

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, OCTOBER 29<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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1917, copies of which had been furnished each of the Aldermen, were taken as read, and on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Barclay, adopted.

Mr. Fogh being present, it was moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that the regular order of business be dispensed with and that Mr. Fogh be permitted to address the Council. Whereupon Mr. Fogh stated that he had not completed his investigation into the fuel question on the ferries, owing to the fact that certain consumers of oil had been notified by the Oil Companies, that their supply of oil might be cut off at any time and he did not consider that the Council would be justified in undertaking any extra expenditure at the present time, owing to the uncertainty of the delivery of oil and that his proposed changes would cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000.00.

This matter was left with the Ferry Committee, to take up further with Mr. Fogh.

Mr. Jenkins, in the ferry employ, being present, it was moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that he be permitted to address the Council. Whereupon Mr. Jenkins addressed the Council, wishing to know why he had been removed from the position of freight clerk on the Vancouver Wharf and now does not have any permanent position. Mr. Jenkins stated that he had been in the employ of the ferries for about six years, and during that time, so far as he knew, had not had a black mark against him, and that he had always performed his duties to the satisfaction of the Ferry Superintendent.

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that Mr. Heard be requested to report on this matter on Thursday evening.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From A.C. Sutton, City Solicitor, stating that he had applied to the Attorney-General's Department for the appointment of Mr. J. Kirkland as a special constable at the Waterworks Intake, without salary, but so far had not received any reply. Ordered filed.

From the Secretary of the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Company advising the Council that at a recent meeting of the Shareholders of the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Company it had been decided to take the necessary steps to apply for the renewal of the Charter of the Company. Ordered filed.

From the Honorable W. Sloan, Minister of Mines, acknowledging receipt of a letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> instant, and stating that as the question of protecting the water-shed in the interests of this City, is of vital importance, he would be glad to further consider the question of having a reserve placed on the minerals on the Lynn Creek Water-shed lands between now and the opening of the next Session of the Legislature.

He also enclosed a copy of a letter received by him, from the Deputy Attorney General, stating that there is no provision under the Mineral Act or the Land Act, under which such a reserve could be established and there would either have to be an amendment to the Land Act or a special clause in the Mineral Act, giving the Department the right to withdraw certain portions of the Province from Mineral exploitation. Referred to special committee, consisting of the Whole Council.

From W.D. Lighthall, Secretary Union of Canadian Municipalities, stating that the Union of Canadian Municipalities urgently protests against the Government granting rights to the Aluminum Company or any other private Company, to dam the St. Lawrence River and requesting this Council to wire a protest to the Prime Minister. Referred to a special committee, consisting of the whole Council.

From A.C. Sutton, City Solicitor, stating that he had received a letter from the Department of Marine and Fisheries, suggesting that if the City is receiving any rent for Bewicke and Fell avenue street ends, from the Lyall Shipbuilding Company, that one half of such rent should go to the Harbour Commission.

Also enclosing a resolution which he suggested should be passed by this Council; and further, a license to the Wm. Lyall Shipbuilding Company for approval of the Council.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that upon permission being granted the City, by the Dominion Government, that the Council grant permission to the William Lyall Shipbuilding Company Limited, to use Bewicke & Fell Avenue street ends, for use only in carrying on the Company's shipbuilding operations, upon the Company executing to the City, an Undertaking to indemnify and save it harmless from and against all suits, actions, damages, loss, costs, charges and expenses which may result to or be claimed against the City, directly or indirectly, by reason of the use of said street ends or either of them by said Company, and so long as it continues to use same. The permission to sue the street ends by the Company, to be cancelled at any time, upon the City giving 30 days notice to the Company to that effect, and that no charge be made against the Company for the use of such street ends.

From J.W. Fuller, Building inspector, reporting on the properties which have fallen to the City from Tax Sale proceedings, and which have improvements thereon. Referred to Finance Committee.

From A.G. King, Secretary Vancouver Proportional Representation Society, suggesting that the society could send over a speaker to address the Council and illustrate the subject with the use of charts, as they have already done in a number of cases.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that the Clerk arrange a date to receive a delegation from the Vancouver Proportional Representation Society.

From James Murray, protesting against the Council granting any increase in salary to the Treasurer and Collector, but stating that he is not in favor of cutting down the Fire

Brigade, which should be kept up to the highest state of efficiency. Referred to special committee, consisting of the Whole Council.

From A.W. Gray, Secretary, Union of British Columbia Municipalities, enclosing a copy of a letter received from the Prime Minister, respecting resolution moved by Mayor Vance at the last convention of the UBCM, in connection with the establishment of a steel plant in British Columbia.

Referred to special committee, consisting of the Whole Council.

From A.G. Perry, local manager of the B.C. Electric Railway Co. stating that the B.C. Electric Railway Co. is prepared to meet the Council's wishes with respect to turning on the street lights for two hours in the morning, as was done last winter, but pointing out that since that time eleven additional lamps have been added to the service; also stating that if the Council will notify him as to the exact time the service is required, he will be pleased to put the same into effect. Referred to Fire and Light Committee.

From Mrs. Frances Harvie, Convener of the Christmas Parcel fund of the North Vancouver Red Cross Society, thanking the Council for the donation of \$50.00 to the above fund. Ordered filed.

From Mrs. Campbell, Secretary, Canadian Red Cross Society, conveying the sincere thanks of the above Society to the City Council for their donation of \$50.00 towards the British Red Cross fund "Our Day". Ordered filed.

From George E. Kyle, City Collector, being a statement of taxes paid during the year up to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1917, the taxes for the present year collected to that date being \$134,578.98 or 42% of the total of 1917 taxes. The amount collected to September 30<sup>th</sup> for the years 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1917, being \$214,106.93. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Mrs. G.T. Seaton, stating that she had rented a house No. 312 - 27<sup>th</sup> Street East and paid on account of arrears of water rates \$11.00, also stating that she had changed her mind and had given up the house and wished to have this \$11.00 refunded to her. Also a report from Geo. E. Kyle, City Collector, in connection therewith. Referred to Finance Committee.

From the Civic Employees Union stating that the following resolution had been received from the Civic Firemen by the Union and had been unanimously adopted at a meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup> by the Civic Union:

"That the North Shore Civic Employees Union enter a protest to the City Council against the manner in which they are dealing with the civic firemen's application for one day's leave in four.

The Council have met seven times since the proposition was laid before them, and have failed to arrive at a decision.

We consider that by continually laying the matter over from week to week, the Council are treating us with contempt.

We wish to have a decisive answer by Wednesday October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1917 so that we may act accordingly."

Lay on the table for later discussion.

The Clerk informed the Council that he had received a telephone message from Mrs. Chapman stating that St. John's War Guild intend holding a rummage sale for the material fund on November 9<sup>th</sup> and requesting the permission of the Council to hang streamers across the ferry gates before the date of the sale.

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the above request be granted.

Under the head of inquiries Alderman Irwin wished to know if the Acting City Engineer was prepared yet to report on the macadamizing of Second Street. The acting City Engineer stated that he was still working on his investigations and hoped to have his report ready in about two weeks.

Alderman Morden wished to know about the practice of piling lumber on Keith Road west of Victoria Park, stating that he had seen the school children playing amongst the lumber but supposed that the Board of Works did not have any other lumber yard in which to store the lumber. Alderman McBain, Chairman of the Board of Works, stated in reply that the Board of Works had the matter under consideration.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, School, Board of Works, 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	\$673.50
Finance (School)	3187.50
Board of Works	197.50
Waterworks	245.00
Parks & Boulevards	142.50
Parks & Boulevards (Police)	672.50
Parks & Boulevards (Health)	230.00
Fire and Light	915.50

Under the head of motions, it was moved by Alderman Wright, seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue a cheque, in the amount of \$155.98 to the Navy League of Canada, as a contribution from the citizens of North Vancouver, being the proceeds of a Tag Day for this purpose, conducted by the Tipperary Girls Club.

At 9:40 p.m. it was moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that the council do now go into Committee of the Whole to discuss various matters in connection with the administration of the ferries, application of the firemen for one day's leave in four, the application of the Collector and the Treasurer, assessor and Accountant for an increase in salaries, and any other competent business.

## IN COMMITTEE

At 11:15 p.m. it was moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the meeting adjourn. Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor