

MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 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 of Council held on September 24th, 1917 copies of which had been furnished each of the Aldermen, were taken as read. Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the Minutes be amended by recording the yeas and nays in the adoption of the Ferry Minutes of September 20th, and that the Minutes as amended be adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From Deputy Minister of Justice, Ottawa, stating that an "Exemption Tribunal" under the provision of the Military Service Act is to be established in this Municipality and will probably be in session from three to five weeks, also stating that the Government will appreciate it very much, if this Municipality will provide free accommodation for the Tribunal, within the municipal Buildings. Referred to Motions.

From J. S. Heales, Secretary of the Good Roads League of British Columbia, enclosing copy of the programmed of the Good Roads League to be held at Duncan on October 9th and requesting this Council to appoint delegates to attend the Convention. Referred to Motions.

From J.W. Hanna, Food Controller, requesting that all milk producers and all wholesale and retail dealers in Canada, engaged in supplying fresh milk for daily consumption, make no advance upon the price for milk obtaining in their District on September 1st until the Committee appointed to deal with the milk supply, has reported on what action, if any, should be taken.
Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Clerk forward a copy of the above letter to each of the dairies furnishing milk within the City.

From W.C. Findlay, Prohibition Commissioner for the Province, drawing the attention of the Council and police Officials to the provisions of the B.C. Prohibition Act which comes into effect in this Province on October 1st, 1917, and stating that the Government seeks the hearty co-operation of this Municipality and its officers in the rigorous enforcement of the Act. Referred to the Police Committee.

From the Lieutenant-Governor of B.C. enclosing an Appeal of the Joint War Committee for funds for the Order of St. John and the British Red Cross Society and stating that it had been decided to make an appeal on October 18th, which date is to be known as "Our Day".

Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that permission be granted the local branch of the Red Cross Society to tag on the Streets and on the ferries, either on October 18th or 20th, in aid of funds for the above societies.

From A.R. Clucas, Acting City Engineer, being a report of the Delegation consisting of His Worship Mayor Vance and the Engineer, which had visited Seattle to investigate conditions caused by logging operations on the watershed lands of that City. Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the above report be received and referred to special committee, consisting of the Whole Council.

From C.R. Lane, City Treasurer, stating that he had paid off the balance of the Temporary Loan at the Royal Bank to the amount of \$47,000.00 and stating that there is still to the credit of the City, in this Loan Account, \$78,000.00 which may be drawn upon should it be found necessary. Referred to Finance Committee.

From the Firemen of No. 2 Fire Hall, requesting this Council to meet a delegation of firemen on Thursday, October 4th, to discuss better working conditions, namely, one day's leave in four. Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the Clerk notify the firemen that the Council in committee, will meet them on Thursday October 4th.

From the Secretary of the Civic Employees Union stating that a meeting of the North Shore Civic Employees Union, held Friday September 28th, the request of the City Firemen for one day in four was unanimously approved.

From His Worship Mayor Vance recommending that the opinion of the City Solicitor be obtained as to the present standing of the City with respect to the purchase of:

1. Lighting system
2. Power system
3. Street lighting system.

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the above letter be referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion on the matters mentioned.

From A.R. Clucas, Acting City Engineer, recommending that the cash deposit and bond be returned to Mr. J.E. Sultan, the contractor who had painted the City Hall, and carried out the work in a satisfactory manner. Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay over to J.E. Sultan \$171.90 being deposit and cash bond on contract for painting the City Hall.

From A.C. Sutton, City Solicitor, being his opinion that strictly, according to Municipal Law, the Council would not be justified in paying an employee who was incapacitated while absent from duty, and also pay a substitute, but stating however that frequently an employee as well as a substitute is paid and the matter is never questioned. Referred to a special committee consisting of the whole Council.

From the Secretary of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities acknowledging receipt of matters for consideration at the convention to be held at Duncan on the 10th and 11th instant. Ordered filed.

The Clerk reported that Alderman Wright had received a letter from Mr. Jack Loutet offering to undertake the assessment of the City for \$600.00. The letter was addressed to Alderman Wright personally and he had forgotten to bring it to Council meeting.

From Alex Philip stating that if Mr. Kyle is appointed Assessor and his staff prepare all notices and the Assessment Rolls, that he is willing to act as Adjustment Commissioner for a fee of \$150.00, it being understood that his work would be finished when the assessment is made out. Referred to Finance Committee.

Under the head of inquiries, Alderman Wright wished to know whether it is customary for the Medical Health Officer to make an inspection and test of milk and if so, how often.

The Clerk was instructed to notify the Medical Health Officer to have samples of milk supplied by the different dairies within the City of North Vancouver tested, and a report thereon made to the Council.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, School, Board of Works, Ferry, Waterworks, Parks and Boulevards, Police, 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:

Finance	\$1325.85
Finance (Schools)	3187.50
Board of Works	200.00
Ferry	5019.75
Waterworks	245.00
Parks & Boulevards	145.00
Parks & Boulevards (Police)	642.50
Parks & Boulevards (Health)	230.00
Fire & Light	915.50

The report of the Fire and Light Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of September 27th, was read and on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Barclay adopted.

The report of the Ferry Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of September 27th, was read and on motion of Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Irwin adopted.

The report of the Health Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of September 27th, was read and on motion of Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman McBain adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of September 27th, was read and on motion of Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Morden adopted.

The report of the Special Committee consisting of the Whole Council, as contained in the Committee's Minutes of September 20th, was read and on motion of Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Clark adopted.

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His Worship Mayor Vance reported having sent a telegram to the Hon. J.D. Hazen, at Ottawa, as follows:

"Public press quotes you as promising to give a bonus to the steel company in Canada, which will build a mill to make steel ship plates. Is it the intention of Government to grant this bonus to more than one Company and will Government bonus a mill to make steel ship plates on the Pacific Coast? If so to what extent."

The following reply was received:

"Yours 28th. Have been absent from Ottawa for two weeks. Gave no authority to Public Press to make statement such as you refer to, but am heartily in sympathy with policy to which you refer."

Mayor Vance suggested that this matter should be taken up with the Government, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, and the Ottawa Committee of the Vancouver Board of Trade.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the above action of Mayor Vance be endorsed and that this matter be taken up with the Government, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and also with the Ottawa Committee of the Vancouver Board of Trade.

Alderman Wright reported that Mr. Devine was present. It was moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that Mr. Devine be permitted to address the Council. Whereupon Mr. Devine addressed the Council and stated that if he was employed to make the assessment he would go over the entire City, making maps, valuing and assessing and if necessary write up the Assessment Roll, but would not send out the assessment notices. He would also attend the Court of Revision. In this case the Assessment Roll would be signed by both Assessors.

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the matter of assessment for the coming year, be referred back to the Finance Committee and that the Solicitor's opinion be obtained as to the proper mode of procedure with respect to appointing another assessor, assistant assessor or joint assessor, and that the Solicitor advise the Council also, with respect to adopting the Assessment Roll of 1917.

Alderman McBain reported that there was a number of ratepayers in the audience and possibly some of them would wish to be heard with respect to assessment. Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that any of the ratepayers present, who wished, might address the Council.

Whereupon Mr. McRae addressed the Council and wished to know why it was the intention to have the assessment on the water front lowered and added to the property further back from the water.

Mr. Doyle also addressed the Council.

Mr. Stevens stated that his property on Ottawa Gardens is assessed about one-third more than property on Third Street and that his taxes for the present year are paid. Mr. Morden also addressed the Council and stated that all the downtown property owners wished was fair play.

The Clerk reported that the Tipperary Girls Club are willing to hold a tag day in aid of the funds of the Navy League of Canada, on Saturday October 13th. Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the Tipperary Girls Club be granted permission to tag on the streets and on the ferries on October 13th, in aid of the Navy League of Canada.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the Communication of the Deputy Minister of Justice, dated September 25th, be received and that the request contained therein be granted, and that the room on the North East corner, adjacent to the Council Chamber, be placed at the disposal of the "Exemption Tribunal".

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that Mayor Vance, Alderman Wright and Alderman Irwin with Alderman McBain as alternative, be appointed delegates from this City, to attend the Good Roads Convention to be held at Duncan on October 9th, 1917.

Alderman McBain stated that he considered the charge of 5% as exorbitant in cases where Tax Sales are being held and the Collector of the Municipality is the officer selling the properties at said sale, and advising that this matter be taken up at the coming Convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

Alderman Barclay stated that in Manitoba the costs of sale are confined to 50 cents per lot, whether the taxes in arrears are \$10.00 or \$1000.00.

Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Finance Committee in consultation with the Solicitor draft a resolution to be forwarded to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities recommending that the Municipal act be amended so that the 5% allowed to be charged by the Collector, on properties sold at Tax sale be struck out.

At 10:15 it was moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the Council adjourn to convene on Thursday, October 4th at 8 p.m. Whereupon the Council adjourned.

Signed: George A. McBain, Acting Mayor