

MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH, 1917 AT 8:00 P.M.

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

The regular meeting of the Council was postponed from Monday November 26th to Tuesday November 27th due notice of which postponement had been given to each of the Aldermen and a notice posted on the Notice Board, giving due notice thereof.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held November 19th, 1917, copies of which had been furnished each of the Aldermen, were taken as read, and on motion of Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Irwin, adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From A.B. Pottinger, Registrar of the County Court, Vancouver, being a receipt of registration of the "Milk Regulation Bylaw, 1914, Amendment Bylaw, 1917". No. 380. Ordered filed.

From Lorenzo Reda, making application for a refund of Liquor License Fee for the unexpired portion of the term, in accordance with Chapter 49, Section 62, R.S. 1916. Referred to the Finance Committee and the Solicitor requested to advise the Committee as to the legality of the refund.

From the Prime Minister's Office, Ottawa, acknowledging receipt of protest against the granting to any private Company, the right to dam the St. Lawrence River, and stating that the protest is being referred to the Minister of Public Works, who will give the matter every consideration.

From H.J. Gardiner, Secretary North Vancouver Board of Trade, stating that the Board of Trade had resolved to appoint a special Committee to confer with the City Council as to the present position of matters with the B.C. Electric Railway Co. to consider how the North Shore will be affected by the report of Professor Shortt. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

From H.J. Gardiner, Secretary North Vancouver Board of Trade, enclosing two resolution passed by the Board of Trade, for endorsement.

1. With respect to the establishment of a smelting and refining works on the North shore.

2. With respect to approaching the Provincial Government to have the dispute between the Government and the P.G.E. Railway settled amicably.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole and the Clerk instructed to acknowledge receipt of the above two communications and stating that the Council is not in a position to set a definite date for a joint meeting, but hope to be in a position to advise them within a few days.

From the North Vancouver Hospital, being a statement of receipts and disbursements for the months of July, August and September 1917. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From John M. Hay, offering 25 cents per cord for the standing trees suitable for wood, on the cemetery lot. Referred to Parks and Boulevards Committee.

From Wm. Simpson, offering to repurchase property, one acre Block 74, D.L. 549, which had been sold at tax sale. Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved unanimously that the application of Mr. William Simpson, for the repurchase from the City of one acre 140' x 311'.14" of Block 74, D.L. 549, which has revert to the City under Tax Sale Proceedings, taken by the City in 1915, for the price of \$1270.46 be and the same is hereby accepted and that upon payment to the City of said purchase price, that a Quit Claim deed of said property be executed and delivered to Mr. A.C. Stirrett for Mr. William Simpson, and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute such Quit Claim Deed and the City Clerk to attach the Corporate seal, thereto, on behalf of the City.

From the London and British North America Company Limited requesting a refund of the taxes paid by them on property Lot 3, Block 14, D.L. 550, owing to the taxes on this property having also been paid by Messrs. Edwards and Ames. Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue a cheque to the London and Bank of North America Company in the amount of \$12.00 being a refund of taxes on Lot 3, Block 14, DL 550, same having been paid twice.

From E.B. Morgan & Company making application for a refund of taxes on Lots 13 and 14, Block 4, D.L. 273, the same having been paid by them in error also a letter from Geo. E. Kyle, City Collector, reporting that the facts in above application are as stated. Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue a cheque to E.B. Morgan & Company in the amount of \$36.50 being a refund of taxes on Lots 13 and 14, Block 4, D.L. 273, same having been paid twice.

From Andrew Laughlin, requesting a refund of \$4.50 taxes paid by him on Resubdivision Lot 30, of Lots 1 to 28, Block 33, D.L. 549/550, as these taxes had been paid by the original owner. Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue a cheque to Mr. Andrew Laughlin in the amount of \$4.50 being refund of taxes on Resub. Lot 30 of Lots 1 to 28, Block 33, D.L. 549/550, same having been paid twice.

From the Yorkshire & Canadian Trust Limited, requesting a refund of taxes paid by them on Lot 17, Block 33A, DL 549, as the taxes on this property had also been paid by Mr. R. Kerr Houlgate; also a letter from Geo. E. Kyle, City Collector, reporting that the facts were as stated in above application. Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a cheque in the amount of \$8.50 to

the Yorkshire & Canadian Trust Limited, being a refund of taxes on Lot 17, Block 33a, D.L. 549, same having been paid twice for the year 1917.

From R. Helme, Superintendent of the Dominion Express Company, advising that he had received definite information from the management to the Dominion Express Company that the amount of business in prospect would not justify the expense of establishing an office at North Vancouver. Referred to a Special Committee having this matter in hand.

From Messrs. McGill and Grant, re arrears of water charged against two small cottages on Lot 38, Block 154, D.L. 274, being Nos. 226 and 228 First Street. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From E.A. Cleveland with respect to McKay Road street end, stating that the Capilano Timber Company Limited, is paying him for his services in connection with the application for a Quit Claim of the Water lot in front of McKay Road as shown on Plan No. "A" and requesting a letter giving him authority to apply for a Quit Claim for said water lost from the Dominion Government.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the above letter be referred to the Solicitor and if the matter is in order, that a letter be forwarded Mr. Cleveland authorizing him to apply to the Department of Marine at Ottawa, on behalf of the City, for a Quit Claim of the water lot in front of McKay Road, it being understood that the City is to bear only the charge of the Department at Ottawa for the actual Quit Claim.

From J.F. Collins, Secretary Canada's Victory Loan Committee, advising that there is absolutely no commission being paid on subscriptions made from sinking funds. Ordered filed.

From C.R. Lane, City Treasurer, stating that he has received from the Manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, thirty-two (32) cancelled Treasury Notes numbered 111 to 142 inclusive; face value \$1000.00 each; issued under Bylaw No. 375. The above Treasury Notes with interest coupons attached and numbered two to six inclusive, were redeemed at the head office of the Royal Bank of Canada in New York city on or after November 10th, being a portion of the Treasury Notes sold last Spring through Messrs. Terry, Briggs & Co. Referred to finance.

From C.R. Lane, City Treasurer, under date of November 21st advising that payment had been made on account of school funds to the amount of \$35,792.18. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Geo. E. Kyle, City Collector, reporting collection of school taxes for the currently year, to the end of October, \$24,515.92; total levy for 1917 \$52,561.42, leaving a balance to be collected of \$28,045.50. Referred to Finance Committee.

Under the Head of Inquiries, Alderman McBain wished to know if Mr. Phillip was an inmate of the North Vancouver Hospital and whether the cost of his maintenance there was being paid by the City. The Clerk was instructed to report thereon.

Alderman Barclay requested to know whether the Provincial Government had replied to a letter from the Council requesting to know if work would be proceeded with on the Howe Sound Section of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co. in conjunction with the extension of the work to Fort George. The Clerk was instructed to request a reply from Premier Brewster.

Alderman McBain stated that he understood that the Bonds for the construction of the Howe Sound Section of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co. had been sold and the proceeds used for other purposes, and that the interests of North Vancouver should be protected.

Alderman Barclay stated that he had been under the impression that the section of the road from North Vancouver to White cliff had cost so much more than anticipated, that the proceeds of the bonds had been spent on that portion of the road.

Alderman McBain requested that the Minister of Railways be written to asking for information with respect to the above matter.

The report of the Fire and Light Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of November 22nd, was read and on motion of Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Irwin, adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of November 22nd, was 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 November 22nd, was read and on motion of Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Irwin, adopted.

The report of the Special Committee, consisting of the Whole Council, as contained in the Committee's Minutes of November 22nd, was read. Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the recommendation with respect to placing No. 2 or No. 3 Ferry at the disposal of the Vice-Regal party on November 28th, be amended by adding the words "and that No. 1 Ferry be placed in commission during the visit of the Vice-Regal Party", and that the minutes as amended be adopted.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue a cheque to Mrs. G.T. Seaton, in the amount of \$10.00 being a refund of water rates on house No. 312-27th Street East, the same having been paid by the Great West Permanent Loan Company.

Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the Engineer be authorized to provide access to property Lots 16 and 17, Block 28, D.L. 273, as per his report of November 14th, at an approximate cost of \$75.00.

Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Engineer be authorized to secure the necessary lumber to complete sidewalks, also to place a railing on First Street and Second Street where the work had been passed by the Board of Works Committee.

Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue a cheque to Mr. Clucas, Acting City Engineer in full for the time that he is laid up, by reason of his having had to undergo an operation.

Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Clerk convey the sympathy of the Council to Mr. A.R. Clucas, Acting City Engineer, in his illness and hope that he will have a speedy recovery.

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that a civic holiday be proclaimed on November 28th, 1917, from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. to permit and encourage the citizens to participate in the welcome of the Governor-General.

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Clerk be authorized to call for tenders for the printing locally of the Voters' Lists for the year 1918.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that the license to Wm. Lyall Shipbuilding Company for the use of Fell Avenue and Bewicke Avenue street ends, as submitted to the Council, be signed and that a copy of the letter from the Deputy Minister of Marine, bearing date November 12th, 1917, be forwarded to the Wm. Lyall Shipbuilding Company, attached to the license.

Alderman McBain reported that he and Mayor Vance had interviewed Mr. Cook, the manager of the Wm. Lyall Shipbuilding Company with respect to the agreement between the City and the Company or making a fixed assessment on the Fell Fill and a fixed rate for the water. He also stated that Mr. Cook, on behalf of the Company had agreed to employ 150 residents and 100 non-residents for three years from January 1st, 1918, also to employ 250 residents of the City of North Vancouver for seven years from January 1st, 1921. Alderman McBain further stated that the assessment on Block 22, D.L. 265 and D.L. 2654 had been agreed to be fixed at \$20,000.00.

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Agreement between the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver and the Wm. Lyall Shipbuilding Company Limited, bearing date November 28th, 1917 as read, be approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the said Agreement, and that the Agreement in duplicate be then forwarded to the Wm. Lyall Shipbuilding Company for signature.

The Clerk reported having received from the Provincial Government a copy of the report of Professor Shortt, the Commissioner appointed to investigate the economic conditions and operations of the B.C. Electric Railway Co. and subsidiary Companies. This report was referred to the special Committee consisting of the Whole Council.

Mayor Vance reported that arrangements had been made to welcome His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General of Canada, who was making an informal visit to the North Shore to inspect the shipyards, and that it had been arranged that the City Council, the Council of the District of North Vancouver, the Council of the District of West Vancouver, the Board of School Trustees and the executive of the North Vancouver Board of Trade, would proceed to Vancouver on the 10:20 a.m. ferry from

the North side to meet the Vice-Regal party, who would return by the boat leaving Vancouver at 10:40 a.m. Arrangements had been made for the school children to be lined up between the Ferry Wharf and the Esplanade and that the party would proceed to the Wallace shipyards and from there to the Lyall Shipyards and return to Vancouver by the boat leaving North Vancouver at 12:20.

The Clerk was authorized to secure the necessary cards to convey the Council.

At 10:00 p.m. it was moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the Council adjourn. Whereupon the Council adjourned.

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor