

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 1918 AT 8:00 P.M.

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

The Minutes of Meeting of February 11th, 1918 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:

From the Wallace Shipyards Ltd., stating that in connection with extensions to their plant, they find it necessary to erect a bulkhead between the street and Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 and requesting permission to disturb the sidewalk and street, in order to do this work; and at the same time asking the Council if it could see its way clear to assist in doing a portion of the work. Referred to the Board of Works and the Engineer to report.

From Geo. E. Kyle, City Collector, requesting authority to insert advertisements in the "North Shore Press", "World" and "Province" stating that the water-rates rebate period expires on the 28th instant.

Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above request of the Collector be granted.

From Mrs. A. Gillam, Secretary of the Victorian Order of Nurses, asking for a grant of \$250.00. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From J.W. Fugler, Sanitary Inspector, stating that it will be necessary to provide a new set of harness for the garbage team, at an approximate cost of \$150.00. Referred to the Health Committee.

From Geo. E. Kyle, City Collector, being a return of the Tax Collector's Roll for the year 1917, showing a total amount of taxes uncollected, as at December 31st, 1917 - \$514,059.51. Referred to Finance Committee.

From the Hunter-Henderson Paint Company stating that they have been advertising on the ferries for two years and requesting a portion of the city's paint business. Referred to the Ferry Committee.

From the Mainland Fire Underwriters Association, stating that Mr. Foster, the secretary, is out of the City for a few days but that on his return the communication from this Council will be placed before him for attention. Referred to the Fire and Light Committee.

From Dr. H.E. Young, Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, stating that arrangements have already been made for the meeting to be held in Victoria on the 20th instant, at

10:00 a.m. between the Government and parties interested in water shed lands, with respect to regulations on watershed. Ordered filed.

From R. Baird, Inspector of Municipalities, stating that he regrets very much, not being able to visit this City, before the close of the present Session of the House, but will be glad to meet any representatives from this Council, who could make it convenient to come to Victoria,. Ordered filed.

From the Great War Veterans Association, extending an invitation to the Mayor and Council to attend the opening of the new club rooms on Wednesday the 20th instant, at 8 p.m. and stating that a Whist Drive will be held during the evening and ladies are also invited.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the above invitation be received and acknowledged and that the Association be informed that as many as possible of the Council will be present on that occasion.

From M.S. Middleton, Provincial Horticulturalist, announcing that the Horticultural Branch of the Provincial Department of Agriculture will again offer fruit packing schools to be held during February and March. Referred to the Conservation Committee.

From L. Watts Doney, Police Magistrate, being an application for an increase in salary. Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From R.L. Docherty, being an application for an increase of \$25.00 per month, dating from January 1st 1918. Referred to Committee of the Whole Council.

From 7 of the City Firemen applying for an increase of \$10.00 per month to take effect March 1st 1918, also asking for three weeks holidays. Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From B. Bayne, 348 - 15th Street West, stating that he has erected a garage next to his residence and requesting a crossing. Referred to the Board of Works and the Engineer to report thereon.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, 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	\$356.38
Board of Works	327.15
Waterworks	151.18
Fire & Light	1,202.21
Parks & Boulevards	65.86
Parks & Boulevards (Health)	614.71
Parks & Boulevards (Police)	138.95

The Report of the Committee of the Whole Council, as contained in the Committee's Minutes of February 14th, 1918 was read, and on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin adopted.

The Report of the Ferry Committee, as contained in the Committee's Minutes of February 14th, 1918 was read, and on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin adopted.

Mayor Vance reported that the Steel resolution with respect to the development of the iron ores and establishment of a steel plant, had been endorsed by the Greater Vancouver Industrial Committee.

The Mayor also reported that the North Vancouver Board of Trade, and the District of North Vancouver and West Vancouver Councils, would like to meet with the City Council on February 21st to discuss matters pertaining to the closing down of operations on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co... Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the above request be granted and that a meeting be arranged to take place at 8:30 p.m. on February 21st.

The Clerk reported that Alderman Morden had called him up on the phone requesting to have his sick leave extended and at the same time to remember him kindly to the other members of Council.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the request of Alderman Morden be granted and that he be granted one month's leave of absence.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved THAT WHEREAS in view of the drastic changes proposed in the Amendments to the Municipal Act, to be submitted to the present Session of the House, this Council is strongly of opinion that the proposed amendments have not had sufficient publicity and that the various Municipal Councils, throughout the province, the organizations more directly affected by the proposed Amendments, have not had sufficient opportunity to carefully examine them, and consequently are not in a position to acquiesce in many of the innovations proposed by these amendments;

THAT further consideration of these amendments should, in the opinion of this Council, be deferred until they have been submitted to and fully examined by the several Municipal Councils throughout the Province, and particularly by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the different member's o of the Provincial Executive be communicated with and requested to defer the further consideration of these amendments until the same have been submitted to the several Municipal Councils of the Province and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

Alderman Clark gave Notice of Motion as follows:

THAT WHEREAS it has been brought to the attention of the Council that the Executive of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, has approved of certain amendments to the Municipal Act, dealing with Municipal assessment taxation and tax sales;
AND WHEREAS this Council had requested a copy of the Minutes of the Meetings of said Executive when dealing with the proposed amendments and not receiving a copy,

and having a second time requested either copy of the Minutes or some information as to what action the Executive proposed to take in reference to the several matters with which said amendments proposed to deal;

AND WHEREAS said Executive furnished this council with neither a copy of their Minutes nor with any information as to what action said Executive proposed to take in respect to said amendments; this Council feels that the Executive has been discourteous and remiss in its dealings with this Council, and this Council desires to express its keen disapproval of such action and feels that the Executive's conduct in this matter should be severely censured;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Council place itself on record as disapproving of and censuring the conduct to the Executive of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, in failing to supply this Council with copies of Minutes and information regarding the Executive's procedure after having been courteously requested by this Council to do so, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the said Executive.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that arrangements be made to appoint two resident lady ticket sellers on the North side, their duties to commence March 1st.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that Mayor Vance, Alderman McBain and the Engineer, be appointed to attend at a conference with the Government at Victoria on February 20th at 10:00 am. with respect to watershed regulations.

AT 9:40 p.m. it was moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Council adjourn. Whereupon the Council adjourned.

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor