

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

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

The Minutes of Meeting of Council, held December 18th, copies of which had been supplied each of the Aldermen, were taken as read, and on motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Clark, adopted.

The Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, copies of which had been furnished each of the Aldermen, were taken as read, and on motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Clark, adopted

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From A.R. Clucas, Acting City Engineer reporting that he had made an inspection of the plumbing on the Indian Reserve and that in compliance with the Agreement between the City and the Department of Indian Affairs, there are twelve (12) outside taps and one hydrant, in addition to three houses facing on Third Street. These three houses have separate connections off the main and pay the regular water charges. Ordered filed.

From C.R. Lane, City Assessor, stating that the necessary and legal changes in the 1917 Assessment Roll, as required under sub-section 2 of Section 205 of the Municipal Act, have been made and that the work of writing out the Assessment notices is progressing satisfactorily and will be completed with the necessary time. Referred to motions.

From A.S. Dundas, requesting a refund of \$6.92, taxes on Lot 43, Block 237, D.L. 545 as these taxes had been paid twice; once by himself and once by his agent. Attached to the above was a report from Mr. Geo. E. Kyle, City Collector, recommending that a cheque be issued for this amount. Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue a cheque to Mr. A.S. Dundas in the amount of \$6.92 being refund of taxes on Lot 43, Block 237, D.L. 545, same having been paid twice.

From Messer's Griffith & Lee Ltd., applying for a refund of \$10.00 for taxes on resubdivision Lot 5 of Lot 3, Block 32, D.L. 549, same having been paid twice. Attached thereto was a letter from City Collector, Ego. E. Kyle, recommending that a cheque be issued for the above amount. Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Treasurer be and I hereby authorized to issue a cheque to Messrs. Griffith & Lee Ltd. in the amount of \$10.00 being refund of taxes on resubdivision Lot 56 of Lot 3, Block 32, D.L. 549, same having been paid twice.

From the William Lyall Shipbuilding Company Limited, returning license in duplicate, not signed, also copy of resolution giving the Wm. Lyall Shipbuilding Co. Ltd., permission to use Bewicke and Fell Avenue street ends and suggesting that the latter part of the resolution be amended to read as follows:

"The permission to use the street ends by the Company to be cancelled at any time upon the City giving notice to that effect, such cancellation to have effect at the completion of construction of vessels than underway, or any contract for early delivery, and that no charge be made against the Company for the use of such street ends."

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that his matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council, and the Solicitor requested to advise thereon.

The Season's Greetings were received from the Compressed Gas Co. Ltd., Vancouver, B.C. Ordered acknowledged and filed.

The Season's Greetings were received from the Officer Commanding and Officers of the 6th Field Company Canadian Engineers. Ordered acknowledged and filed.

From Mr. Gordon Tansley, accepting the appointment as Auditor of the accounts of the Board of School Trustees for the year 1917. Ordered filed.

From Mr. Geo. Kidd, General Manager of the B.C. Electric Railway Co. acknowledging receipt of a letter of the 18th instant, enclosing copy of the City Solicitor's protest against the Company removing their track from Keith Road, west of Fell Avenue. Ordered filed.

From W.E. Scott, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, with respect to increased hog production. Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council, and the Clerk was instructed to report the Bylaw with respect to the keeping of hogs within the City limits.

From the Lonsdale Estate with respect to the use of street ends of Fell and Bewicke Avenues by the Lyall Shipbuilding Company, requesting that any agreement entered into between the City and the Company would be in no way alienate any of the rights of the City and requesting an opportunity of going into the matter of local improvement taxation more fully, with the Council.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From A.C. Sutton, City Solicitor, dated December 27th, 1917 re Local Improvement Fell Fill, stating that in his opinion the Council would not have authority to remit local improvement rates and charge them against general revenue, but suggested that if the matter is being seriously considered, that the whole question of local improvement rates, now in force within the whole City, be taken into consideration, and if decided that the local improvement plan heretofore adhered to by the City, should be discontinued, that the first step would be to submit the question to the electors by way of referendum, and if the electors voted in favor of such a course, the Council would then apply to the legislature to carry out and confirm the wishes of the electors.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

A Petition was received from 14 ratepayers, at present paying local improvement taxes attaching to the Bewicke and Fell avenue extension fills, petitioning for relief from these charges. Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, School, Ferry, 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	\$1680.98
Finance (School)	3187.50
Ferry	1434.08
Board of Works	875.68
Waterworks	403.56
Fire and Light	1955.25
Parks and Boulevards	170.05
Parks and Boulevards (Health)	283.20
Parks and Boulevards (Police)	760.30

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of December 20th was read, and on motion of Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman McBain adopted.

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

Mayor Vance reported having seen Mr. J.R. Davison, Industrial Commissioner with respect to the suggestion of Mr. Davison that a Committee be appointed to look into the feasibility of holding winter sports on the North Shore, stating that it had been decided that it was too late in the Season to do anything in this respect this Winter, but that the matter would be taken into consideration and that, of course, the North Shore was the only place where these sports could be successfully held.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Mayor and Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to issue cheques on the sinking fund savings accounts to pay in full, the balance of Victory Bonds as at December 31st 1917.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue cheques for the payroll of December 29th on the 29th instant, upon said Payroll being properly okayed by the engineer.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the Assessment Roll for the City of North Vancouver for the year 1917, as amended and altered by the City Assessor in pursuance of an in accordance with subsection 2 of Section 205 of the Municipal Act, be and the same is hereby adopted, as the Assessment Roll for the said City for the year 1918.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the Assessment Roll for the City of North Vancouver for the year 1918 be completed by the City Assessor and returned by the Assessor to the Clerk of the Municipal Council of said City, not later than the 10th day of January 1918.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the City Collector return the Tax collector's Roll for the year 1917, to the City Clerk on January 30th 1918, together with statement of amount of taxes collected during 1917 and the amount of arrears collected during the year 1917 and a statement of the amount uncollected.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the deposit of Mr. Chas. Wheeler to the amount of \$8.00 be returned to him.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that a grant of \$25.00 be made in aid of the Christmas Tree for the Children of the overseas soldiers and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a cheque to Mr. F.A. MacRae, Treasurer, for the same.

Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the sum of \$500.00 be transferred from the appropriation of the Parks and Boulevards Committee and placed to the credit of the Board of Works Committee.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the sum of \$1300 be transferred from the appropriation of the Finance Committee and placed to the credit of the Fire and Light Committee.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the sum of \$1200 be transferred from the appropriation of the Finance Committee and placed to the credit of the Health Committee.

Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the sum of \$300 be transferred from the appropriation of the Finance Committee and placed to the credit of the Police Committee.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the City Solicitor be requested to attend the Council meeting of January 3rd with respect to Bewicke and Fell Avenue street end matters.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting a Bylaw entitled "The North Vancouver Meat Market Early Closing Bylaw 1918", and that the Bylaw be read the first time. Whereupon the Bylaw was introduced and read the first time.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the Chief of Police be instructed to have the signatures on the petition of the proprietors of the meat markets verified.

Mayor Vance as Chairman of the North Vancouver Unit of Canada's Victory Loan Committee reported that upon to December 21st the total application within the Provinces of British Columbia, amount to \$17,877.642.50.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that Section 2 of the Procedure Bylaw be suspended temporarily and that the Council meet on Thursday, January 3rd, 1918 at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, instead of on December 31st, 1917.

At 9:50 p.m. it was moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the Council adjourn.
Whereupon the Council adjourned.

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor