

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>, 1917 AT 8:00 P.M.**

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

Minutes of the meeting held on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1917 copies of which had been furnished each of the Aldermen, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Clark, adopted.

Before proceeding with the regular order of business Alderman Clark stated that Mr. Harrington was present in the Council Chamber and wished permission to address the Council. Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that Mr. Harrington be permitted to address the Council. Whereupon Mr. Harrington stated that he had been a resident of the City of North Vancouver for about five years, and that some one year and one-half ago he had met with an accident which prevented him from working at his regular trade; that he had applied to Mr. Heard of the Ferries for a position as ticket collector or fireman but had not yet been able to secure a position. Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that Supt T.M. Heard be requested to report to the Council with respect to the application of Mr. Harrington for a position on the ferries.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From C.R. Lane, City Treasurer, with respect to account rendered by the North Vancouver Hospital, amounting to \$7.50 for surgical dressings used in July and August. Referred to Solicitor.

From D. Loughnan thanking the Council on behalf of the Great War Veterans' Association for a cheque for \$5.00 for cost of piano hire at the picnic. Ordered filed.

From N. Thompson, fuel controller for British Columbia stating that he was arranging a meeting of coal dealers at the Hotel Vancouver on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Clerk stated that this letter had arrived, addressed to Mayor Vance during the absence of the Mayor in Seattle.

His Worship Mayor Vance reported having seen Mr. Thompson on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> instant.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Fuel Controller be asked if prices as set in Vancouver apply as well to North Vancouver and if not, that this Council will be pleased to have the Controller visit the City and set a price for the different grades of coal.

From Mrs. S.D. Schultz conveying the thanks of herself and family to the Mayor and Aldermen for their kind expressions of sympathy and flowers, in their bereavement. Ordered filed.

From Mrs. Vaughan-Rhys thanking the Council for appointing her to the position of Ferry ticket seller. Ordered filed.

From the Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster, being a notice of admission of Mr. John Anderson on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Referred to the Health "Committee and to use the police for report.

From J.G. Farmer, drawing the attention of the Council to the very bad condition of 12th Street, between St. Georges Avenue and Lonsdale and suggesting that as this is the main means of access to the North Vancouver Hospital, which is jointly supported by the two Municipalities, the City should have their road improved if possible, before the winter. Referred to Board of Works.

From Dr. H.E. Young, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, acknowledging receipt of a resolution passed by the City Council, and stating that the Chief Sanitary Inspector and Mr. J.J. Bryan, a resident inspector, were carefully watching the operations being carried on by Cedars Ltd., and stating that he enclosed a copy of a letter of instructions given to Mr. Bryan. The Clerk reported that the copy of letter of instructions referred to had not been enclosed in the letter. Referred to Board of Health. The Clerk was instructed to write for the copy of instructions referred to.

From John G. Farmer, stating that the District Council had received from Cedars Ltd., a letter stating that they are prepared to move certain poles used in connection with the City's telephone line to Lynn Creek Intake. Referred to the Water Committee and the Engineer to report thereon.

From Harry T. Devine with respect to assessment, stating that he is prepared to make a revision of the Assessment Roll for \$1000.00, also making a number of suggestions with respect to the matter of revising and equalizing the Assessment Roll. Referred to Committee of the Whole Council.

From Loewen, Harvey & Preston applying to have sidewalk in front of Lot 31, Block 167, D.L. 274, built up to the building. Referred to Board of Works Committee.

From Jas. Armstrong, Secretary Dominion Association of Fire Chiefs, stating that at the recent convention the question of fire prevention was carefully considered and that it was decided that a Committee should be formed to prepare Standard Civic Bylaws in regard to Fire Prevention, Fire Extinguishing and Inspection of buildings; and requesting this Council to forward him copies of any Bylaws relating to Fire Prevention, Fire Extinguishment, Duties and Powers of the Chief Members of the Fire Department, also copies of Building Bylaw. Referred to Fire and Light Committee.

From Jas. Armstrong, Secretary Dominion Association of Fire chiefs, enclosing copy of a resolution adopted at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Dominion Association of Fire Chiefs, with respect to appointing the first Monday in the months of May and October in

each year, as fire prevention and clean up weeks. Referred to Fire and Light Committee.

From H. Bose, Secretary of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities correcting an error in his notice, calling the convention for Vernon when it should have read Duncan, and enclosing copy of a letter giving details to guide delegates in purchasing their tickets. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From M.P. Fennell, Honorary Secretary of the Navy League of Canada, requesting the Council to appoint a Committee to undertake the work of conducting a house to house canvas or a tag day, on or before the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1917, in aid of the funds of the above League which is taking up the work hitherto carried on by the British Sailors Relief Fund, for the relief of disabled and wounded sailors of the British Navy and From W. MacAdams of Edmonton, dated September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1917, stating that Lot 55, Block 8, DL 549, had been sold at tax sale in 1915; that in December 1913 the owner had written the Assessor asking for the assessment and amount of taxes in arrears but had never Mercantile Marine. moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the Clerk be authorized to try and arrange with the Tipperary Girls Club to conduct a tag day in aid of the above fund.

From Geo. E. Kyle, City Collector, stating that he had received an application to have the water turned on a row of cabins on Second Street East, Lot 31, Block 167, DL 274, and requesting instructions what rate to charge, as in his opinion the service rate, under the Bylaw is inadequate for the service rendered to these premises. Referred to Finance Committee and the Clerk was instructed to furnish full information with respect to the premises and the charge thereon under the Bylaw.

From W. MacAdams of Edmonton, dated September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1917, stating that Lot 55, Block 8, DL 549 had been sold at tax sale in 1915; that in December 1913 the owner had written the Assessor asking for the assessment and amount of taxes in arrears but had never received any reply; and asking that the City restore the lot in question to Mrs. Macadam subject to the payment of the taxes in arrears to date. Referred to the Finance Committee and the Collector to report on the circumstances in connection therewith, more particularly with respect to receipt No. 2828 of about November 1912.

From Mayor McBeath calling a meeting of the Mayors and Reeves of the various municipalities of Greater Vancouver, to be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> 1917 at 3 p.m. inviting the Mayor to be present and requesting this Council to appoint a lady representative from the City. Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that Miss Rose Peers a member of the Board of Trade, be invited to attend as lady representative from this City.

From John Kendall, Auditor of the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Company pointing out that the City has already spent \$22,500.00 in connection with this project and respectfully suggesting that in view of the present financial stringency, and the legal charges in connection with the renewal of the Charter being small, it would probably be to the advantage of the City in conjunction with the other shareholders, to take the necessary steps to obtain an extension of the life of the Charter.

From J. Hinton offering to renew the present bond in the Canadian Surety Co., on the Treasurer, Collector and Assistant Collector. Premium \$72.00.

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Morden that the present bond in the Canadian Surety Co., be renewed through Mr. Hinton.

An amendment was offered. Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman McBain that the Collectors bond be only \$5,000, the Treasurer's \$5,000., the Assistant Collector' \$3,000, and placed through Mr. Hinton.

Upon the amendment being put it was declared lost. Upon the motion being put it was declared carried.

From the City Clerk reporting that the Ferry License from the Local Government expires December 12<sup>th</sup>, 1918. Referred to Ferry Committee.

From Inkster, Ward & Co., consenting to the removal of the bridge and flume in DL 1016 providing the City will pay a reasonable compensation and agree to indemnify them against all claims for damages and injury of any kind, caused during or by the removal; also stating that they had written some months ago pointing out that they were the means of obtaining payment to the City of a large amount of taxes, and asking for a share in the City's fire insurance. The Clerk was instructed to notify Inkster, Ward & Co. that the City is not inclined to pay any compensation for permission to remove the above bridge and flume; and also to notify them that the City insurance is being placed through North Vancouver Brokers maintaining an office and taking out a license.

From Macaulay & Nicolls enclosing Policy No. 66318 in the Boston Insurance Company covering Ferry No. 2 to the amount of \$40,000.00 and containing clause covering damages sustained by the vessel itself in case of collision. Referred to Ferry Committee.

Under the head of Inquiries, Alderman Wright wished to know what progress was being made with Consolidation of the Bylaws. Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the Solicitor be requested to inform the Council when the Consolidation of the Bylaws will be submitted.

Reports and recommendations by the Board of Works, Ferry, Waterworks, Parks & Boulevards, Health, and Fire and Light 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 Works	\$478.19
Ferry	5481.59
Waterworks	128.30
Parks & Boulevards	106.30
Health	67.20
Fire & Light	2.25

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of September 20<sup>th</sup> were read, and on motion of Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Morden adopted.

The report of the Fire and Light Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of September 20<sup>th</sup> were read, and on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin adopted.

The report of the Parks, Boulevards & Health Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of September 20<sup>th</sup> were read, and on motion of Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Wright adopted.

The report of the Ferry Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of September 20<sup>th</sup> were read. Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Irwin that the minutes be adopted as read. Moved in amendment by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman McBain that the above minutes be amendment by eliminating the second recommendation.

Upon the amendment being put it was declared lost. Upon the motion being put it was declared carried on the casting vote of Mayor Vance.

For the motion Alderman Barclay, Alderman Irwin Alderman Morden and His Worship Mayor Vance.

Against the motion Alderman Wright Alderman Clark and Alderman McBain.

The report of the special committee, consisting of the Whole Council, as contained in the Minutes of September 20<sup>th</sup> was read. After some discussion with respect to a recommendation having been made in Committee, but not recorded in the Minutes, re Local Improvement Sinking fund general account, it was moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Barclay that the above minutes of the Committee consisting of the Whole Council, be referred back to Committee.

His Worship Mayor Vance reported having attended a meeting of the Board of Trade on the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> instant, with respect to shipping grain through Vancouver, and that at this meeting a discussion had arisen with respect to dry dock matters and that the Board of Trade is opposed to the manner in which the Federal Government is proceeding with reference to the Dry Dock on Burrard Inlet.

Mayor Vance also reported verbally with respect to his trip to Seattle, that he, accompanied by the Engineer and Dr. Underhill of Vancouver had inspected a portion of the watershed supplying the City of Seattle and that they had found conditions there entirely different to what they are at Lynn Creek watershed. He also reported that they had received the greatest consideration from the Civic Officials of Seattle who had done everything possible to supply all available information.

Mayor Vance also reported that he had been inquiring info ferry matters in Seattle but thought that the North Vancouver service was much better than the service given in Seattle. He also promised that a written report would be submitted for the consideration of the Council at a later date.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Medical Health Officer visit the District where Cedars Ltd. are operating and report at next meeting of the Board of Health.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that in view of the unreasonably high prices of the necessities of life now prevailing and which have prevailed throughout the Province for the last two years, this Council is strongly of opinion that, if Municipalities had power under the Municipal Act to enter into business both as wholesale and retail dealers, the interests of the public could, to a very great extent, be relieved and protected.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Council is of opinion that the Municipal Act should be so amended, that Municipalities might legally carry on business both as retail and wholesale traders, in all branches of trade, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for the purpose of obtaining the sanction of said Union, and a recommendation favoring this resolution to be submitted to the Provincial Government.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that in the opinion of this Council the Municipal Act should be so amendment as to allow Municipalities to clear brush and small growth from vacant unimproved lots and charge the cost of same to the owners and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for the purpose of obtaining the sanction of said Union, and a recommendation favoring this resolution to be submitted to the Provincial Government.

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the Clerk be authorized to cancel the bond of Miss Follis, ticket seller as from October 1<sup>st</sup> and to have Mrs. Vaughan-Rhys bonded to the City as ticket seller in the London and Guarantee Accident Company.

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that this Council is of opinion that a standard system of Municipal Accounting should be adopted and a recommendation to that effect forward to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

At 10:20 it was moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the time of Council be extended.

Referring back to inquiries Alderman Wright requested to know if the Ferry Superintendent had completed a report with respect to a plan for entrance and exit from the ferries, as the Police Commissioners were endeavoring to regulate the traffic at the ferries, but he thought something should be done, if possible, with reference to making different arrangements for passengers going on and off the ferries at the foot of Lonsdale Avenue.

At 11 p.m. it was moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that the Council adjourn. Whereupon the Council adjourned.

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor