

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

Present: Alderman McBain
Alderman Clark
Alderman Irwin
Alderman Morden
Alderman Watson

At 8:00 o'clock p.m. the Clerk called the meeting to order and stated that owing to the death of his brother, the Mayor would not be present at this meeting of the Council.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that Alderman McBain be Chairman of the Meeting.

Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council, held July 2nd, 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.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From the Superintendent of Insurance, Victoria, to the Chief of the Fire Department, North Vancouver, with respect to Fire Prevention, stating that it is proposed to inaugurate a campaign for Fire Prevention and that a Round Table Conference will be held at Victoria on Wednesday, July 10th at 3:30 in order that ways and means may be thrashed out, and requesting the Chief of the Fire Department to be present.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that this letter be referred back to the Captain of the Fire Department to acknowledge and state that this Council is in accord with a proposition for Fire Prevention but is unable to have a representative at the above meeting, but requesting a copy of Minutes or Memorandum of proceedings.

From Captain Gardiner being the monthly report on the list of fires with risks, insurance and losses for the month of June 1918. Referred to the Fire and Light Committee.

From the Clerk of the Privy Council, Ottawa, acknowledging receipt of a petition asking that the Government of Canada provide or assist in providing insurance for soldiers on overseas service. Ordered filed.

From C.R. Lane, City Treasurer, enclosing a statement of taxes owing by the City to the District of North Vancouver and stating that if these taxes are paid before the 17th instant, a rebate of \$182.99 can be obtained.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue a cheque payable to the Corporation of the District of North Vancouver in the amount of \$1,281.00 being payment of taxes on property in said District.

From the Vancouver General Hospital, being notice of admission of Hendrick Carloes. Referred to the Health Committee and the Clerk instructed to report on the above patient.

From the Tower Publishing Company, enclosing prospectus of advertising pamphlet "Shipbuilding and Shipbuilders of BC".

The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of the above communication and to state that the estimates have been struck, and that it is now too late to undertake any further advertising campaign for publicity during the present year.

From the Police Commissioners, enclosing report of the Police Department on the street lights for the month of June 1918.

Referred to the Fire and Light Committee.

From Norman R. Day, referring to the untidy state of the Beach at the foot of St. Patrick's Avenue, and suggesting that some clearing of rocks, etc. be done at low tide and the removal of the old "Surrey" and providing steps or a better pathway down to the Beach.

Referred to the Board of Works and the Engineer for a report.

From the B.C. Electric Railway Co. Ltd. bearing date July 5th and also a further letter from the B.C. Electric Railway Co. dated July 7th, enclosing a copy of a letter forwarded by the Company to Mayor Gale of Vancouver, with respect to the Strike of the employees of the B.C. Electric Railway Co. and a request from the Company that this Council pass a Bylaw authorized a six cent fare within the City of North Vancouver. Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above letters of the B.C. Electric Railway Co. Ltd. be referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion, as to whether this Council has power to grant the increase requested, particularly in view of the fact that the old Agreement between the Company and the District was ratified by the ratepayers and ratified and confirmed by Act of Parliament.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Watson that owing to the magnitude of the question with respect to the raising of fares on the B.C. Electric Railway. Transportation system, this Council regrets that it is unable to grant this increase until the matter has been thoroughly considered. But would be pleased to offer as an alternative suggestion that in the mean time the B.C. Electric Railway Co. come to a reasonable and fair agreement with their employees at the earliest possible moment and then submit their request to the Cities and Municipalities for thorough consideration. A vote was taken resulting as follows:

FOR the Motion: Alderman Clark and Alderman Watson.

AGAINST the Motion: Alderman Irwin Alderman Morden and Acting Mayor McBain.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that the sympathy of this Council be extended to His Worship Mayor Vance and members of his family in the recent death of his brother.

The Acting Mayor requested that members of Council express their sympathy by a standing vote.

At 10:00 p.m. it was moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that this Council adjourn to reconvene at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, July 9th instant, in the Council Chamber.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor