

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 1923 AT 8:00 P.M.

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

Alderman Bridgman, upon request, was granted leave to retire at 8:30 p.m.

The Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council, held December 3rd, 1923, copies of which had previously been supplied each of the Aldermen, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Townsley, adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From the Adjutant, Salvation Army, conveying appreciation for grant of \$25.00.
Filed.

From the Forest Branch, Department of Lands, enclosing account for \$87.14 proportion due by the City for fire patrol expenditure North Shore watershed, for the year 1923, being per capita basis.

Alderman Townsley reported that the protection of the watershed had been carried out in an excellent manner and that services had been satisfactory.

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that he Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue cheque in the amount of \$87.14 in settlement of fire patrol services for 1923.

From the City Solicitor, enclosing copy of letter from R. Baird, Inspector of Municipalities re proposed amendment to the "Municipal Act" dealing with reserve fund to be created out of ferry profits.

Filed.

From Geo. S. Hanes, M.L.A. acknowledging receipt of letter enclosing cheque for \$300.00 fees payable to the Province re Private Bill, and stating that the Premier was good enough to say that he would consider charging only straight fee when he was consenting to the bill being introduced by the suspension of the Rules of the House.

Filed.

From the City Solicitor, suggesting that a letter be sent to the Honourable the Premier, and Mr. Hanes for interest taken re Private Bill.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Clerk be authorized to convey the appreciation of the Council to the Premier and Mr. Hanes for interest in private bill.

From the Wallace Foundry Company, advising that they have opened a new Electric steel foundry at Granville Island, stating that they are in a position to give complete foundry service and soliciting inquiries.

Filed for reference.

From J.L. Gallagher, requesting information with respect to companies in which insurance is carried, the agents names, etc.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Clerk be authorized to furnish Mr. Gallagher with the information required.

From the City Treasurer, enclosing report of passenger receipts due the Pacific Great Eastern Railway for the month of November 1923, amount \$191.40.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue cheque payable to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, amount \$191.40, receipts for November.

From the Fire Chief, being report of fires with risks, insurance and losses for the month of November. Total loss \$375.00.

Filed.

From Peter Stewart, Chief Constable, reporting that Peter Larson, controls and operates the North Vancouver Hotel.

Filed.

From W.D. McFarland & Company, drawing attention to the surface water which came down Fell Avenue during the recent heavy rains causing considerable damage to the corner of 16th and Fell avenue and requesting that same receive attention.

Moved by Alderman Prior, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the above complaint be referred to the Board of Works Committee and the Superintendent of Works with power to act.

From G.S. Hanes, advising that the Private bill received its third reading on the 11th instant.

Filed.

From G.S. Hanes, advising that Bill No. 47 with vote for Second Narrows Bridge received third reading on the 15th December.

Filed.

From Geo. Trafton and nine others, applying for a street light at 26th and Lonsdale

Referred to Fire and Light Committee for inspection and report.

From the Secretary, Board of School Trustees, requesting that a date be fixed by the Council when a detailed estimate of the sums required to meet extraordinary expenses of the Board may be formally laid before the Council, and requesting that this be acceded to at the earliest opportunity.

Laid on the table.

From the Fire Chief and Building Inspector, dated December 17th, reporting re communication from B.C. Fire Underwriters, that all dwellings and stores erected in the City since 1911 have had brick chimneys and stating that if the Council wish all old buildings to comply with the requirements of the Underwriters, there is power under Section 17 of the Building Bylaw.

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Fire Chief and Building Inspector be instructed to submit a comprehensive report of on the ability of owners to comply with the requirements of the Building Bylaw and the advisability of compelling them, in other words a concrete proposal.

From the Superintendent of Works, enclosing offers from Edward Peterson and Warren Archibald to purchase poles and timber on D.L. 855, 856 and 857; Peterson offering one cent per foot for poles and \$1.50 per thousand feet for logs; Archibald offering 25 cents per pole for dead cedar poles.

The Superintendent stated that an offer had come up earlier in the year and was turned down by the Council as it was not thought good policy to log off these lands at the present time, and recommending that these offers be refused.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Tinsley and resolved that the above report and recommendation of the Superintendent of Works be received and adopted.

From the Superintendent of Works, enclosing proposed Bylaw regulating motor vehicles as to weights, width of tires, etc. according to classes of roads, with several suggested amendments, which amendments have been approved by the Engineers for the Districts of North and West Vancouver.

Referred to Bylaw stage.

From the Superintendent of Works, re proposed subdivision of Block 25, D.L. 547.

Also enclosing alternative subdivision proposed by Mr. Philip.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that this Council do not approve of the proposed subdivision as submitted, but recommend that a subdivision sketch be submitted with a lane running north and south parallel with Bewicke Avenue and that the Superintendent of Works take the matter up with Mr. Philip.

From the Chief Sanitary Officer, acknowledging receipt of copy of water analysis made on October 30th, and stating that Dr. Young had left for Ottawa, previous to receipt of analysis, and advising that the Chief Sanitary Inspector had visited the Cedars camp recently and found that sanitary regulations are being observed, but is not so sure about the Widal test for all employees.

Laid on the table and the Clerk instructed to forward copy to the Medical Health Officer.

From the City Clerk, reporting that at a joint meeting of the City and District Councils on December 11th, it was recommended that as a basis for agreement, clause 2 of the proposed agreement between the Vancouver Power Company and the City be approved, also that the principal of clause 3 be approved, providing the Council may insert a change in the agreement to more modern type of street lighting.

The Solicitor being present stated that the draft agreement submitted was in conformity with the draft agreement of the District.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Clerk forward a copy of proposed agreement to Mr. Kidd with a request for a conference.

TENDERS

The following tenders were received for tax sale property:

From D.H. McColl & Company on behalf of a client to purchase Lot 28, Block 156, D.L. 271-4, price \$450.00 on terms.

Moved by Alderman Prior, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the above offer to purchase be accepted.

From M.B. Martinson & Company, on behalf of a client to purchase Lots 20 and 21 of 6 and 7, Block 28, D.L. 547 and 8, price \$270.00 for the two, on terms.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the above offer to purchase be accepted.

From D.H. McColl & Co., on behalf of a client, to purchase Lot 33, Block 152, D.L. 274, price \$1000.00

This property is improved and price is as listed and property had been advertised for sale.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the above offer to purchase be accepted.

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	\$365.70	
Finance	1619.72	
Finance Bank Charges	935.95	
Finance Bank charges	<u>529.30</u>	\$3,450.67
School		\$5,534.72
Board of Works	\$441.36	
	<u>401.11</u>	\$842.47
Ferry	\$10,172.38	
	<u>2,563.44</u>	\$12,735.82
Waterworks	\$80.77	
	<u>72.00</u>	\$152.77
Fire & Light		\$986.86
Parks	\$47.00	
	<u>73.24</u>	\$120.24
Police		\$182.85
Health	\$350.89	
	<u>74.50</u>	\$425.39

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

Re Better Housing.

The Treasurer submitted statement showing payments under Better Housing up to but not including December 1st, also statement of amortized payments of the different loans, copy of which is being sent to Victoria; also showing interest owing by the City \$1,754.75 and principal \$1800.00. RECOMMEND that cheques be forwarded to the Government covering interest and payment on account of principal as above.

RECOMMEND that the Collector send follow up notices to hose in arrears under Better Housing , with a request for a definite undertaking as to payment in arrears.

The Collector submitted communication from Mrs. L.A. Fawcett, December 3rd, with respect to delayed payment of taxes, advising that she had written from the East with respect to taxes.

RECOMMEND that taxes be accepted from Mrs. L.A. Fawcett on west 33 feet of Lot 16, Block 144, D.L. 274, without penalty addition, owing to error in Collector's office.

The Collector requested a ruling with respect to writing off unpaid taxes on Church property.

RECOMMEND that the above matter be referred to the Solicitor for report.

Re unpaid accounts due by Indians at Reserve.

RECOMMEND that the Collector write off water rates due by Indians on the reserve, if not collectible.

The Assessor called attention to the fact that there are several properties which have been purchased by the City and the purchasers have not registered their agreements.

The agreements contain a clause that the City may register and charge the cost to the purchaser.

RECOMMEND that the Assessor register agreements in cases where the purchaser from the City has failed to do so, within a reasonable time.

Re Bond dealers.

RECOMMEND that Bond dealers be notified that the city is not purchasing any securities on account of sinking funds, this year.

RECOMMEND that an offer from V.W. Odum & Company, be referred to the Incoming Council.

The Treasurer submitted statement showing interest and sinking fund raised under general loan rate on account of ferries, leaving an unpaid balance from ferries amounting to \$76,080.73.

RECOMMEND that the above report be referred to Chairman of Finance and Chairman of Ferry Committee, who are authorized to instruct the Treasurer how to deal with the account on the books, before the end of the year.

RECOMMEND that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue monthly payroll cheques (except for ferry employees, who may make partial draw) and Indemnity cheques on December 21st, upon payrolls being O.K.'d by the head of the Department, and Chairman of committee.

Re Ericksen Brothers water account.

The Superintendent of Works and Chief of Police reported in connection with above matter.

RECOMMEND that Ericksen Brothers be charged \$9.00 for water supplied to Lot 5, Block 173, D...L. 274, for the current year, also that they be charged for arrears of water at the North Shore Iron Works which have not yet been paid by them.

RECOMMEND that renewal subscription for six copies of "Municipal Review" for the year 1924, be made and the Treasurer authorized to issue cheque amounting to \$10.00 in payment therefore.

Re J. Proulx for groceries supplied while under quarantine.

The Chief of police reported having interviewed Mr. Proulx who states that he has no account with the City and did not order anything from the

City. He however, admits that the Medical Health Officer took an order for groceries which were delivered to him and which he understood were to be paid by the Board of Health.

RECOMMEND that the above report be filed and no action taken.

The Auditor being present, reported that financial statement will be ready for January 14th.

Alderman Tolmie also stated that the Treasurer is to furnish him with an operating statement of the Ferries on or before January 14th.

The Auditor requested instructions with reference to sending out a statement of arrears of taxes in order to check up.

RECOMMEND that the Auditor send out statement of arrears of taxes to parties owing.

The Auditor reported that the coupon register is up to the end of October.

The Treasurer requested instructions with reference to a cheque issue in the early part of the year to the Chief of Police to furnish ferry tickets re relief.

RECOMMEND that the cheque for \$25.00 issued to the Chief of Police in the early part of the year, for ferry tickets re relief, be cancelled.

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

Re depreciation

RECOMMEND that all expenditures in connection with the Ferry boats, ferry wharves and works be carefully analysed by the Ferry Superintendent, and allocated as capital or revenue expenditure.

That all capital expenditure be added to the value of the respective assets as shown by the books of the City, and all revenue expenditure be charged against the profits of each year.

That provision be made for depreciation on the book value of the Ferry assets for the year ending 31st December 1923, as follows:

Ferry No. 2 and equipment	10%
Ferry No. 3 and equipment	5%
North Vancouver wharf & buildings	2 ½%
Vancouver wharf & buildings	5%

That the above recommendations be suggested to succeeding Councils as fair and equitable bases for distribution of expenditures and rates of depreciation, effective for year ending 1923.

RECOMMEND that accounts of Whittaker & Whittaker and Hobson for advertising be referred back to the Solicitor for attention.

The Solicitor reported that the suit French versus City of North Vancouver re automobile, had been dismissed with costs.

The Solicitor also submitted account for disbursements in above suit amounting to \$79.45 which will be recovered from French, if he is worth anything.

RECOMMEND that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a cheque in the amount of \$79.45 payable to Mr. A.A. Gray and that the Solicitor be instructed to collect same from Mr. French, if possible.

Communication was received from Captain Cates re placing moorings on property controlled by him west of the 150 feet purchased by the City from the North Vancouver Land and Improvement Company.

RECOMMEND that Mr. Cates be advised that the City is willing to rent the westerly 50 feet of the 150 feet west of Lonsdale wharf, at \$40.00 per month, quarterly tenancy, from the time City is ready to make change at the waterlot, a lease to be drawn up containing such terms and conditions as may be satisfactory to the Chairman of the Ferry Committee, the Solicitor and Clerk.

RECOMMEND that a 40 Minute service be maintained on the ferries on Christmas Day, also on New Year's Day and the matter of early morning mail delivery, left with the Superintendent for attention.

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the following report and recommendation of the Fire and Light Committee be received and adopted;

Re petitions for street lights 27th and Western Avenue; 27th and Eastern Avenue, 27th and St. Andrew's.

RECOMMEND that all brush obstructing lights on road allowance be cut down, that a street light be installed on 27th Street and Western and that the application for lights on 27th and eastern and 27th and St. Andrew's be referred to the Incoming Council.

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the following report and recommendation of the Board of Works Committee be received and adopted:

Re Bewicke Avenue Bridge

RECOMMEND that the matter of repairing Bewicke Avenue Bridge, be referred to the Incoming Council; that the account from Cedars Limited be returned to them and that they be advised that the appropriation of the Board of Works has been exceeded for the current year.

Re Fell Avenue Street end and waterlot, and applications Burrard Logging Company and Coyle Towing Company.

RECOMMEND that the Burrard Logging Company be granted the use of the waterlot at Fell Avenue (except the portion filled) by the month, subject to the Solicitor looking into and reporting on the right of the City to do so, tenants to pay the charges of the Harbour Board, in addition to \$30.00 per month to the City; no piling to be driven except on approval and subject to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Works.

The Superintendent reported that the matter of flooding at Bewicke Avenue, has been receiving attention under maintenance.

The Superintendent also reported that complains of Mr. Inkster Lot 1, Block 73, D.L. 548, complaint of Mr. Moden re flooding of basement of Block corner 8th and Lonsdale, and complaint Mr. Stedman re bad holes on 10th Street East of the Boulevard, have received attention.

The Superintendent reported recommending that the ditch at the south side of the Esplanade from the B.C. Electric Railway Company office westward to the road in the new resubdivision of Block, be opened up and a few planks renewed at the gas station.

RECOMMEND that the above recommendation of the Superintendent of Works be adopted.

RECOMMEND that the complaint of Mr. Skene of 344 – 3rd Street East, re bulkheads falling in, be laid over for the Incoming Council.

RECOMMEND that permission be granted Mr. Young, 313 – 3rd Street East to plant trees on the Boulevard on the pole line offset, City to supply him with lumber to form curb on the Boulevard, Mr. Young to do the work to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Works, estimated cost to City \$5.00.

RECOMMEND that the ditch complained of by Mr. Ellis, 9th and Boulevard be cleaned out between the Creek at the lane and Sutherland Avenue.

Re culvert on Lynn Valley road, 150 feet east of Sutherland Avenue.

RECOMMEND that the culvert be cleared out and a ditch dug.

Re complaint Mr. Viney 535 – 15th Street West, re flooding.

RECOMMEND that the holes washed out by the recent heavy rain in the trail, be filled in, and that ditch on the north sided of the trail be dug to carry off flood water.

Re small culvert 6th and Moody.

RECOMMEND that this matter be laid over.

Re 6th and Ridgeway

RECOMMEND that repairs at 6th and Ridgeway be laid over.

Re 5th and St. David's, crossing blocked and water overflowing on St. David's Avenue.

RECOMMEND that the slope of the bars at the mouth of the culvert be extended.

Re complaint Mr. Walsh, St. Patrick's Avenue between 3rd and 4th.

RECOMMEND that repairs to this street be laid over.

RECOMMEND that the Superintendent of Works make absolutely necessary repairs to the culvert at 1st and St. Patrick's.

The Superintendent reported the damage slight during the recent floods.

Re Sanitary sewer connections.

RECOMMEND that in cases where stoppage takes place the owner be required to sign an undertaking to pay the cost if stoppage is found to be the fault of the owner.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Townsley 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 1924, shall be in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday the 14th day of January, 1924, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 2 o'clock p.m.

And that the Returning Officer for the Municipal Elections for the year 1924, shall be R.F. Archibald, with the usual powers in that behalf,

And that the place, at which a Poll shall be opened in the Municipality of the City of North Vancouver, in case a poll is required, shall be No. 115 First Street East, Mount Crown Block.

And be it further resolved that J.L. Dodds, S.C. Lawrence, Reginald Lawrence and A.R. Owens be and they are hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officers at said election.

The Clerk reported that the custom is to hold an annual civic meeting on the night of Nomination Day if possible, that he had reserve the K.P. Hall fro the night of January 14th, and requested instructions re advertising.

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Clerk secure the K.P. Hall for the night of January 14th, and that an advertisement be inserted in the North Shore Press, giving notice of such meeting.

A petition was presented signed by 12 parties for the opening up of a lane in Block 127, D.L. 274.

An undertaking was also presented from P. Larson, B. Amskold and Margaret and Alexander Grant to execute a Quit Claim deed to the City of lane portion owned by them, in order that a lane may be opened up.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Clerk write other owners in Block 127, D.L. 274, who own lane lots, inquiring if they will execute Quit claim deed to the City for lane portion, and that the I petition for the opening up of said lane, lay on the table.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, 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 General Borrowing and Hypothecation of Taxes Bylaw, 1923, No. 2" 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 General Borrowing and Hypothecation of Taxes Bylaw, 1923, No. 2", 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 General Borrowing and Hypothecation of Taxes Bylaw, 1923, No. 2" be dispensed with.

Moved by Alderman Prior, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver General Borrowing and Hypothecation of Taxes Bylaw, 1923, No. 2", be now read a third time.

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

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that communication from the Board of School Trustees re setting a date to receive extraordinary expenditure lay on the table for next meeting, and the School Board requested to meet with the Council.

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Council do now adjourn, to reconvene in the City Hall, at 8 p.m., on Friday, December 28th, 1923.

Whereupon the Council adjourned.

Signed D. Donaghy, Mayor