

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 1919 AT 8:00 P.M.

Present: Alderman Evans
Alderman T. Irwin
Alderman W.J. Irwin
Alderman Morden
Alderman Townsley
Alderman Watson

The Clerk called the meeting to order, and stated that Mayor Vance was absent from the City, and that it would be necessary to elect an Acting Mayor during his absence.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that Alderman Morden be appointed Acting Mayor during the absence of Mayor Vance.

The Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council, held October 6th, copies of which had been supplied each of the Aldermen, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman Evans, adopted.

The Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of Council, held Tuesday, October 14th, 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 Evans, adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From Geo. E. Kyle, City Collector, reporting the result of the recent Ax Sale. Total cash received \$20,564.18. Referred to Finance Committee.

From the City Treasurer, advising having received from the Collector, tax sale proceeds amounting to \$20,564.18 and stating that owing to late receipt of distribution of the tax sale proceeds, he is unable to make a full report thereon at present. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Geo. E. Kyle, City Collector, being a statement of collections for 9 months ending September 30th. Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From the City Treasurer, dated October 20th, with respect to American Exchange on tax remittances from ratepayers in the United States.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the above communication be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council, and the Collector requested to furnish information in connection therewith.

From Geo. L. Kidd, Chairman, Special Provincial Subscriptions Committee, in connection with the Victory Loan 1919.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that the above communication be received and placed at the disposal of the Mayor for use by the Victory Loan Committee, if required.

From H. Best, making application to purchase Lot 32, Block 155, DL 274, which was bid in by the City at the recent tax sale.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council and the Solicitor for his opinion also a report with full information on the property.

From the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners, enclosing copy of resolution passed on October 10th in connection with holding a monthly meeting with certain public bodies in order to keep in close touch with Public opinion on Harbor matters.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that the above communication be received and the Harbour Board notified that the council will appoint a Harbour Committee.

From Geo. E. Kyle, City Collector, enclosing application for refund of water rates on Lot 12, Block 43, DL 547/8, receipt number 7908, same having been paid twice.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue a cheque payable to Alexander Smith in the amount of \$4.80 being a refund of water rates on Lot 12, Block 43, DL 547/8, same having been paid twice.

From Geo. Campbell, Secretary Board of School Trustees, dated October 17th, requesting the Board of Works Committee to inspect the present condition of Keith Road, fronting on Queen Mary School, and complaining of the standing brush, and the sidewalk and boulevard.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that the Engineer be authorized to cut the brush complained of by the School Trustees, and that the matter of the condition of Keith Road be referred to the Board of Works and the Engineer in the mean time.

From W.J. Gilchrist, making application for an increase of \$500.00 in his allotment which would make a total allotment of \$2,650.00.

Moved by Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that the above request be granted and that a further amount of \$500.00 be added to the \$2,150.00 allotment to Mr. Gilchrist, for building a house under the "Better Housing".

From A.W. Evans, complaining of not having received his tax notice for the year 1919, although in the month of August he had requested that his tax bill be forwarded to Esquimalt.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the above communication be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council, and the Collector requested for a report thereon.

From the City Collector, stating that he had received an application form Mr. H. Hobson for water service to his shingle mill at the foot of Bewicke Avenue.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that water service be installed for Mr. H. Hobson as requested, also that a three-quarter inch meter be installed and that charges be the usual meter rate for the service given.

From C.C. Smith, dated October 18th, complaining of the condition of Keith Road west in front of Lot 15, Block 67, DL 271, also stating that he is considering bringing suit against the City for damages in connection with bad road.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that the above communication be referred to the Board of Works and the Engineer for a report and the Clerk to look up the correspondence with Mr. Smith in connection with the matter.

From Mr. R.N. Hopkins, advising that on his return from the front, he finds that his property Lot 12, Block 209, DL 546 has been sold at Tax Sale; also that the Collector is not to blame as the party who was looking after his property had left the City and neglected to attend to same.

The City Collector was present, and by permission addressed the Council, stating that the City had no notice that Mr. Hopkins had enlisted and that the facts are as stated in Mr. Hopkins' letter.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that it appearing that R.N. Hopkins is a returned soldier, and that his property was offered for sale by the City Collector at the Tax Sale of September 30th last, without his being aware of said enlistment, and that the said R.N. Hopkins was unaware of his property being included in the said sale,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT upon payment of the taxes due to date by said R.N. Hopkins, that the tax sale costs including registration fee, against said Lot 12, Block 209, DL 549, be remitted.

From Ltd. Col. C.B. Russell with respect to the removal of the Guard Room at the Drill Hall, requesting to be permitted to have this building remain as located for the present. Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that a communication be forwarded to the Department of Militia and Defense, Victoria, stating that the City has no objection to the Guard Room remaining temporarily in its present position, but reserving the right to request its removal at any time should occasion require.

From the City Treasurer, reporting on the Savings Account balances, including balances at credit of Road Construction Bylaw No. 316, amounting to \$7,468.58.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that the above report be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council, and the Treasurer to ascertain carefully, what amounts can be transferred from the Road Construction Bylaw balance for work done during the present year.

From the E.C. Walsh Lumber Company Ltd., requesting permission to address the Council with respect to St. Andrew's Avenue street-end.

Laid on the table to be dealt with later in the evening.

From the Secretary, Minister of Mines, Victoria, acknowledges receipt of communication with reference to slow delivery of coal, and stating that this communication will be placed before the Minister on his return. Filed.

From Captain Gardiner, being a report for the month of September 1919, of fires, with risks, insurance and losses. Filed.

From Captain Gardiner, reporting having responded to a Fire Call on September 28th on Windsor Road in the District.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that a bill be forwarded to the District of North Vancouver for \$25.00 for services of the Fire Department on September 28th.

From J.T. Edmond, Ferry Superintendent, dated October 20th, reporting on damage to Vancouver Wharf on the night of October 16th occasioned by 10 tons of salmon from one of Sherman's fish boats.

Alderman Watson, Chairman, stated that temporary repairs have been made to the wharf, pending a meeting of the Ferry Committee.

The above communication was referred to the Ferry Committee.

From J.T. Edmond, Ferry Superintendent, dated October 20th, with respect to reduction of Shore Staff, and stating that rather than allow the ferries to drift into the condition they were formerly in, he would request that his resignation be accepted to take effect November 30th.

Laid on the table until later in the evening.

Mr. Filippo being present, by permission addressed the Council, stating that he had made application for a loan under the "Better Housing act".

Mr. Filippo was informed that his application would receive due consideration.

Mr. Walsh being present by permission addressed the Council, with respect to St. Andrew's Avenue Street-end, requesting the full use of the full street and they having acquired the property on the East side of St. Andrew's Avenue under 10 years lease; that at present his mil is employing 67 men, all but three of whom are living on the North Shore.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the above request of Mr. Walsh be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, School, Ferry, Board of Works, Waterworks, Fire and Light, Parks and Boulevards, Police 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:

Finance	\$709.65
Finance (School)	\$1,209.81
Ferry: \$4,297.45 + \$316.36	\$4,613.81
Board of Works	\$1,471.31
Waterworks	\$386.46
Fire & Light	\$804.14
Parks & Boulevards	\$136.13
Parks & Boulevards (Police)	\$105.75
Parks & Boulevards (Health)	\$307.63

The report of the Fire and Light Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of October 14th, 1919, read and on motion of Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman T. Irwin, adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of October 14th, 1919, read and on motion of Alderman W.J. Irwin, seconded by Alderman Evans, adopted.

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of October 14th, 1919, read and on motion of Alderman W.J. Irwin, seconded by Alderman Evans, adopted.

The report of the Waterworks Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of October 14th, 1919, read and on motion of Alderman T. Irwin, seconded by Alderman Townsley, adopted.

The report of the Parks & Boulevard Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of October 14th, 1919, read and on motion of Alderman Evans, seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin, adopted.

The report of the Ferry Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of October 14th, 1919, read.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the last recommendation in the above report be deleted and referred to the Committee of the Whole Council, and that the Minutes, as amended, be adopted.

The report of the Committee of the Whole Council as contained in the Committee's Minutes of October 14th, 1919, read and on motion of Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Evans, adopted.

The Returned Soldiers Committee submitted the following report:

"Your Returned Soldiers Committee reports that the following parties to whom allotments have been made for the purpose of building houses under the "Better Housing Act" have withdraw:

G.R. Hughes	\$2,650.00	
Geo. Wootten	\$2,650.00	
Lt. F. Beasley	\$2,650.00	
Edward Parker	\$2,650.00	
A.W. McNair	\$2,150.00	\$12,750.00

and your Committee begs to recommend that the following additional allotments be made to replace four of the above withdrawn:

H.G.J. Woods	\$2,650.00	
G.W. McGurk	\$2,650.00	Geo. J. Phillippo
\$2,650.00	W.S.D. Prittie	\$2,650.00

\$10,600.00		
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Signed: Ben Evans, Chairman”.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the above report and recommendation of the Returned Soldiers Committee, re allotments, be adopted.

Moved by Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Clerk is hereby authorized to request the Department of Lands to forward a further installment of \$5,000.00 on account of Better Housing.

Moved by Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that the Clerk communicate with the Department of Lands to ascertain if an additional amount would be available for this City, should it be required under the “Better Housing Act”, that a number of applications have been received which the Council cannot deal with owing to the large number of applications received.

The City Engineer under date of October 20th, submitted Progress Estimate in connection with the Bitulithic work, as follows:

“Herewith is an estimate on the Marine Drive pavement for the Columbia Bitulithic:

12704 sq. yds at \$1.85 per sq. yard	\$2,650.00
Extras	\$142.70
Deductions	\$701.40
Total cost	\$22,943.70
One half cost	\$11,471.85
First payment of 75%	\$8,603.89

I have made arrangements with the Government Engineer for the Government to pay their half direct to the Columbia Bitulithic.
It will be necessary to receive a sworn statement from the Contractor as to allow ages and material being paid for, before handing over the money.

Respectfully yours,
Signed: A.M. West, City Engineer”.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded Alderman Evans and resolved that the above report of the Engineer be referred to the Treasurer who is hereby authorized to issue a cheque to the Columbia Bitulithic Limited in the amount of \$8,603.89 being 75% of the cost of the City’s share of Bitulithic work upon their submitting declarations satisfactory to the City Solicitor, that material and labor in connection therewith have been paid.

Alderman W.J. Irwin reported that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Covenation had been a very successful one, and that instructions had been issued to submit a printed report of the Convention in about one month, that the Convention had gone on record as being opposed to a Local Government Board.

Alderman W.J. Irwin reported that the Victory Loan 1919 Committee has met and organized and that amongst others consists of all members of North Shore Councils.

Alderman Irwin and Alderman Watson stated that owing to being employed in the day time, it was impossible to attend a meeting during the day, but they would be pleased to attend any evening sessions.

The Clerk was instructed to request the Treasurer to report on any sinking fund monies which might be available for investment in Victory Loan Bonds.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that Mayor Vance and Alderman W.J. Irwin be a Committee from this Council to wait on the various industries with respect to the information to be furnished for the hearing before the Railway Board, in connection with Terminal Rates.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that in cases of redemption of properties sold under tax sale proceedings, that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue cheques to the purchasers at the Tax Sale, or to such persons as may be legally entitled thereto, and are holders of the Certificates to purchase, for such amounts as may be due them, upon receiving notice from the Collector that such properties have been redeemed.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue cheques from time to time, as required by the Collector, payable to the Land Registry Office for purpose of registering notice of tax sale property.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that a communication from Mr. J.T. Edmond, Ferry Superintendent, with respect to the reduction of Shore Staff, and his resignation, be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that one boat only be operated on Sundays during the months of November, December, January and February.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that the Mayor call a meeting of the Hospital Committee, some evening during the present week, as early in the week as possible.

The Clerk stated that a Mr. Summerfield had been in touch with Mayor Vance with respect to compiling a plan of the water frontage from the First to the Second Narrows. The matter is also being taken up with the District Council by Mr. Summerfield.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that Mr. West be authorized to furnish Mr. Summerfield with such information as he requires, this Council not being committed for any expense in connection with the plan.

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

BYLAWS

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "Lonsdale Avenue Traffic Bylaw, 1919" be now read a third time. Whereupon the Bylaw was read a third time and passed by the Council.

The Clerk reported that the Burrard Sawmills is supplying 40,000 feet approximately of sidewalk lumber during the present week, and that in order to facilitate delivery, under the advice of the Solicitor and the Chairman of the Board of Works, arrangements had been made to pay towage on the scow amounting to \$20.00 and that the solicitor was taking the necessary action to preserve the rights of the City under the contract.

At 10:40 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, on Monday, October 27th, 1919, at 9 p.m.

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor