

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 1917 AT 8:30 P.M.

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

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held August 13th, 1917, copies of which had been furnished each of the Aldermen was taken as read and on motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Clark, adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From A.C. Sutton, City Solicitor, stating that it would be very difficult to draft a resolution protecting the City from any liability in respect to the obstruction of the ends of Fell and Bewicke Avenues by the Lyall Ship Building Company, unless the Council passed a resolution requiring the Company to remove the obstructions.

Moved by Alderman Irwin and seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

From A.C. Sutton in respect to the northerly 200' of lot 8, Block 18, DL 549, stating that in view of the fact that one of the owners of this property at the time of the City's Tax Sale is the wife of an enlisted man, who is now at the front, the City is not in a position to register its Tax Sale Deed. Ordered filed.

From A.C. Sutton, reporting on the position of matters in respect to Cedars limited. Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the above letter if filed and that the matter be left in the hands of the City Solicitor.

From A.C. Sutton, Solicitor, advising the Council in respect to the Application of Sister Mary Amy of St. Paul's School that this property does not come within the exemption from taxes set out in Section 197 of the Municipal Act and that the Council would have no power to exempt it from taxation.

Moved by Alderman McBain and seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that Sister Mary Amy Superior of St. Paul's School be advised in accordance with the Solicitor's opinion.

From A.C. Sutton re Vancouver Power Company stating the proper procedure to be taken to acquire the lighting plant of the above company. Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From A.C. Sutton in respect to the injury sustained by Mate Walker stating that he had been unable to obtain the necessary information but hoped within a day or two to be able to advise the Council what procedure to take. Referred to the Ferry Committee.

From A.C. Sutton, City Solicitor stating that he had attended the hearing of the B.C. Electric Railway Co. enquiry in Vancouver and enclosed his report in connection therewith. Referred to the Fire and Light Committee.

From C.R. Lane, City Treasurer, enclosing letters from E.C. Dallamore of Edmonton, from Cormack, Mackie & Van Allen and from the Secretary Treasurer of the Mortgage & Trust Company's Association of B.C., in respect to local improvement shortages. Moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that the above letters referred to be referred to the City Solicitor to reply to and make any necessary explanations.

From the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce, enclosing two resolutions having reference to the development of iron ore deposits in the Province of British Columbia. Moved by Alderman Morden and seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above letter and resolutions be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From R.B. Ellis, stating that he held a mortgages of \$2500 on lots 23 & 24/155/274 and requesting to know whether the original owners were living in the house, whether they had redeemed the property or are paying the rent. Referred to the Finance Committee and the Building Inspector to report on the condition of the House on the above lots.

From George S. Hanes acknowledging receipt of a telegram in respect to the establishing of smelters in the Province. Ordered filed.

From George S. Hanes acknowledging receipt of a telegram in respect to the extension of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co. from Horseshoe Bay to Squamish. Ordered filed.

From J. Loutet, stating that he was in receipt of a Tax Statement for Lot 23/225A/544, owner John C. Runkle, stating that there was a charge against this property of \$1.17 for tree cutting and stating also that neither he nor his client had received any notice in regard to dangerous trees being on this property. Referred to the Board of Works and the Clerk to report.

From the Corporation of the City of London, Ontario, inviting the Council to send one or more Delegates to the Annual Convention of the Canadian Municipalities to be held in London, Ontario, on August 27th, 28th and 29th. Moved by Alderman Barclay and seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Clerk be instructed to acknowledge receipt of the above invitation regretting that this Council cannot send any Delegates this year and that the letter be field.

From D.H. Dick stating that he had paid a water tax on lot 9, Block 165, DL 274, in July 31st in error and requesting that the same be refunded to him in the amount of \$13.00 net. Referred to the Finance Committee and the Clerk to report.

From Mrs. Mary Brown in respect to the Northerly 200' of Lot 8, Block 18, DL 549. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From William McQueen, Clerk of the City of Vancouver in reply to a letter from this Council in respect to the reduction of taxes on the North Vancouver Wharf Property, stating that the Council of Vancouver had not done anything in respect to the reduction of the taxes so far this year.

Moved by Alderman Morden and seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the Ferry Committee wait on the Finance Committee of the City of Vancouver and press for a reduction of taxes on the Vancouver Ferry Wharf.

From George H. Evans drawing the attention of the Council to the auto traffic leaving the ferry and requesting that the Council take some means to remedy the non-regulation of traffic before someone is injured.

Moved by Alderman Morden and seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above letter of George H. Evans be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From C.R. Lane, City Treasurer in respect to interest coupons payable at the office of the British Foreign & Colonial Corporation, also Brown Shipley & Company of London, England, stating that as the interest on these coupons is payable at the option of the holder in either London or at the head office of the Bank of British North America in Vancouver, it is not imperative for the City to send money to redeem these coupons in London.

Moved by Alderman McBain and seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the Finance Committee confer with the City Treasurer and City Solicitor and they submit a draft resolution to the Council in respect to these interest coupons.

From W.T. Ellis, Secretary Treasurer of Cedars Limited, stating that the Directors of this Company had issued instructions to recall the expropriation notices served on this City for Right of Way through DL 1016 and 1363, also with reference to expropriation notice served on the City in respect to 1413, offering the City \$300.00 per acre for Right of Way purposes in order to get a speedy settlement.

Moved by Alderman McBain and seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above letter of Cedars Limited be referred to the City Solicitor.

From Wallace Yards Limited being a list of residents employed at the Wallace Ship Yards No. 1, for the month of July. Referred to the Industries Committee and the Clerk to report thereon.

From Messrs. Irwin & Billings in respect to Marine Insurance on Ferry No. 2.

Moved by Alderman Barclay and seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Clerk notify Messrs. Irwin & Billings of the action taken in respect to placing Insurance on Ferry No. 2 falling due on August 19th, and that in future Insurance agents be notified by letter instead of by telephone when Insurance is falling due.

From the City Clerk reporting on the number of car fares and ferry tickets used by the City Departments during the current year.

Moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above letter be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From the City Clerk in respect to Policy in the Boston Insurance company, stating that Lloyds Policies had always contained a clause "That this Insurance is only against loss, and, or damage done and, or, received by collision with another ship or vessel, but also including Fire risk".

Moved by Alderman Barclay and seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the Clerk and Solicitor have this clause inserted in the Boston Insurance Company's Policy.

From City Clerk, R.F. Archibald, enclosing a resolution passed at a joint meeting of the representatives of the City Council, the District Councils of North Vancouver and West Vancouver and the North Vancouver Board of Trade, held on August 14th, which resolution had been wired to the Government at Victoria.

Moved by Alderman Morden and seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council for further consideration.

From Miss A. Cleary, resigning her position as Stenographer in the City Clerk's Office, and requesting to be relieved from duty by the 10th of September.

Moved by Alderman Barclay and seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the above resignation of Miss Cleary be accepted with regret.

From William Bow and four other residents of Tempe Heights requesting that repairs be made to the road leading to Tempe Heights. Referred to the Board of Works and the Engineer to report.

From William Peers, requesting that a suitable road be made to his property on Lots 25 and 26/235/546, Tempe Heights, as the property was inaccessible at the present time. Referred to the Board of Works and the Engineer to report.

From J.M. Fowler requesting to have a lane cleared at the rear of No. 343 - 16th Avenue West, being resubdivision 5 of Lots 6 and 7, Block 40, DL 271/547 and 548. Referred to the Board of Works.

From J.L. Stamford, enclosing a draft bylaw an Agreement in respect to Gas Franchise for approval. Referred to the Committee, consisting of the Whole Council.

From the Marine Engineers, employees of the North Vancouver City Ferries expressing their appreciation for the increase in wages granted by the Council. Ordered filed.

From J.G. Farmer, CMC, stating that the District council is prepared to construct a 24' road bed on Sutherland Avenue between Keith Road and 9th Street and an estimated cost of \$400.00 providing that the City of North Vancouver is prepared to pay one-half such estimated cost, this being a boundary road. Referred to the Board of Works.

From 12 Laborers in the employ of the City requesting that they be given an advance in wages owing to the high cost of living from 37 ½ cents to 40 cents per hour.

Moved by Alderman Morden and seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that a Delegate from the Civic Workmen who was present be heard in respect to increase in wages.

Whereupon the Delegate addressed the Council stating that the Civic Workmen should get 45 cents per hour as was being paid at the Lyall Ship Yards.

Referred to the Committee consisting of the whole Council.

Moved by Alderman Barclay and seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for a stenographer to fill the vacancy in the City Clerk's Office caused by the resignation of Miss Cleary.

Moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that a special Meeting of a Committee consisting of the Whole Council be held Thursday August 23rd, at 8 P.M., and that Alderman Wright be notified of this meeting.

Moved by Alderman McBain and seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the account of John E. Sulton in the amount of \$573.00 for painting the City Hall be paid upon his taking a Declaration that all wages of employees engaged in connection with the said work have been paid in full up to the completion of the contract.

Reports and recommendations by the Ferry and Finance 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	\$6,461.33
Finance	573.00

The Report of the Ferry Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of August 13th, 1917, was read and on motion of Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Clark, adopted.

The Report of the Fire and Light Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of August 13th, 1917, was read and on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin, adopted.

The Report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of August 13th, 1917, was read and on motion of Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Morden, adopted.

Moved by Alderman McBain and seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the Engineer be empowered to order what lumber he requires from Mr. Campbell at a price of \$19.00 per 1000 ft. B.M., delivered at the City Wharf, Chesterfield Avenue until such time as Messrs. Campbell & Barton are in a position to supply all or part of the lumber from their own mill and at the contract price of \$17.00 per 1000 ft. B.M. All lumber to comply with the City specifications.

Moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the Ferry Superintendent furnish a statement showing the number of barrels of oil consumed by Ferry No. 2 and No. 3 during the months of March and July of this year showing each ferry and month separately.

A Delegate from the Fraternal Order of Eagles being present it was moved by Alderman Barclay and seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that Mr. Burniston be permitted to address the Council:

Whereupon Mr. Burniston addressed the Council in respect to the plot in the cemetery owned by the Order of Eagles, that his order had purchased a plot 216' x 64' in the Cemetery but that the City had constructed a road through the property thereby reducing the space considerably.

Moved by Alderman Morden and seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Engineer take the matter up with the Order of Eagles and report back to the Council.

At 10:40 it was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the Council adjourn. Whereupon the Council adjourned.

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor