

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, MARCH 31ST, 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 24th, 1919, copies of which had been supplied each of the Aldermen, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman T. Irwin adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From E. Read, Secretary National Association of Marine Engineers, stating that it has always been the practice on the ferries for the Chief Engineer and the Masters to be paid on a par, and requesting an early decision in the matter, also referring to a previous letter requesting that the matter of increased wages for the Engineers on the ferries, be submitted to the Dominion Fair Wage Officer D.T. Bulger. Referred to the Committee of the Whole and the Superintendent to gather the necessary data.

From W.F. Reed, Secretary Joint Committee of the North Shore representing the GWVA, the Ladies Auxiliary of the GWVA and the Fathers, Sons and Brothers Association, stating that it has been unanimously decided to approach the City and District Councils with respect to a Memorial for the men of the North Shore who have paid the Supreme Sacrifice in the great war, and requesting a substantial sum as a grant for the erection of a Memorial and stating that a delegation will wait upon the Council on Monday evening, March 31st. Laid on the table.

From S.J. Crowe, MP, acknowledging receipt of a letter of March 17th re distribution of War Trophies, and stating that this matter will be left in the hands of a Committee also advising that personally he will take this matter up with General Crookshank. Ordered filed.

From Jack Loutet, dated March 29th, taking exception to certain reports in the Press wherein it was alleged that Alderman W.J. Irwin had criticized the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Executive and the Solicitor for the Union for not attempting to carry out the wishes of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention in regard to making provision for the consolidation of tax arrears. Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council and the Clerk instructed to communicate with the Secretary of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities requesting to know if the clause re consolidation of taxes had appeared in the proposed New Municipal Act, also were all the clauses of the proposed new Municipal Act approved by the Convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities also who was responsible for the clauses of the new act.

From Henry C. Wright, Wellington, New Zealand, acknowledging receipt of a copy of resolution passed by the City Council on December 14th, 1918, and expressing all good wishes for the City of North Vancouver. Ordered filed.

From the Aerial League of Canada, requesting such financial support as this Council may consider adequate for the purpose stated in a letter dated March 25th. Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that the above communication be received, acknowledged and filed, and advising that the League has the good wishes of the Council, but finances do not permit of a grant at the present time.

From George F. Goodwin, protesting against having to pay a license in the City of Vancouver for express, amounting to \$5.00. Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From the Wallace shipyards, advising receipt of a statement of overdue and delinquent taxes on Lot 5, Block 7, DL 616, also advising that on August 5th they requested the Collector to deduct all taxes from the account which the City owed Wallace's for repairs to ferries, and contending that under the circumstances they are entitled to the usual 10%, also that the question of interest as from December 31st 1918 should be waived. Referred to the Finance Committee and the necessary data gathered for the information of the Committee.

From Mrs. Mary Kenworthy, requesting the completion of sidewalk at 1431 Williams Avenue. Referred to the Board of Works.

From F.M. Sharp, District Engineer, stating that the District council is prepared to gravel Keith Road hill from the Boulevard eastward, 16 feet wide providing the City of North Vancouver will pay half the cost. Referred to the Board of Works and the Engineer.

From the Lyall Shipbuilding Co. Ltd., returning bill for \$10.00 of the Merchants Cartage Company for waiting three hours on the ferry on November 22nd, and requesting that the City remit the amount of the bill. Referred to the Ferry Committee.

From Mrs. Della B. Joy, 323-24th Street East, applying for a crossing or sidewalk as an outlet from her house. Referred to the Board of Works Committee and the Engineer.

Alderman W.J. Irwin wished to know what other Cities or Municipalities have adopted the principle of allowing their employees to appeal to the Fair Wage Officer.

Alderman Watson wished the Clerk to look up correspondence of some years ago, with reference to Indian reserves.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, School, Board of Works, Waterworks, 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:

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| Finance | \$842.50 |
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| Finance (School) | \$5184.00 |
| Board of Works | \$167.50 |
| Waterworks | \$265.35 |
| Parks & Boulevards | \$117.50 |
| Parks & Boulevards (Health) | \$211.25 |
| Parks & Boulevards (Police) | \$777.50 |

The Report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of March 26, 1919, was read and on motion of Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin adopted.

The Report of the Ferry Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of March 26, 1919, was read and on motion of Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin adopted.

The Report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of March 26, 1919, was read and on motion of Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Morden adopted.

The Report of the Committee of the Whole Council as contained in the Committee's Minutes of March 26, 1919, was read and on motion of Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman Evans adopted.

Mayor Vance reported that Mr. Hanna and Mr. McLeod of the Government Railway were in Vancouver, and he expected them to visit the North Shore on Thursday the 3rd of April, to look over docking facilities for a car barge.

Alderman Watson reported that the Ferry Committee had met at the Ferry office on Saturday the 29th instant, and had gone carefully into the matter of repairs costs, etc. for the current year, and are prepared to meet with the Board of Trade at a conference.

Alderman T. Irwin wished to know if a copy of evidence in the Police Commissioners Inquiry is available for the information of the Public. Mayor Vance stated that there was a copy in the City Clerk's office which was open for public inspection.

The Clerk reported that the police Commissioners had reduced the estimates of the Police Department for the current year from \$13,235.00 to \$13,000.00. Alderman Watson protested against the amount of \$765.00 for special services, being included in the Police estimates for the current year. This matter was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Alderman T. Irwin wished to know if stool pigeons are employed by the Police Commissioners. Mayor Vance stated that no stool pigeons have been employed by the Commissioners in any shape or form, since he has been Chairman of the Police Board.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that the Mayor and Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to issue a cheque in the sum of

\$1,540.00 to retire local improvement debentures under Bylaw NO. 5, grading 15th Street between St. Andrew's and Ridgeway, issued April 8th, 1909.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the City Solicitor be requested to draft a Bylaw under the provisions of the recent amendment to the Municipal Act, authorizing consolidation of taxes, to be payable in annual installments, conditional on payment of current year's taxes and that such Bylaw be prepared as soon as possible, and placed before the Council for consideration.

The Clerk was instructed to request the Solicitor, Treasurer and Collector to meet with the Committee of the Council on Wednesday the 2nd instant.

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 now read a third time. Whereupon the Bylaw was read a third time and passed by the Council.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that this Council do now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the estimates.

IN COMMITTEE

IN COUNCIL

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that the time of this meeting of Council be extended.

At 11:40 p.m. it was moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the Council do now adjourn to reconvene in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, April 2nd, 1919 at 8:30 p.m. Whereupon the Council adjourned.

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor