

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, MARCH 15TH, 1920 AT 8:00 P.M.

Present: His Worship Mayor Vance
Alderman T. Irwin
Alderman W.J. Irwin
Alderman McColl
Alderman Pilling
Alderman Townsley
Alderman Watson

The Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council, held March 1st, 1920, copies of which had been supplied each of the Aldermen were taken as read and on motion of Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Pilling, adopted.

The Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of Council, held March 8th, 27th, 1920, 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 McColl, adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From the Secretary Treasurer of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, enclosing account for annual fee for the year 1920, amounting to \$21.00.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a cheque payable to W.D. Lighthall, Honorary Secretary Treasurer of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, being membership fee for the year 1920.

From A.W. Gray, Secretary Treasurer of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, enclosing account for memberships fee for the year 1920, amounting to \$40.00 and advising that the Attorney General is of the opinion that the new Municipal Act will be laid over for at least one year, and requesting that every Municipality in the Province be represented at the Convention in the Province.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to forward a cheque for \$40.00 being membership fee for the year 1920.

From J. Kirkland, Secretary, Greater Vancouver Horticultural Society, requesting a donation or grant towards the funds of the above Association.

Referred to Special Grants.

From Geo. S. Hanes, MLA, advising that the Municipal Committee is recommending that Sub-section 5 of Section 207 of the Municipal Amendments 1919, be cancelled.

The Committee has also recommended that Sub-section 27 of the local Improvement Act, be amended by adding the word "paving" after the word "grading", also that the matter of validating tax sale titles for properties sold from 1915 to 1919 has been referred to the Municipal Inspector to bring in an amendment to the act.

Laid on the table until Motion stage.

From A.A. Gray, advising that there are several very heavy stumps on Chesterfield and 29th Street, which should be removed before his house is constructed.

Referred to the Board of Works Committee and the Engineer.

From A.A. Gray, requesting that water be laid to Lot A of Lot 1, Block 239, DL 545.

Referred to the Waterworks Committee and the Engineer.

From H.R. Gunning, applying to have sidewalk re-laid on Sutherland Avenue, north of College corner on the Lynn Valley Road.

Referred to the Board of Works Committee and the Engineer.

From A.C. Sutton, City Solicitor, advising that the matter of the E.C. Walsh Lumber Company Limited Bylaw, appeal had come before the Chief Justice by way of stated case, and that decision had been reserved in the mean time.

Ordered filed.

From A.C. Sutton, City Solicitor, advising that the City of North Vancouver's appeal against the assessment of the pipe line in the District of North Vancouver had been heard in the Supreme Court on the 9th instant, and that decision had been given in favor of the City of North Vancouver, thereby relieving the City from payment of \$882.00.

Ordered filed.

From A.C. Sutton, City Solicitor, re claim Charles Sims for damages to property on 15th Street West, advising that after going over the report of the Engineer carefully, he is of the opinion that the City is not liable for damages in the matter.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin, seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that Messrs. Ellis and Brown, Solicitors for Charles Sims, be advised that the City is not liable for damages to premises 535 - 15th Street West, and that Mr. A.C. Sutton, City Solicitor, be instructed to protect the City's interests in the matter.

From the Secretary of the Good Roads League, enclosing copy of resolution approved at the Good Roads League Convention at Victoria on March 2nd and 3rd, also requesting the City to renew its subscription of \$15.00 to the Good Roads League for 1920.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Pilling and resolved that the membership fee of \$15.00 be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Good Roads League.

From James Gregg, secretary, Duncan Consolidated School Board, enclosing copy of resolution passed by the Duncan Consolidated School Board, to the effect that the Provincial Government be urged to make its school grant upon a basis of a fixed proportion of the salaries actually paid, with a view to higher standard of teaching efficiency.

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

From F. Stefania offering \$1.50 per cord for the cedar adjoining Heywood Park.

Referred to the Parks Committee and the Engineer.

From A.C. Sutton, City Solicitor, dated February 27th, advising that there is no legal liability upon the Council to lay water mains on any particular street or streets or to any particular house or houses.

Filed.

From the B.C. Soldiers Settlement, advising that the Minister of Lands is prepared to recommend another \$10,000.00 to the City of North Vancouver, under the Better Housing Act, instead of the \$35,000 applied for.

Referred to the Housing Committee.

From the Vancouver General Hospital, being notice of admission of Mrs. Christina Read and report of the Police Department attached, that the account has been paid.

Notice of admission of Mrs. Geo. Ellis. Report of the Police Department that the party will be able to meet the account.

Notice of admission of Henry Wright, son of Ex. Alderman Wright, who was taken direct from the steamship to the hospital; also report from the Police Department that the particulars are correct.

Notice of admission Miss Hilda Smith, and report of the Police Department that the parents will meet the hospital expenses.

The Clerk was instructed no notify the hospital in accordance therewith.

From J. T. Edmond, Ferry Superintendent, advising that the Steam Boat Inspector has condemned the two forward life boats on No. 2 Ferry, and enclosing prices from two boat builders for supplying 2 life boats.

Laid on the table until motion stage.

From A.M. West, recommending that Mr. Barnard Lee be appointed Waterworks Foreman from March 1st, in place of Mr. J.L. Douglas, deceased.

Referred to Motions.

From the Royal Financial Corporation dated March 15th, offering, subject to prior sale, £10,000 City of North Vancouver 4 ½% bonds due 1931 in exchange for 1934 Victory Bonds of a par value of \$43,450.00 accrued interest in both cases to be adjusted.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

Mr. a. Wallace being present, by permission, addressed the Council with respect to the application of the Wallace Shipyards Limited, for the water lot in front of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 176, DL 274, and stating that his Company has an option on the above property which they will exercise, providing the City withdraws its opposition to the Crown Grant to the wart lots,

Also stating that his Company is prepared to enter into an agreement with the City, permitting the ferry boats to tie up at the easterly side of the City wharf at Lonsdale Avenue,

Also to give permission for the leads to swing over on to the water lot in front of said Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that the request of Mr. A. Wallace referred to above, be referred to the City Solicitor to draft an agreement in connection therewith, which would satisfactorily protect the City's interest

and if necessary, that the service of a Dominion Surveyor be secured, and that the Solicitor be requested to be present on Monday evening the 22nd instant, on which date Mr. Wallace will also be present for a further conference.

TENDERS were received from the following parties for purchasing the Board of Works team:

Great West Sand and Gravel Company	\$250.00
Wm. Germyn	\$250.00
Geo. A. Ward	\$185.00
J.A. Vincent	\$225.00
Pacific Transfer Company	\$200.00

Two of the tenders being equal, Alderman Pilling was requested to try and get in touch with Mr. Germyn and Mr. Cartwright of the Great West Sand and Gravel Company to see if they would increase their offer, and the matter was laid over until later in the evening.

Plans were submitted for approval by the B.C. Telephone Company for poles on First Street; 18th Street and Lonsdale Avenue.

Also report from the City Engineer, recommending that said plans be approved. Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that the plan No. A/549 submitted by the B.C. Telephone Company covering proposed anchors and lateral on 1st Street, 18th Street and Lonsdale Avenue, be approved.

A plan was submitted for approval on re-subdivision of Lot 26, Block 133, DL 274, also a report from the City Engineer, that the subdivision complies with the requirements of the City.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the plan of Mr. A.K. Robertson for re-subdivision of Lot 26, Block 133, DL 274, be approved.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, School, Board of Works, Ferry, Fire and Light, Parks, 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		\$4,703.92
Finance (School)	\$1829.78	
	\$16.00	\$1,845.78
Board of Works		\$1,999.89
Ferry	\$10,444.30	
Ferry (Change)	\$150.00	
Ferry	\$4,813.45	\$15,407.75
Fire & Light		\$1,373.88
Parks & Boulevards		\$35.53
Parks & Boulevards (Health)		\$763.53
Parks & Boulevards (Police)		\$140.47
Waterworks		\$120.24

The Report of the Parks, Boulevards and Health Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of March 8th, 1920, was read and on motion of Alderman McColl, seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin, adopted.

The Report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of March 8th, 1920, was read and on motion of Alderman Pilling, seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin, adopted.

The Report of the Ferry Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of March 8th, 1920, was read and on motion of Alderman Watson, seconded by Alderman T. Irwin, adopted.

The Report of the Committee of the Whole Council as contained in the Committee's Minutes of March 8th, 1920, was read and on motion of Alderman T. Irwin, seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin, adopted.

The Report of the Waterworks Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of March 8th, 1920, was read and on motion of Alderman T. Irwin, seconded by Alderman Watson, adopted.

The Report of the Fire and Light Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of March 8th, 1920, was read and on motion of Alderman T. Irwin, seconded by Alderman Watson, adopted.

The Report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of March 8th, 1920, was read and on motion of Alderman W.J. Irwin, seconded by Alderman Pilling, adopted.

Alderman Pillings reported re tenders for Board of Works team, that he had gotten in touch with Mr. Cartwright of the Great West Sand and Gravel Company, but had been unable to find Mr. Germyn, and that Mr. Cartwright had increased his offer to \$255.00.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the offer received from the Great West Sand and Gravel Company for the purchase of the Board of Works team, be accepted, price being \$255.00.

Alderman Pilling reported that the Board of Works Committee, which had been authorized to purchase a team of horses for use of the Board of Works, had succeeded in securing a team which it was thought would be suitable for the purpose, and recommended that said team be purchased at the price of \$900.00.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that the above report of the Board of Works Committee, re purchase of team of horses be accepted, and that the horses be purchased at the price of \$900.00.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Pilling and resolved that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to Mr. Thomas McEwen for his services in selecting a team of horses for the use of the Board of Works.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the new Board of Works team of horses be insured, and that the matter of placing said insurance be left with the Clerk with power to act.

Alderman Watson reported with respect to the visit of himself and Mayor Vance to Victoria, attending the Good Roads Convention, and interviewing the Government with respect to ferry matters, and that the Municipal Committee have under consideration the amending of the Municipal Act, so that properties sold at a tax sale previous to 1919, may come under the provisions of the 1919 amendment. It was never the intention of the Municipal Committee that pipe liens be assessed, the intention being to cover a line between Victoria and Esquimalt.

The municipal Committee was also in sympathy with amending the Local Improvement Act, to make provision for macadamizing and charging the cost on non-abutting lands.

Mayor Vance reported that he had attended a meeting of the Industrial Committee while in Victoria, and that this Committee is advancing loans for industrial purposes in the Province, and it is hoped that some institutions may be secured for the North Shore.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the report of Alderman Watson and Mayor Vance, be received, and that they be thanked for their services.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that the Clerk communicate with the Chairman of the Municipal Committee; Mr. Baird, Mr. Hanes and Dr. King, inquiring whether under the proposed amendment to the Local Improvement Act, the word "paving" includes "Macadamizing".

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that his communication from Mr. Hanes with reference to the proposed amendments to the Municipal Act, be acknowledged and filed.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that the recommendation of the Engineer be adopted, and that Mr. Barnard Lee be appointed Waterworks Foreman on a monthly salary of \$115.00 dating from March 1st, straight time for overtime.

Moved by Alderman McColl seconded by Alderman Pilling and resolved that a letter of sympathy be forwarded to the families of the late Dr. Newcombe, Mr. F.S. Macdonald, and Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Dick.

Mayor Vance requested that the members of Council express their sympathy by a standing vote.

Mayor Vance reported having sent a wreath on the occasion of the funeral of the late Dr. Newcombe, who had been a resident of the North Shore for a number of years, and had been connected with the City as Medical Health Officer and also connected with the Board of School Trustees.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that a wreath be sent to the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Dick.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that a letter be forwarded the Attorney-General's Department, that the North Shore is now without a Coroner, owing to the retirement of Dr. Verner and the death of Mr. D.G. Dick.

Alderman McColl drew attention to the destroying of seats and flowers in the various parks.

Moved by Alderman McColl seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the small building on Lot 1, Block 113, DL 548, being in the south west corner of Victoria Park, be removed for use in Mahon Park.

Alderman W.J. Irwin suggested that in view of the City making a grant to the North Vancouver Hospital, that the Hospital should take up the matter of training nurses.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay over to Mr. W.S.D. Prittie or order, the difference between the amount already paid under his loan, and the amount of the loan, said amount of loan being \$2810.00, out of Better Housing funds.

Moved by a Waterworks Committee seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that a grant of \$35.00 be made to the North Vancouver Physical Culture Club; Mr. Charles H. Proske, Secretary, to provide protection for the windows in one of the Horticultural buildings.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that two life boats for No. 2 Ferry be purchased from Messrs. A. Linton and Company for \$475.00 each, their price being the lowest.

Moved by Alderman Pilling seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the Tax Levy Bylaw 1920 be now reconsidered, finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal. Whereupon the Bylaw was read and reconsidered, finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 421.

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

Moved by Alderman Pilling seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver General Borrowing and Hypothecation of Taxes Bylaw, 1920, No. 1" be now reconsidered, finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read and reconsidered, finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 422.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the Mayor, Clerk and Finance Committee be and they are hereby authorized to sign a Promissory Note dated March 15th, 1920, payable to the Royal Bank of Canada in the amount of \$250,000.00 payable December 31st, 1920, being authorized loan from said

Bank for the current year, and that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to attach the Corporate Seal, thereto.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Pilling and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of the council, a bylaw entitled "The Mayor's and Aldermen's Indemnity Bylaw, 1920" and that the said Bylaw receive two readings at this meeting of 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 T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Pilling and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "The Mayor's and Aldermen's Indemnity Bylaw, 1920" be now read a second time. Whereupon the Bylaw was read a second time and referred to Committee stage.

The Clerk reported that the Architect has submitted a draft contract between the City and Mr. A.W. Walsh for the construction of a house under the Better Housing Act, for Mr. Walsh.

The Clerk was instructed to notify the Architect that there was no necessity for a contract between the City and Mr. Walsh; that Mr. Walsh is constructing a house for himself and the City has agreed to loan him \$3,500.00 and that the monies will be paid out in the ordinary way, upon the certificate of the Architect, up to the amount available

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that the Provincial Government be requested to take into consideration, the matter of Provincial Fire insurance and that if feasible, legislation be brought down along the lines of the Workmen's Compensation Act, having in mind the cost of overhead expenses in connection with insurance being written up by a large number of Companies in the province.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that with the exception of ferry, and ferry terminal insurance, that the City carry its own insurance, and set aside in a separate fund the amount of premium that would otherwise be paid out for insuring City property. This applies to fire insurance.

The Clerk reported that a Mrs. Duffie has started proceedings for injuries resulting from a fall on the sidewalk last Summer and that the Solicitor has the matter in hand has referred same to the Insurance Company, which Company can either settle or defend the action under the policy of Public Liability on the streets.

At 11:35 p.m. it was moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that this Council do now adjourn, to reconvene within the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, March 22, 1920, at 9 p.m. . Whereupon the Council adjourned.

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor