

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, MARCH 24th 1919, AT 8:00 P.M.

Present: His Worship Mayor Vance
Alderman Evans
Alderman T. Irwin
Alderman W.J. Irwin
Alderman Morden
Alderman Townsley
Alderman Watson

The Minutes of regular meeting held March 10th, 1919, copies of which had been supplied each of the Aldermen, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Morden adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From the Manufacturers Association of British Columbia, enclosing copy of a resolution passed at the 5th Annual meeting of the Association, held February 28th, having reference to the shipbuilding industry in the Province.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that the above communication be laid on the table to be dealt with during the present session.

From Geo. E. Kyle, City Collector, enclosing water receipt No. 1008, also letter from Messrs. Irwin & Billings Co. Ltd., requesting a refund of \$3.60 being water rates on Lot 8, of E, Block 2, DL 547 for the current half-year, same having been paid twice.
Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a cheque in favor of Messrs. Irwin & Billings Co. Ltd., in the amount of \$3.60 being refund of water rates on Lot 8, of E, Block 2, DL 547, same having been paid twice.

From A.M. West, formerly City Engineer, stating that he has two lots in the City on which the taxes are in arrears, and requesting the Council to remit the taxes on the two lots.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From the Good Roads League of B.C. stating that at the annual convention of the Good Roads League, held at Penticton in 1918, authority was given to arrange a scale of contribution by Municipalities, to the funds of the League, and urging the Council to give favorable consideration to the application for a membership grant. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From the Managing Editor of the God Stripe, with reference to publishing the Honour Roll.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Managing Editor of the Gold Stripe, be notified that this City is not yet prepared to publish an Honour Roll.

From the City Clerk, Toronto, enclosing copy of the following resolution, adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto on March 16th, 1919, viz:

WHEREAS by Dominion Statute of 1902, Chapter 107, the Toronto and Niagara Power Company was incorporated and the said Company claims that powers were given therein to construct and maintain lines of wire, poles, tunnels and conduits at any place through, over, along or across any public highway in the Dominion of Canada, independent of Municipal control or regulation, thereby depriving Municipalities of their right to regulate or control such highways;

AND WHEREAS an Act consolidating the Railway Act has been introduced into the Senate at Ottawa and has been passed and is now before the House of Commons, and will shortly be referred to the Railway Committee of the said House for consideration;

AND WHEREAS at the Session of the Dominion Parliament of 1917 a similar Bill was considered, and at the most earnest protest of many Municipalities, certain clauses requiring the said Company to obtain the consent of the Municipalities before entering upon any highway were inserted therein, but the said Bill was not finally passed;

AND WHEREAS the Bill now introduced does not contain the said clauses and it is considered of vital importance to the municipalities that such clauses should be inserted in the present Bill;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the corporation of the City of Toronto most earnestly protests against the passing of any legislation which does not adequately protect the Municipalities in the free and full use of their public highways and urgently requests that the protecting clauses be inserted in the present Bill.
2. That the City Clerk be instructed to forward a copy of the above resolution to the Acting Premier at Ottawa at the earliest possible date.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that this Council endorse the above resolution and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the same and the Clerk to attach the Corporate Seal thereto and forward copies as requested.

From Geo. E. Kyle, City Collector, enclosing Military Cheque No. 11335 for \$24.00 water rates for Drill Hall for the current half-year. As the above cheque was received too late to allow the rebate, the Collector requested instructions in the matter.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that the Clerk forward a letter to the Department of Militia and Defense endorsing the action of the City Collector in refusing the above cheque, which arrived too late to give the Department the benefit of the rebate, and that the Department be advised that as the water rebate is governed by Bylaw neither the Council nor the Collector has power to vary the conditions of same.

From J.S. Falconer, 573 21st Street West, applying for any vacancy in light or heavy motor truck driving.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that the name of Mr. J.S. Falconer be placed on file and if any vacancy occurs that he be given the preference, being a returned soldier.

From E.E. Cave, stating that he had found it necessary to take out a license amounting to \$15.00 in Vancouver before he could bring back a load for which the order had been given in North Vancouver. Referred to the Committee of the Whole 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	\$439.14
Waterworks	\$47.00
Parks & Boulevards	\$66.00
Parks & Boulevards (Health)	\$147.12

The Report of the Fire and Light Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of March 19th, 1919 was read and on motion of Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman T. Irwin adopted.

The Report of the Waterworks Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of March 19th, 1919 was read and on motion of Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley adopted.

The Report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of March 19th, 1919 was read and on motion of Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin adopted.

The Report of the Committee of the Whole Council as contained in the Committee's Minutes of March 19th, 1919 was read and on motion of Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley adopted.

The Minutes of special meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council as contained in the Committee's Minutes of March 20th 1919 was read and on motion of Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley adopted.

Alderman Watson and Alderman Townsley reported having met with the Finance Committee of the Vancouver Council in support of the request for exemption on the Vancouver Ferry terminals, and thought it possible that the request would be granted, although a number of the Finance Committee of the Vancouver Council were in Victoria on that date.

Alderman Watson gave a resume of the arguments that he had used in support of his application for exemption.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the above report be received and that the Committee be thanked for the able manner in which the case had been presented.

Alderman W.J. Irwin reported on behalf of the delegation to Victoria, with respect to amendment to the Municipal Act, re consolidation of arrears of taxes, that the delegation had been successful before the Municipal Committee and that the Municipal Committee is recommending to the Government, that an amendment be passed at the present session, providing for consolidation of arrears of taxes, payable in 10 annual installments or less, together with current year's taxes.

Alderman Irwin also spoke strongly against the action of the Executive of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities in not having this matter dealt with by the Government without special action having to be taken by the City of North Vancouver.

Mayor Vance reported with respect to the same delegation, having interviewed the Minister of Public Works with respect to a grant for hard-surfacing a road from the Ferry to the western limits of the City, and that the Minister of Public Works is recommending to the Government that a grant on a 50/50 basis be made for this purpose.

Mayor Vance and Alderman W.J. Irwin voiced their appreciation for the splendid assistance given by ex-Mayor Hanes, MLA, and Mr. D.G. Dick.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the above report be received and that the tanks of this Council be extended to the delegates for the successful manner in which the work had been carried out.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that letters of appreciation be sent to Mr. Hanes, MLA and Mr. D.G. Dick, for their assistance in the above matter.

Mayor Vance reported re Housing Scheme for returned soldiers, that the money from the Government is available, but that the Cities and Municipalities must be responsible to the Government for said money.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that the Returned Soldiers Committee gather the necessary data with respect to the Housing scheme for Returned Soldiers and report to the Council.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that permission be granted to introduce at this meeting of the Council, a Bylaw entitled "The Mayor's and Aldermen's Indemnity Bylaw, 1919" and that this Bylaw receive two several readings at this meeting of the Council, and that the occasion for such two readings be deemed an urgent one within the meaning of the Procedure Bylaw. Whereupon the Bylaw was introduced and read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "The Mayor's and Aldermen's Indemnity Bylaw, 1919" be now read a second time. Whereupon the Bylaw was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "The Mayor's and Aldermen's Indemnity Bylaw, 1919" be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

At 10:30 p.m. it was moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the time of this meeting of Council be extended.

The draft resolution submitted by the Manufacturers Association of British Columbia, was taken up and read clause by clause as follows:

WHEREAS consequent upon war conditions, steel shipbuilding has assumed large proportions in British Columbia within the last two years, so that it is now one of its chief basic industries;

AND WHEREAS it has always been quite apparent to anyone making even a superficial investigation of the economics of the industry that shipbuilding in British Columbia could not endure under pre-war competitive conditions and would have a serious struggle for its survival after the War;

AND WHEREAS private enterprise nevertheless embarked in the adventure and was justified in doing so on both national and economic grounds by the extraordinary shortage of tonnage and the large volume of businesses offering which appeared to assure the success of the undertaking;

AND WHEREAS the Government of the Dominion of Canada although having done nothing whatever to promote the industry, did subsequently interfere with its success by prohibiting the shipbuilders from taking orders available in large volume and at prices based on British Columbia costs and which orders would have kept the steel shipyards of British Columbia going at full capacity for from two to three years hence;

AND WHEREAS the reason advanced by the Honourable the Minister of Marine and Fisheries in justification of the action of the Government as evidenced by his statements on the floor of the House (See House of Commons debates 1918 Session, Volume 1, Pages 345-6-7-8-9-350) as well as by any other statements made to various British Columbia shipbuilders, was that it was his intention, with the approval and concurrence of the Government to embark on a permanent shipbuilding policy for the purpose of establishing a Canadian Merchant Marine, and that all Canadian Yards would be kept busy;

AND WHEREAS British Columbia shipbuilders, loyally and without protest, accepted the instructions of the Government through its Minister of Marine, although doing so brought them the loss of large Allied Government orders, and although the Honourable Minister of Marine obliged them to accept Canadian Government orders at less than the then available market price, and to change at heavy cost yard standard types of vessels previously adopted so as to conform with new designs adopted by the Department of Marine and Fisheries;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Government has strongly evidenced its intention of carrying out the policy of the Honourable the Minister of Marine by encouraging the establishment of two entirely new steel shipyards which are yet to be laid down, one at Prince Rupert, British Columbia, and one at Victoria, British Columbia, both by virtue of contracts awarded them by the Canadian Government, notwithstanding which press reports and rumors from Ottawa indicate the possibility of abandonment by the Government of the Policy adopted by the Minister of Marine, and which abandonment

would work grave injustice to British Columbia shipyards, and aggravate an already serious unemployment problem in this Province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Association approves of the policy of the Honourable the Minister of Marine, in establishing a Canadian Merchant Marine and informs the Honourable the Acting Prime Minister that in the opinion of the Association the policy not only should be adhered to but that it would be a grave breach of moral obligation on the part of the Government in all the circumstances to in any way depart from the policy previously laid down, and requests the Honourable the Prime Minister to give consideration to the fact that a world wide process of equalization is going on which, within a reasonable length of time ought to place British Columbia shipyards on a more even competitive basis than at present;

AND THAT in the meantime the industry should receive a sufficient measure of support to insure its continuance, particularly since up to this time it has produced revenue to the Government, and cost it nothing to support in this Province;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable the Premier of British Columbia, and to the various Municipal Councils and Boards of Trade of British Columbia Cities interested in the matter, and to each of the British Columbia members of the Federal House of Commons.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that the above resolution from the Manufacturers Association of B.C. be endorsed by this Council.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that the Board of Police Commissioners be requested to meet with the Council in Committee on Wednesday evening March 26th with reference to the estimates of the Police Commissioners for the current year.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue a cheque to R.B. Barnes of the North Vancouver Book Company in the amount of \$14.25 in settlement of account dated February 28th.

At 11:00 p.m. it was moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Council adjourn. Whereupon the Council adjourned.

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor