

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 1923 AT 8:00 P.M.

Present:	His Worship Mayor Donaghy
	Alderman Bridgman
	Alderman Prior
	Alderman Stoker
	Alderman Tolmie
	Alderman Townsley

The Minutes of regular Meeting of Council, held November 19th, 1923, copies of which had previously been supplied each of the Aldermen, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Stoker, adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From the Registrar, County Court, Vancouver, being receipt for the registration of Bylaw No. 593.

Filed.

From the Manufacturers Association of B.C. enclosing resolution of General contractors and Master Builders requesting in the interests of economy and good government, the support of all Candidates at Municipal elections of the contract system for Municipal work.

Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From John G. Farmer, C.M.C., North Vancouver, dated November 16th, enclosing resolution of the District of North Vancouver re proposed Greater Vancouver Water Act, which was forwarded by the District to the Government requesting an opportunity to place their views before the Committee of the House, dealing with the bill.

Filed.

From John G. Farmer, C.M.C., North Vancouver, stating that the District is prepared to go ahead with the work on Keith Road East on a 50/50 basis of cost, up to a total for the District of \$750.00.

Filed.

From the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners, dated November 26th, acknowledging receipt of letter re Reserve Right-of-way in front of Indian Reserve.

Referred to the Superintendent of Works to keep in touch with the situation.

From the District Forrester, Vancouver, advising that a meeting will be held at the Court House on December 6th at 2:30 p.m. of the North Shore Watershed Fire Protection Committee.

Referred to Alderman Townsley, delegate from this City.

From John G. Farmer, dated November 29th, stating that the District had forwarded a letter to the Honourable the Minister of Railways, setting forth their objections to the installation of one-man cars on the North Shore, copy of letter had been sent to the B.C. Electric Railway Company.

Filed.

From Robert Baird, Inspector of Municipalities, advising that the proposed amendment to the "Municipal Act" re reserve fund Municipal ferries has been approved by the Municipal Committee of the Legislature.

Filed.

From John G. Farmer, advising that the District has prepared draft of the proposed agreement with the B.C. Electric Railway Company re domestic lighting rates and six cent fare, and suggesting a joint meeting to consider proposed amendment of the Agreement.

The Clerk was instructed to procure a copy from the District of their proposed amendment, and arrange for joint meeting.

From the Sixth Field Company, C.E. inviting the Mayor and Aldermen and party to the annual dance in the Drill Hall, December 14th.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the above invitation be accepted with thanks, and as many as possible endeavour to be present on that occasion.

From Mrs. Grahame, President Ladies Auxiliary to the Army & Navy Veterans, applying for donation towards Christmas Cheer for War Widows and children.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that a grant of \$100.00 be made towards Soldiers Widows and Orphans fund, that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue cheque for such amount, payable to Mrs. Eva Grahame, President Ladies Auxiliary, Army & Navy Veterans.

From the Chairman of the Elks Christmas Cheer Fund, making application for grant.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that a grant of \$50.00 be made towards Relief, and that Alderman Stoker and Alderman Prior be appointed to act in the matter of distribution of the fund.

From Burrard Logging Co. Ltd., also Coyle Towing Company, applying for the use of waterlot south and west of Fell fill.

The Clerk reported verbally that another application would be in from Robert Barton for a site for a shingle mill on Fell Avenue street end produced.

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the matter of proposed lease of waterlot or street end, be referred to

Committee consisting of Aldermen Stoker, Prior and Tolmie, to report at next Council meeting.

Alderman Bridgman stated that the title to the 66 feet adjoining Fell Avenue produced, is now in the name of the Fell Estate, which pays the annual rental, but that morally it is the property of the City, and suggesting that in the event of any lease being made, that the fee of 50 cents per foot per annum, be taken into consideration.

From J.E. Cook, offering \$2.00 per month to rent the garage corner 23rd and Lonsdale.

Referred to the Board of Works Committee for report.

From the City Collector, being report of collections for the month of November, also for the corresponding eleven months.

Filed.

From the Superintendent of Works, reporting on work completed since November 5th.

Filed.

From G.S. Hanes, M.L.A., advising that he will introduce the private bill re validating local IMPORVEMENT Bylaws on Monday the 3rd instant.

The Clerk reported having received a telephone message from Mr. Hanes that the Bill had been introduced and would be taken up by the Private bills Committee on December 4th, at 10:30 a.m.

The Mayor recommended that a Committee consisting of Alderman Bridgman and the Solicitor, be appointed to appear before the Private Bills Committee, and it was so ordered.

From Mayor Donaghy , dated December 3rd, reporting having suspended the Superintendent of Works until the meeting of Council.

Referred to Committee of the Whole.

Petitions were received for Street lights at the corner of

27th and Eastern Avenue

27th and Western Avenue

27th and St. Andrew's Avenue

Referred to Fire and Light Committee for report.

Tenders

The Assessor reported with respect to application to purchase 100 feet waterfrontage in D.L. 272, that in view of the possibility of the Lynn Creek being straightened at the mouth, the price of \$500.00 would be a fair value. It would be necessary for the City to expend a considerable amount of money to bulkhead the property, and suggesting that the matter be laid on the table for two weeks, and further bids invited.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that in view of the fact that waterfrontage has not been priced, that the applicants be advised that the City is not considering the sale of waterfrontage at the present time.

Alderman Stoker voting against.

Tenders were received from Shoemaker, McLean & Veitch Ltd., and the North Shore Press Ltd., for supplying receipt forms for the Collector's office and window envelopes for the Assessment notices.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the lowest tenders be accepted, viz, North Shore press for supply 8000 window envelopes at the price of \$32.00 and Shoemaker, McLean & Veitch for supplying receipt forms at the price of \$19.00.

PLANS FOR APPROVAL

The B.C. Telephone Company submitted drawing No. B-6718 for the landing of cable at the foot of Chesterfield Avenue.

The Superintendent of Works reported under date December 1st, recommending that permission be granted for the laying of the cable at the foot of Chesterfield Avenue under the following conditions:

(a) All disturbance to roads, sidewalks or other City property, which may be caused by the laying of this cable, to be made good by the B.C. Telephone Company to the satisfaction of the General Superintendent of Works.

(b) The B.C. Telephone Company accepts full responsibility for the laying of the cable and for any damage whatsoever thereto during and after the laying of the same.

© Permission for the laying and maintenance of this cable is at the pleasure of the Council.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Stoker and resolved that the above plan be approved, subject to the above noted conditions.

Alex Philip submitted a preliminary sketch of proposed subdivision of Block 25, D.L. 547.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the above sketch plan be referred to the Superintendent of Works to submit report re contour of land, etc.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, School, Ferry, Board of Works, 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		\$2,008.20
School		\$11,121.81
Ferry		\$8,388.34
Board of Works	<u>\$656.67</u>	

	<u>507.79</u>	\$1,164.46
Waterworks	\$310.43	
	<u>116.43</u>	\$425.86
Fire & Light		\$1,130.00
Parks	\$28.30	
	<u>100.28</u>	\$128.58
Parks (Police)		\$1,172.50
Parks (Health)	\$300.00	
	<u>84.00</u>	\$384.00

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay account Mrs. R. Piggott, maintenance Mrs. Temple, \$8.00.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the various Departments be instructed to incur no liabilities after December 15th, if possible to avoid it, so that the accounts may all be in the hands of the Treasurer before the end of the year.

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Prior and resolved that this Council do now proceed to resolve itself into Committee of the Whole and that Alderman Bridgman be Chairman.

IN COMMITTEE

IN COUNCIL

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the above report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, be received and adopted.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the following report and recommendation of the Finance Committee be received and adopted:

RECOMMEND that Brokers offering to sell to the City, Debentures or securities for sinking fund purposes, be advised that no offers will be considered during the remainder of this year.

Re communication from Collector with respect to arrears of water rates. RECOMMEND that the following accounts be written off:

1. The old "S.S. Surrey"	\$18.00
2. 152 – 1 st Street West	\$21.00
3. 114 – 2 nd Street West	\$34.50
4. 133 – 17 th Street West	\$8.25
5. 172 – 2nd Street East	\$14.75
6. 159 – 12 th Street East	\$12.00
7. 463 – 19 th Street East	\$19.00

the above all being old disputed accounts.

RECOMMEND that the account of J. Roger Burnes, for supplying additional tracing and blue prints of plan showing position of wharf at the foot of Lonsdale Avenue, in the amount of \$15.00 be paid.

Re taxes paid on South ½ of Lot 8 and Lot 9, in Resub. of 3, Block 5, D.L. 548, amount \$51.15.

RECOMMEND that the above amount be refunded to the party paying same having been paid in error.

The Auditor reported that he has completed the audit of the City books to the end of October and finds the current work in the Treasurer's office well in hand, also the ragged ends in good way to be cleaned up.

RECOMMEND that the above report be filed.

The Chairman reported that the Treasurer had been instructed to take the balance as shown by Payroll account at the first of the year, and check up this year's Payroll account accordingly.

Alderman Bridgman reported having gone to Victoria last week re Grater Vancouver Water District Act and had taken the stand that there should not be any ambiguity with respect to Section 54 of proposed bill, and has so advised the Premier, Minister of Lands and Water Comptroller. He had

also suggested that the Water Comptroller should be a member of the Commission.

The Clerk was instructed to write the Minister of lands re capitulating the position of the City with respect to the proposed bill.

Recommend that the Collector be authorized to rectify error with respect to payment of taxes on Lot 4, Block 142, D.L. 274, Mr. T.J. McClelland having filed Statutory Declaration.

RECOMMEND that the Mayor, Clerk and Chairman of the Finance Committee sign letter to the Bank with respect to issuing Local Improvement Debentures as soon as possible, and hypothecate them to the Bank as additional security for any advances from the Bank to the City, that may be outstanding.

RECOMMEND that the matter of disposal of School Bonds be held over in the mean time, the School Board to pay any interest charges that may be required on temporary loan.

RECOMMEND that the various inventories be in the hands of the Treasurer, not later than December 28th.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the following report and recommendation of the Ferry Committee be received and adopted:

RECOMMEND that the accounts of the Wallace Shipbuilding Company, in the amount of \$7,496.09, be paid.

The Chairman reported several small claims for lost articles on Ferry premises.

RECOMMEND that the action of the Chairman with respect to the settlement of small claims be endorsed, and that in future the matter of settlement of small claims be referred to the Superintendent and Chairman with power to act.

The Superintendent reported having interviewed the North Vancouver Land and Improvement Company with respect to anchors for new ferry lead west of Lonsdale, and they had referred him to Captain Cates.

RECOMMEND that the Chairman and Superintendent interview the North Vancouver Land and Improvement Company, and Captain Cates with respect to anchorage for new ferry lead west of Lonsdale Avenue.

The Chairman submitted a recommendation with respect to depreciation on ferry assets.

RECOMMEND that a copy of the recommendation of the Chairman with respect to depreciation on ferry assets, be sent to each member of the Council for consideration at next meeting.

RECOMMEND that the Solicitor communicate with Whittaker & Whittaker, and Hobson re overdue accounts for advertising.

The Collector verbally reported that 57 certificates had been presented for students tickets for the month of November.

RECOMMEND that the Chairman be authorized to interview the Authorities at the University with respect to certificate of attendance for students.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the following report and recommendation of the Fire and Light Committee be adopted:

A deputation waited on the Committee, with a petition for a street light at the corner of 13th Street and Chesterfield.

Mr. Crickmay stated that a number of accidents had occurred in this locality on account of no light.

RECOMMEND that a street light be installed at the corner of 13th and Chesterfield Avenue.

Communication was received from the Fire Underwriters enclosing list of buildings under which there is extra fire had.

RECOMMEND that the above communication and list be referred to the Fire Chief, Building Inspector and Electrical Inspector, with instructions to take action to have the defects remedied.

Moved by Alderman Stoker, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the following report and recommendation of the Board of Works Committee be adopted:

RECOMMEND that Mr. W.S. Edwards be advised that permission is granted him to install a crossing over the ditch to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Works.

Re Bewicke Avenue Bridge south of 3rd Street.

RECOMMEND that the City repair the above bridge, the City to supply lumber and nails, and the various parties using the street to supply the planking.

Re complaint Mr. Eastman, 16th Street West of Bewicke.

RECOMMEND that the ditch on the north side of 16th Street be opened up to the Creek, the road defined and the brush cut, estimated cost \$25.00.

Re application for sidewalk on Tempe Crescent from top of 27th to Maitland Avenue.

RECOMMEND that a two plank sidewalk be constructed on Tempe Crescent from the top of 37th Street to Maitland Avenue.

Re application North Vancouver Choral Society for the loan of planking for seating accommodation.

RECOMMEND that the Superintendent of Works be authorized to loan the North Vancouver Choral Society some planks, provided they are returned in as good condition as when taken from the barn.

Re application Mrs. Lannigan of 22nd Street and McKay Avenue, for road access to Lonsdale Avenue.

RECOMMEND that owing to lack of funds and to the fact that this could be an expensive undertaking, that no action be taken at present.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved re Alberta and Great Waterways Railway Company bonds, that the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to sign application, and the Clerk to attach the Corporate Seal to the application, to register in the name of the City the following:

Albert and Great Waterways Railway Company 5% debenture bonds as to principal only, due January 1st 1959 – 0440, 0441, 0442, 7027, 7028, 5155, 5156, 5157, 1638, 5341, \$1000.00 each.

Alderman Stoker reported having interviewed the Vancouver Civic officials re percentage of butter fat in cream, and recommends that no action be taken at the present time to define the percentage of butter fat in cream.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the above report of Alderman Stoker be adopted.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Police submit report as to who operates, who controls and who is in charge of the North Vancouver Hotel.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of the Council, a Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw, 1923, No. 19" and that the said Bylaw receive three readings at this meeting of the Council, and that the occasion for such three 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 Townsley, seconded by Alderman Prior and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1923, No. 19", be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Prior and resolved that the Committee proceedings with respect to the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1923, No. 19" be dispensed with.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Prior and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1923, No. 19", be now read a third time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a third time and passed by the Council.

Voting for: Aldermen Bridgman, Prior, Stoker, Tolmie, Townsley and His Worship Mayor Donaghy.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Council do now adjourn.

Whereupon the Council adjourned.

Signed D. Donaghy, Mayor