

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 November 15<sup>th</sup>, 1920 copies of which had been previously supplied each of the Aldermen, were taken as read, and on motion of Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley, adopted.

The Minutes of Adjourned meeting of Council held November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1920 copies of which had been previously supplied each of the Aldermen, were taken as read, and on motion of Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman Pilling, adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From C.L. Fillmore, Provincial Solicitor, Soldiers Settlement Board, stating that Mr. Charles A. Lett, owner of Lots 5 and 6, Block 79, DL 550 had requested him to communicate with the Council with reference to rebating the interest which accumulated on the taxes on the above lots during the period while he was in the CEF and also to allow him the 10% deduction on the taxes for that period.

The Clerk was instructed to reply to the effect that the city has not been making any deduction except in cases where the property has been sold for taxes, in which case the rebate has been allowed of the tax sale costs.

From Mrs. C. Doherty, 309-12<sup>th</sup> Street East, applying for a road crossing and sidewalk on the south side of 12<sup>th</sup> Street from St. Andrew's Avenue East to Lot 2, block 83, DL 550, also requesting that a deep hole on the Boulevard, opposite her house, be filled in.  
Referred to the Board of Works and the Engineer.

From James Orchard, in reply to a communication asking him to pledge himself, if elected, to support and work for the taking over by the Government of Public School expenditure, operation of public hospitals and policing of the Province.  
Filed.

From Geo. S. Hanes, MLA, in reply to a communication with respect to pledging himself, if elected, to support the taking over by the Government of the Schools, Hospitals and Policing, inquiring whether the City Council or citizens of North Vancouver wish to give up their police system for one outside their control, or jurisdiction.  
Received and filed.

From the City Engineer reporting with reference to the application of G.J. Felton for permission to cut standing and fallen timber on Dawson avenue.  
Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From the Ferry Superintendent, reporting that the request made by the Fire Warden of the City of Vancouver re conditions at the building on the Vancouver wharf, are being attended to.

Filed.

From Mrs. M.C. Olson, 129-18<sup>th</sup> Street West, requesting that the street be improved so that automobiles can drive up to the house from Lonsdale Ave.

Referred to the Board of Works and the Engineer for report.

From H.C.E. Anderson, applying for a two plank crossing over the ditch in front of his house at 128-6<sup>th</sup> Street East.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Pilling and resolved that the Clerk be authorized to reply stating that the City has not been installing private crossings over ditches, but that as is done in Vancouver, owners may install crossings, subject to the approval of the City Engineer.

From Lydia M. Miller, 274-1<sup>st</sup> Street East, drawing attention to the bad state of the sidewalk on the north side of 1<sup>st</sup> Street, between St. George's and St. Andrew's Avenues.

Referred to the Engineer with power to act in making ordinary repairs.

From the Capilano Timber company requesting the use of the water lot at the foot of McKay Road.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From Geo. C. Pearce, stating that owing to family reasons, he is unable to proceed with building under the Better Housing Act.

Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the loan of \$3,000.00 to George C. Pearce be cancelled for reasons stated in his letter of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1920.

From John G. Farmer, advising that the matter of turning on the street lights in the morning has been referred to the District Fire and Light Committee, who wish to be advised of any further action by the City Council.

Filed.

From John Dierssen, Jr. complaining of the condition of the lane at the rear and side of 152-8<sup>th</sup> Street East, also that the crossing over the ditch has not been properly replaced since local improvement work was completed on 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

From F.M. Sharp, District Engineer, advising that the district Council is willing to proceed with the construction of a foot bridge over the Lynn at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, providing the City agrees to bear half the cost.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Pilling and resolved that a letter be forwarded to the District, inquiring if it is agreeable to the District to install a foot bridge over the Lynn at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, along the line of the City's proposal, viz, the City to

bear one-half of the cost not to exceed \$250.00 on the part of the City, and without responsibility on the part of the City.

From W. Murhphy, Fire Chief, being monthly report of fires, with risks, insurance and losses for the month of November.

Filed.

From the City Treasurer, re water rates Lot 4, Block 75, DL 549, dated December 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a cheque to Mr. J. Hinton, as agent, for \$2.40 being amount of water rates paid twice, on above property.

From John G. Farmer, advising that the District Council is prepared to bear its proportion of the cost of a street light at the corner of Somerset and 29<sup>th</sup> Street.

Filed.

From J.B. Powell, 533 Burrard Street, Vancouver, making an offer of \$500.00 cash, or \$600.00 on terms for Lots 1 and 2, Block 4, DL 273, also stating that he is connected with a Building Society about to build many dwellings and business properties and hopes, if prices suit, to give North Vancouver considerable attention.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From the City Engineer, enclosing draft Bylaw to regulate extraordinary traffic on the highways in the City of North Vancouver.

Referred to Bylaws.

From the City Collector, being report of the collections for November.

Filed.

From Mr. and Mrs. A. Davies and family, gratefully acknowledging kind expressions of sympathy.

Filed.

The Clerk reported that Mrs. Thomas Hutchison, had filed a Statutory Declaration with reference to the water arrears on the East ½ of Lot 3, Block 71, DL 271, to the effect that the water had been ordered off the premises in August 1918, and has not sine been occupied, but owing to the water not having been turned off, by the City, arrears to the amount of \$16.145 have accumulated, instead of \$6.15.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Collector be authorized to make the necessary adjustment in the arrears of water of the East ½ of Lot 3, Block 71, DL 271.

From the Vancouver General Hospital, being notice of admission of Mrs. E.L. Leary, and report that Mr. Leary has not been living in North Vancouver for some time, but is expected back shortly.

Admission of Angus McGougan and report that the Hospital account will be paid.

Admission Mrs. Elizabeth Haggerty, also report that the patient has no funds or property and depending on the Public.

Admission of James S. Burnie, and report that the party will be able to meet the account.

Admission Philip Curtis and report that the father is a resident of Vancouver.

The Clerk was instructed to notify the Hospital in accordance with the above reports.

The Ferry Superintendent reported under date of December 6<sup>th</sup>, that on the morning of November 29<sup>th</sup>, No. 3 Ferry, Captain Kennie collided with the leads at the North Vancouver wharf, tearing away 3 sponsor stays. Insurance has been notified and Wallace's bid of \$250.00 for repairing damage accepted, and repairs have already been carried out.

Filed.

From A. Aitken Gray, 2820 Chesterfield Avenue, enclosing petition and communication from the Session of St. Stephen's Church, applying for a two plank sidewalk on Chesterfield Avenue from 27<sup>th</sup> Street north to the Boundary.

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

A Mr. Myers being present, by permission addressed the Council, stating that he had bought a cord of wood, which on measuring was found to contain 71 ½ feet, and that he knows of a number of other parties having purchased wood from the same person, who have been supplied with approximately ½ a cord instead of a cord.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Clerk communicate with the City of Vancouver and New Westminster requesting copy of their Bylaws dealing with measurements of wood and coal, with a view to drafting a Bylaw for the City of North Vancouver.

Under Inquiries, Alderman Watson wished to know whether cost of a bridge on 27<sup>th</sup> Street east, is included in the estimate for work to be done under local improvement.

Tenders were received from A.H. Timms and the North Shore Press, for furnishing "Voters Lists".

Moved by Alderman McColl seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the tender of the North Shore Press for supplying 300 copies of the Voters' List at \$2.70 per page be accepted, their tender being the lowest.

Tender was received from T.J. Hall, fro the fallen timber in Heywood Park \$22.50; also for \$100 for the standing fir trees therein.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Pilling and resolved that the above offer of Mr. T.J. Hall, be not accepted.

The Clerk reported that bid had been received for the purchase of Lot 43, Block 8, DL 549, but that a minimum price has not yet been set on said property.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Pilling and resolved that a minimum price of \$150.00 be set on Lot 43, Block 8, DL 549.

Whereupon the tender for the purchase of Lot 43, Block 8, DL 549 was opened, being from Mr. W.L. Wheeler, 243-19<sup>th</sup> Street East, for \$90.00.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the above offer of W.L. Wheeler, for the purchase of Lot 43, Block 8, DL 549 at the price of \$90.00 be not accepted, and that he be notified of the minimum price.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, School, Board of Works, Ferry, Waterworks, Fire and Light, Parks, 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		\$1208.00
Finance (School)		\$7982.06
Board of Works	\$945.63	
	\$325.00	\$1270.63
Ferry		\$8157.23
Waterworks	\$105.30	
	\$300.00	\$405.30
Fire & Light		\$1070.00
Parks	\$231.80	
	\$40.00	\$271.80
Parks (Police)		\$966.10
Parks (Health)	\$102.60	
\$300.00	\$402.60	

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1920, was read and on motion of Alderman W.J. Irwin, seconded by Alderman McColl, adopted.

The report of the Ferry Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1920, was read and on motion of Alderman Pilling, seconded by Alderman T. Irwin, adopted.

The report of the Committee of the Whole Council as contained in the Committee's Minutes of November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1920, was read.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin, seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the recommendation re entering into a contract for coal for the Ferry, be amended by adding at the end the words "as per sample exhibited and deposited in the City Hall" 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 November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1920, was read and on motion of Alderman T. Irwin, seconded by Alderman Pilling, adopted.

The Board of Works Committee reported having inspected the neighborhood of 17<sup>th</sup> Street, 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Williams Avenue, on November 27<sup>th</sup> and recommend as follows:

That the Engineer be authorized to proceed with drainage work on 17<sup>th</sup> Street, between Williams and Sutherland Avenues, cost to be paid under local improvement.

That Williams Avenue be planked where necessary, north of 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

That a hole on Williams Avenue south of 17<sup>th</sup> Street, be filled in.

That a culvert on 19<sup>th</sup> Street, between Williams and Rufus, be raised by two feet and made wider.

Puncheon on 19<sup>th</sup> Street filling in the lowest places.

Covering puncheon at 19<sup>th</sup> from top of the hill near Rufus.

The three plank walk on 18<sup>th</sup> Street between Williams and Sutherland to be put in better shape.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the above report of the Board of Works be adopted, and left in the hands of the Engineer with power to act.

Mr. E.C. Walsh of the Walsh Lumber Company being present, by permission addressed the Council with respect to the submitting of a Bylaw for exemption of water.

Mr. Walsh stated that during the last 12 months, the Walsh Lumber Company Payroll has amounted to on the average, \$7,000.00 per month; plant has cost \$85,000.00 and that they are asking free water to the amount of 2500 gallons per day, the company agreeing to employ an average of 35 men per day, during the year.

Mr. Walsh also requested that a charge of \$25.00 per month for the use of St. Andrew's Street end, be remitted.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the number of men to be employed by the Walsh Lumber Company, be set at an average of 35 per day.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the amount of free water to be supplied the Walsh Lumber Company be set at 2500 gallons per day, and that the above quantity be inserted in draft agreement.

Alderman Townsley reported having attended a meeting of Municipal representatives at the Forest Rangers Office in Vancouver recently and that an account for services of patrol on the water shed lands would be received in due course.

Mayor Vance reported that he had interviewed the Northern Construction Company with reference to the use of the wharf at Bewicke Avenue. The northern Construction Company is arranging to take over the easterly portion of the Fell Fill, and expect the work to start about the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year, and to employ from 60 to 300 men.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the above report of Mayor Vance be received and the Mayor authorized to proceed with negotiations along the above lines.

Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the offer of Mr. Matson Spence for the purchase of Lot 37, Block 155, DL 274, for \$170.00

be accepted, and that the necessary Bylaw be prepared and that Mr. Spence be requested to deposit the purchase price immediately.

Moved by Alderman Pilling seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that a price be set on all tax sale property and it was mutually arranged that a meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council be held on Friday evening the 10<sup>th</sup> instant.

At 10 p.m. Alderman McColl requested and was granted permission to retire.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that representations be made to the District of North Vancouver with a view to opening up 150 feet of St. George's Avenue north of the City boundary, to give an outlet.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the owner of Lot 1, Block 235, be requested to meet with the Council at an early date.

The Clerk reported having had an inquiry for the purchase of the boiler in the yard at No. 1 Fire Hall.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that owing to the fact that above boiler was advertised in the Summer of 1920, and no satisfactory bid having been received, that a price of \$950.00 cash, be set, as it is and where it stands.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of the Council, a Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Extraordinary Traffic Regulation 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 W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Extraordinary Traffic Regulation Bylaw, 1920" be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a second time, and referred to Committee.

A draft agreement between the City and the District with respect to the Upper Intake was considered and read clause by clause.

Attention was drawn to the fact that there should have been a clause with reference to the District taking over the pipe line in the event of the City at any future date, wishing to participate in the cost of the dam.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that a copy of the draft water agreement between the City and the District be forwarded to the District Council.

The following minimum prices were set on the following lots:

Lot	Block	Price
21	131	\$600.00 on terms

22	131	\$600.00 on terms
25	131	\$600.00 on terms
29	131	\$600.00 on terms
28	127	\$600.00 on terms
14	132	\$600.00 on terms

Lot 13 of 2, 3 and 4 and part of 1, Block 18                    \$225.00  
Lot 7 of 2, 3 and 4 and part of 1, Block                         \$200.00

Draft agreement was submitted between the Great West Sand and Gravel Company and the City for the supply of coal for the operation of the ferries.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that a clause be inserted to the effect that the delivery price may be amended according to the increase or decrease in the price of coal at the mine.

Also that a clause be inserted providing that in case of the City furnishing a scow that there will be no charge for demurrage.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin 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 1921, shall be in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1921, 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 1921, 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 Larson's Pavilion, Esplanade west.

At 11:15 p.m. it was moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the Council do now adjourn to reconvene in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 1920 at 9 p.m.

Signed:            G.W. Vance, Mayor