

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 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 of Council, held November 3rd, 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 Evans, adopted.

The Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of Council, held November 5th, 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.

The Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of Council, held November 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 Evans, adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From Geo. Nairn, North Vancouver, dated November 17th, offering to purchase the following properties which fell to the City at tax sale, viz.,

Lot 4, Block 41, DL 271
Lot 25, Block 47, DL 271
Lot C of 1, 2 & 3, Block 64, DL 271
Lot D of 1, 2 & 3, Block 64, DL 271

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that:

Lot 4, Block 41, DL 271	\$125.89
Lot 25, Block 47, DL 271	\$137.53
Lot C of 1, 2 & 3, Block 64, DL 271	\$79.38
Lot D of 1, 2 & 3, Block 64, DL 271	\$86.20
Total	\$429.00

in the City of North Vancouver, which were sold for taxes as provided by the Municipal Act and amendments thereto, was purchased by the City as provided by Section 249 of said Act, at Tax Sale held in the month of September last, be sold to George Nairn of North Vancouver, for the sum of \$429.00 being a sum not less than the upset price on said lots, and accrued interest, at the rate of 8% per annum, and the City Collector shall give to the said Purchaser of said lots, a Certificate under his hand, describing said lots so sold, and stating the sum for which it was sold,

and further stating that a Certificate of Indefeasible Title will issue to the Purchaser on the expiration of one year from the date of the tax sale at which said lot was sold, to the City, unless the said lot be previously redeemed.

From Herbert J. Lawrence, conveying the appreciation of the Christian Science Society for permission to display the lecture sign on the ferry gates last week. Received and filed.

From C.R. Lane, City Treasurer, dated November 17th, with reference to the disposal of monies received from the sale of the City Hall.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole and the Treasurer requested to advise the council if possible, definitely where the above monies are.

From the City Treasurer, with respect to fictitious tickets, none having been found up to the present time. Ordered filed.

From D.W. Hutcheson, applying to have water laid to Lots 11 and 12, Block 212, DL 544. Referred to the Waterworks and the Engineer for a report.

From the Post Office Inspector, with reference to short delivery of mail on November 3rd and 4th, also report from the Ferry Superintendent, that the mail on the 4th was delivered as received, and receipt obtained therefor.

The mail of the 3rd instant was apparently one bag short.

Referred to the Ferry Committee and inquiry to be made how many bags the Post Office Department signed for on the above date.

From the City Engineer with respect to complaint of Mr. Raymond of 352-24th Street East, that the B.C. Electric Railway Co. require him to pay one-half the cost of carrying the light to his residence.

The Engineer reported on this that it would cost approximately \$65.00 and it would take this year's receipts to pay cost of installing. Referred to the Fire and Light Committee.

From Geo. Campbell, Secretary, Board of School Trustees, dated November 14th requesting that whenever a violation of the Local Health Regulations comes to the knowledge of the Authorities, prosecution should follow as speedily as possible.

Also forwarding the name of a family in whose house Diphtheria was reported to have been.

The Clerk reported that the Medical Health Officer had visited the house in question and found no trace whatever of Diphtheria.

Referred to the Board of Health and the Clerk to advise the School Trustees of the action of the Medical Health Officer.

From Geo. Campbell, Secretary Board of School Trustees, complaining of a temporary stoppage of the water supply to Lonsdale School, on November 5th, and stating that the bill for clearing the pipes will be rendered to the City.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the School Board be written to advising the installation of a screen at each of the Schools.

From M.J. Crehan, dated November 14th, 1919, submitting an affidavit from the Collector with reference to percentage additions on accounts which have gone through the Books since September 3rd.

This matter was referred back to the Auditor for a definite date up to which receipts were received and credited without percentage additions having been added.

From P. Stewart, Police Constable, dated November 12th, advising that John McConnell makes application for admission to the Provincial Home.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that a further report be obtained as to whether he owns any property, and that his next of kin be written to requesting to know if they will assist in guaranteeing his maintenance.

From the City Clerk advising that the Joint Committee from the North Shore Councils have passed accounts for entertaining of Delegates to the Good Roads League and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention, and that the proportion due by the City is \$374.33 being 3/6ths of the total, District of North Vancouver to pay 2/6ths and the District of West Vancouver 1/6th.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue a cheque in the amount of \$374.33, payable to R.F. Archibald, City Clerk as Trustee, being City's proportion of cost of entertaining Delegates at Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention, and that a duplicate copy of the accounts be filed with the City.

From the Minister of Finance, Victoria, advising that Sittings will be held in Vancouver on November 24th and 25th at 10 o'clock for the purpose of inquiring into sources of Municipal Revenue.

Moved by Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that Mayor Vance and Alderman W.J. Irwin be a Committee to attend the above conference.

From Gideon Scott, thanking the Council for granting his application for an increase. Filed.

From Geo. E. Kyle, City Collector, enclosing communication from Mr. T.C. Turnbull, and requesting that owing to the address on the tax bill being indistinct, and tax notice not having been delivered but returned to the City Hall, that he be authorized to accept the 1919 taxes without penalty on Lots 6 and 7, Block 202, DL 544, Also that the Collector be authorized to write off a balance of 67 cents against said lots from the year 1918.

From Geo. E. Kyle, City Collector, enclosing tax receipts numbered 6847 and 6846, also application of Messrs. Crease and Crease for a refund of \$103.60 taxes on Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, Block 25, DL 273, and Lot 11, Block 78, DL 550 for the year 1919, same having been paid twice, once by Crease and Crease and secondly by Mr. Alex. McEwan.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a cheque in the amount of \$103.60 payable to Messrs. Crease and Crease, being a refund of taxes on Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, Block 25, DL 273, and Lot 11, Block 78, DL 550 for the year 1919, same having been paid twice.

From J.C. Thorn, Vancouver, applying for the insurance on houses which are being built for the Soldiers, under the Better Housing Act.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that the above communication be received, acknowledged and filed.

From the National Bond Corporation, expressing themselves as much dissatisfied at the City of North Vancouver selling bonds locally, by private sale, when there are several Bond houses in Vancouver who would be glad to put in a firm tender for said bonds. Also report from the City Treasurer that this matter had been taken up with seven Eastern Bond houses, including some in the United States, as well as 4 Vancouver Bond Houses, and that the offer accepted, was the best bid received.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the above communication be acknowledged and a copy of the Treasurer's letter be forwarded the National Bond Corporation.

From the Vancouver Automobile Club, requesting to know what steps the City is taking to cope with the expected large tourist traffic, during the coming year, on the ferries.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that a communication be forwarded the Automobile Club advising that the City will be glad to have any assistance in regard to financing the building of a new ferry.

From D.S. Lavery, 308 - 2nd Street West, applying to purchase Lot 35, Block 136, DL 271, which fell to the City at the recent tax sale.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that Lot 35, Block 136, DL 271, in the City of North Vancouver, which was sold for taxes as provided by the Municipal Act and amendments thereto, was purchased by the City as provided by Section 249 of the said Act, at the tax sale held in the month of September last, be sold to D.S. Lavery for the sum of \$329.00 being a sum not less than the upset price on said lot and accrued interest at the rate of 8% per annum, and the City Collector shall give to the said Purchaser of said lot a Certificate under his hand, describing said lot so sold, and stating that the sum for which it was sold, and further stating that a Certificate of Indefeasible Title will issue to the Purchaser on the expiration of one year from the date of the tax sale at which said lot was sold to the City, unless the said lot be previously redeemed.

From the Registrar, County Court, Vancouver, being receipt for the registration of "Lonsdale Avenue Traffic Bylaw, 1919" numbered 414. Ordered filed.

From the Secretary of St. John's Church, calling attention to the bad state of the road on 8th and 13th Streets adjoining St. John's Church, also complaining of the insufficient street lighting in the vicinity of the Church, and requesting to have light placed at the apex of 8th and 13th Streets.

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

From Miss C. Homewood, 228-14th Street West, calling attention to the very bad state of the sidewalk on 14th Street West.

Referred to the Board of Works Committee and the Engineer.

From the Board of Police Commissioners, enclosing the report of the Police Department on the street lights for the month of October 1919.
Referred to the Treasurer to check up the accounts.

From Janet Lloyd, 213 - 26th Street West, making a further application for the opening up of the lane leading to her house on 26th Street.
Referred to the Board of Works and the Engineer to again look into the matter.

From S. McKinnon, applying to cut shingle bolts in City bush on 24th Street, near the quarry.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that Mr. McKinnon be advised that the City is not selling any cedar at the present time.

From C.R. Lane, City Treasurer, dated November 17th, with respect to treatment of the City by the City's Bankers, also with reference to exchange charged and rates allowed by the Bank. Referred to Finance Committee.

From J.T. Edmond, Ferry Superintendent, reporting on the application of Mrs. Mills, for Mr. Mills to be given his old position as Ticket Collector, stating that Mr. Mills gave him to understand that if reinstated he would only remain until the Spring, and in view of the above it would not be advisable to re-engage Mr. Mills.
Referred to the Ferry Committee.

From C.R. Lane, city Treasurer, being report of the ferry receipts for the month of October, being an increase of \$1,453.94 over the corresponding month of 1918.
Referred to Ferry Committee.

From the City Treasurer, being a report of the cost of operation of the City Ferries for the month of October, 1919, showing a profit of \$1,027.13. Referred to Ferry Committee.

From A.M. West, City Engineer, being a final estimate of work done by the Columbia Bitulithic Limited on Marine drive, final payments being \$2,867.96, providing the Solicitor advises that there is to be a deduction for not sprinkling the base with asphalt. If no deduction the above amount would be increased by the City's proportion of \$701.40.
Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that a communication be forwarded to the Provincial Engineer enclosing copy of the above report of the Engineer, also that a copy be forwarded to Mr. Phillips of Vancouver.

From A.M. West, City Engineer, dated November 17th, reporting on the recent floods and damage done to bridges.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that the Engineer be authorized to make such temporary repairs on damage done by the recent floods, as may be necessary, and report further next Monday evening.

From T.S. Brown, Secretary, Dominion Day Celebration Committee, enclosing statement of receipts and expenditures, duly audited, with a request that the City make a grant of a generous portion of the surplus ferry receipts on Labour Day, towards liquidating the indebtedness of the Dominion Day Celebration Committee.

Referred to Committee of the Whole Council.

From Eight members of the City Fire Department requesting to be placed on a minimum rate of \$115.00 per month.

Referred to Committee of the Whole Council.

Messrs. Valentine and Woodford of the North Vancouver Dairy, being present, by permission, addressed the Council with respect to recent Bacteriological test taken of milk, at the request of the Board of Health.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Medical Health Officer report to a Special meeting of the Board of Health, to be called for Monday the 24th instant, as to what extent the test made was taken for bacteriological analysis, and that if convenient, the Medical Health Officer meet with the Board of health on the 24th instant.

TENDERS were received from the North Shore Press and Mr. E.G. Barclay for printing Voters' List for the year 1920.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that the tender of the North Shore Press Ltd., for supplying 300 copies of the Voters' List for the year 1920, at the price of \$1.85 per page, be accepted, their price being the lowest, union label to be furnished on the work.

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

Finance	\$256.32	
	<u>\$978.89</u>	\$1,235.21
School		\$609.61
Ferry	\$5206.58	
	<u>\$877.44</u>	\$6,084.02
Board of Works		\$1,601.38
Waterworks		\$84.09
Fire & Light		\$807.01
Parks & Boulevards		\$85.33
Parks & Boulevards (Health)		\$315.33
Parks & Boulevards (Police)		\$263.25

The Report of the Committee of the Whole Council on due accounts, was submitted and read to the meeting, and on motion of Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Evans, the Treasurer was authorized to pay the accounts under the "Better Housing Act", to the amount of \$1,924.60.

The Report of the Fire and Light Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of November 10th, 1919, was read and on motion of Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman T. Irwin, adopted.

The Report of the Ferry Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of November 10th, 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 November 10th, 1919, was read and on motion of Alderman W.J. Irwin, seconded by Alderman Evans, adopted.

The Report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of November 10th, 1919, was read and on motion of Alderman Morden, seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin, adopted.

The Report of the Parks & Boulevard Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of November 10th, 1919, was read and on motion of Alderman Evans, seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin, adopted.

The Report of the Committee of the Whole Council as contained in the Committee's Minutes of November 10th, 1919, was read and on motion of Alderman W.J. Irwin, seconded by Alderman Evans, adopted.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that Mayor Vance, Alderman Watson and Alderman Townsley be and they are hereby constituted a Court of Revision to correct and revise the Voters' List for the year 1920, and such Court of Revision shall sit for the purpose aforesaid on the 10th day of December, 1919, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that Mr. Tullis be requested to call a meeting of Joint Committee with respect to ferry matters, at an early date.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that where Builders accounts are in order, and accompanied by a Certificate from the Architect, that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue cheques in payment, out of Better Housing Trust Account.

Alderman Watson reported that the cause of the Condenser leaking on No. 3 Ferry had at last been discovered, the defect being a split in a copper plate, and a new plate is being ordered which will cost approximately \$800.00 to \$1,000.00

Alderman W.J. Irwin reported that the campaign in connection with the Dominion Loan had been very successful indeed, and that the application received from the Wallace Shipyards is probably a record for Canada.

Mayor Vance reported that the City has already applied for \$500,000.00 out of sinking fund money, and suggested the advisability of investing a further \$10,000.00 in Dominion Loan.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that the advisability of investing a further amount of \$10,000.00 in Dominion Bonds, be left with the Finance Committee, and if deemed advisable to them to invest said amount of

\$10,000.00, that the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to sign an application for said additional \$10,000.00 of Bonds, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue the necessary cheque in payment of same.

Alderman W.J. Irwin reported with respect to terminal freight rates, and suggested the advisability of a Committee from this Council interviewing Mr. Abbott who has the matter of preparing the Brief in charge.

Alderman W.J. Irwin also stated that the Vedder River Shingle Company seems to have withdraw from the application.

Alderman W.J. Irwin reported further that the Vancouver Board of Trade at a recent meeting, passed a resolution endorsing the principal of uniform freight rates for all points in the Port of Vancouver.

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 appear before the Board of Railway Commissioners at the hearing on November 21st and 22nd and any adjournment thereof.

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

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the Engineer report on a stream running through the City intersecting Lonsdale Avenue at or about 13th Street, with a view to diverting said stream to empty into Mahon Park ravine.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that the Engineer report as to what additional sidewalk work is necessary to be done this year, over and above that passed by the Council for this year.
Also that the Engineer and Treasurer report on what funds are available for this purpose.

Moved by Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that owing to the increased cost of lumber and the expected increase in wages of carpenters, any future allocations under the "Better Housing Act", be increased to a minimum of \$3,150.00.

Moved by Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that the Government be requested to allocate under the "Better Housing act" an additional amount of \$15,000.00 to this City, to be taken as required.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that Captain Gardiner report on the accident to J.S. Falconer of the Fire Department, whether an extra man was taken on during the time that Falconer was incapacitated.

Alderman Morden suggested the advisability of the Fire and Light Committee turning on the street light in the early morning.

The Clerk was instructed to advise Mr. Edmond to notify the GWVA that there will be a vacancy for a Ticket Collector on December 1st.

At 11:40 p.m. it was moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that this meeting do now adjourn, to reconvene in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, November 19th at 7 p.m.

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor