

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 Barclay
Alderman Clark
Alderman Irwin
Alderman McBain

The Minutes of Meeting of February 18th, 1918 copies of which had been supplied each of the Aldermen were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Barclay adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From Mrs. W.D. Hanson, Convener of the Committee appointed to make arrangements for the visit of Miss Hayes, Provincial Food Demonstrator applying to the Council for a grant of \$15.00 to cover expenses of advertising and necessary materials. Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that Mrs. Hanson be advised that the Council has already made a grant of \$10.00 for this purpose, which will be available when required.

From Major Ward, 6th Field Company, C.E., stating that it is desired to erect a temporary wooden building for use as a Guard Room on the south west corner of the Drill Hall, and as the space available is not quite sufficient requesting permission to allow this building to project a few feet beyond the property line on 15th Street for the duration of the War. Referred to the Board of Works and the Engineer to report thereon, for Thursday.

From Florence St. John Cooper, drawing the attention of the Council to the deplorable condition of the sidewalk on the North side of Esplanade East, also on the South side of 1st Street East, and requesting relief forthwith. Referred to the Board of Works Committee and the Engineer to report thereon.

From Emile Tocquec stating that a sidewalk had been built on 18th Street but had not run in far enough to accommodate his property, which property is the only one that does not have the walk in front. Referred to the Board of Works and the Engineer to report thereon.

From Martin N. Jacoby, stating that he is the owner of a small three roomed cottage on the Drost property, facing Burrard Inlet, and requesting permission to repair the roof. Referred to the Committee of the Whole and the Building Inspector to report.

From the Yorkshire & Canadian Trust Ltd., through Mr. Alex Smith, advising that the policy on the City horses expires on the 17th of March. Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From Domenic Aquino, requesting permission to cut the fallen trees in Heywood Park and offering to pay 25 cents per cord for the different kinds of wood that is cut and 50 cents for cedar.

The Clerk was instructed to advise Mr. Aquino that the City is not considering taking out the timber at the present time.

From Mrs. L.M. Irwin, Secretary Women's Unionist Association, enclosing two resolutions passed by the above Association, as follows:

"THAT a request be sent to the City Council asking that the names of the milk vendors carrying the purest milk and containing the highest percentage of butter-fat, be published in the local newspaper after the next milk inspection, so that the people of North Vancouver can get milk from the best dairies".

Also

"That more efficient police protection be given to people growing vegetables and fruit, from those who persist in stealing these products after they reach maturity">

The first resolution was referred to the Board of Health and the second to the Police Department.

From the Secretary of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities stating that the amount of the fee for this City, as apportioned by the Committee on fees, is \$40.00 and requesting that a cheque be forwarded for this amount as early as possible. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From the Vancouver General Hospital being a notice of admission to the Public Ward for treatment, of Betsy Walker, aged 2 years, father dead. Also a report from the Police Department stating that the father of the child has been killed in France recently and the mother is depending on her pension. Referred to the Health Committee.

From Geo. E. Kyle, City Collector, being a report of a check made on the turnstiles on the 19th of February, showing 31 tickets short on the North Vancouver side and 26 tickets short on the Vancouver side. Referred to the Ferry Committee.

From J.R. Suter of 132 - 13th Street West, complaining of water flooding his basement and requesting relief. Referred to the Board of Works and the Engineer to report.

From E.T. English of 633 - 11th Street complaining of the state of the ditch adjoining Lot 11 Block 92 on Sutherland Avenue. Referred to the Board of Works and the Engineer to report thereon.

From 7 of the City employees asking for a living wage, the same as they are getting in the District, viz, 45 cents per hour. Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From Mark Marriott, Grand Hotel, Water Street, Vancouver, offering the City \$750.00 cash for an old donkey engine No. 766A. The Clerk reported that this engine had been sold to Mr. Victor Berg on August 28th, 1917 for the price of \$800.00 who had paid

\$100.00 cash thereon, and the balance to be paid in 8 weeks, before taking delivery of the engine.

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized to serve a written notice upon Victor Berg of 222-18th Street East, requesting him to pay the sum of \$700.00 balance of purchase price due by him to the City, for a donkey engine purchased on or about August 28th 1917, and that in said notice he be also informed that unless he completes the purchase and pays the balance of said purchase money on or before the 15th day of March, that the sale will be cancelled and the engine resold to such party and for such price as the City sees fit and without being responsible in damages or otherwise to said Victor Berg.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that if Mr. Berg does not pay the balance on the donkey engine on or before March 15th that tenders be called for the sale of said donkey engine, and that Mr. Mark Marriott be notified accordingly.

The following Order-in-Council was received and ordered filed:

CERTIFIED COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council, approved by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor on the 21st day of February, AD, 1918.

TO HIS HONOUR
THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL:

The undersigned has the honour to submit for the consideration of the Council, the following:

CERTIFIED COPY of Bylaw No. 381 of the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver, being a Bylaw to authorize the said Corporation to enter into an agreement with the William Lyall Shipbuilding Co. Ltd., exempting the said William Lyall Shipbuilding Company, Limited, from water rates for a period of ten years from the 1st of January 1918 and fixing upon a definite sum as the annual assessment for the said period of ten years, of the following lands:

Block 22 in District Lot 265 and District Lot 2654, lying to the South of aforesaid Block 22, in the City of North Vancouver, being lands upon which the plant of the said William Lyall Shipbuilding Company, Limited is situate:

PETITION from the Council of the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver, praying that the approval of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, be given to said Bylaw;

AND TO RECOMMEND THAT PURSUANT to the provisions of Section 213 of the "Municipal" Act" the approval of His Honor the lieutenant-Governor in Council, be given to the said Bylaw in so far as it relates to the powers exercisable under the said Section 213 of the "Municipal Act";

AND THAT a certified copy of this Minute, if approved, be transmitted to R.F. Archibald, Clerk of the said Corporation, at North Vancouver, B.C.

Dated this 18th day of February, A.D. 1918.

Signed; "J.W. de B. Farris" Attorney General.

Approved this 19th day of February A.D. 1918.

Signed: "John Oliver", Presiding Member of the Executive Council.

From Geo. E. Kyle, City Collector, enclosing letters from Messrs. H.T. Devine & Company with respect to water rates on 515 - 23rd Street East.

The Collector recommends that the allowance asked for by H.T. Devine Company be granted as the amount involved is only \$3.25.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that the above matter be left with the City Collector for adjustment.

From Geo. E. Kyle, City Collector, stating that Delinquent tax notices must be mailed on or before the 1st day of April and requesting authority to engage the usual extra help to get out delinquent tax notices, and get the Tax Rolls for 1918 underway.

Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that the Collector be authorized to secure the necessary help to get out the delinquent tax notices.

From Geo. E. Kyle, City Collector, reporting that the water arrears due the City for the District of North Vancouver, on December 31st, 1917, amounted to \$286.62. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From Mrs. Vaughan-Rhys, thanking the Council for having given her the appointment of Ferry Ticket Seller and expressing her regret that extreme nervousness makes it impossible for her to hold the position. Ordered filed.

From Geo. E. Kyle City Collector, reporting with respect to the supply of ferry tickets to the different departments. Referred to the Ferry Committee.

The Clerk reported having received acknowledgments from the following members of the Provincial Executive of the receipt of a resolution from this Council with reference to the proposed amendments to the "Municipal Clauses Act", viz:

Wm. Sloan, Minister of Mines
J.D. MacLean, Provincial Secretary
John Oliver, Minister of Agriculture
Minister of Lands
Minister of Finance
Minister of Public Works
Prime Minister

Ordered filed.

Reports and recommendations by the Ferry, School, Board of Works, Waterworks, Parks and Boulevards and Health 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:

Ferry	\$9165.83
Finance (School)	711.56

Board of Works	485.42
Waterworks	71.77
Parks and Boulevards	56.80
Parks & Boulevards (Health)	79.41

The Report of the Ferry Committee, as contained in the Committee's Minutes of February 21st, 1918 was read and on motion of Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Clark adopted.

The Report of the Finance Committee, as contained in the Committee's Minutes of February 21st, 1918 was read and on motion of Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Irwin adopted.

The Report of the Board of Works Committee, as contained in the Committee's Minutes of February 21st, 1918 was read and on motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McBain adopted.

Alderman McBain on behalf of the delegation appointed to meet the Government, with reference to the regulations of logging companies on watershed lands, reported that delegates from the City of Vancouver, District of North Vancouver and the Delegation from the City of North Vancouver had met with the Government and that the logging companies operating on watershed lands were also represented. The logging companies were wanting to have certain restrictions removed, stating that it would be impossible to secure men to work in their camps, if they were compelled to have the men inoculated before going above the Intake.

The Government will advise their attitude in the matter at a later date.

Mayor Vance reported that while in Victoria, he had attended a meeting having reference to the steel question and that the Vancouver Island people are very enthusiastic over the steel plant.

The Provincial Government will make an announcement at an early date of its attitude with respect to aiding the steel industry.

Mayor Vance also reported that the special Committee from the City, District, District of West Vancouver and Board of Trade, had met and had wired the Government that there was a rumour in circulation that the Government were considering diverting the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co. to Ashcroft but that a telegram had been received from the Government, as follows:

"Government have not and are not considering at the present time, any question of changing of roué.

Signed: John Oliver."

Mayor Vance reported having interviewed the Government Mineralogist at Victoria, and having been informed that there is sufficient ore in sight to keep a plant going for at least 25 years.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Barclay and cc*R. Shore, Director of Human Resources 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 proceedings 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 Proceedings 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 of 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. Mayor Vance voting against.

Alderman Barclay reported that the time of the men working on the repairs to Ferry No. 2 was not being kept; that he had gone on board the boat on the morning of the 25th and requested to see the time book, and upon inspecting it had found that there were very few entries of names and no entry of time and he would therefore move as follows: Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the Clerk request Mate Dench to attend the meeting of the Ferry Committee on Thursday evening and that he bring his Wallace time book with him.

A delegation from the Food Production Committee being present, it was moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that they be permitted to address the Council. Whereupon Messrs. A. Philip, W.L. Keene, Ewing, Gardiner and Wilmot addressed the Council, requesting that vacant lots owned by the City, be plowed by the City and placed at the disposal of citizens for the purpose of aiding in food production.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that the Parks & Boulevard Committee cooperate with the Food Production Committee and report to the Council at a later date, and that the Parks Superintendent and Engineer report to the Parks and Boulevards Committee, giving a list of lots belonging to the City, which are suitable for cultivation.

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the City plow any City lots suitable for cultivation and that the Engineer submit an estimate on the probable cost of plowing, say an ordinary 50 ft. lot.

Mr. Wilmot being present addressed the Council with respect to hoarding at the Vancouver wharf, that he had taken a number of advertisements to be placed on the Vancouver side, but that the space was not ready to be occupied on March 1st; that the first two months of the year were the best months in the year for securing advertising as the appropriations for advertising purposes were usually distributed during the first two months of the year.

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that Mr. Heard be instructed to have the hoarding at the Vancouver side prepared at once.

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the additional ticket seller on the Vancouver side be appointed at once and that any new or additional ticket sellers be bonded as soon as they are appointed.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the Council adjourn to convene on Wednesday, February 27th, 1918 at 9:45 a.m. Whereupon the Council adjourned.

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor