

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, MAY 4<sup>th</sup>, 1925 AT 8:00 P.M.**

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

The Minutes of Regular meeting of Council, held April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1925, copies of which had previously been supplied each of the Aldermen, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Bridgman, adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From the Registrar, County Court, being receipt for the registration of Safety Zone Bylaw No. 640 and Land Sales Bylaw No. 641.  
Filed.

From the Secretary, Union Canadian Municipalities, advising that the Capilano Timber Company has deposited plans with the Minister of Public Works, Ottawa, for filling and dredging operations and sawmill construction, to be carried out on the North Shore of Burrard Inlet in front of the Easterly 674 feet of Block 27, D.L. 266 and stating that if this Council has any objections, then representation should be made without delay to Dr. King and Federal member.

Moved by Alderman Vance, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the Engineer look into the plans referred to at once and if he finds no objection that a reply be forwarded that this City has no objection to the plans.

From C.M. Kittson, stating that Mr. Louis Wicker, a resident of North Vancouver, 66 years of age, is in destitute circumstances and wishes to be admitted to the old people's home.

The Chief of Police also reported in connection with the same party.  
Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that application be made to the Provincial secretary, for admittance of Mr. Louis Wicker to the Provincial Home, Kamloops, and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the application form.

From Annie L. Crowston, advising that she is rescinding her offer of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 1924, to sell to the City Lot A., Resub. 4, Block 20, D.L. 548.

Moved by Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that Mrs. Crowston be advised that the City does not wish to purchase the lot referred to and that the communication be filed.

From the Chairman, Board of Governors Rotary Institute, requesting that one-half of the proposed grant to the Rotary Institute be forwarded as soon as possible.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that as soon as the Estimates are settled and the rates struck, that one-half of the proposed grant be forwarded to the Rotary Institute.

From G.T. Sinclair, 19<sup>th</sup> Street West, complaining about the inadequate water service.

Referred to the Water Committee and Engineer for report.

From L.E. MacKenzie, applying for permission to make a crossing to his garage on Keith Road west of the Boulevard, also applying to have culvert constructed across the ditch.

Moved by Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the applicant be advised that private crossings over sidewalks are constructed by owners, under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, and that the Engineer be authorized to construct the culvert applied for, across the ditch.

From G.T.S. Saundby, Solicitor, stating that he has been requested by a number of wood yards employing white labour to draw attention to the fact that there are various Hindoos peddling wood in North Vancouver without a peddler's license, the result being that his clients are subjected to unfair competition.

Referred to the License Inspector for report.

From the City Clerk, reporting receipt of a conveyance from the Department of Indian Affairs of 2.44 acres through Squamish Mission Reserve No. 1, being the extension of Third Street through the Indian Reserve.

Application for this deed was made in 1912, consideration being \$3,075.63.

Moved by Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that the above conveyance be received and registered.

From the City Solicitor, reporting that the appeal of the North Vancouver Land and Improvement Company to the Court of Appeal was heard on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, No reasons have yet been handed down for the decision, which was in favour of this City; the important point being that the Court has decided un that the City has the right to assess land covered by water.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the City Council wish to place on record, their appreciation of the able manner of which their Solicitor, Mr. A.A. Gray, presented their case in connection with the Appeal of the 1925 Assessment and the right of the City to assess waterfront lots both before the County Court and Court of Appeal. We believe that it was largely owing to his foresight and the thorough manner in which he conducted the case, that the City was successful.

From the Ladies Aid, St. Paul's Hospital, applying to tag in North Vancouver and on the ferries on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the above application be granted.

From A. C. Phillips, 1954 Ridgeway Avenue, complaining that the street is in such a condition that he is unable to get building material delivered.

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

From G.C. Cooper, 148 Esplanade East, complaining of the high taxes paid by owners on the Boulevard without being able to get any work done in return, also complaining of boxes, debris, etc. lying around and requesting that the matter be taken up immediately.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Board of Works again look into the above complaint, with power to act.

From Agnes Cooper, 148 – 13<sup>th</sup> Street east, complaining of the unhealthy condition of the drain or ditch on the north side of 13<sup>th</sup> Street East, in the first block.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that all such complaints be referred immediately to the Sanitary Inspector, Engineer and Chief of the Fire Department for attention.

From J.P. Fell, dated May 2<sup>nd</sup>, stating that now that the Court of Appeal has settled the right of the City to tax waterlots, it would seem to be an opportune time to seriously consider the advisability of making a substantial reduction in the assessment of waterfront property.

Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From the City Engineer, dated April 21<sup>st</sup>, reporting on the cost for furnishing tourists with hot water and the Caretaker's salary. Cost of furnishing hot water would be \$300.00 and the Caretaker's salary for 5 months \$375.00. This amount has not yet been included in the Estimates.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above report be referred to the Special Committee consisting of Alderman Cameron and Alderman Vance for a recommendation.

From the City Engineer, reporting having received a letter from the Superintendent of Works of the District, suggesting that the City pay one-third of the cost of redecking and repairing the stringers on a small bridge on the pipe line road, between the end of the street car tracks and the City Intake, such repairs to be borne by the City, District and Cedars.

Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From R. Dennis, applying for a building permit to Lot 11, Block 7, D.L. 273, attached being report from the Engineer that in the Block referred to, there are already four houses supplied with a half-inch service pipe and in order to give a satisfactory water service to the above lot, in addition to the four houses, a one inch service pipe is required, which installed, would cost approximately \$225.00.

Moved by Alderman Vance, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Engineer be authorized to install a one inch service pipe at an approximate cost of \$225.00.

From the City Engineer, advising receipt of a letter from the Harbour Commissioners, complaining that the City is still using dump at the foot of St.

David's Avenue, that recently several loads of corrugated iron and rubber tires have been dumped at this point without authority from the City.

The Engineer also reported that the City employees have in no way violated instructions given by him that no more garbage or refuse of any kind be dumped below high water mark at this point.

Moved by Alderman Vance, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that a copy of the Engineer's report be forwarded to the Harbour Commissioners, that a sign prohibiting dumping of garbage be installed and that the matter be referred to the Chief of Police.

From the Fire Chief, being report of fires during the month of April. Nine alarms no loss.

Filed.

From the Fire Chief, reported that on April 14<sup>th</sup>, the Department responded to an alarm to the home of Fred Corkill, 65 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street – Indian Reserve.

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that an account be forwarded to the Indian Agent for the services of the Fire Department \$75.00.

From Colin McDonald, stating that he is an old resident, 19 years, and taxpayer a civic employee as long, if not longer than any one at present now working. At the present time he is working 4 hours per week with a promise of some work as soon as the Season's work starts.

Referred to the Engineer.

From the Burrard Dry Dock Company, applying for a six inch service connection in their yard with ah four inch meter, they having to tear out their old pipe lines.

Moved by Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the above application be referred to the Water Committee with power to act.

From the Ladies Auxiliary, G.W.V.A., Vancouver Branch, applying for permission to tag on the ferries on May 23<sup>rd</sup> in aid of Hospital work.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the above application be granted.

From the City Collector, being report of collections for the month of April.

Filed.

From the Secretary, North Shore Baseball League, extending to the Mayor and Council, an invitation to be present at the opening game of the Season at Mahon Park, on Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. and inviting Mayor Donaghy to officially declare the 1925 Baseball Season open by throwing the first ball.

Moved by Alderman Vance, 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.

Petition was received signed by 13 parties, legitimate grocers of the City, requesting that no change be made in the existing Bylaw covering grocer stores.

Petition was also received, signed by 24 persons, petitioning that Bylaw NO. 393 "Grocers Early Closing Bylaw" be repealed.

The Chief of Police reported that there are 37 grocery licenses issued for the first half of 1925.

Referred to the Solicitor for a report.

TENDERS were received as follows:

For Ferry lead on the North Vancouver side

From Vancouver Pile Driving & Contracting Co., \$2,650.00, deposit \$265.00

From W. Greenlees, \$2,537.43, deposit cheque \$254.00

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the above tender of W. Greenlees for the construction of a new lead for the ferry dock be accepted, if satisfactory to the Superintendent, and subject to approval or Harbour Commissioners being secured for the installation of said lead.

Tenders for feed, were received from A.C. Miller, Brackman-Ker Milling Company, and Vernon & Buckerfield.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the above tender of A.C. Miller, be accepted, his tender being the lowest.

Tenders were received for supply receipt books for the Collectors' Department, from Shoemaker, McLean & Veitch Limited \$16.00 and North Shore Press \$19.50.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the tender of Shoemaker, McLean and Veitch for supplying receipt books for dog licenses, City property and miscellaneous, at the price of \$16.00 be accepted, their tender being the lowest.

Applications to purchase tax sale lots were received from

Irwin & Billings on behalf of a client, to purchase Lot 7, Block 6, D.L. 265, list price \$150.00.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by ato2s and resolved that the above offer to purchase be accepted, and purchaser to pay along with first cash payment, an amount equivalent to proportion of taxes for the current year.

Alderman Irwin not voting.

From Martha Nettland, offering to purchase Lot 25, Ex. S.10' Resub. 6 & 7, Block 30, D.L. 548, List price \$175.00.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the above offer be accepted, purchaser to pay along with first cash payment, an amount equivalent to proportion of taxes for the current year.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that his Council do now proceed to resolve itself into Committee of the Whole.

His Worship Mayor Donaghy appointed Alderman Vance, Chairman of the Committee.

IN COMMITTEE

## IN COUNCIL

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

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

RECOMMEND that renewal of the Public Liability on the ferries be referred to the Clerk for attention.

Re plan of lead on the North Vancouver Ferry wharf.

The Superintendent submitted sketch of proposed lead on the North Vancouver side which had been prepared by the City Engineer. RECOMMEND that subject to the approval of the Harbour Commissioners being secured, the letting of contract for ferry lead be left to the Superintendent and City Engineer.

RECOMMEND that bodies of Soldiers in command of an officer be granted free transportation on the ferries, upon proper application being made.

RECOMMEND that his Council approve signs recently installed at the Ferry approaches.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that the following report of the Finance Committee be adopted;

RECOMMEND that communication from the Clerk with respect to the number of families receiving assistance under the Mothers' Pension Act, be filed for reference.

Re water rates for public sanitary conveniences being installed by the Bowling Club at the Horticultural Grounds.

RECOMMEND that the water rate be abrogated.

Re water rates at Mill, foot of St. George's Avenue.

The Collector reported having difficulty to secure water rates on the above premises, the mill changing hands very frequently and the tenant usually vacating without paying the water rates.

RECOMMEND that the Collector post notice and turn off the water.

The Treasurer reported verbally that \$14,820.00 debentures under General Bylaw No. 332 fall due on May 12<sup>th</sup>, that there is not quite sufficient funds in the sinking fund yet to retire same, but that during the month, sinking fund interest will be received, a portion of which may be applied on this account.

RECOMMEND that the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to use, out of current funds, such amount as may be necessary to make up shortage to retire the above bonds.

Re arrears in payments due from purchasers of tax sale property.

RECOMMEND that the Collector submit list to the Finance committee for a recommendation.

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

RECOMMEND that the tender of H.J. Kiersch for supplying nine uniforms with extra pants, at the price of \$53.50 be accepted.

A representative from the Fire Department interviewed the Committee and Mayor Donaghy stated that he had been waited on by two members of the Fire Department, with a view to putting in force better working conditions; the representatives stated that a two platoon system could be worked out, the men working 10 hours one shift and 14 another; by the addition of two extra men to the Department, at an approximate cost of \$2800.00 per year.

The Chief stated that if such a scheme is put in operation it will be necessary that the men who are off should guarantee that three of their number will be in the City to respond to fire calls.

RECOMMEND that action in the above matter be deferred until the next meeting of Council.

Moved by Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Cameron and resolved that the following report of the Board of Works Committee be adopted:

Communication was received from the City Engineer, enclosing report from John McCready, City Foreman, of an accident to the Board of Works light delivery truck;

Also letter from Winram, Henderson Limited, Accident insurance Company, who have agreed to pay the damages to the Board of Works light delivery and enclosing a release to be signed.

The Engineer reports that as the necessary repairs have been made, Messrs. Winram, Henderson Limited, paying for same, that the release be authorized.

RECOMMEND that the above release be signed.

RECOMMEND that the Solicitor and Engineer interview the Municipal Inspector with respect to proposed bylaw for sidewalk construction \$5,000.00.

The Engineer reported that Wallace Shipbuilding Company propose constructing a concrete roadway from the Esplanade down through their plant and from the plan it would show that this roadway will cut through the sidewalk, making a drop in the sidewalk, and suggested that the proper grades should be adhered to.

RECOMMEND that the above matter be referred to the Chairman of the Board of Works and the Engineer to take up with the Wallace Shipbuilding Company and report at first meeting of Council.

Mayor Donaghy reported having been waited on by a deputation of old high school students with a view to their securing premises for winter sports, such as basket ball, football, etc.

Mr. Harvie representing the old high school students, being present, addressed the Committee, stating that having inspected the North Vancouver Hotel, it seemed to them that the cost of alterations to make suitable quarters there would be prohibitive.

RECOMMEND that the Mayor, Alderman Bridgman and a deputation from the old High School students, get in touch with the Chairman of the School Board for consultation with reference to the above matter and submit report at a later date.

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the following report of the Parks Committee be adopted:

RECOMMEND that applications be called for the use of Refreshment booth at Mahon Park, reserving May 24<sup>th</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup> and Labour Day, and that a preference be given to Returned Soldiers.

Mr. T.S. Brown, representing the Native Sons, interviewed the Committee with reference to sports to be held in Mahon Park on July 1<sup>st</sup>, stating that an application had been forwarded to the Council for the use of Mahon Park on July 1<sup>st</sup>, with the usual concessions and application for a grant, and hoping that the grant would be as large as possible.

RECOMMEND that the Native Sons be granted the use of Mahon Park with the usual concessions on July 1<sup>st</sup>, and that the matter of grant be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Engineer verbally reported that work in Mahon Park is progressing.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, School, 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	\$1762.65	
	529.08	
	<u>712.71</u>	\$3,004.44
School		\$10,634.08
Board of Works	\$385.75	
	<u>1031.13</u>	\$1416.88
Waterworks	\$321.85	
	<u>74.82</u>	\$396.67
Ferry		\$8,526.60
Fire & Light		\$1,155.00
Parks	\$318.25	
	<u>236.54</u>	\$554.79
Parks (Police)		\$1,367.50
Parks (Health)	\$300.00	
	<u>87.00</u>	\$387.00

Moved by Alderman Vance, seconded by Alderman Bridgman 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, 1925, No. 39" 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 Vance, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw, 1925, No. 39", be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Vance, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Committee proceedings with respect to the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw, 1925, No. 39" be dispensed with.

Moved by Alderman Vance, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw, 1925, No. 39", be now read a third time.

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

Voting for: Aldermen Bridgman, Cameron, Tolmie, Townsley, Vance and His Worship Mayor Donaghy .

Alderman Irwin was excused from voting.

Re Improving North Vancouver Hotel building

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Building Inspector submit report on estimated cost of putting the old North Vancouver Hotel into shape for a Rooming House or Lodging house.

Re application R.P. Clark & Co. to purchase Lot 13, Block 178.  
Moved by Alderman Vance, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that  
R.P. Clark & Co. be advised that Lots in Block 178 are not for sale.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Townsley that the  
Assessor submit a valuation on the land lots abutting on the waterlots formerly  
owned by the Bank of Montreal in Block 178.

Upon a vote being taken, the Mayor declared the Motion lost.

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Vance and  
resolved that the Council do now adjourn, to reconvene in the City Hall on  
Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 1925 at 8 p.m.

Signed            G.W. Vance, Acting Mayor