

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 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 December 1<sup>st</sup>, copies of which had been supplied each of the Aldermen, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin, adopted.

The Minutes of Adjourned meeting of Council, held December 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 Terry, Briggs & Company, stating that they are able to secure about \$30,000.00 Treasury Notes, due May 1920, and wishing to know if the City would care to pay these off now. The holders will not surrender for less than par, and interest, payable New York Funds.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that Messrs. Terry, Briggs & Company be advised that the City is not desirous of redeeming these Treasury Notes at the present time, owing to the high rate of exchange.

From Geo. E. Curtis, Architect, recommending a supplementary estimate on the houses of Mr. Walker and Captain Prittie, amounting to on Mr. Walker's house \$300.00 and Captain Prittie's house \$250.00.

Moved by Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that the recommendation of the Architect be adopted, and that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue cheques payable to G.M. Henderson, contractor, in the following amounts;

\$300.00 Loan	S.H. Walker
\$250.00 Loan	W.S.D. Prittie

From J.E. Sparks of the Fire Department, being monthly report of fires, with risks, insurance and losses, for the month of November 1919. Ordered filed.

From James Ollason, West Vancouver, stating that the Council of West Vancouver, unanimously approve of the terms offered by this City, with reference to landing privilege at the Vancouver Wharf, and will strongly recommend the acceptance of same by the incoming Council. Ordered filed.

From John G. Farmer, inquiring if the City Council would be prepared to recommend to the Incoming Council, the making of a grant to the Hospital next year, to overcome any operating deficit for the current year.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the above communication be received and filed, and the District notified that the City has already made an additional grant of \$150.00 for the current year.

From the Health Insurance commission with reference to meetings of the Commission at various points in the Province, and requesting information.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

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

From J.W. Clark, Superintendent B.C. Soldiers Settlement, enclosing copy of agreement dated November 28<sup>th</sup>, 1919, under the Provisions of the "Better Housing Act", duly executed by the Honourable the Minister of Lands, in the amount of \$30,000.00. Filed.

From J.L White,. Deputy Provincial Secretary, enclosing certified copy of Order-in-Council O. 1625, authorizing the Minister of Lands to execute an agreement for the advance of \$30,000.00. Ordered filed.

From Geo. J. Phillipo, applying for an additional grant of \$350.00 towards the building of a house.

Referred to Returned Soldiers Committee.

From the Vancouver General Hospital, being notice of admission of Frank Read, 348 - 17<sup>th</sup> Street West,

Also report from the Police Department that the father of the above child will be able to meet hospital expenses. Ordered filed.

From W.J. Van Dusen, District Forrester, advising of a meeting at Vancouver on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. with respect to patrolling water shed lands.

The Clerk stated that he had advised Alderman Townsley, Chairman of the Fire and Light Committee, of the date of the meeting, and Alderman Townsley had agreed to attend. The communication was ordered filed.

From Geo. Campbell, Secretary, Board of School Trustees, with respect to appointment of Auditor to audit the books and accounts of the Board, for the year 1919, and advising that the remuneration set by the board is \$50.00.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that Mr. M.J.Crehan, City Auditor, be appointed to audit the books and accounts of the Board of School Trustees for the year 1919, the fee for which has been fixed by the Board at \$50.00.

From Geo. Campbell, Secretary, Board of School Trustees, enclosing a statement with respect to the rental of the Central School premises, for the year 1919.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that the above account be referred to the Treasurer to make the proper adjustment.

From Geo. Campbell, Secretary, Board of School Trustees, dated December 11<sup>th</sup>, stating that Lonsdale School already has a strainer or fish trap, which is cleaned out under ordinary conditions, every second day, and the School Board therefore, remains of opinion that the fault is at the Intake and that responsibility for the debris in the water pipes, lies with the City. Ordered filed.

From Geo. Campbell, Secretary, Board of School Trustees, requesting a conference with the Board of Health on matter relating to the health of the Schools.

The Clerk was instructed to notify the Board of School Trustees, of the date of the next meeting of the Board of Health.

From Geo. Campbell, Secretary, board of School trustees, requesting the Council to fix the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, by resolution, as the date upon which a detailed estimate of sums required by the Board of School Trustees, to meet special or extraordinary expenses of the Board, may be laid before the Council, under Sub-section 1 of Section 50 of the School Act.

Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1919, be and is hereby fixed as a date upon which the North Vancouver City Board of School Trustees, may cause to be prepared and submitted to this Council, detailed estimate of the sums required to meet special or extraordinary expenses of the School Board.

From Geo. Campbell, Secretary, Board of School Trustees, dated November 10<sup>th</sup>, enclosing a detailed estimate of sums required by the Board of School Trustees to meet Special or extraordinary expenses of the said Board as follows:

A	Building purposes, completion of the existing unfinished portions of Queen Mary School	\$10,500.00
B	Furniture and equipment	\$2,500.00
	Total Amount	\$13,000.00

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that this Council disapprove of the Special or extraordinary estimate of the Board of School Trustees for building purposes, amounting to \$10,500.00, the City not having sufficient funds from current revenue.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that this Council disapprove of the Special or extraordinary estimate of the Board of School Trustees, as submitted for Furniture and equipment, amounting to \$2,500.00, the City not having sufficient funds from current revenue.

From C.R. Lane, City Treasurer, being report of the Ferry receipts for the Month of November 1919, being a decrease in receipts of \$63.54 over the corresponding month of 1918.

Also enclosing report of the cost of operation of the City Ferries for the month of November 1919, showing a loss of \$2,706.45. Ordered filed.

From J.W. Clark, Superintendent, B.C. Soldiers Settlement requesting that a report be submitted to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1920 to the Honourable Minister of Lands, giving information as to the nature, extent and progress of the operations under the "Better Housing Act", in this City.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the Clerk prepare and submit the required information.

From Captain Sparks of the Fire Department, requesting authority to purchase 2 pair of Firemen's rubber boots, also four complete renewals for Edison Primary Battery. Captain Sparks also reported that it had been necessary to purchase on hundred weight of Bicarbonate of Soda.

Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the Captain of the Fire Department be authorized to purchase the above required supplies, and that the purchase of One Hundred weight of Bicarbonate of Soda, be approved.

From Arthur C. Cox, Secretary Repatriation and Community Service League of Vancouver, with respect to the application of Mr. D.A. McEwen, for a Loan under the "Soldiers Housing Act".

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Evans and that a copy of the above letter be forwarded to the Superintendent B.C. Soldiers Settlement, and the Secretary of the Repatriation League advise of this action.

From C.R. Lane, City Treasurer, enclosing receipt No. 8893 to the amount of \$21.00 and requesting that a refund of \$21.00 under said receipt, be made to the London and B.N.A. Company Ltd.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a cheque in the amount of \$21.00 payable to the London and British North America Co. Ltd., (under receipt number 8893) same having been paid twice.

From C.R. Lane, City Treasurer, with respect to taxes having been paid twice on lot 23, Block 29, DL 273, once by Alba H. Woolner and also by R.C. Thompson as Executor for late Mortgagee. Receipt No. 8823.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a cheque payable to R.C. Thompson in the amount of \$62.28 (under receipt number 8823) taxes on Lot 23, Block 29, DL 273, having been paid twice.

From E.M. Graham, requesting contribution towards a fund for the purpose of presenting Xmas offering to the widows and orphans of the late War.

Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that a contribution of \$100.00 be made to the Ladies Auxiliary of the GWVA towards a fund for presenting Xmas offering to the Widows and Orphans of the late War.

From A.C. Sutton, enclosing lease of Water lot from the City to the E.C. Walsh Lumber Company. Laid on the table.

From A.C. Sutton, City Solicitor, advising that in his opinion the Council would not have authority to close St. Andrew's Avenue from the Esplanade to the waterfront.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the matter of closing up St. Andrew's Avenue from the Esplanade to the water, be taken up with the Lessors of the property, to ascertain if they are willing to waive their rights, subject to the opinion of the City Solicitor that this is the first step to be taken in the matter.

TENDERS were received for construction of a house for Mr. J.E. Cook, as follows:

Smith Brothers	\$3,064.00
John Aspell	\$3,393.00
Veterans Engineering & Contracting Co.	\$3,500.00
G.M. Henderson	\$2,950.00

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the above tender of Mr. G.M. Henderson, in the amount of \$2,950.00 be accepted, providing Mr. Cook can make the necessary arrangements for the balance.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, School, 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	\$1055.57
Finance (School)	\$510.71
Ferry	\$4358.01
Board of Works	\$14,994.29
Waterworks	\$634.22
Fire & Light	\$998.98
Parks & Boulevards	\$15.56
Parks & Boulevards (Police)	15.95
Parks & Boulevards (Health)	\$390.30

The Report of the Ferry Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1919, was read.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the above Minutes be approved, subject to the advice of the Solicitor that the grant of \$200.00 from the Ferry Account, can be made towards the deficit of the Dominion Day Celebration Association in connection with Labor Day Sports.

The Report of the Fire and Light Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1919, was read and on motion of Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Watson, adopted.

The Report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1919, was read and on motion of Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Evans, adopted.

## MOTIONS

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that cheques for the month of December, be issued to monthly employees in the Finance, Police, Board of Works, Fire and Light, Health, Parks and Waterworks Departments, not later than December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that a certain agreement, bearing date November 15<sup>th</sup>, 1919, between the City and the B.C. Electric Railway Co., re lighting Vancouver Ferry Terminal, be approved, and that the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute said agreement, on behalf of the City, and the Clerk to attach the Corporate Seal hereto.

Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that an additional grant of \$150.00 be made to the North Vancouver City Hospital for the current year conditional upon the management installing additional heating plant in accordance with letter from the Acting Secretary of the Hospital, dated December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1919.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Time and place for holding nominations of Candidates for Mayor, Aldermen, School Trustees and Police Commissioner, of the City of North Vancouver, for the year 1920 shall be in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 1920, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 2 o'clock p.m.

THAT the Returning Officer for the Municipal Elections for the year 1920 shall be R.F. Archibald,

AND THAT the place at which a poll shall be opened in the Municipality of the City of North Vancouver, shall be at 113 First Street East.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the matter of installing a voucher cheque system, be approved, and left with the Mayor and Clerk with power to secure a year's supply.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the appointment of a Motor Mechanic in the Fire Department, be referred to the Captain with power to make such appointment, with a recommendation, that all things being equal, preference be given a North Shore man.

Alderman Watson reported that the Superintendent recommends that 40 Minute service be maintained on the ferries on Christmas Day, and the regular weekly service on New Year's Day.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the above report and recommendation of the Ferry Superintendent, be adopted, and that the B.C. Electric Railway Co. be notified.

Moved by Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that Mr. F. Norminton be advised that the maximum loan at present, out of the Better Housing Funds, is \$3150.00, and requesting to know if this amount will be sufficient for his requirements.

Moved by Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that a Loan of \$3,150.00 be granted to Mr. G. Perowne out of Better Housing Funds.

Moved by Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that a Loan of \$3,000.00 be made to Mr. H.S. Kendall out of Better Housing Funds.

Moved by Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that a Loan of \$3,150.00 be made to Mr. A.W. Walsh out of Better Housing Funds.

Moved by Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that a Loan of \$2,500.00 be made to Mrs. Gertrude Curtis, widow, out of Better Housing Funds.

The Draft agreement between the E.C. Walsh Lumber Company and the City, was read and considered.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Solicitor prepare and insert clause in said agreement, providing for re-entry on property, upon giving three months notice to the E.C. Walsh Lumber Company.

Alderman W.J. Irwin drew the attention of the Ferry Committee to the condition of the bridges on the ferry wharves, during the slippery weather.

Alderman Morden drew attention of the Ferry Committee to the fact that some persons are tripping on the Vancouver wharf and suggesting that the Superintendent look over the trouble.

Alderman Morden drew attention also to the fact that the spring hinge has given way on one of the doors on the Waiting Room at the North Vancouver side.

Alderman Watson reported that it would be necessary to purchase 2 strips of linoleum for No. 2 Ferry, at an approximate cost of \$85.00 or \$90.00.

Alderman T. Irwin drew attention to the fact that the machinery from No. 1 Fire Hall, has not yet been removed to Chesterfield Avenue shop.

At 10:20 p.m. it was moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that this Council do now adjourn, to reconvene in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1919 at 9 p.m.

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor