

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, SEPTEMBER 20th, 1920, AT 8:00 P.M.

Present: His Worship Acting Mayor Irwin
Alderman T. Irwin
Alderman McColl
Alderman Townsley
Alderman Watson

The Minutes of Regular meeting of Council, held September 7th, 1920, copies of which had previously been supplied each of the Aldermen, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman T. Irwin second by Alderman Townsley, adopted.

The Minutes of Adjourned meeting of Council, held September 13th, 1920, copies of which had previously been supplied each of the Aldermen, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Watson second by Alderman T. Irwin, adopted.

The Minutes of Adjourned meeting of Council, held September 15th, 1920, copies of which had previously been supplied each of the Aldermen, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman McColl second by Alderman T. Irwin, adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

A telegram from the Secretary, Canadian Deep Waterways and Power Association, was received, advising the holding of an annual meeting and two days Convention, at Toronto, on October 4th and 5th, and requesting that delegates be appointed.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that a reply be forwarded, stating that the Council regrets that it will be unable to send delegates.

From C.R. Lane, City Collector, enclosing application from Mrs. MacAfee requesting that the taxes paid by her on Lot 33, Block 21, DL 547 and 548 be transferred to Lot 32 and that the difference in the amount of 75 cents be refunded to her, same being overpayment.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Collector be authorized to transfer the amount of taxes paid by Mrs. MacAfee, receipt No. 4138 to Lot 32 of 1 to 6, Block 21, DL 547-8 instead of Lot 33 in the same Block, and that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to refund the amount of 75 cents to Mrs. MacAfee, same being overpayment.

From Geo. Campbell, Secretary School Board, drawing attention to the largeness of the amount in the report of the Engineer, for the estimated cost of re-surfacing the roadway within Queen Mary School grounds; also requesting the decision of the Council with reference to other matters referred to in the letter from the School Board dated August 13th.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the matter of the estimated cost of macadamizing the roadway within Queen Mary School grounds, be referred back to the Engineer to take up with the Secretary of the School Board.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the Engineer submit a report as to the cost of a six foot plank sidewalk, also six foot tarvia sidewalk fronting on Queen Mary School, and that the Secretary of the School Board be advised as to the action taken by the Council with reference to minor matters requested done by them, in their letter of August 13th.

From R. Wilson, 750 Second Street East, drawing attention to the condition of the bush, along the sidewalk on Third Street East, between Ridgeway and St. David's Avenues, south side.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the above matter be referred to the engineer with power to act.

From W. Murphy, Chief of the Fire Department, applying for an increase of \$25.00 per month.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From J.A. Radford, inviting a representative to attend a meeting to be held in the Board of Trade Rooms, Vancouver, on Friday, September 24th at 4:30 p.m., to discuss ways and means of having an art school established in Vancouver.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that Alderman McColl be appointed to attend the said meeting.

From F.H. Poole, 617 - 23rd Street West, drawing attention to the fact that his property at above address, is being flooded by the waste water off the road, in front of the house.

Referred to the Engineer for a report.

From A.C. Sutton, City Solicitor, dated September 16th, advising re tax sale lands, and more particularly with reference to a communication from Messrs. Griffin, Montgomery & Smith dated September 10th, that the Council has power by Bylaw to sell any land so soon as it has clear title; but that in the case under consideration, the City has not yet secured title, and it would not be advisable to make any arrangements until title has been secured.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that Messrs. Griffin, Montgomery and Smith be advised of the Solicitor's opinion in the matter.

From the Post Office Inspector, dated September 14th, advising that authority has not yet been received from the Department to enter into a new agreement with reference to the carrying of mails on the ferries, but requesting that until such authority is received, that the City provide for the service at the rate of \$1200.00 per annum, until instructions are received in regard to the new agreement.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the Post Office Inspector be advised that the mail will be carried on the ferries at the rate of \$1200.00 per annum, pending the making of a new contract.

From Messrs. MacAuley & Nicholls, enclosing cheque for \$392.73, settlement re claim Policy, Boston 69834, collision North Vancouver Ferry No. 2 and North Vancouver Ferry wharf on July 7th, and requesting that adjustment certificate be signed on behalf of the City.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Clerk be and he is hereby authorized to sign adjustment receipt No. 1890 in the amount of \$392.73.

From the Red Cross, requesting permission to use a room in the City Hall, for a meeting of the Red Cross on September 29th.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the use of a room in the City Hall, be placed at the disposal of the Red Cross on September 29th.

From the Good Roads League, being official programme of the 4th annual Convention, to be held at Nelson on October 5th and 6th.

Referred to the delegates attending the Convention.

From the Secretary Union of British Columbia Municipalities, being programme of the 17th Annual Convention to be held at Nelson on October 6th, 7th and 8th.

Referred to the delegates attending.

From the City Engineer, advising that a Roller Crusher for flattening oats, will be required, and advising that there are no crushers in Vancouver, but that he has obtained a quotation from Messrs. Trapp & Company, New Westminster, at \$75.00 less 10% and recommending the acceptance of their quotation.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the Engineer be authorized to purchase a 12 inch Roller Crusher, at the price of \$75.00 less 10% from Messrs. Trapp & Company, New Westminster.

From the City Engineer, reporting the cost of a three plank walk on the south side of Keith Road, to the house of Mr. A.W. Walsh, approximate cost \$85.00 and advising that owing to the heavy trucks now operated by local merchants, that plank street crossings are unsatisfactory, and therefore not recommended;

Also reporting that 20 planks have been stolen or removed from the sidewalk on 15th Street East of Williams Avenue, during the week-end.

The Police Department have been notified of the occurrence.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Engineer be authorized to construct a crossing on 6th Street west, to give access to Mr. Walsh from the rear, and that the Police Department be urged to apprehend the culprits who have removed the planks on 15th Street East.

From the City Engineer, recommending that a small electric heater be installed at the City barn, instead of a small coal heater. Approximate cost \$15.00. Filed.

From the Vancouver General Hospital, being notice of admission of Mrs. James Burroughs, 16th Street West, also report from the Police Department that the parties will be able to meet the expenses incurred.

The Clerk was instructed to notify the Hospital and file the notice.

From the Board of Police Commissioners, enclosing report of the Police Department on the street lights for the months of July and August.

Referred to the Treasurer to check up the accounts.

From the Board of Police Commissioners, requesting the views of the City Council with respect to making application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities or the Government to have legislation passed, making it permissible for adjoining Municipalities to cooperate in the matter of amalgamating Police Forces under one head, with a view to economy and more effective work.

Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the Commissioners be advised that the Council views favorably, the making of representations to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities or the Government for the cooperation of the Police Forces.

From the City Engineer, advising that a two plank walk from 15th Street to the residence of Mr. Huggett, 1533 Queensbury Avenue, would cost approximately \$25.00 and that he considers the roadway in very fair condition.

Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that the above report of the City Engineer be received and adopted, and that he be authorized to install a two plank sidewalk at an approximate cost of \$25.00.

From W.W. Best, Acting Secretary, Canadian Merchants Service Guild, dated September 17th, with respect to resolution passed on the 15th instant, re matter to be submitted to the Fair Wage Officer.

Laid on the table.

From the Secretary, National Association Marine Engineers, dated September 16th, requesting the favorable consideration of the Council with respect to the matter of two weeks holidays, and requesting that like conditions apply to respective officers departments.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From Savage & Roberts, Vancouver, re water rates on Lot 26, Block 134, DL 271.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that a statement re the rental of above property, be submitted to Messrs. Savage & Roberts, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a cheque for the amount of such net rental, and that the owners be required to pay the water rates in full.

From the City Collector, advising that the Weller Estate have paid taxes on Lot 12, block 3, DL 265, twice for the current year, and requesting authority to issue a cheque in the amount of \$22.57 and to cancel Receipt No. 9038.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a cheque for \$22.57 being taxes on Lot 12, Block 3, DL 265, which have been paid twice and that receipt No. 9038 be cancelled.

From the City Collector, re taxes on Lots 7 and 8 of Lot 2, Block 135, DL 271 owner Ramage Hood, advising that taxes on above property were paid during the absence of Mr. Wright in the office of London and British North America Company, and were paid on the wrong property.

Moved by Alderman McColl seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a cheque payable to the London and

BNA Company Limited, in the amount of \$114.58 being a refund of taxes on Lots 7 and 8 of Lot 2, Block 135, DL 271, receipt No. 7063, same having been paid in error.

From the City Collector, advising that the taxes on Lots 11 and 12 of 2, 3 and 4, part of 1, Block 18, DL 549 have been paid by Mr. J. Hinton also by Mr. R.C. Biss, enclosing letters from Mr. Hinton and Mr. Biss, and requesting authority to issue a cheque in the amount of \$49.27 to Mr. Hinton.

Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a cheque payable to Mr. J. Hinton in the amount of \$49.27, same having been paid twice.

From the City Solicitor advising that he is preparing a Bylaw for the sale of near beer and will submit it at next meeting. Filed.

From the City Solicitor enclosing resolution canceling tax sale of Lot 1, Block 215B, DL 545.

Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that WHEREAS representations have been made to the Council by Mr. H.B. Watson, that certain land hereinafter described of which lot, the wife of said H.B. Watson was the registered owner, was sold at the tax sale in September 1919;

And further representations have been made by him to the Council that at the date of such tax sale, he was enlisted in the Canadian Overseas Forces and as such, lands of his and his dependents were entitled to exemption from forced seizure or sale; and the Council having made enquiry, are satisfied of the bona fides of such representation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the sale of said lot described as Lot 1, Block 215B, in DL 545 in the City of North Vancouver, be and the same is hereby cancelled, and the City Collector be instructed to replace said lot upon the Assessment Roll with the unpaid taxes against said lot charged up against it.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, School, Ferry, Board of Works, Waterworks, 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	\$771.01	\$1,156.40
Finance (School)		\$3,417.05
Ferry	\$5304.44 + \$6,026.78	\$11,331.22
Board of Works		\$5,694.27
Waterworks		\$224.87
Fire and Light		\$1,230.36
Parks		\$221.10
Parks (Health)		\$319.75
Parks (Police)		\$373.46

The report of the Ferry Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of September 13th, 1920, was read.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the second last recommendation in the above minutes be amended by adding the words "for report" and that the Minutes as amended, be adopted.

The report of the Fire and Light Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of September 13th, 1920, was 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 September 13th, 1920, was read and on motion of Alderman McColl, seconded by Alderman Townsley, adopted.

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of September 13th, 1920, was read and on motion of Alderman McColl, seconded by Alderman Watson, adopted.

The report of the Parks Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of September 13th, 1920, was read and on motion of Alderman McColl, seconded by Alderman Townsley, adopted.

The report of the Committee of the Whole Council as contained in the Committee's Minutes of September 13th, 1920, was read and on motion of Alderman Watson, seconded by Alderman McColl, adopted.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the Building Inspector submit a report with respect to the condition of house on Lot 23, Block 142, DL 274, at present occupied by Mr. Archibald Campbell.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that Sunday, September 26th, be the last date on which a 20 minute service be maintained by the ferries in the evenings on Sundays and holidays, and that the regular half-hourly service, after 8 p.m. be reverted to on Sundays and holidays, beginning on October 3rd.

Re communication from Canadian Merchants Service Guild, dated September 17th.

Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded Alderman McColl and resolved that a resolution of this Council, passed at an adjourned meeting on September 15th, with respect to the matter to be submitted to the Dominion Fair Wage Officer, for a Ruling be reconsidered.

Alderman T. Irwin voting against.

Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that the resolution passed at an adjourned meeting of this council held on September 15th with respect to the matter to the Fair Wage officer, be amended by deleting the words "in lieu of two weeks holidays" and that the resolution read as follows:

"RESOLVED that we offer the Captains \$200.00 per month, Relieving Captain \$190.00 per month; \$1.00 per hour overtime for Captains; 85 cents per hour overtime for Mates: increased rate to apply retroactive to January 1st, 1920 and this offer to be resubmitted to the Fair Wage Officer for a Ruling re holidays. The award to be binding on both parties, and that the Fair Wage Officer be requested to meet with a Committee of two persons from both sides".

Alderman T. Irwin voting against.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities in Convention, request through the Provincial Government that the Federal government call a conference of representatives of the Provinces and Cities, and Municipalities; the conference to endeavor to divide the field of taxation so that there will be the least over-lapping, and thereby as equitable a division as possible arrived at, in the field of taxation, between the Dominion Government, the Provincial governments and the Municipalities;

And that copies of this resolution be forwarded from this Convention to the Federal Government, the Provincial Government, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and the unions of the various Provincial Municipalities.

At 10:40 p.m. it was moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that this Council do now adjourn, to reconvene in the Council Chamber, on Monday September 27th 1920, at 9:30 p.m.

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor