship Mayor Vance also reported that the secretary of the Local Red Cross Society had called him up requesting permission to hold a tag day on August 4th on the streets and also on the ferries in aid of the French Red Cross Society.

Moved by Alderman Barclay and seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that permission be granted the Local Red Cross Committee to tag on the streets and on the ferries on August 4th in aid of the French Red Cross Society.

Mr. Alexander Philip, being present was given permission to address the Council, whereupon he addressed the Council requesting the use of the Council Chamber on August 2nd, for a meeting of the Executive of the Lord's Day Alliance.

Moved by Alderman McBain and seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that permission be granted to the executive of the "Lord's Day Alliance" to use the Council Chamber on August 2nd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor suggested holding a picnic or a reception for Returned Soldiers and suggesting that the City supply a boat for the above purpose and that the District Council might possibly supply refreshments.

Reports and recommendations by the Ferry and School 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:

Ferry	\$5,466.04
School	167.72

Under the head of Motions, it was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City a certain Deed in duplicate dated the 17th day of July 1917, between the following parties: The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver and Arthur Gordon Smith, District Registrar of Titles and John Henry MacKermott and Robert Wiggins, of subdivision 12 of lots 14 and 15, of Block numbered 8, of subdivision of DL 616, for the consideration of \$34.11 and that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized to attach the Corporate Seal thereto, and upon payment of the taxes for the year 1917, amounting to \$7.00 net the deed be delivered to Messrs. McCrossan & Harper for their clients, subject to written approval of the City Solicitor.

Upon the motion being put it received more than two thirds of the number of the members of the Council and was declared carried.

Under the head of Motions, it was moved by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that in order to support the police Commissioners in their endeavor to regulate motor traffic at the car terminus at the foot of Lonsdale Avenue be it resolved that we protest against the daily infraction of the Motor Vehicles Act at this point and recommend to the Police Commissioners that guilty parties be made an example of in order to put a stop to this nuisance.

Moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the Dominion Day Celebration Committee be requested to furnish a report to the Council of the Receipts and disbursements.

At 10:50 it was moved by Alderman Barclay and seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Council adjourn. Whereupon the Council adjourned.

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor