

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, OCTOBER 15<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

The Minutes of Meeting of Council, held October 9<sup>th</sup>, copies of which had been furnished each of the Aldermen, were taken as read, and on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From A.R. Clucas, Acting City Engineer, recommending that the Provincial Government be asked to place a reserve on all minerals on the water shed of Lynn Creek, above the lower Intake. Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above recommendation of the Engineer be received and adopted and that the proper steps be taken to request the Provincial Government to place a reserve on all minerals on the water shed of Lynn Creek, above the lower Intake.

From A.R. Clucas, Acting City Engineer, drawing the attention of the Council to the fact that Cedars Limited has given notice of their intention to apply for license to take and use four miners inches and also to store four miners inches of water below the Intake on Lynn Creek and recommending that the Comptroller of Water Rights be written to and requested to see that the City's water record on Lynn Creek is in no way interfered with. Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that the Provincial Authorities be advised in accordance with the above recommendation.

From J.G.S. Troake, applying for an increase in salary from \$90.00 to \$105.00 per month. Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From Mrs. Harvie, Convener of the Christmas Parcels Committee, of the North Vancouver Branch of the Red Cross Society, stating that the North Vancouver Branch of this Society is making arrangements to forward Christmas parcels to all the North Vancouver boys on active service and requesting a money grant from the Council for this purpose; also asking for the names of any civic employees now on service, so that none may be forgotten. Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the sum of \$50.00 be donated to the North Vancouver Branch of the Red Cross Society for the purpose of sending Christmas parcels to the soldiers at the front.

From C.H. West, making three requests.

- (1) That the lights be switched on as last year, on and from November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- (2) That a step ladder be placed at the North West Corner of 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Fell Ave.
- (3) That a bacteria count be made of the next samples of milk taken for testing purposes.

Referred to Special Committee, consisting of the Whole Council.

From the Vancouver General Hospital being a notice of admission of a patient residing on 18<sup>th</sup> Street East and dated October 4<sup>th</sup>, also a report from the Police that the above patient will be able to meet his expenses.

From Deputy Minister of Justice, thanking the Council for making arrangements for the sittings of the "Exemption Tribunals" within the City Hall. Ordered filed.

From the Under Secretary of State, Ottawa, acknowledging receipt of petition of this Council with respect to Harbour Improvements, and stating that the matter will be duly attended to.

From Abe Smith suggesting that more attention should be given to the raising of pigs on the North Shore. Ordered filed.

From D. Loughnan, Secretary Great War Veterans Association, acknowledging receipt of a copy of Certificate of Appreciation for returned soldiers of this City, and stating that a list of names of such men as are entitled to receive these certificates, will be prepared and forwarded to the Council; and expressing to the Mayor and Council their appreciation of this token of the City's goodwill.

From James Lowe, Treasurer BC Permanent Loan Co., stating that on August 10<sup>th</sup>, they had paid taxes to the amount of \$128.99 on the North ½ of Lot 31, Block 228, DL 545, being for the years 1915 and 1916 with interest, and that Mrs. Foster, the owner had also paid \$75.00 on account of these taxes; and requesting that a refund of \$75.00 be paid to them.

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a cheque in the amount of \$75.00 refund of taxes on above property, upon his receiving the tax receipt for this amount.

From James Bruce, 280 Esplanade East, stating that his house had been fumigated on October 4<sup>th</sup>, damaging a sewing machine and piano and stating that as a result of the fumigating the sewing machine is out of commission. Referred to the Health Committee and the Sanitary Inspector to report thereon.

From George Gauld, Janitor, drawing the attention of the Council to the necessity for a sidewalk from the Janitor's residence to the street; also to the fact that there are no gutters on the Janitor's house and that when it rains the water lodges along the North Side, causing dampness. Referred to the Board of Works and the Building Inspector to report on the probable cost of making the necessary repairs.

From James Chapman, Secretary North Vancouver Poultry Association stating that a Poultry Show is to be held in Vancouver under the supervision of the Provincial Government, and requesting a donation from this Council to encourage a good exhibit from North Vancouver. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Richard Ackerman, 448 13<sup>th</sup> Street East, stating that the road men have opened up a ditch on 13<sup>th</sup> Street making it impossible for a team to get into the lane at the side

of his house and requesting a crossing. Referred to the Board of Works and the Engineer to report thereon.

From George E. Kyle, City Collector, enclosing a letter from Miss Emily H. Ellsworth stating that there are arrears of water against the property Lots 11, 13 and 14, Block 231, DL 545/6 to the amount of \$75.00, although the houses had only been occupied for a short time, one of these houses never having had a tenant, but the plumber, in testing the plumbing, had left the water on. Also stating that in her opinion \$15.00 would be a fair return for the time the house was occupied. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From C.R. Lane, City Treasurer, stating that it is necessary for Mr. Troake, Parks Superintendent, or some of his men to cross frequently on the ferries and suggesting that a pass be issued in favor of Mr. Troake for the purpose of crossing back and forth to keep the park on the Vancouver side in condition. Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that this matter be referred to the Ferry Committee.

From Mayor Vance, stating that while in Ottawa last June, in discussing the dry dock question with the Minister of Public Works, he had stated that the Government was about to raise the subsidy from 4% to 4 1/2% with the object of inducing some Company to build a dry dock at the Port of Vancouver. The Minister also stated that if the Government could not get some Company to undertake the construction of the dry dock in three or four weeks, the Government might undertake the construction themselves. The Mayor recommended that the attention of the Government be drawn to the great necessity of such a dry dock and that they be urged to undertake the construction at an early date. Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that this matter be left in the hands of the Mayor, with full authority to deal with same.

From Mrs. Ada Webster, Convener for the North Shore of the Tagging Committee of the Red Cross Society, applying for a donation in response to the special appeal of the Joint War Committee for the Order of St. John and the British Red Cross Society. Referred to Finance Committee.

Reports and recommendations by the School, Ferry, Board of Works, Waterworks, Parks and Boulevards and Health 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 (School)	\$523.32
Ferry	6.58
Board of Works	352.14
Waterworks	56.95
Parks & Boulevards	32.00
Parks & Boulevards (Health)	68.80

The report of the Parks & Boulevards Committee, as contained in the Committee's Minutes of October 11<sup>th</sup>, 1917, were read and on motion of Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman McBain, adopted.

The report of the Ferry Committee, as contained in the Committee's Minutes of October 11<sup>th</sup>, 1917, was read. Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the second section be amended by adding after "being in settlement of" the words "their proportion of " and that the Minutes as amended be adopted.

Alderman F.H. Wright submitted a report on behalf of the delegates upon the deliberations of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities at Duncan, on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the above a report be received and filed and that this Council has much pleasure in expressing to the delegates its appreciation of the report submitted and upon the work accomplished.

Alderman Irwin reported verbally on behalf of the delegation to the Good Roads Convention at Duncan, and stated that the Executive of the Good Roads Convention will consist of twenty members and five officers and that in future this Convention will be held about the same time and place as the Union of British Columbia Municipalities in each year.

The delegation to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities also submitted the following resolution which had been forwarded by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to the Provincial and Dominion Governments:

"Moved by Mayor Vance, seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that WHEREAS in view of the tremendous loss in tonnage during the present war, it is in the highest interests of the Empire that every assistance possible should be given by the Government to the buildings of ships.

AND WHEREAS it view of the revival of that industry in British Columbia and the consequent demand for steel and steel ship plates, and the impossibility of securing them from Eastern Steel plants in sufficient quantities to allow the building of ships to be proceeded with continuously; and the consequent hampering of the industry by reason of the limited supply of these commodities, the time has arrived when a steel plant would be established in this Province to supply the demand occasioned by the said industry, and that, in order that such a plant be established, inducements by way of bonus or guarantee of debentures, should be granted by the Dominion Government;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities place before the Provincial and Dominion Governments, the urgent necessity for the immediate establishment of such a plant within the Province, and that the Dominion Government be asked to give aid by way of bonus, subsidy or guarantee of debentures of any Company's establishing such plants, and that the same be placed before the Provincial Government and it be requested to urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of such a plan be being established; failing satisfactory arrangements being made with a private Company, that the Dominion government at once proceed with the erection of a plant as a Government undertaking."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that Mate Walker be paid the difference in salary for month of August, not covered by amount received by him from the Compensation Board. Alderman Irwin voting against.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that the firemen's application for one day's leave in four, together with the Fire Chief's report thereon, be laid over until Thursday night, and that the Fire Chief be requested to meet with a special committee, consisting of the Whole Council, on that evening.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the request of Mrs. A. Gillam, secretary of the Victorian Order of Nurses, for an additional grant of \$100.00 be referred to the Finance Committee and the Clerk instructed to report on the amount donated to this Order for the year 1916 and also 1917.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the opinion of the Solicitor with respect to the purchase of the lighting and power franchise be referred to the special committee, consisting of the Whole Council and that the Solicitor be requested to be present on Thursday night.

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that application be made for membership in the Vancouver Board of Trade on behalf of the Mayor of this City.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the Solicitor make the necessary application to the Provincial Authorities to have Mr. Kirkland, Caretaker at the intake, appointed a special constable without salary.

Alderman Clark suggested calling a joint meeting of this Council, the Board of Trade and Board of School Trustees, to discuss the possible contamination of the water by Cedars Limited in their logging operations above the Intake. He also suggested that a public meeting of citizens be called in necessary to make public protest.

The Engineer stated that he had accompanied Dr. Mullens, Bacteriologist of the BC University who had been instructed by the Provincial Authorities to make a report on conditions on the Lynn Creek watershed lands and that Dr. Mullens had promised to forward to this City, a copy of his report to the Government, on his inspection.

His Worship Mayor Vance suggested the advisability of the Board of Works, taking up with the District Council, the matter of putting the road to the North Vancouver Cemetery in passable condition. Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Board of Works Committee wait on the District Council to impress upon them the need of a better road to eh North Vancouver Cemetery.

His Worship Mayor Vance reported that a representative of the Veterinary Association had waited on him with respect to holding a public meeting to inform the public of the procedure taken in the matter of tubercular infected cattle being condemned and slaughtered. This meeting would be held as soon as the necessary arrangements could be completed and it was hoped that the members of the Council and the Medical Health Officer would endeavor to be present on that occasion.

The Clerk was instructed to call up the Vancouver officers of the B.C. Electric Railway Company and request that the plans submitted by Mr. Heard, Ferry Superintendent with respect to making changes at the ferry wharf, be returned if possible, by Thursday night.

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

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor