

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 1917 AT 8:00 P.M.**

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

The Minutes of Meeting of Council, held December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1917, copies of which had been supplied 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:

A telegram from the Chairman of the Relief Committee, Halifax, N.S., acknowledging receipt of a telegram of sympathy and offer of prompt financial assistance from this City. Ordered filed.

From J. Findlay, Fire Chief, stating that in the event of one day's leave in four being granted the firemen, one extra man would be required to keep the staff in the same position as under the present system, operating one Hall. Ordered filed.

From A.C. Sutton, City Solicitor, stating that not having received a reply to his letter of November 16<sup>th</sup> to the B.C. Electric Railway Co. re removing tracks on Keith Road, west of Fell Avenue, that a copy of this letter had been forwarded by registered mail, as per instructions. Ordered filed.

From Mr. Gideon Scott, requesting a refund of taxes in the amount of \$4.40 on Lot 17, Block 3A, DL 616, same having been paid twice.  
Attached thereto was a letter from the City Collector, Geo. E. Kyle, requesting that a cheque be authorized for the above amount.  
Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue a cheque to Mr. Gideon Scott in the amount of \$4.40 being are fund of taxes on Lot 17, Block 3A, DL 616, same having been paid twice.

From J.G. Farmer, acknowledging receipt of plans of alternative schemes for the improvement of facilities for handling the traffic between the street cars and the ferry boats and advising that if the City Council is prepared to go ahead early in the year with the improvements outlined in Plan No. 1 as submitted, the District Council will be prepared to submit to the electros a Bylaw to authorize the payment of \$2,500.00 out of revenue in aid of the scheme. Laid on the table.

From W.W. Weston of 237 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Street West, complaining of damage done to baby carriage which had been left in the ladies cabin on December 15<sup>th</sup>, be being wet while

the ferry crew were washing down the deck. Referred to the Ferry Committee and the Superintendent to report thereon.

From the Police Commissioners enclosing report of the Police Department on the street lights for the month of November 1917. Referred to the Treasurer.

From the B.C. Electric Railway Co. dated December 13<sup>th</sup>, suggesting that in return for the City and District agreeing to defer the purchase of the electric light and street lighting systems until August 1925, the Company will make effective in the City and District the recommendations of Dr. Shortt, that the rates for domestic light and power in Vancouver will be reduced as follows:

On January 1 <sup>st</sup> 1918	8 cents to 4 cents
On January 1 <sup>st</sup> 1919	7 ½ cents to 4 cents
On January 1 <sup>st</sup> 1920	7 cents to 4 cents

that the meter rental of 15 cents be discontinued and that a minimum charge of 50 cents per month be charged from each consumer. In addition the above Company would agree to issue settlers tickets from that area in which the 5 cent fare now applies in North Vancouver to any part of the City of Vancouver, at the rate of 10 tickets for 70 cents.

Referred to Special Committee consisting of the Whole Council.

From A.R. Clucas, Acting City Engineer, reporting on damage done by the extensively heavy and continuous rain storm and consequent floods of the 15<sup>th</sup> instant, stating that to repair the damage on Fell Avenue, would cost approximately \$350.00 and to replace the old dam at the Intake, which had been carried away, would cost approximately \$150.00; also recommending that the cost of a new set of settling tanks be provided for in the next year's estimates.

Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the above report of the Engineer be received and that the action of the Engineer in arranging to repair the damage done by the storm of the 15<sup>th</sup> instant, be endorsed.

From J.F. Collins, Secretary North Vancouver Unit, Canada's Victory Loan Committee, thanking His Worship Mayor Vance for the use of certain office furniture etc. used by the Victory Loan Committee in its campaign; also for the use of the Mayor's office in the City Hall, and stating that the Committee would be pleased if the Council would convey the thanks of the Committee to the Police Department and City clerk for their assistance in the above matter.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the thanks of the North Vancouver Unit of the Victory Loan Committee be conveyed to the Police officials and the City Clerk for their assistance in the above matter.

From H.A. Jones with respect to assessment on water front property stating that unless the City meets water front owners in fair values, there will be no alternative for them but to take it into Court and test the matter.

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the above letter of Mr. Jones be acknowledged and that he be advised that the Assessment Roll is being prepared and that if not satisfied with the assessment there will be an opportunity of appealing to the Court of revision, for the meeting of which, due notice will be given.

From J.R. Davison, Industrial Commissioner, Vancouver, stating that the Publicity Committee of the Board of Trade had appointed a Committee to look into the feasibility of holding some winter sports such as skiing at some point to be found, presumably on Grouse Mountain, or some other point on the North Shore which ay be suitable. His Worship Mayor Vance stated that he had gone over to Vancouver to see Mr. Davison with respect to the above matter but had not found him in, but would endeavor to get in touch with him in the course of a few days.

From the Hon. Secretary of Greater Vancouver Halifax Relief Fund, with respect to plan of campaign to be adopted for collecting monies for the Halifax Relief Fund; also enclosing a number of circulars having reference to the plan of the above campaign. Mayor Vance stated that these circular letters were being distributed among the merchants and industrial companies on the North Shore. The letter was ordered placed on file for further reference.

Alderman Irwin wished to know if the B.C. Electric Railway Co. have been paying taxes for the last two years on property within the City and the Clerk was instructed to report thereon.

A tender was opened from Chas. Wheeler for rewiring the City Treasurer and Collector's offices, in accordance with specification attached to the tender. Amount of tender \$160.00, deposit accompanying same \$8.00.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above tender be referred to the Engineer to report as to what it covers, also an estimate of the approximate cost of same.

Tenders were also received:

From A. Sloan for supply wooden ballot boxes at the price of \$1.06 per box.

From G.J. Johanson for supply galvanized iron ballot boxes, he agreeing to supply 16 for the amount of \$51.00.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that 16 wooden ballot boxes as per specification, be procured form Mr. R. Sloan at \$1.06 per box complete, but without padlock.

Under plans for approval, Plan No. A3550 was submitted by the B.C. Telephone Company Ltd., for erection of poles on Sutherland Avenue, and in the lanes between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets and 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets east of Sutherland Avenue.

Attached to the above plan was a letter from the Acting City Engineer recommending that the above plan as submitted by the B.C. Telephone Company Ltd., No. A3550 be approved subject to the poles being placed at the correct offset.

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above plan of the B.C. Telephone Company Ltd., No. 3550 be approved and that the Engineer furnish the Company with the correct offset.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, School, Board of Works, Waterworks, Fire and Light, Parks and Boulevards, Health and Police 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	\$990.38
Finance (School)	603.53
Board of Works	490.68
Waterworks	81.41
Fire & Light	1185.15
Parks & Boulevards	54.85
Parks & Boulevards (Health)	350.90
Parks & Boulevards (Police)	76.90

Alderman Barclay reported that he accompanied by the Mayor, had interviewed Reeve Bridgman with respect to the alternative plans for changing the B.C. Electric Railway Co.'s tracks at the foot of Lonsdale avenue in order to facilitate the handling of traffic between the street cards and the ferry boats; that Reeve Bridgman expressed himself as being favorable to plan No. 1 by which the track would be extended on Lonsdale Avenue on to the wharf. Referred to motions.

Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the B.C. Electric Railway Co. be notified that the City requires the Company to forthwith repair that portion of its roadbed inside the rails within the City, and maintain the same in a proper state of repair as required by Section 7 of the Tramway Agreement of August 16<sup>th</sup>, 19105 between the District and the Vancouver Power Company and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Company.

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the Superintendent of the Ferries be authorized to put in force a forty minute schedule on Christmas and New Year's Day.

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the Acting Engineer be instructed to make an inspection of the plumbing on the Indian Reserve and make a report thereon. Also that he ascertain the number of taps in use on the Reserve and report.

Moved by Alderman McBain and seconded by Alderman Clark that  
 WHEREAS by Section three (3) of the "Municipal Proportional Representation Act", being Chapter 51 of the Statutes of British Columbia for the year 1917, it is provided that said Act may be adopted for any Municipality by a resolution of Council passed by a majority of three-fifths of the members present and voting;  
 AND WHEREAS it is expedient that said Act be adopted for the Municipality of the City of North Vancouver, British Columbia;  
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that said "Municipal Proportional Representation Act" be adopted for and brought into force in the Municipality of the City of North Vancouver to take effect at the forthcoming annual Municipal election.  
 Upon the motion being put it was declared lost.

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay all Ferry Employees up to and including December 15<sup>th</sup> upon receiving an Order Okayed by the Ferry Superintendent.

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay all monthly salaries for the month of December 1917 on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that at the holding of the annual Municipal election in January 1918, the opinion of the Municipal electors be taken as to whether they are in favor of the Council granting to the City firemen their request for one day's leave in every four and that the City Clerk be instructed to take all necessary proceedings to have such question submitted to the electors at said election and that the form of the question to be submitted, be in the following words, namely: "Are you in favor of the City Council granting to the City firemen their request for one day's leave in every four days, instead of one day in seven as at present".

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that owing to the lateness of this year and that if any improvement done as suggested in regard to the ferries, would apply next year, that the Council of the District of North Vancouver be requested to submit a Money Bylaw for a reasonable amount to assist in financing the deficit of the ferries for the year 1917.

Alderman Barclay gave notice that "at the next regular meeting of Council I will introduce a motion to appoint a valuator to place a price upon the lighting, street lighting and power plants operated by the Vancouver Power Company on the North Shore".

Under unfinished business a communication from the City Solicitor bearing date December 8<sup>th</sup> was read, having reference to Bewicke and Fell Avenue street ends. Mr. J.B. Ker being present, was permitted to address the Council with respect to permission having been granted the Lyall Shipbuilding Company to use Bewicke and Fell Avenue street ends. Mr. Ker spoke at some length and requested the Council to take steps to guarantee redress to property owners who were paying a local improvement tax for the filling in of Bewicke and Fell Avenue street ends. Mr. Ker was finally requested to state his case in writing and submit the same to the Council and that the matter then would be referred to the Solicitor.

Alderman Morden wished to have the opinion of the Solicitor on the following:  
When a street has been dedicated to the City and money expended thereon, what action is necessary on the part of the City to close the said street.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that the Council adjourn to convene on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 1917, at 8:30 p.m.

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor