

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1917 AT 8:30 P.M.**

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

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held July 30<sup>th</sup>, 1917, copies of which had been furnished each of the Aldermen was taken as read and on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman McBain, adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From J. Findlay, Fire Chief, being his report for the month of July of the list of fires with risks, insurance and loss. Referred to Fire and Light Committee.

From E.M. Peascoe calling the attention of the Council to the necessity for a sidewalk on the North Side of Seventh Street from Queensbury Avenue, to about one half block east. Referred to Board of Works.

From Mrs. E. Seale of 342 - 12<sup>th</sup> Street East, requesting a crossing into the garage at above address as the present crossing is impassable. Referred to Board of Works.

From A.R. Butchart, Director of the Imperial Munitions Board, in reply to a telegram from His Worship Mayor Vance, stating that should the Board decide to locate their Assembling Yard at North Vancouver, they will communicate further with the City. Ordered filed.

From Geo. E. McCrossan, Solicitor, re the B.C. Electric Railway Co. Enquiry, advising that the above enquiry had been adjourned for one week and will resume its Vancouver sittings at the Court House at ten o'clock on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Referred to Special Committee consisting of His Worship Mayor Vance and the Solicitor.

From J.G. Farmer, CMC, District of North Vancouver, stating that the District Council is making representations to the Attorney General, and Inspector of Municipalities with a view to obtaining, if possible, some changes in the recent legislation regarding rebate of taxes for prompt payment, being the 1917 Amendments to Sections 241, 242 and 243 of the Municipal Act, and requesting the support of the City Council in endeavoring to have this legislation amendment.

Moved by Alderman McBain, seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that this matter be referred to the City Solicitor and City Clerk.

From D. Cantelon, local secretary of the executive of the North Shore Branch of the Lord's Day Alliance, stating that he had been instructed to convey the appreciation of the above Alliance to the Council for the stand taken by it, in refusing the use of Mahon Park for Sunday picnics. Ordered filed.

From J.F. Murray, Post Office Inspector, reporting that the mail due to leave Vancouver by ferry at 1 p.m. on July 31<sup>st</sup>, did not reach the Post Office at North Vancouver until 2 o'clock. Referred to motions.

From J.F. Murray, Post Office Inspector, being a complaint that the mail due to leave North Vancouver at 1:40 p.m. on July 31<sup>st</sup> was not received at the Vancouver Post Office until 4:35 p.m. Referred to motions.

From J.F. Murray, Post Office Inspector, being a complaint that the mail due at North Vancouver at 1 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant, was not received at the Post Office until 1:41 p.m. and also stating in this connection that in view of the number of delays that have occurred recently, the question of the imposition of a fine, as provided in the agreement, may have to be considered unless there is a change for the better. Referred to Motions.

From T.M. Heard, Ferry Superintendent, dated August 6<sup>th</sup>, being a report in respect to the above complaints of the Post Office Inspector. Referred to Motions.

From Mrs. C. Cravetto of 204-4<sup>th</sup> Street West, requesting permission to tag on the ferries and on the streets on August 18<sup>th</sup> in aid of the Italian Red Cross Society. Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above request be granted.

From the Curate of the English Church, Lynn Valley, requesting permission to hold a picnic in Mahon Park on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the English Church, Lynn Valley, be granted permission to hold a picnic in Mahon Park on Thursday August 9<sup>th</sup>.

From the North Vancouver Hospital, being a statement of receipts and disbursements for the month of June. Referred to Finance Committee.

From the Secretary of the Board of Health, enclosing a copy of the Sanitary Inspector's report, a copy of the Provincial Regulations covering the sale of milk and management of dairies, and referring the Council to Bylaw No. 306 of the City of North Vancouver, regulating the sale of milk. Also drawing the attention of the Council to the report of Medical Health Officer, that all cases of infectious diseases are not being reported and advising that the first case coming to his attention, be fined. Also enclosing a letter from the City Solicitor pointing out that the bylaw is much more explicit and full, and provided for many contingencies which are not provided for in the Regulations of the Board of Health.

Alderman Barclay as Acting Chairman of the last meeting of the Board of Health, stated that owing to the small attendance of the last meeting of the Board it had been decided to refer this whole matter to the first meeting of the Council for consideration.

A delegation of milk dealers being present, permission was granted to Messrs. Wilkins, Gordon, Keates and Corwan to address the Council. Whereupon the above named addressed the Council.

Mr. Wilkins in his remarks, stated that he had been compelled by Dr. Thompson to install a steam plant in order to comply with the City Bylaw.

After considerable discussion it was moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Medical Health Officer be requested to report to the Council as to whether the Provincial regulations governing the sale of milk and management of dairies are stringent enough, or whether in his opinion it would be necessary to enforce the conditions of the Bylaw regulating the production and sale of milk.

From the North Vancouver Land and Improvement Co. Ltd., enclosing a memorandum giving particulars of City of North Vancouver 5% Debenture Bonds, owned by the above company, and stating that in order to pay taxes on their property in the City of North Vancouver, they desire to sell these bonds on the New York Market, but find it impossible to do so as the bonds and interest coupons are not payable in New York, and requesting this Council to pass a Bylaw to remedy this.  
Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that this matter be referred to the City Solicitor and City Treasurer for report.

From T.M. Heard, Ferry Superintendent, being a report in respect to the cost of holidays in the ferry department this year, to the amount of \$1,184.88.  
Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that this matter be referred to the City Solicitor and City Treasurer for report.

From Rose Peers of 736-3<sup>rd</sup> Street East, containing suggestions in respect to fares charged on ferries.  
Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Clerk acknowledge receipt of the letter and that it be filed.

From Geo. E. Kyle, City Collector, being the report of the ferry receipts for the month of July 1917, amounting to \$13,634.80 and showing an increase of \$3,319.49 over the month of July 1916, and stating further that the receipts for July 1917 rank fourth highest since the ferries have been operated, the only months which exceeded July 1917 being as follows:

July 1911	\$15,039.65
July 1912	\$14,484.30
July 114	\$13,916.05

Referred to ferry committee.

Under head of Petitions a petition was read from nine of the City firemen for an increase of \$10.00 per monthly in wages, owing to the high cost of living and requesting if granted the same to take effect as from August 1<sup>st</sup>.

From six marine engineers employed on the North Vancouver Ferries NO. 2 and 3, drawing attention to the fact that when they were engaged it was on a "sliding scale" but that in lieu thereof they are willing and prepared to accept the following minimum wage: Chiefs \$140.00, assistants \$130.00 per month, effective as from August 1<sup>st</sup>, and requesting an early response, and failing an early response that the Council need not be surprised if they vacate their positions which they are seriously contemplating doing.  
Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that the matter of increase in wages for civic employees be referred to a Committee of the Whole Council on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. and that the above petitioners be notified to this effect.

Reports and recommendations by the Ferry Committee on due accounts were submitted by the Chairman and read to the meeting and the Treasurer was authorized to pay the accounts to the amount of \$4,572.74.

The report of the Finance Committee in respect to the taxed costs in the case of the North Vancouver Horticultural Association, on motion of Alderman Irwin and seconded by Alderman Morden was referred to the Clerk to look up the resolutions and correspondence and report thereon.

The report of the Ferry Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of July 30<sup>th</sup> was read and on motion of Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Clark adopted.

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of July 30<sup>th</sup> was read.

Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that the recommendation for the reconstruction of a sidewalk on the North side of Keith Road and 13<sup>th</sup> Street an approximate cost of \$230.00 be amendment to read: "Recommend that the engineer be authorized to construct approximately 260 feet of 4 feet sidewalk from Jones avenue, easterly on the North side of Keith Road at an estimated cost of \$90.00".

Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of July 30<sup>th</sup> be adopted as amended.

The report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of July 30<sup>th</sup> was read and on motion of Acting Chairman Alderman McBain and seconded by Alderman Morden adopted.

Mr. Stamford being present, on motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Clark was permitted to address the Council. Whereupon Mr. Stamford addressed the Council stating that he wished to make application to the City for a franchise to build and operate a gas plant. After some discussion Mr. Stamford was requested to write, placing a concrete proposition before the Council.

Mr. Fulton being present, it was moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that Mr. Fulton be permitted to address the Council. Whereupon Mr. Fulton stated that it had been his wish for some considerable time to have a lane opened in the rear of Lot 13, Block 118, DL 274, between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets, 200 feet to St. Andrews Avenue.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Engineer be instructed to report on the opening of the above lane, and giving an estimate of the cost of same.

## MOTIONS

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that a copy of Superintendent Heard's report of August 6<sup>th</sup> in respect to Post Office complaints of late delivery of mails be forwarded to the Post Office Inspector, accompanied by a letter

stating that the Council regrets very much the delay in delivery of mails and that it is doing its utmost to endeavor to eliminate any further delay.

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the Clerk be and is hereby authorized to grant permission for the use of Mahon Park for picnic purposes, Sunday's excepted.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that the Ferry Superintendent be requested to furnish information to this Council at its next regular Meeting as follows:

1.	What date were No. 2 and No. 3 ferries put on ways.
2.	What date were No. 2 and No. 3 ferries taken off ways.
3.	What date was engine-room work completed on each ferry.
4.	What date was carpenter work completed on each ferry.
5.	What salary per day on an 8 hour day basis was charged to the City of North Vancouver for all different class of workmen employed on these two ferries during repairs, each class to be shown separately?

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that Mr. Thos. Walker, mate on No. 3 Ferry, who was recently injured in a serious manner while in discharge of his duty, be allowed the difference in salary not covered by the amount allowed by the Board of Compensation, so that he get his full month's salary. Alderman Irwin voting against.

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that two weeks holiday be granted each of the three permanent dock men in the ferry employ.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the Treasurer prepare a statement on receipts and expenditures of the ferries for the first seven months of this year.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that the City Solicitor be instructed to look into the circumstances attending the accident to Mate Thos. Walker and report to the Council as to what action he would consider advisable to take in the matter.

Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Engineer inspect the street car track on permanent streets and notify the B.C. Electric Railway Co. wherever maintenance is necessary.

## BYLAWS

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "The Tax Levy Rebate Bylaw, 1917, Amendment Bylaw" be now reconsidered, finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal. Whereupon the Bylaw was read and reconsidered, signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

Alderman Barclay reported in respect to aid to the ferries by the District of North Vancouver, that he and His Worship the Mayor had met the Committee from the District council and that after having gone very carefully into the matter, the Committee from the District council had stated that it would recommend to the District council that aid be given to the amount of \$1500 by way of permanent improvement, which could be done by resolution of the Council and that it would recommend that a Bylaw be submitted at the January elections to assist in paying off the anticipated deficit for the current year to an amount of approximately 25% and that it was proposed to have the engineer prepare a plan for extending the street car track approximately to the gate entrance on the North Vancouver side.

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

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor