

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 1917 AT 8:00 P.M.**

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

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on September 10th, 1917 copies of which had been furnished each of the Aldermen, were read and on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin, adopted.

Before proceeding with the regular order of business Alderman Clark stated that there was a returned soldier present who wished to address the Council. Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that Mr. P. Robinson, a returned soldier, be permitted to address the Council. Whereupon Mr. Robinson addressed the Council stating that he had been overseas in the trenches and through exposure had become a victim to rheumatism and that he is unable to perform any strenuous work, but that he must obtain work in order to help provide for his family. He thought that a job as watchman somewhere, possibly in the Lyall Shipyards or the Wallace Shipyards, could be obtained through the influence of the Council. His Worship Mayor Vance stated that Mr. Robinson had been in the employ of the ferries in former years and so far as he knew, had always been willing to work when capable. Mr. Robinson was informed that the matter would receive attention.

The following correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From the Secretary of the North Shore Civic Employees Union, stating that Mr. P. Robinson would be present at the Council meeting and wished an opportunity of being heard. Referred to Ferry Committee.

From His Worship Mayor McBeath stating that a proposed memorial, prepared by Mr. Fred L. Townley, architect, being a beautiful plaster model, will be on view to Municipal representatives of the lower mainland, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Vancouver, on Friday September 21st at 2 p.m.

The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of this letter and accept the invitation of Mayor McBeath.

From Mrs. W.D. Hanson, President of the Tipperary Girls Club, requesting permission to tag in the City and on the ferries on September 29th, in aid of "the Prisoners of War Fund". Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above request be granted.

From R. Heaton, offering to sell lumber to the City for sidewalk purposes. The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of the letter and inform Mr. Heaton that the City is not interested at the present time.

From Wallace Shipyards Ltd. being statement of the residents of North Vancouver employed at the Wallace Shipyards No. 1 during the month of August 1917. Referred to Industrial Committee.

From the Secretary of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities requesting the Council to appoint delegates to attend the convention of the British Columbia Municipalities to be held in the City of Vernon on the 10th and 11th of October 1917. The Clerk stated that it had been understood earlier in the year that this Convention was to be held in Duncan and that he had written the Secretary requesting information as to the cause of the change of the place of meeting. Referred to the Committee consisting of the Whole Council.

From the Private Secretary to the Prime Minister at Victoria, acknowledging receipt of a letter from this Council pursuing further the matter of the early completion of the How Sound Section of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co.. Referred to special committee consisting of the whole Council.

From the Acting Secretary of the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Company stating that the Charter of this Company expires in February 1918 and that if the Charter is to be renewed it will be necessary to make arrangements to apply for the extension at once, and requesting whether this Council considers it advisable to apply for extension or to allow the Charter to expire. After considerable discussion it was moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that this matter be referred to a special committee consisting of the Whole Council.

From the City Clerk, Vancouver, stating that the City of Vancouver had exempted from taxation for 1917, the North Vancouver Ferry property on the Vancouver side. Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Clerk acknowledge receipt of the above letter and extend the thanks of this Council to the City of Vancouver's Council for granting exemption on this property.

From H.H. Stevens, acknowledging receipt of circular resolution in respect to iron and steel products. Ordered filed.

From L. Lucas, stating that she had met with an accident by falling into an unprotected pit in the road and claiming damages for medical treatment and to wearing apparel to the amount of \$30.00. Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above letter be referred to the City Solicitor for attention.

From the office of the Parliamentary under-secretary of State for external affairs, Ottawa, acknowledging receipt of letter dated August 27th enclosing copy of resolution passed at a meeting held under the auspices of the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce, demanding that the Government take immediate action for the direct control by such plant or plants as may be necessary for the development of the iron deposits on the Pacific Coast.

From the Managing Secretary of the Vancouver General Hospital being notices of admission of three patients to the Vancouver Hospital. Referred to the Health Committee.

From T.M. Heard, Ferry Superintendent, stating that complying with instructions in regard to the appointment of ticket seller on the North Vancouver Wharf, he recommended Mrs. Vaughan-Rhys for the position. Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that the recommendation of the Ferry Superintendent be adopted and that Mrs. Vaughan-Rhys be appointed ticket seller on the North Vancouver Wharf at the same salary as the present ticket seller, viz \$65.00 per month, at the pleasure of the Council.

From the Secretary of the North Shore Civic Employees Union stating that it has been customary for the firemen, during the time of boiler cleaning which lasts nearly two weeks, to work two or three hours overtime each day, cleaning the boilers for which they do not get paid and requesting the consideration of the Council. Referred to Ferry Committee.

Under plans for approval, a plan was submitted, signed by E.A. Cleveland, of water lot lying in front of McKay Road in the subdivision of DL 265.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above plan be approved by this Council and referred to the City Solicitor to make application for quit claim to the water lot on behalf of the City.

Reports and recommendations by the Board of Health, Police, Parks and Boulevards, Fire & Light, Waterworks, Board of Works, School 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:

Board of Health	\$167.45
Police	102.90
Parks & Boulevards	22.95
Fire and Light	1126.34
Waterworks	58.17
Board of Works	2740.44
School	996.31
Finance	758.84

The report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of September 13th was read and it was moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the first and third recommendation in respect to changing place of payment of interest coupons be amended by adding the words "or any other chartered Bank" after the words "Canadian Bank of Commerce", and that the minutes be adopted as amended.

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the order of business be suspended and that Mr. Devine, who was present at the invitation of the Council, be permitted to address the Council in respect to assessment. Whereupon Mr. Devine addressed the Council at some length and stated that he would be pleased to

go over and look over the ground and if given permission would examine the present assessment rolls, and would meet with the Finance Committee on the 20th instant, prepared to advise what he would charge the City for making a special assessment. Whereupon it was moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that Mr. Devine be given permission to examine the present Assessment Rolls.

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of September 13th was read, and on motion of Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Wright, adopted.

The report of the Ferry Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of September 13th was read, and on motion of Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Irwin, adopted.

The report of the Fire and Light Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of September 13th was read, and on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Barclay, adopted.

The report of the Committee consisting of the Whole Council as contained in the Committee's Minutes of September 13th was read, and on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman McBain, adopted.

Alderman Irwin reported that Dr. Young, Provincial Inspector DeGray, Mp Cotton, and representatives from the Council had proceeded upon the Lynn Creek above the Intake, on the 14th instant, for the purpose of inspecting the works being started by Cedars Ltd., but that Dr. Young had not been very communicative and that he, Alderman Irwin, had not been able to get any information from Dr. Young.

The Engineer reported that he had accompanied the delegation but was unable to get any information from Dr. Young.

Mayor Vance thought that he had been a little more successful than some of the other members of the party and had requested to know from Dr. Young if there was any possible chance of stopping the lumber company from logging on the water-shed lands; also that he had spoken with Dr. Young with reference to sanitary arrangements and that he had been informed that this timber could be taken out without contaminating the water, and under the proposed logging arrangements there would be very little depletion of the water supply. He thought that all of the City representative were still of their original opinion that every effort should be made to prevent logging and the consequent contamination of the water supply.

Alderman McBain reported for the Committee appointed to interview the Dominion Express officials with respect to installing an express office on the North Shore, that he had interviewed the Superintendent of the Dominion Express office at Vancouver, who personally, was in favor of installing an office on the North Shore and would take the matter up with his Company. He also stated that by having an express office on the North Shore it would not only be an accommodation to the people but would also advertise the City of North Vancouver, as North Vancouver would have the same privileges and rates as Vancouver.

Alderman Barclay reported that he had procured a proof of certificate of Welcome & Commendation for returned soldiers, but had forgotten to bring it along with him but would have it for the Committees on Thursday evening.

His Worship Mayor Vance and the Solicitor reported submitting a petition to the Governor General in Council with respect to harbor development, the prayer of the petition being:

“That the Government before proceeding with any extensive improvements of said harbor, have the report already made thereon by Mr. Swan, carefully examined by at least three competent engineers in conjunction with Mr. Swan, and that they submit recommendations with reference to the said report and prepare and submit to the department, working plans of such proposed improvements, and as far as possible, that the course adopted by the Government in the development Montréal Harbor be followed in improving Vancouver Harbor.

And that in view of the large expenditure necessarily incident to the work in question, that only such improvements of said harbor be undertaken by the Government as shall be recommended by said engineers and that all such work be done in the manner and the times recommended by them.”

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above petition be endorsed by this Council and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the same and attach the Corporate Seal thereto and that the petition be forwarded to the District of North Vancouver and the District of West Vancouver for endorsement and approval and then to be forwarded to the Government.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the Clerk be instructed to write Messrs. Inkster, Ward & Co., requesting permission for the City to remove an old bridge and flume near the caretaker's residence, below the intake.

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

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor