

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>, 1918, AT 8:00 P.M.**

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

The Minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held August 5th, 1918, copies of which had been supplied each of the Aldermen, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McBain adopted.

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Clark the regular order of business was suspended and Mr. Kearney addressed the Council with respect to the hull of the old Surrey, located at the foot of St. Patricks Avenue. Mr. Kearney stated that some party at Cole Harbor, was negotiating for the old hull for Wharf purposes. However, he was willing to give the hull to the City free, if they would dispose of it. Mr. Kearney was informed that the Council would consider the matter.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From Geo. E. Kyle, City Collector, being a report of the Fuel Oil Consumption on the Ferries for the month of July.  
Referred to the Ferry Committee.

From the City Solicitor stating that he has not been able to find any authority for the B.C. Telephone Company to raise its rates on business telephones, in the City of North Vancouver, and suggested passing a resolution protesting against the Government approving any raise in rates. Referred to motions.

From C.R. Lane, City Treasurer, requesting instructions with respect to the increase of One Dollar in the bills for telephone rental from the Telephone Company.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the Treasurer be instructed to pay the increased telephone rates, but under protest, and that the Solicitor protect the interests of the City by Protest.

From J.S. Foran, Secretary of the Children's Aid Society with respect to an additional fifty cents per week, for the support of Gordon Mason. Referred to the Solicitor for his opinion in the matter.

From W. Brownlie and A.E. Newman, requesting the Council to clear and grade 29<sup>th</sup> Street between Chesterfield and Mahon Avenues. Referred to the Board of Works and the Engineer to report.

From the Vancouver General Hospital, being a notice of admittance of Thomas Williams of Mount Crown Block, who has been a resident of the City for nine months. Referred to the Health Committee and the Police for report.

From F.R. Adams, complaining of having been charged twenty five cents additional, n the Ferry for carrying household supplies in his automobile. Referred to the Ferry Committee.

From the Board of Police Commissioners, requesting the use of Lots 1-2-and 3, Block 136, DL 271, for Pound purposes, and also permission for the Board of Works team to remove the small Pound Buildings to this site.  
Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above request be granted and that the Chief of Police make the necessary arrangements with the Engineer for the use of the Board of Works Team.

From the Board of Police Commissioners forwarding the report of the Police Department on the Street Lights for the month of July. Referred to the Fire and Light Committee.

From the Great War Veterans Association, thanking the Council for their kind consideration in setting aside certain lots in the Cemetery for the burial of returned soldiers. Ordered filed.

From John G. Farmer, thanking Mayor Vance for the very complete report upon the work of the delegates to Ottawa, and enclosing the District's cheque for \$50.00 towards expenses. Ordered filed.

From the Vancouver Registration Office, for the registration of Local Improvement Construction Bylaw No's 186 and 187. Ordered filed.

From J.W. Johnston, stating that he has recently purchased Lot 532 on 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue North Vancouver, and intends building if 28<sup>th</sup> Street is graded to make it possible to get material to the property; also stating that any improvement on the Larsen Road, from the macadamized portion, to the corner of 28<sup>th</sup> Street will be appreciated. Referred to the Board of Works and the Engineer to report.

From James Wilkie, owner of Lots 14 and 15, Block 210, DL 544, stating that he could rent the house on the above lots, if there was a walk from Larsen Road up View Street to 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Referred to the Engineer to report on the condition of the sidewalk, and the Clerk to reply to Mr. Wilkie, in accordance with the Engineer's report.

From J.R. Creelman, Forest Ranger, requesting the City Council to assist jointly with Cedars Limited, and the Forestry Branch in installing a telephone system between the City Intake and the Cedars Mill.

Referred to the Waterworks Committee.

From J.R. Davison, Publicity Commissioner, Vancouver, being a copy of his report as submitted to the Utilities Committee of the Vancouver Council.  
Referred to the Publicity Committee.

From J.P. Kean, of the Vancouver Daily Province, stating that some time ago the Council decided that in future Committee Meetings would be held in private. News has however, constantly leaked out, in other papers, and he suggested that the press be permitted to attend all Committee Meetings, on the understanding that recommendations only will be given in respective papers and all discussions withheld. Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above letter be received and referred to Committee of the Whole Council.

The Clerk reported having received 22 applications for the position of Bookkeeper and Stenographer under the Treasurer at the Ferry Office.  
Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that these applications be referred to the Treasurer to make first, second and third choice and report to the Council.

Reports and recommendations by the 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:

Board of Works	\$534.97
Waterworks	\$225.55
Parks & Boulevards	\$129.73
Parks & Boulevards (Health)	\$64.80

The Report of the Parks & Boulevard Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of August 1918, was read and on motion of Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Irwin adopted.

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

The Report of the Fire and Light Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of August 1918, was read and on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Watson adopted.

The Report of the Waterworks Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of August 1918, was read and on motion of Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Clark adopted.

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

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

The Clerk stated that a complaint had been received with respect to drainage from the Cook House at the Drill Hall, and that Dr. Newcombe Medical Health Officer had reported that an additional Septic Tank was being installed, to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

Mayor Vance reported that he with the City Engineer, had met the Engineer from the B.C. Electric Railway Co. and looked over the proposed change in the street railway track, at the foot of Lonsdale Avenue. The Engineer had stated that work would be started in a few days; that labour was scarce and the Mayor had suggested turning the street gang on to this work under the supervision of the B.C. Electric Railway Co. Engineer. The Mayor stated that it would be necessary to apply to the Minister of Railways, for permission to run the B.C. Electric Railway Co. track close to the curb on Lonsdale and Esplanade, and that the City Engineer is now preparing a plan to be submitted to the Department accordingly.

Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that Alderman Morden Alderman Clark Alderman Irwin and Alderman Watson with Mayor Vance as alternative, be appointed delegates to attend the Annual Convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities at Penticton, on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a cheque in the amount of \$8.30 to F.W. Bauer, as per instructions of Ruby M. Bauer, being the difference between the amount realized at tax sale in 1915 and the amount of taxes due at that time on Lot 31 Block 21 DL 548, in accordance with the advice of the Solicitor.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McBain and resolved that this Council vigorously protests against any increase in the Telephone rates in this City being authorized by the Provincial Government; and further be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier and Provincial Secretary with a request hat before any authority is given to the B.C. Telephone Company to raise the Telephone rates in the City of North Vancouver, that due notice of any such application on behalf of the Company to the Government be given to this Council before any action be taken thereon by the Government.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that Mr. J.W. Fugler be and he is hereby appointed Assistant Assessor of the City of North Vancouver during the pleasure of the Council.

Mayor Vance reported that he had instructed that a resolution be introduced requesting the Government to appoint a Hydro-Electric Power Commission for the Province, a draft o which was submitted to the meeting.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that:

In the opinion of this Council the time has arrived in the interests of the Province, as a whole, as well as in the interests of individual Municipalities and Cities throughout the province, that a Hydro-Electric Power Commission should be appointed for the Province of British Columbia, to the end and for the purpose and with like powers and authority granted to the Hydro-Electric Commission of the Province of Ontario.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Provincial Government be petitioned to pass all necessary legislation, and thereupon that the Government appoint a Hydro-Electric Commission for this Province, with like or similar powers and authority granted to the Hydro-Electric Commission appointed by the Government of the Province of Ontario, under and by virtue of Sections 8-9-10 and subsections thereof Cap 39, R.S.O. 1914 and amendments thereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable the Premier and each Member of the Provincial Government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities with a request that the same be submitted to the Convention, at the next regular meeting of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities at Penticton, for endorsement, and when endorsed, that the Secretary of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities be requested to forward copies to each Member of the Provincial Government.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Finance Committee be appointed a Committee to confer with the School Board with respect to a renewal of the Lease for the City Hall, and that the Clerk arrange for a meeting.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that this Council do now proceed to resolve itself into Committee of the Whole and that Mayor Vance be Chairman of the Committee.

#### IN COMMITTEE

#### IN COUNCIL

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the Council do now adjourn to reconvene in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1918 at 8:30 o'clock.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor