

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 1924 AT 8:00 P.M.

Present:	His Worship Mayor Donaghy
	Alderman Bridgman
	Alderman Harron
	Alderman Irwin
	Alderman Tolmie
	Alderman Townsley
	Alderman Vance

At 10:15 p.m. Alderman Vance by permission, left the room to connect with the boat to Victoria.

Mayor Donaghy reported that the suggested annexation of Moodyville to the City, will have to come before the private Bills Committee and possibly the private bill will be passed at the present Session of the Legislature.

Moved by Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that Alderman Vance be authorized to go to Victoria in connection with the Private Bill re annexation of Moodyville and that the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to issue cheque in the amount of \$300.00 payable to the Deputy Minister of Finance, re Private Bill.

Moved by Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute petition, that the boundaries of the City of North Vancouver be extended to include the land and land covered by water, within the area bounded and described in Schedule "A" attached to said petition.

The Minutes of Regular meeting of Council, held December 1st, 1924, copies of which had previously been supplied each of the Aldermen, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie, adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From the Registrar, County Court, Vancouver, being receipt for the registration of Bylaw No. 626 "Land Sales Bylaw".

Filed.

From the City Treasurer, requesting authority to issue cheque payable to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway for tickets sold during the month of November, amount \$163.45.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Mayor and Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to issue cheque payable to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, amount \$163.45 passenger receipts for the month of November 1924.

From J.M. Bryan, M.L.A., dated December 6th, re Two-Platoon System, suggesting that the City Council acquiesce in the passing of the Two-Platoon Bill

and that he would use his utmost influence with the other members of the District council to form one efficient fire fighting force on the North Shore.

Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From the Secretary, Ratepayers Association, advising that the City of North Vancouver Ratepayers association have endorsed the action of the Council in protesting against the passing of the Two-Platoon Bill, also the Bill re Fire Departments Hours of Labour Act, both having reference to the City of North Vancouver.

Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From the Provincial Secretary, acknowledging receipt of protest against passage of Two-Platoon and Fire Departments Hours of Labour Bills.

Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From the Premier, acknowledging receipt of protest against the passage of Two-Platoon System Bill, also Fire Departments Hours of Labour Bill.

Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From J.M. Bryan, M.L.A. advising that the Government appropriation for 50% of the cost of road from Whytecliff to Caulfields, is now available.

Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From J.M. Bryan, M.L.A. enclosing latest revision of the Greater Vancouver Water Bill.

Referred to Alderman Vance while in Victoria.

From the Secretary, Board of Trade, enclosing copy of resolution from the Board of Trade, requesting the City Council to keep in mind the necessity of building a new Ferry boat at the earliest possible moment, that the financial position of the City justifies the expenditure.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the above communication be referred to the Council for the year 1925.

From W.A. Ogden, 24th Street West, requesting permission to fell and cut up for fuel, one dead fir tree standing west of Larson Road Bridge in the Creek bed.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above application be referred to the Engineer with power to act.

From the District Forrester, enclosing account for \$88.27 City's proportion of cost of fire patrol North Shore watershed, for the year 1924, also enclosing copy of Minutes and report.

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the above account and that the report be filed.

From the Provincial Secretary, acknowledging receipt of communication re unemployment.

Referred to Alderman Vance to take up with the Government while in Victoria.

From D.G. Tate, C.M.C. North Vancouver, advising that as a result of the interview between Alderman Irwin and the District Council, it was decided to refer the matter of Rifle Range in District Lots 856 and 857 to the 1925 Council.

Referred to Joint meeting of the Two Councils tonight.

From J.L. Gallagher, protesting against Taxi drivers being required to furnish bonds before they can procure a license.

Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From H.J. McLatchy Box Company, offering to sell to the City, sidewalk plank up to 25,000 f.b.m. at \$22.50 per thousand, and advising that if the City calls for tenders in 1925 and obtain a Bona Fide offer on a lower basis than quoted above, they will reimburse the City the amount of excess paid them.

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

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that this Council take a recess in order to hold a joint meeting with the District Council.

At 9 p.m. His Worship Mayor Donaghy reconvened the Council.

From Aubrey Tarr, complaining of the condition of 17th Street East, between St. Andrew's and Ridgeway.

Referred to Board of Works Committee for inspection and report.

From J. Summerfield, advising that during the Summer, City employees had deepened the ditch on the opposite side from 365 – 11th Street, and requesting that this matter receive early attention. Also complaining of the water pressure which has become so low, that tow taps cannot be sued at one time.

Moved by Alderman Vance, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the above communication be referred to the Engineer with power to act.

From Mr. Simmonite, 1510 Forbes Avenue, dated December 3rd, with respect to dangerous Trees which had been ordered removed under the "Dangerous Trees Removal Bylaw".

Moved by Alderman Vance, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the above matter be referred to the Engineer to carry out previous authorization, and that copy of the Engineer's report be forwarded to Mr. Simmonite.

From the City Engineer, recommending that \$4,000.00 worth of Debentures issued under Bylaw No. 617 be sold to meet the necessary requirements, until the work of paving is commenced.

From the City Engineer, dated December 10th, re proposed amendment to the Waterworks Bylaw giving the average cost of water service connections for different widths of streets.

Moved by Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Solicitor draft an amendment to the Waterworks Regulation bylaw making the cost for water connections \$10.00.

From E.A. Peers and Ross Peers, applying for sewer connection to Lots 7 and 8, Block 132, D.L. 274.

The Engineer reported that under Bylaw No. 46 each 50 foot lot facing on sewer has been assessed an annual tax of \$29.68 since 1912 for a period of 20 years, recommending that this application be considered on a rental basis, until such time as a sewer is constructed on 4th Street, providing no legal objection can be taken.

Moved by Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that Messrs. Peers be advised that the City is willing to connect on a monthly rental basis until such time as a sewer is constructed on 4th Street, if satisfactory to applicants.

From the Receiver, E.C. Walsh Lumber Company, advising having received notice from the Solicitor that on account of default by the Walsh Lumber Company, the special agreement is now terminated and requesting that the Council consider this matter in order to give the new purchaser the benefit of Concession.

Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From the Secretary, Board of Trade, Vancouver, requesting a voluntary assessment of \$10.00 from each Board of Trade member in order to improve the Capilano Canyon area.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the City contribute \$10.00 voluntary assessment towards improvement of Capilano Canyon.

From J.A. Jones, 522-28th Street West, complaining of the condition of the street to his residence.

Moved by Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Harron and resolved that the Engineer be authorized to act on above application to the extent of \$25.00 and that Mr. Jones be so notified and advised to communicate with the District Council.

From W.S. Mitchell, 13th Street East, requesting a sidewalk crossing to his property, 415-13th Street East.

Referred to Committee of the Whole.

Application was received from L. Lauritsen, to purchase the City's right to purchase Lot 10, Block 89, D.L. 549-550.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that Mr. Lauritsen be advised of the Policy of the City, not to dispose of tax sale property until it has secured title thereto.

From the City Assessor, reporting that on December 1st, Horne, Taylor & Company on behalf of a client had offered to purchase Lots 10 and 11, Re-sub.

1, Block 229, D.L. 545. The above firm had made an error in their description of property, wishing to buy Lot 11, Resub. 3, Block 229, D.L. 545. Lot 11 of 3, was listed at \$200.00 but was withdrawn from sale on the recommendation of Special Committee of the Council.

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that Messrs. Horne, Taylor & Company be advised that Lot 11 of 3, Block 229, D.L. 545 is not for sale and that their deposit of \$25.00 on the purchase of Lots 10 and 11, resub. 1, Block 229, D.L. 545 be returned to them.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, Board of Works, Waterworks, Ferry, 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	\$1182.67	
	117.19	
	<u>319.00</u>	\$1,618.86
Board of Works	\$5639.06	
	<u>758.00</u>	\$6,397.06
Waterworks	\$480.10	
	<u>188.36</u>	\$688.46
Ferry	\$6885.69	
	<u>831.96</u>	\$7,717.65
Fire & Light		\$1,150.11
Parks	\$67.63	
	<u>118.54</u>	\$186.17
Parks (Police)		\$151.16
Parks (Health)	\$530.45	
	103.00	
	<u>75.97</u>	\$709.42

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

The Auditor met with the Committee with respect to requirements of the Council for Financial Statement for the end of the year.

RECOMMEND that the City cash statement, signed by the Auditor, also concise revenue statement signed by the Auditor, be furnished not later than noon, January 10th.

RECOMMEND that Ferry Operating Statement be furnished not later than noon, January 10th.

RECOMMEND that the Treasurer be authorized to secure additional help from the audit department if necessary, in order to have statement supplied by above date.

December 31st was set as the date to check over City securities.

RECOMMEND that the Finance Committee be authorized to take up with the Auditor any adjustments not arranged for by the Council tonight.

RECOMMEND that the Council authorize the clearing of ten lots to be selected by the Engineer in D.L. 273, as near Railway transportation and water service as possible, the Engineer to make an estimate of cost of clearing each lot and that the clearing of same be tendered for by parties of two or more in each case, in order to provide work for the unemployed, up to an expenditure of approximately \$750.00, contractors to be permitted to draw against their work on progress certificate of Engineer; such contract price to be exclusive of blasting; any blasting work to be done by the City, which will supply powder; Such lots to be reserved for sale and the cost of clearing to be added to the sale price and re-posted for sale.

RECOMMEND that \$500.00 be allocated to the Board of Works for necessary road work for needy cases, and that work be allocated amongst City residents and men with families.

RECOMMEND that lanes be opened up to the extent of \$450.00 out of Lanes Bylaw money, under the direction of the Engineer.

RECOMMEND that Alderman Vance interview the Government re portion of \$150,000.00 being allocated to the City of North Vancouver for relief work.

The Treasurer reported having received a communication from J.C. Crouch, re property which had fallen to the City at Tax sale. The Treasurer on checking up, found that the writer was the holder of an unregistered deed, which he had been holding since about War time. RECOMMEND that the Treasurer compute taxes, interest and costs and communicate with the applicant with a view to sale to him of the property at upset price, interest and taxes.

The Treasurer reported that an error had been made in computing the water charged against McLatchy Box Company. The rate should have been \$2.00 instead of \$4.00.

RECOMMEND that the McLatchy Box Co. comply with the minimum under the Bylaw.

RECOMMEND that the Collector transfer taxes on properties which fell to the City in October 1923, and which were not redeemed, to the City's Tax Sale property account, instead of carrying them into the Roll for 1925, as arrears.

Re Arrears of water Jones Nursery.

RECOMMEND that the Collector carry arrears along until the Summer Season and then endeavour to collect account.

RECOMMEND that the Treasurer be authorized to adjust Sundbaken taxes on net basis.

RECOMMEND that the account of G.R. Hughes, Ambulance service for W.H. Smith, to Hospital, amounting to \$9.00 be paid.

RECOMMEND that the Treasurer be authorized to issue monthly payroll cheques (except for Ferry employees who may make partial draw) and Indemnity cheques, on December 20th, upon payrolls being O.K.'d by the head of Department and Chairman of Committee.

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

RECOMMEND that the account of H. Galbraith \$10.00 for damage to automobile at North Vancouver Ferry Gates at Vancouver on October 16th, 1924, as submitted by the C.P.R. Claims Agent, be paid.

Communication was received from Geo. F. Hartley, retransferring Ferry profits to City General Account.

RECOMMEND that Mr. Hartley be advised to call on the City Clerk for information with reference to the Ferry Department being one of the City Departments and not a separate Company.

RECOMMEND that the same depreciation be allowed on Ferry as at the end of 1923.

RECOMMEND that the Ferry service on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, and the matter of early morning mail delivery, be left with the Superintendent for attention.

RECOMMEND that the Vancouver Province newspaper be advised that the City cannot see its way clear to alter the present arrangement for carrying newspapers on the boats.

The Chairman reported that Mr. Wilmot, Advertising Manager, has a proposal from D. Cantelon Lumber Company for a large sign on the Vancouver wharf, at \$20.00 per month for a three year period.

RECOMMEND that Mr. Wilmot be authorized to enter into a three year contract with D. Cantalon Lumber Company at \$20.00 per month, with clause inserted in the Agreement, that if space required by the City, agreement may be sooner terminated or the position of the sign may be changed if required.

The Superintendent reported that Mr. Rae, lessee at the Fruit Stand, Vancouver wharf, wishes permission to further encroach on the wharf space for the purpose of exhibiting candies, etc.

RECOMMEND that no further encroachment be permitted on the Vancouver wharf space, by the Refreshment Booth lessee.

The Superintendent reported damage to the Vancouver ferry lead and damage to No. 2 Ferry on the morning of December 15th. Captain and Mate disclaim any knowledge of the boat hitting the wharf.

The Superintendent has notified the Vancouver Agents of the Insurance Companies, with a view to having damage repaired out of insurance. RECOMMEND that the Superintendent take all necessary action in above matter in securing all witnesses possible and gathering all information possible.

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

The Chairman reported having inspected applications for street lights at the corner of 16th and Ridgeway, also 13th and Ridgeway; and his recommendation is that the application for a street light at 13th and Ridgeway be laid over.

The Chairman recommended that a street light be installed at the corner of 16th and Ridgeway.

RECOMMEND that the Engineer be authorized to have a street arc light installed at the corner of 16th and Ridgeway.

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

RECOMMEND that the application of Noble's Gas Station for a crossing etc. be laid over until next meeting.

RECOMMEND that the Committee make a trip of inspection in the course of the next few days.

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

IN COMMITTEE

IN COUNCIL

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

The Clerk submitted draft agreement as prepared by the Solicitor between Samuel George Noble and the City for the Installation of a gasoline tank at the curb in front of the Noble property on Esplanade West (south side).

The Clerk reported that Mr. Noble wished payments to be six months only in advance, instead of 12 months, also that in the event of the tank having to be removed that he be given 230 days notice.

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Harron and resolved that the draft agreement between Samuel George Noble and the City, be amended by inserting a 30 days notice instead of 10 days notice, and inserting payments six months in advance instead of 12 months in advance, and that the Agreement as amended, be approved and the Mayor and Clerk authorized to execute the same on behalf of the City and the Clerk to attach the Corporate Seal thereto.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the petition from Vancouver City, re Capilano and Seymour rivers watershed, be again laid on the table for two weeks.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Solicitor be asked to report to the Council, if the City is in a position at the present time, to make application for bringing within the jurisdiction of the Council, the Indian Mission Reserve, and if so that the necessary steps be taken.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Clerk secure the K.P. Hall for the night of January 12th, for the purpose of holding the annual civic meeting and that a notice be inserted in the "North Shore Press" of such meeting.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman 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 1925, shall be in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday the 12th day of January 1925, 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 1925 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 C.E. Lawson be and they are hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officers at said Election.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the customary notice of proclamation of Election be inserted in the "North Shore Press" and that notice be posted on the Notice Board as required by the "Municipal Elections Act".

At 12 midnight, it was moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that this Council do now adjourn, to reconvene at the City Hall, on Monday, December 29th, at 7 p.m.

Signed D. Donaghy, Mayor