

**MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, THURSDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup>, 1921 AT 8:00 P.M.**

Present: His Worship Mayor Vance  
Alderman Cochrane  
Alderman Irwin  
Alderman Morden  
Alderman McColl  
Alderman Townsley  
Alderman Watson

His Worship Mayor Vance, and each of the Aldermen elect, having made the necessary declaration and oath of office before L. Watts Doney, Esq., Police Magistrate, in and for the City of North Vancouver, and having presented a Certificate from L. Watts Doney, Esq., a Justice of the Peace, before whom said declaration was made, that the same had been duly made and subscribed, took their seats at the Council Board.

His Worship Mayor Vance took the Chair and called the Council to order, and welcomed the new members of the Council Board, and expressed the hope that the business of the year would be conducted in as harmonious and pleasant a manner as had been the case in 1920.

The regular order of business was then proceeded with.

The Clerk submitted the report of the Returning Officer, giving the result of the Municipal Election held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 1921.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the Certificate of the Returning Officer be received and spread on the Minute Book.

The Minutes of Regular meeting of Council, held Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1921, copies of which had previously been supplied each of the Aldermen, members of last year's Council, were taken as read, and on motion of Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman McColl, adopted.

His Worship Mayor Vance appointed the several standing Committees for the year 1921, as follows:

**FINANCE, SCHOOLS AND POLICE COMMITTEE**

Alderman F.H. McColl, Chairman  
Alderman W.J. Irwin  
Alderman H.W.P. Cochrane

**FERRY COMMITTEE**

Alderman Bruce Watson, Chairman  
Alderman G.H. Morden  
Alderman B.E. Townsley

BOARD OF WORKS COMMITTEE

(Including Sanitary & Storm Sewers, Lanes and Public Safety)

Alderman W.J. Irwin, Chairman  
Alderman H.W.P. Cochrane  
Alderman F.H. McColl

WATERWORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman G.H. Morden, Chairman  
Alderman B.E. Townsley  
Alderman Bruce Watson

FIRE & LIGHT, RETURNED SOLDIERS & HOUSING COMMITTEE

Alderman B.E. Townsley, Chairman  
Alderman Bruce Watson  
Alderman G.H. Morden

PARKS & BOULEVARDS COMMITTEE

(Including Health, Hospitals & Cemetery)

Alderman H.W.P. Cochrane, Chairman  
Alderman D.H. McColl  
Alderman W.J. Irwin

INDUSTRIAL, HARBOR IMPROVEMENT & PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Alderman W.J. Irwin, Chairman  
Alderman G.H. Morden  
Alderman H.W.P. Cochrane

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

His Worship Mayor Vance, Chairman  
Alderman H.W.P. Cochrane  
Alderman W.J. Irwin  
Alderman D.H. McColl  
Alderman G.H. Morden  
Alderman B.E. Townsley  
Alderman Bruce Watson

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the appointment of the Standing Committees as made by the Mayor for the year 1921, be and is hereby approved and confirmed.

Moved by Alderman McColl seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that the Standing Committees of the Council, for the year 1921, meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in each month, at 7:30 p.m. until otherwise directed by resolution of Council.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From E.A. Cleveland, Comptroller of Water Rights, Victoria, advising that a meeting will be held at his office on January 26<sup>th</sup> for a general discussion of the future administration of the water supply for Greater Vancouver.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that His Worship Mayor Vance and Alderman Morden, Chairman of the Water Committee be and are hereby appointed delegates to attend above meeting.

From F.M. Sharp, District Engineer, advising that the District council will open up, as soon as possible, St. George's Avenue for a distance of approximately 150 feet, southwards from Queens Road to the City Boundary, in compliance with the request of the City of North Vancouver.

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

From J.G. Farmer, advising that the District Council is prepared to endorse the proposal of obtaining power to amalgamate Police forces of adjoining Municipalities; that there are however, a number of details on which they would wish to have something further to say before any legislation is passed on the subject.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the above communication be laid on the table.

From James Ollason, CMC, West Vancouver, advising re proposal to amend the Act, to permit adjoining Municipalities to amalgamate Police forces, that the matter has been referred to the Incoming Council.

Laid on the table.

From the Board of Police Commissioners, enclosing report of the Police Department on the street lights for the month of December 1920.

Referred to the Treasurer to check up the accounts.

From the Managing Editor, Vancouver Daily Sun, requesting that if it is not against the policy of the City, the Sun newspaper would be obliged if arrangements could be made to issue a Ferry Pass for the use of its North Vancouver Representative.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that the Managing Editor of the Vancouver Daily Sun be notified that passes are not being issued on the Ferries to anyone at the present time.

From R. Foster Brett of the British Isles Public Schools Club, advising that there is a probability of six Clubs being entered in the Mainland Cricket League during the coming season, and that there are only two playing grounds and requesting to know if any arrangements could be made for using Mahon Park grounds, for the Saturday afternoon games.

Referred to the Parks Committee.

From James Ollason, CMC, West Vancouver, re landing privilege at the Vancouver wharf, requesting the indulgence of a delay until the new Council takes office.

Filed.

From the Deputy Minister of Labor, Victoria, enclosing memorandum setting forth the Dominion Government's view with reference to the relief of the present unemployment and advising that the Provincial government will assume liability for one-third of the cost of such relief on the same terms as laid down by the Dominion Government.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From the Manager, North Vancouver Dairy, applying for permission for their automobile or vehicle to take precedence over other vehicles in boarding the North Vancouver ferries on the Vancouver side.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From Robert H. Smylie, applying for the position of Caretaker of the Cemetery.

Referred to Parks Committee.

From Geo. Campbell, Secretary, Board of School Trustees, enclosing copy of the Auditor's report on the books and accounts of the Board for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1920, together with a copy of detailed audited statement setting forth the expenditure of the Board for school purposes during the year, and requesting that the Council authorize the inclusion of said detailed statement in the City's annual printed statement for the year 1920.

Moved by Alderman McColl seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that provision be made for including the statement of School expenditure in the printed statement of the City, for the year 1920.

From the City Engineer, re application of Mr. L. Lauritsen, 349 - 11<sup>th</sup> Street East, to have a portion of 26<sup>th</sup> Street opened up to his property.

The Engineer reported that complying with the above application would mean clearing and grading approximately 500 feet of roadway, also stating that in his opinion cost of this work for the benefit of one ratepayer is not justified at the present time.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the above report of the City Engineer be received and adopted, and Mr. Lauritsen notified that the City cannot undertake the opening up of the road at the present time.

From Col. Douglas Hamilton, enclosing a booklet on the Inter-Empire Trade Organization, together with some official endorsements from Canada, and Great Britain, and requesting interest and assistance in this essential cause.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Morden that the above communication and booklet be referred to the Industrial Committee for a report.

An amendment was offered.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley that this Council go on record as endorsing the principle of Inter-Empire Trade to its fullest extent, realizing that by so doing, we are furthering the best interests of our City, Province, Dominion and Empire.

A vote was taken as follows:

For the amendment: Aldermen Irwin, McColl, Cochrane and Townsley.

For the Motion: Aldermen Watson and Morden.

The amendment was declared carried and the motion lost.

From Fred G. Jarrett, applying for the laying of a sidewalk on View Street from 25<sup>th</sup> to his residence on Lots 1 and 2, Block 224A, D.L. 544.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the above application be referred to the Board of Works and the Engineer for Inspection and report.

From W.S.D. Prittie, 2016 Lonsdale Avenue, applying to have the lane at the rear of his residence made accessible, stating that he is clearing 20 feet of this lane of brush wood, and that it now requires only a culvert and about two days work with two men and a team. Also requesting to purchase, if necessary, a few yards of rock to make a decent surface to the lane.

Alderman Irwin stated that he knew the conditions obtaining.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the Engineer be authorized to act in the above matter, providing Mr. Prittie makes payment as stated in his letter of January 14<sup>th</sup>, the account to be paid for before the work is done.

From Geo. Campbell, Secretary, Board of School Trustees, stating that the Board of School Trustees would be pleased to confer with a Committee of the Council at an early date to discuss the situation in regard to requirements for school accommodation.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Board of School Trustees be advised that a Committee of the Council will be pleased to meet them in the Council Chamber on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1921, at 8:00 p.m. or any other Monday evening that may be suitable to the members of the School Board.

From the City Clerk, stating that at the first meeting of Council, the Act requires that a court of Revision consisting of five members be appointed for the purpose of considering and dealing with the Assessment Roll for the year 1921.

Referred to Motions.

From the City Clerk enclosing copies of annual reports of the City Engineer's Department, Board of Health, Ferry and Fire Departments, also communications from the B.C. Soldiers Settlement, and Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

The reports were referred to the various Committees interested.

A communication from the National Institute for the Blind was referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that an application be forwarded to the Department of Lands applying for \$50,000.00 under the Better Housing Act.

Alderman Watson voting against.

Under inquiries, Alderman Watson requested that the Engineer report with respect to the average cost of rock at the Quarries for the year 1920.

Alderman Cochrane inquired whether an Inspector had been appointed to superintend the building of the Scow for the Ferry Department, and was informed that this matter had already been dealt with by the previous Council.

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

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| Finance        | \$988.75   |
| Board of Works | \$343.71   |
| Fire & Light   | \$117.25   |
| Waterworks     | \$32.50    |
| Ferry          | \$3,688.03 |
| Parks          | \$7.80     |
| Parks (Health) | \$55.95    |
| Parks (Police) | \$83.37    |

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Cochrane and resolved that the Court of Revision be held as required by Statute, for the purpose of considering and dealing with the Assessment Roll for the year 1921, and that the first annual meeting of the said Court of Revision, be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Fourth Street, on Tuesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 1921, at 10 o'clock a.m., and that Mayor Vance, Alderman McColl, Alderman Irwin, Alderman Townsley and Alderman Morden be and they are hereby appointed to constitute such Court.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that

WHEREAS in the year 1918 the Board of Health of this City brought to the attention of the Deputy Minister of Indian affairs, the condition of the Indian Reserve, situate within the limits of the City of North Vancouver, but owing the conditions arising out of the war nothing has been done by the Department;

AND WHEREAS in September 1920 the Medical Health Officer of this City submitted to the Council an unbiased report on the appalling conditions, from a Health standpoint, existing on said Reserve and copies of said report also copies of the report of Dr. E.C. Arthur, Traveling Health Officer for the Province, have been forwarded to the Provincial Board of Health, the Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa, the Indian Agent at New Westminster and the Federal Representation for this constituency, without obtaining any result up to the present time;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Council go on record as protesting against the continuation of such a serious menace to the Health of the residents of the North Shore of Burrard inlet, and the City of Vancouver, and urgently appeal to the Dominion Government and the Department of Indian Affairs, that steps be taken for the immediate removal of the entire Indian population from the Mission Reserve to one of their other Reserves, and respectfully suggest that the Dominion Government transfer the said lands to the Harbor Commission for industrial purposes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forward to the Provincial Board of Health, the Department of Indian Affairs, each member of the Cabinet and the Representative of the Constituency.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that a letter of inquiry be forwarded to the Railway Commission, pointing out that an Order-in-Council has been signed for the establishing of a Car Ferry between the North and South Shores, and requesting to know when a decision will be handed down with reference to terminal rates.

Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw, 1921, 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 448.

The Clerk reported that it will be necessary to have a considerable amount of stationery and printed matter for the use of the various Departments, and requesting instructions.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Cochrane and resolved that the Clerk invite tenders for printing and stationery which may be required.

Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman Cochrane and resolved that Mayor Vance and Alderman McColl, Chairman of the Finance Committee, be appointed as a Special Committee with power to act, in negotiating and dealing with Bond dealers for the purchase of North Vancouver City bonds, out so Sinking Fund Account, either on a cash basis or in exchange for Victory Bonds on a 7% basis or better, and that this Committee report to Council, any transactions which have been completed.

At 10:10 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, City Hall, on Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 1921 at 8:30 p.m.

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor