

**MINUTES OF ADJOURNED SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH, 1921, AT 8:00 P.M.**

Present: His Worship Mayor Vance
Alderman Irwin
Alderman McColl
Alderman G.H. Morden
Alderman Wm. Morden
Alderman Townsley
Alderman Watson

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman G.H. Morden and resolved that the regular Order of Business be suspended and that Mr. R. Clark be permitted to address the Council.

Whereupon Mr. Clark present two letters from the B.C. Electric Railway Company, dated June 8th, 1921 and October 21, 1921 with respect to extending electric light to the premises of Mr. Clark, Williams Avenue.

Moved by Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Engineer be authorized to arrange with an Electrical Engineer to survey the proposed connection, and submit report on estimate of the B.C. Electric Railway Company, cost to be charged to Fire and Light Committee, and that Mr. Clark be advised when a survey is being made.

A deputation from the Retail merchants and some of the Manufacturers were present, and by permission Messrs. Lutes, Walsh, Squair and McDowell, addressed the Council with respect to the proposed personal p-property tax to be imposed, requesting the Council to go on record as being in favour of the imposition of a tax on income and profits only, and not on personal property.

The deputation was informed that the Council would take the matter into consideration.

Moved by Alderman Irwin ,seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the above request of the Retail Merchants Association, be referred to motion stage.

Mr. Jack Foster being present, addressed the Council, offering \$15.00 for a tree situate on lot 2, Block F, between Mahon Park and Wolfe Street, the top of the tree having blown off.

Moved by Alderman G.H. Morden, seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the above offer be accepted.

The Fire Chief submitted prices from the Maple Leaf Motor Truck Company; Slater Motors Limited; Used Auto & Truck Sales Ltd., and Chapman's Motor Cartage Ltd., for trucks that might be suitable for the Fire Department.

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that the above prices be referred to the Fire and Light Committee and the chief for a report and recommendation.

The following correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From Mr. Brown, 356 - 4th Street East, complaining of the conditions of 4th Street between St. Andrews and St. Patrick's Avenue.

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

From C.H. Stauffer, 142-19th Street East, complaining that the ditch had not been cleaned out and his basement is flooded.

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

From W. McQueen, City Clerk, Vancouver, enclosing a recommendation of the Fire and Police Committee, adopted by the Vancouver City Council on the 24th instant, that the petition of the Blinded Soldiers of free transportation on the cars of the B.C. Electric Railway Company, be endorsed by the Vancouver Council requesting endorsement of North Vancouver City Council.

Moved by Alderman McColl, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the above referred to petition of the Blinded Soldiers of B.C. for free transportation on the cars of the B.C. Electric Railway Company, be endorsed by this Council, and that a copy be forwarded to the B.C. Electric Railway Company.

From Dr. Underhill, MHO, Vancouver, enclosing four copies of a notice from the Provincial Board of Health, warning campers and others against the pollution of streams on the water shed areas.

Moved by Alderman Watson, seconded by Alderman Townsley and that the form of notice forwarded, be endorsed and notices posted as requested.

From T.J. Thomas, Assistant City Clerk, New Westminster, enclosing copy of resolution passed by the New Westminster Council on October 25th, with respect to requesting the Provincial Legislature to exempt Municipal Corporations from the provisions of a proposed electrical inspection Act, except as to the provision that high power lines, as at present, be under the supervision of the Chief Inspector.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From J.S. Rogers, Secretary, Board of Trade, enclosing copy of resolution with respect to Daylight saving.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From Geo. F. Roe, 125 - 20th Street, East, applying to have the lane at the rear of his property opened up to permit of an automobile getting in.

Referred to the Board of Works Committee and the Engineer.

From J.S. Rogers, Secretary, Board of Trade, advising that the members of the Board of Trade by resolution are in favour of the principles of amalgamation of the City and two District councils.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From G.A. Broder, Returned Soldier, Vancouver, dated October 29th, objecting to the proposed Electrical License Act.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From the City Engineer, dated October 31st, re recent floods reporting that Mosquito Creek overflowed its banks on the Marine Drive, that the bed of the Creek has been nearly choked with large quantities of gravel and unless this gravel is removed the Creek will find a new channel by overflowing the Marine Drive, and dispersing through private property, suggesting that the City Solicitor be asked to give his opinion as to what action the City might be called upon to take in case of damage to private property.

Also reporting that the remaining portion of the Bridge over Lynn Creek and Cotton Drive was washed out on Friday night; the foot bridge still remains.

Also that the small log dam just below the Intake was washed out during the flood, but by temporary means, water has been constantly maintained in the mains. The dam is being replaced.

The Water Committee's appropriation will be insufficient to take care of the extraordinary expenditures created by the floods.

The 1st portion of the report with respect to damage done by Mosquito Creek was referred to the Board of Works Committee and the Solicitor to be requested to advise in the premises.

From Isabella Miles, 18th Street, East, complaining of the condition of St. Andrew's Avenue between 15th and 18th Streets.

Referred to the Board of Works Committee and the Engineer.

Captain Yorke being present, by permission addressed the Council with respect to proposed use of Chesterfield wharf, for landing of a car ferry barge.

The Agreement between the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and the City, which expired November 1920, was read over.

Moved by Alderman G.H. Morden, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the City offer a lease of Chesterfield wharf, for a term of 5 years, to Captain Yorke, at \$1.00 per year, he to keep the wharf in good repair and return wharf at the expiration of his lease in good repair;

That he be give a lease of the track at 7% per annum on capital cost to the City, he to pay all maintenance and leave wharf and track in good condition, subject to the City getting possession from the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

Moved by Alderman Watson, seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the further consideration of lease to Chesterfield wharf, be referred to the Industrial Committee to take up with Captain Yorke and Mr. Buckworth of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman G.H. Morden and resolved that in the event of satisfactory arrangements not being made between the City, the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and Captain Yorke, that the Solicitor be authorized to take such action as he may deem necessary to obtain possession of Chesterfield wharf.

The Solicitor being present, advised that in his opinion, after carefully inspecting the Judgement of the Privy Council, that there is no right for a municipality to sell Church property nor is there any legal right to return taxes on Church property which may have been paid.

Moved by Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the solicitor and Clerk be authorized to reply to the communication from the Church of St. John the Evangelist, with respect to return of taxes paid on church property.

Moved by Alderman G.H. Morden, seconded by Alderman Townsley, and resolved that we offer the use of the two water wagons to the City of New Westminster, should they require them during the water famine, owing to the carrying away of their water mains.

Moved by Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that a representation of members of the Retail Merchants Association, accompanied by representatives of the Manufacturers of North Vancouver, have requested this Council to protest against the proposed Provincial Legislation, whereby cities and Municipalities are to be given the right to collect a personal property tax not exceeding 1%.

And whereas for several years the Cities and Municipalities of this Province have petitioned the Provincial Legislature for extended Powers of taxation on a broader and more equitable basis, whereby some of the costs of education and maintenance of hospitals would be contributed from sources other than land only, as at present.

Now Therefore be it and it is hereby resolved that this Council cannot agree to join with the petitioners in making representations to the Provincial government, requesting the abolishment of the proposed personal property tax, particularly in view of the urgent need of the Cities and Municipalities for the increased revenue made possible by the proposed tax or the equivalent thereof. Alderman Townsley voting against.

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman G.H. Morden and resolved that the offer of Mr. T. Halliday, to submit report re new ferry boat, at the price of \$350.00 be accepted

A communication was received from John Lockhart of Lockhart & Halliday, dated October 31st, stating that should the Council decide not to accept Wallace's plan and specifications, that they would be glad to offer their services.

Laid on the table.

At 11:15 p.m. it was moved by Alderman Watson, seconded by Alderman G.H. Morden and resolved that the Council do now adjourn.

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor