

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, July 3rd 1951 at 8 p.m.

Present

His Worship Mayor F.R. Goldsworthy, Alderman M.F. Aldous, Alderman C.W. Cates, Alderman K.H. Gostick, Alderman J. C. McDevitt, Alderman A. Stewart and Alderman J.A. Suttis.

MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Gostick, seconded by Alderman Aldous that the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on June 18th 1951, and Minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 20th 1951 and the Minutes of a Public Hearing of the Council held under the Town Planning Act on June 25th 1951 be taken as read and adopted, copies of same having been given to all members of the Council. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

From the North Shore United Veterans Council, asking for assistance in providing more adequate help to care for the Veterans Plot in the North Vancouver Cemetery.

1 Moved by Alderman Aldous, seconded by Alderman Gostick that this request be referred to the Cemetery Committee for a recommendation. Carried

From the North Vancouver Junior Chamber of Commerce, requesting permission to leave the Timber Rodeo structures standing in Mahon Park.

2 Moved by Alderman Gostick, seconded by Alderman McDevitt that this request be referred to the Chairman of the Board of Works Committee and the Superintendent of Works with power to act. Carried

From the North Shore Neighbourhood House, requesting permission to use the Library Building grounds for their Summer Fun programme.

3 Moved by Alderman Gostick, seconded by Alderman Aldous that this request be left in the hands of the Clerk to make a satisfactory arrangement. Carried

From Heywood Community Centre, 835 West Keith Road, requesting permission to erect a six ft. high board fence around the Centre's playground area.

4 Moved by Alderman Aldous, seconded by Alderman McDevitt that permission be granted the Heywood Community Centre to erect a board fence around the Centre's Playground Area, provided that such fence does not exceed 4 feet in height and that the Clerk be instructed to make the necessary arrangements with the Centre. Carried

From the North Vancouver Board of Trade, requesting permission to erect Tourist Guide Signs in the City.

5 Moved by Alderman Cates, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the Board of Trade be given permission to erect Tourist Guide Signs in accordance with the letter from the Board's Tourist Committee of June 28th 1951. Carried

From the B.C. Association of Assessors extending an invitation to the Council to send the Assessor and his Assistant to attend the Annual Conference in Nanaimo on September 6th and 7th.

His Worship suggested that this request be referred to the Clerk for a recommendation and report and this was agreed to.

From the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act Inquiry Board giving information as to the procedure for submitting any suggested changes to the said Act.

His Worship referred this letter to the Reference Committee for a recommendation and report.

APPLICATIONS TO PURCHASE PROPERTY

The Clerk submitted two applications to purchase tax sale land.

Moved by Alderman Gostick, seconded by Alderman Aldous that the following sales of tax sale land be placed on the next By-law for conveyance:

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>D.L.</u>	<u>Name of Purchaser</u>	<u>Price</u>
17	119	274	Frank Galati	\$350.00
1 3 Ex. W.10'	73	548	Robert Pollock Hornal & Frances Lorraine Hornal	\$580.00
(Provided that the applicants execute a deed in favour of the City covering the E.10' of Lot 2/73/548 for lane purposes.)				Carried

DUE ACCOUNTS

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Gostick that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the following warrant:

137 Social Welfare \$1675.17 Carried

Alderman McDevitt left the Council Room.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEESFINANCE COMMITTEE

Alderman Suttis advised that his Committee had considered the request of the North Vancouver Civic Employees Association for permission to hold their annual picnic and now recommended as follows:-

- 2 RECOMMEND that the North Vancouver Civic Employees Association be granted permission to hold their annual picnic on Wednesday, August 8th 1951 as requested.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Gostick that the above recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried

- 3 Alderman Suttis advised that the City had joined the Vancouver Tourist Association last year and had contributed the sum of \$250.00 towards the Association's work. While this was a small amount he said we feel the Association is doing a job for the Greater Vancouver area. He said their plans this year are progressive and so far this year their publicity has been on a progressive basis. He said that he felt that the Council would want to continue as a member of the Association and he said the Association wants us as a participating member. He said his Committee recognizes the value of the Tourist Association. He felt we should have one in North Vancouver but failing that for the small grant which we are making to the Vancouver Association we can participate in the Association's facilities and receive considerable benefits therefrom.

RECOMMEND that the City make its usual Grant of \$250.00 to the Vancouver Tourist Association for the year 1951.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Gostick that the above recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried

- 4 Mayor Goldsworthy said that he had in the past attended the meetings of the Vancouver Tourist Association but now asked Alderman Gostick to arrange for someone from his Committee to represent the Council at the future meetings of the Association.

LEGAL & POLICY COMMITTEE

Alderman Gostick advised that his Committee had met on June 25th last with representatives of the North Vancouver Community Players who desired to rent the Scout Hall for their activities and his Committee recommends as follows:-

- 5 RECOMMEND that the North Vancouver Community Players be granted permission to rent the Scout Hall on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings of each week, on a ten months basis, commencing September 1st 1951, with the use of the basement for the storage of stage props, etc., at a monthly rental of \$30.00. Janitor service to be provided as heretofore.

Moved by Alderman Gostick, seconded by Alderman Aldous that the above recommendation of the Legal & Policy Committee be adopted. Carried

Alderman Gostick advised that Chew Bros. Shingle Mill had approached the City several months ago with a view to using a portion of City property on Esplanade at the foot of Mahon Avenue for the purpose of erecting a warehouse and office and he asked that this matter be gone into in Committee of the Whole at the end of this meeting.

#### FIRE, LIGHT AND PARKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Aldous reported that Fire Chief Wm. Murphy, is commencing his holidays this week and as usual it will be necessary to appoint an Acting Chief to carry on as Department Head.

2 Moved by Alderman Aldous, seconded by Alderman Gostick that Captain William Thomson be appointed Acting Fire Chief during the absence of Fire Chief Wm. Murphy on his annual vacation.

Alderman Aldous commented on the work which had been done on the City Float this year. He said he would like to express his appreciation to those responsible for the construction of such a fine exhibit. This included Mr. F. Brewer of the International Harvester Company who loaned a truck to carry the float. Miss Sylvia Golman, a local artist, who designed the float, the members of the Fire Department who did all the construction work on the float, Mr. Jack Hutton of Imperial Cannery, who contributed time and material towards the construction of the float, Spracklin Realty and Lonsdale Lumber Company and many citizens generally who contributed the necessary flowers for the decoration of the float.

4 Mayor Goldsworthy said he was sure everyone agreed that the City and District's entry in the Parade this year was very satisfactory and it was his understanding that this float would also be entered in the Vancouver P.N.E. Parade.

5 The Clerk was instructed to forward letters of appreciation to those responsible for the construction and design of the City's entry in the Dominion Day Parade.

Alderman McDevitt resumed his seat in the Council Chamber.

Alderman Aldous advised that the following work had been carried out without over-expenditure in the Parks Department during the first six months of 1951:-

6 "The interior of the Mahon Park Grandstand completely rebuilt. First Aid Station has been constructed in Mahon Park. The Chlorination Equipment has been installed and put in running order in the Mahon Park Swimming Pool. The results of which are quite satisfactory. The attendance at the Pool to date is considerably higher than in 1950, probably as a result of warmer and clearer water."

7 Alderman Aldous stated that the Parks Budget did not allow for any major construction other than the grandstand this year, but maintenance has been carried on as well as possible with the funds available.

#### BOARD OF WORKS COMMITTEE

6 Alderman Cates reported that he would be away for a two weeks period commencing next Monday.

7 Alderman Cates reported that the following work has been carried out during the first six months of 1951:

#### Chesterfield Avenue

Subgrade prepared and completed, and initial surface treatment given. Boulevards rough graded, but not as yet finally completed.

#### Jones Avenue

19th to 23rd Street sub-grade completed and initial surface treatment completed.

19th Street - Jones to the Boulevard final surface treatment completed.

Jones Avenue - Keith Road to 19th St. final surface treatment completed.

Jones Avenue - 23rd to 25th Street sub-grade at present being prepared.

25th Street - Jones to Mahon Avenue and Lonsdale to Ridgeway at present being prepared for surface treatment.

Queensbury Avenue - Seal coat 3rd to Keith completed.

By-law 2024 - Construction of a sanitary sewer on 17th Street from Lonsdale to Chesterfield completed. The only remaining work to be done in this connection is road repairs.

Alderman Cates said that he believed all work outlined in the 1951 Budget would be completed this year without over-expenditure. He stated so far there is no likelihood for a surplus.

#### FERRY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Alderman McDevitt submitted the following traffic figures on the City Ferries for the month of June as compared with the same month of last year:

	<u>June 1951</u>	<u>June 1950</u>
2 No. of vehicles carried	11,194	10,128
No. of passengers carried	111,876	128,653

Alderman McDevitt then submitted the following recommendations from his Committee:-

3 RECOMMEND that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign and seal with the Corporate Seal a renewal of the Ferry Mail Contract with the Postmaster General, the said contract being for the period of July 1st 1951 to June 30th 1955, subject to termination after July 1st 1952, at and for the sum of \$1465.12 per annum.

Moved by Alderman McDevitt, seconded by Alderman Cates that the above recommendation of the Ferry Committee be adopted. Carried

4 RECOMMEND that the holders of North Vancouver Civic Employees Association Picnic Tickets be allowed to travel to and from Vancouver on the City Ferries without charge on Wednesday - August 8th 1951, the date of the said Association's Annual Picnic.

Moved by Alderman McDevitt, seconded by Alderman Cates that the above recommendation of the Ferry Committee be adopted. Carried

5 RECOMMEND that permission be given the Ladies Auxiliary of the Army, Navy & Airforce Veterans in Canada (Unit 16) to arrange for a Harbour Navigation vessel to dock at the North Vancouver Ferry Wharf on Sunday, August 12th 1951 at 11.00 a.m.

Moved by Alderman McDevitt, seconded by Alderman Cates that the above recommendation of the Ferry Committee be adopted. Carried

6 RECOMMEND that Captain W. Gibson be appointed Acting Superintendent while Superintendent Milman is on vacation, starting July 16th 1951.

Moved by Alderman McDevitt, seconded by Alderman Cates that the above recommendation of the Ferry Committee be adopted. Carried

#### WATERWORKS & INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE

Alderman Stewart submitted the following report covering the work done by the Waterworks Committee during the first six months of 1951:-

"Except for the By-laws the Waterworks Budget is entirely a maintenance budget which I believe is being carried on successfully without over-expenditure for the first six months' period of 1951.

By-laws 2015 and 2016 are proceeding satisfactorily and within the estimated cost.

The following mains have been constructed and are in operation:-

- Moody Avenue - 3rd Street to Low Level Road - 8" C.I.
- 17th Street - Lonsdale to Ridgeway - 16" Wood.
- St. Andrew's - 17th Street to 25th St. - 8" C.I.
- 21st Street - Lonsdale to St. Andrews - 6" C.I.
- Lane East of Eastern - 21st St. to St. George's - 4" C.I."

Alderman Stewart advised that no further meetings of the Metropolitan Industrial Planning Board had been held. He felt that some of the Municipalities were of the opinion that their Industrial Planning and publicity could best be carried on through their local agencies such as the Board of Trade and were not particularly enthusiastic about the formation of a Metropolitan Industrial Board or Commission. He said that he would report again to the Council if further meetings were held.

NEW BUSINESS

The Clerk submitted the Certificate of the Returning Officer covering the Referendum held in the City on June 28th 1951 on the proposed Agreement for the sale of the Second Narrows Bridge to the Canadian National Railway Company.

Moved by Alderman Gostick, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the Certificate of the Returning Officer be placed on the Minutes. Carried

"THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER

IN THE MATTER OF

A By-law for taking the vote of the Electors entitled to vote on money by-laws, upon a proposed agreement for the sale of the Second Narrows Bridge and other Property of The Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company to the Canadian National Railway Company.

AND IN THE MATTER OF

"City and District of North Vancouver Enabling Act, 1951"

I, Ronald Clement Gibbs, Returning Officer hereby certify that the votes of the Electors entitled to vote on any By-law for raising money upon the credit of The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver was duly taken on the 28th day of June 1951, pursuant to the said By-law and the said Act by ballot on the question "Yes" or "No" in the following form:-

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER		
A By-law for taking the Vote of the Electors entitled to vote on money by-laws, upon a proposed Agreement for the Sale of the Second Narrows Bridge and other Property of The Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company to the Canadian National Railway Company.		
	Yes	No
Do you assent to the proposed Agreement for the Sale of the Second Narrows Bridge and other property of The Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company set forth in Schedule "A" to the above mentioned By-law?		

If you are in favour of the proposed Agreement mark "X" under the word "Yes" above.

If you are not in favour of the proposed Agreement mark "X" under the word "No" above.

And I hereby state and certify that the number of the said votes cast in favour of the said proposed agreement on the taking of the said votes as aforesaid was 761 votes and that the number of the said votes cast against the said proposed agreement on the taking of the said votes as aforesaid was 522 votes.

Dated and signed by me at the City of North Vancouver on this 29th day of June 1951.

(sgd) R.C. Gibbs,  
Returning Officer

Named by the Council of The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver for the taking of said votes."

The Clerk submitted Order-in-Council No. 1504, approving of the "City of North Vancouver Tax Sale Property Reserve Expenditure By-law 1951, No.2"

Ordered received and filed.

The Clerk submitted Certificate from the County Court at Vancouver covering By-law No. 2040.

Ordered received and filed.

#### BY-LAWS

Moved by Alderman Gostick, seconded by Alderman Cates that the "Zoning By-law 1950, Amendment By-law No. 2, 1951" be reconsidered, finally adopted and passed by the Council, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal. Carried

Whereupon the By-law was reconsidered, finally adopted and passed by the Council, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 2041.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Letter was received from Mr. J. A. Coleman, President of the North Vancouver Memorial Community Centre, advising that the Centre proposes to continue operation on a re-organized basis and that its anticipated sources of revenue will include the Grant of \$1250.00 from the City which had been authorized recently.

Letter was also received from Mr. A.D. Dewar, Executive Director of the Centre advising of the re-organization changes which will be made to try and place the Centre on a workable basis.

Discussion followed on these two letters.

Alderman Suttis felt that the Centre will outline to the Council its proposed method of operation before they would expect to get the Grant from the City.

His Worship referred these letters to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Two letters were received from the Local Branch of the B.C. Old Age Pensioners Organization thanking the Council for its Grant of \$25.00 and extending an invitation together with the necessary tickets to attend the Group's Annual Picnic on July 12th 1951.

Mayor Goldsworthy said that the Council was not thinking of getting anything in return when they donated the \$25.00 to the Group but felt that possibly one or two members of the Council might be able to accept the Pensioners invitation to be present at their annual picnic.

The above letters were ordered acknowledged with thanks and received and filed.

The Clerk advised that he had received letters from the District of Delta, City of Port Coquitlam, District of Burnaby, City of Vancouver, City of New Westminster, The District of Surrey and the District of Kent backing up our City Council in its request that the Board of Transport Commissioners hold local Hearings on the application of the B.C. Telephone Company for increased rates.

The Clerk reported that since the last Council meeting a further letter had been received from the Board advising that the sittings in Ottawa, being held to-day were for the purpose of hearing the Company's request for an Interim order and that the Hearings of the main application will be held in Vancouver on a date to be fixed by the Board.

The foregoing letters were ordered received and filed.

Alderman Gostick reported that it had been the intention of the Council to get together with the Board of Trade to prepare a Brief objecting to the application of the B.C. Telephone Company but as it had to be filed by June 22nd the Comptroller and himself had got together and prepared a Brief and submitted the same to the Board of Transport Commissioners. He said that he had 'phoned the Board of Trade and explained the necessity for immediate action and he understood that the Board of Trade was making similar representations.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman McDevitt that the action of the Chairman of the Legal and Policy Committee and the Comptroller in preparing a Brief for submission to the Board of Transport Commissioners opposing the application of the B.C. Telephone Company for increased rates be approved Carried

The Clerk reported that in reply to the Council's advertisement eleven applications had been received for the position of Fire Chief for the City and that under the Procedure By-law such appointment must be done by ballot.

Moved by Alderman Gostick, seconded by Alderman Aldous that the appointment of a new Fire Chief be now voted on by ballot.

His Worship asked the members of the press and the Solicitor to act as scrutineers.

The ballots of the Council were taken and the Scrutineers reported that Mr. Wm. Thomson was the unanimous choice for the position of Fire Chief.

Moved by Alderman Aldous, seconded by Alderman Gostick that Whereas a ballot now having been taken on the appointment of a new Fire Chief,

And that Whereas Wm. Thomson having received seven ballots in his favour, being the total number of ballots distributed, That he therefore be appointed Fire Chief of the City of North Vancouver with duties to commence on July 27th 1951. Carried

#### ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Mayor Goldsworthy said that the Council appreciated very much the co-operation of the citizens in confining their use of water for sprinkling purposes to the non peak hours. He said that it was desirable that such co-operation be continued and that no sprinkling be carried on between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. and if we continue to have the co-operation of the citizens it will not be necessary to put into effect any sprinkling regulations. He pointed out that there is no shortage of water but due to the long prolonged dry spell there has been a tremendous draw off through the System.

Mayor Goldsworthy reported that the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Homes Project was well underway and it was desirable that the City Council appoint a delegate to represent it on the Housing Committee which the Kiwanis are setting up to look after such project. He favoured the appointment of one of the local citizens as our representative instead of a member of the Council.

Alderman Stewart advised that the Agreement with the Government for the financing of such a Project has not been received. He agreed that Mayor Goldsworthy should appoint a representative to represent the Council on the proposed Housing Committee.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Gostick that Mayor Goldsworthy be authorized to appoint a local citizen as the City Council's representative on the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Housing Committee. Carried

Mayor Goldsworthy reported that many meetings had been held in Vancouver and the Greater Vancouver Area to prepare plans for Civil Defence and that these meetings had been attended by Alderman Cates, Mr. Greenwood and himself.

Meetings had been held with Mr. Pennington, the Provincial Civil Defence Co-ordinator, with Air Vice-Marshal Heakes, Civil Defence Head of the Greater Vancouver Area and with other Mayors and Reeves of the Lower Mainland. He said that a Greater Vancouver Civil Defence area had been formed of which we are a part. He said that a Control Committee and a Civil Defence Planning Committee had been set up and we are a part of both of these Committees. He stated that we have done a great deal of work on preparing for Civil Defence on the North Shore, having completed plans of our water system on the proper scale and these have been filed in the Vancouver Head Office. Road plans, etc., have also been filed. He advised that Mr. Greenwood has organized local firms so that in an emergency he will be able to locate various machinery for use by Civil Defence Authorities.

Mayor Goldsworthy said that Civil Defence had been discussed thoroughly at the recent Mayors Conference, at which time the Municipalities received the information as to what extent the Federal and Provincial Authorities will participate in Civil Defence preparations.

Mayor Goldsworthy advised that we still have the Air Raid sirens available from the last War and these have been checked and only require control equipment to be installed. He said that considerable literature and booklets are available and more will be obtained for the information of citizens generally. Local groups such as the Red Cross, St. John's Ambulance, War Brides Association, V.O.N. etc., will be asked to participate in local Civil Defence plans.

Mayor Goldsworthy then submitted a Chart showing proposed breakdown of duties of the various Department heads, organizations, etc. which is to be used as a guide for the building up of our local Civil Defence organization. He said that no Director had been appointed as yet it being the feeling of Senior Civil Defence officials that this was not necessary at this time providing that someone is active in promoting the organization. He asked if Alderman Suttis would be prepared to take on the co-chairmanship of the Civil Defence organization with him to help arrange details to carry out organization plans.

Mayor Goldsworthy said that the responsibility for financing Civil Defence costs is much clearer now than it was several months ago. He said that if and when the time comes for Civil Defence operations the Government will have a plan for giving financial aid to the Municipalities. He asked if the Council approved of the proposed Civil Defence organization in principle.

Alderman Gostick said that it was his understanding that the proposed Civil Defence Organization has been set up for the purpose of providing a skeleton framework for future extension at any time and would keep its eye on the situation and be in a position to go into operation at short notice.

Mayor Goldsworthy agreed that such was the case and that while his plan covers the City only, the overall Civil Defence plan calls for co-operation between all Municipalities in the Greater Vancouver Civil Defence Area under Mr. Oliver the Vancouver City Engineer; Mr. Mulligan the Vancouver Police Chief; Dr. Stewart Murray, Medical Health Officer; and the New Westminster Fire Chief.

Mr. Greenwood pointed out that the intention is to have each Unit self-sufficient as well as being able to work in with surrounding Municipalities on a general plan.



Moved by Alderman Gostick, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the Council approve of the proposed Civil Defence Organization plan in principle as now submitted by His Worship and that Alderman Suttis be appointed co-Chairman to act with Mayor Goldsworthy as head of our Civil Defence Organization. Carried

2 Alderman Suttis said that while he did not know a great deal about the Civil Defence organization he was willing to give it the serious attention it deserves. He felt that those who have worked on the plan so far, have done a fine job and he was willing to co-operate in every way to organize the plan which has now been approved by this Council.

Alderman Aldous advised that he felt that the Kinsmen Club should be thanked for their efforts in providing another successful July 1st Celebration.

3 Moved by Alderman Aldous, seconded by Alderman Gostick that a letter of appreciation be sent from the Council to the Kinsmen Club for the successful celebration which had been staged to commemorate Dominion Day. Carried

Alderman Aldous said that at this time he would like to express appreciation to His Worship Mayor Goldsworthy for the tremendous amount of work which he had done in trying to get a satisfactory Agreement between the Canadian National Railway and the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company.

4 Moved by Alderman Aldous, seconded by Alderman Gostick that this Council express its appreciation to Mayor Goldsworthy for the work which he had done in trying to secure a satisfactory agreement between the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company and the Canadian National Railway Company. Carried unanimously.

5 Mayor Goldsworthy thanked the Council for its appreciation and he said that he would like to refrain from making further comments on the subject until such time as the Bridge Company has had an opportunity of discussing the matter further.

Moved by Alderman Gostick, seconded by Alderman Cates that this Council do now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole with the Mayor as Chairman, to discuss the request of Chew Bros. Shingle Mill to lease a portion of Parcel "Z", D.L. 271. Carried

IN COMMITTEE

Moved by Alderman Gostick that this Committee do now rise and report to Council. Carried

IN COUNCIL

Moved by Alderman Gostick, seconded by Alderman Cates that the above report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted. Carried

Moved by Alderman Gostick, seconded by Alderman Aldous that this Council do now adjourn.

Whereupon the Council adjourned at 10.10 p.m.



MAYOR

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council, held in the Council Chamber City Hall on Monday, July 16, 1951, at 8 p.m.

Present

His Worship Mayor F.R. Goldsworthy, Alderman M.F. Aldous, Alderman K.H. Gostick, Alderman J.C. McDevitt and Alderman A. Stewart.

#### MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Aldous that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council, held on July 3, 1951 be taken as read and adopted, copies of same having been given to all members of the Council. Carried

#### CORRESPONDENCE

From the District of North Vancouver advising that its Civil Defence Committee would like to hold an early meeting with City representatives to go into the whole matter of Civil defence for the North Shore.

This matter was referred to His Worship to arrange a meeting as requested.

From the North Vancouver Traffic and Safety Committee, outlining the proposed manner in which such a committee would operate. Mr. George Scholes was present representing the Committee.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman McDevitt that Mr. Scholes be now heard. Carried

Mr. Scholes suggested that the Council should appoint one of its members to act on the proposed Traffic and Safety Committee and that the City Engineer and Chief of Police should also attend meetings of the Committee.

2 Alderman Gostick said that the whole matter would require considerable discussion and that no decision could be made tonight. He thought that the setting up of such a committee might be worthwhile but that the proposed powers of such a committee seemed to be quite wide.

Mayor Goldsworthy said that this matter had been discussed some time ago by the Council and had been left in the hands of the Transportation Committee Chairman at that time.

After further discussion, His Worship referred the letter from the Traffic and Safety Committee to the Transportation Committee for study and report.

3 From F. Temple Keeling, 847 West Pender Street, suggesting that to avoid confusion, the street name known as Dudley Road should be done away with in the City and the name Fell Avenue be done away with in the District, both being replaced by the name Edgemont Boulevard.

This suggestion was referred to the City Clerk to take up with the Street Naming Committee of the Greater Vancouver Area.

4 From the Hospital Entertainment Committee requesting permission to use the North Vancouver Ferry Wharf on July 21, 1951 for the purpose of embarking passengers attending the Annual Picnic of the hospital on that date.

Moved by Alderman McDevitt, seconded by Alderman Gostick that the request of the Hospital Entertainment Committee be granted subject to the usual provisions as to liability for damage. Carried

5 From the Kinsmen Club requesting permission to place a banner across Lonsdale at 15th Street for the purpose of advertising the Dominion Swimming and Diving Championships being held in Mahon Park July 25th to 28th inclusive.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Aldous that the above request of the Kinsmen Club be granted in accordance with the provisions of the Sign By-law. Carried

From the North Shore Sports Planning Committee expressing its thanks to the Council for recent improvements made in Mahon Park.

1 The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge with thanks the above letter from the Sports Planning Committee.

His Worship pointed out that as a result of the improvements in the Park, it had been found that there was considerably less trouble in the way of untidiness and vandalism.

From the Volunteer Ambulance Corps thanking the Council for giving them the use of a building in Mahon Park for a permanent Casualty Station.

2 The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge with thanks the above letter from the Ambulance Corps.

Alderman Gostick said that he felt that the building which is now being used by the Corps is a suitable one and is an excellent location.

From the Union of B.C. Municipalities asking if the City would agree to join in the preparation of a Brief opposing the application of the B. C. Telephone Company for an increase in rates, on the understanding that the cost of such a Brief would be shared by the municipalities on a per capita basis.

Mayor Goldsworthy reported that he had attended the last meeting of the Union Executive on the 5th instant. He said that the Cities of Vancouver and Victoria were preparing their own briefs although it is hoped that they would join in sharing the costs of the proposed Union brief. He said that Mayor George could not commit himself as to whether the City of Victoria would be prepared to share in the cost of such a Brief.

3 Alderman Gostick said that he was in favour of the City joining in and felt that it was the only proper way to prepare such a brief on behalf of the municipalities. He said he understood Vancouver's reticence in not joining in as they were opposing the Company's increase on a different basis.

Moved by Alderman Gostick, seconded by Alderman Aldous that this City endorse the preparation of a brief by the Union of B.C. Municipalities opposing the application of the B.C. Telephone Company for increased rates and that the Union be advised that we are prepared to share the cost of the preparation of such a brief on a per capita basis and are forwarding any information we have to the Union to aid them in the compilation of the arguments to be submitted.

Mayor Goldsworthy said that by having the Union prepare a Brief, the municipalities were showing a common front and the position of the municipalities as a result, would be much stronger.

On the motion being put, the same was declared carried unanimously.

From the Union of B.C. Municipalities advising that a thorough discussion will be held at the coming Convention on the matter of the sharing of the increase in social assistance allowances between the municipalities and the Government, the Executive being strongly of the opinion that every effort should be made to maintain the former basis of 80% being paid by the Province and 20% by the municipalities.

4 Mayor Goldsworthy said he thought that all members of the Council were familiar with this matter. He said that Mr. Richards had prepared a brief for him for submission to the Cabinet on behalf of the Union asking for an increase in social assistance allowances.

After further discussion the circular letter from the Union was ordered received and filed.

#### APPLICATIONS TO PURCHASE TAX SALE PROPERTY

The Clerk submitted two applications to purchase tax sale land.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman McDevitt that the following sales of tax sale land be placed on the next by-law for conveyance:-

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>D.L.</u>	<u>Name of Purchaser</u>	<u>Price</u>
4	16A	550	Owen Wilkinson and Caroline Wilkinson	\$400.00
29	167	274	John Henry Young and Nellie Young	\$275.00 Carried

DUE ACCOUNTS

Moved by Alderman Gostick, seconded by Alderman Aldous, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the following warrants:-

138	Finance		\$ 20,262.33	
150	"		1,458.95	
151	"		123.46	
147	Authorization		28,595.48	
148	Social Welfare		864.92	
163	"	"	2,061.21	
164	"	"	4,349.51	
142	Health		1,932.94	
156	"		18.16	
144	Police		893.44	
158	"		<u>5,806.56</u>	\$ 66,366.96 Carried

Moved by Alderman McDevitt, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the following warrants:-

139	Board of Works		8,290.34	
152	"	"	7,852.16	
153	"	"	<u>7,268.48</u>	\$ 23,410.98 Carried

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman McDevitt that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the following warrants:-

140	Waterworks		2,931.47	
154	"		38.51	
143	Building		711.70	
157	"		<u>48.05</u>	\$ 3,729.73 Carried

Moved by Alderman Aldous, seconded by Alderman Gostick that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the following warrants:-

145	Fire		7,033.45	
159	"		2,195.43	
160	Light		1,310.09	
141	Parks		3,834.18	
154	"		<u>461.49</u>	\$ 14,834.64 Carried

Moved by Alderman McDevitt, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the following warrants:-

149	Ferry		12,719.06	
161	"		7,906.91	
162	"		<u>244.12</u>	\$ 20,870.09 Carried

REPORTS OF COMMITTEESLEGAL & POLICY COMMITTEE

2 Alderman Gostick reported that his Committee had had a short meeting last Monday night and discussed several matters coming within its jurisdiction but that there are no definite recommendations to make at this time.

FIRE, LIGHT & PARKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Aldous advised that the Council were now in a position to appoint a delegate to attend the Annual Fire College in Vernon and recommended as follows:-

3 RECOMMEND that Acting Chief William Thomson be appointed to attend the Annual Fire College to be held in Vernon, B.C. on August 28th to 31st.

Moved by Alderman Aldous, seconded by Alderman Gostick that the above recommendation of the Fire and Light Committee be adopted. Carried

Alderman Aldous said that his Committee had had a meeting last Monday night with the Acting Fire Chief and with Fire Chief Murphy and had discussed Fire Department matters generally. The Acting Chief had pointed out that the present rules and regulations governing the Department were outmoded and recommended the adoption of more up to date regulations with a view to better operation of the Department from the standpoint of efficiency and discipline. The Acting Chief had submitted regulations which were in effect in Fire Departments in New Westminster and Vancouver and recommended the adoption of a similar set for the City of North Vancouver: -

RECOMMEND that the Solicitor be instructed to prepare a by-law setting out rules and regulations governing the operation of the Fire Department in accordance with the recommendations of the Acting Chief, and as approved by the Fire and Light Committee.

Moved by Alderman Aldous, seconded by Alderman Gostick that the above recommendation of the Fire and Light Committee be adopted. Carried

Alderman Aldous reported that on July 11th a serious accident had occurred at the Home Oil Dock in North Vancouver. A barge loaded with 72,000 gallons of gasoline had listed and spilled approximately 31,000 gallons of gasoline into the harbour waters. He said that our Fire Department took prompt action and stayed on duty continually to protect the City's waterfront from the danger of fire.

He then read the following report addressed to himself from Acting Fire Chief William Thomson: -

"To M. F. Aldous  
Chairman, Fire & Light Committee,  
City of North Vancouver.

Report of Fire Dept. activities at Home Oil Dock, July 11, 1951

Sir:

7.52 a.m. July 11, Fire Dept. notified that gasoline was spilling into harbor from Home Oil Co. barge No. 9, cap-sized at east side of Home Oil Dock, foot of Bewicke Avenue. Barge listing badly and containing 72,000 gallons of gasoline.

Immediately dispatched International Fire Truck and full crew, Fire Warden Miller and self proceeded to scene. I instructed men to lay hose lines fitted with fog nozzles to danger area. Fire Warden Miller proceeded to notify adjacent plants, No Smoking signs were posted and all equipment using motors with open exhausts were ordered shut down.

At 8.15 a.m. after all fire fighting equipment was in place, I notified Chief Murray of Vancouver Fire Dept. and requested that Fire Boat be made available, Chief Murray advised that fire boat could not be sent outside Vancouver city limits. Later in the day this was rescinded and fire boat was made available if necessity arose.

At 10 a.m. with the situation getting steadily worse, Northern Construction Company were contacted for use of their floating derrick, which was granted. The derrick lifted the barge to a position where the gasoline ceased to spill and maintained that position for about an hour when the cables broke and due to the rise in the tide, the situation became worse.

I then ordered Cates tugs to confine the area around the sunken barge with boom sticks. This proved successful as at noon the gasoline was approximately one half inch deep on top of the water within the boomed area. During the morning I also recalled all off-duty firemen and had a splendid response.

After several unsuccessful attempts to pump gas from barge No. 9 to barge No. 12, moored alongside, using pumps of barge No. 12, Mr. Barbour of Home Oil Plant requested permission to send for a 300 gal. per min. gasoline-driven pump. This was refused due to the fire hazard involved.

At 3.30 p.m. at low tide, Mr. Barbour ordered this pump to the dock, as the gasoline vapor situation had eased considerably and no other pumping means seemed available or known to the Home Oil authorities. Permission was given for its use. This pump failed to get suction and at approximately 4.00 p.m. the muffler of the pump motor caught fire. The fire was promptly extinguished by this Dept. and orders given not to restart the pump.

With the rising tide the situation was steadily getting worse with gasoline again spilling into the inlet. This continued until arrival and placing of Burrard Drydock derrick at approximately 8.00 p.m. when the situation was again eased. At 11.30 p.m. the salvage dept. in charge decided to cease operations until 6.00 a.m. when a steam pump would be available.

At 1.00 a.m. I stationed eight men and all available equipment at the scene under command of Captain Cumming, still maintaining a complete crew at the Fire Hall. At 6.00 a.m. the Burrard Drydock derrick was able to set the barge on an even keel and pumping operations were commenced using a steam driven pump. This was continued until the barge was emptied at approximately 3.40 p.m. July 12th.

From 8.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. July 12th I kept a crew of four men and equipment at the dock, still maintaining a full crew at the Fire Hall. At 4.00 p.m. July 12th, after inspection by myself and Fire Warden Miller I ordered men and equipment back to the Fire Hall.

To give efficient protection at all times while the emergency existed I had eight (8) offshift on duty from 8 a.m. July 12th, then four (4) offshift men from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. By doing that I maintained a full shift at the Fire Hall to cover the City and District, and also maintained a good working crew at the Home Oil Dock.

Owing to the dangerous situation, Kings Lumber Mill was closed down at 3.00 p.m. July 11th and did not reopen until permission was granted after an inspection by Fire Warden Miller at 9.00 p.m. July 12th.

During the afternoon of July 12th I examined the dome covers of barge No. 9 and found that they were made to be fitted with gaskets and fastened down with 32 bolts. Each of the 21 dome covers were found to have no gaskets whatever and were held down with 4 bolts only. This condition allowed the gasoline to flow from each dome cover when the barge listed.

After the gasoline had been pumped into barge No. 12 and measured, Mr. Barbour informed me that a total of 41,000 gallons had been transferred which would mean that approximately 31,000 gallons of gasoline had been spilled into the inlet.

Yours truly,

(sgd.) "Wm. Thomson"  
Acting Fire Chief."

Alderman Aldous said he would like to commend Acting Fire Chief Wm. Thomson for the splendid manner in which he had handled the situation and for the fine report he had made on this serious incident. He said that the accident was something that should not be allowed to happen again.

Mayor Goldsworthy said that he was sure that the citizens would like us to thank the new Chief, Fire Warden Gordon Miller and the men of the Department for working in very hazardous conditions both underfoot and in the air in order to control the dangerous situation. He said that our thanks should also go to the Cates Towing Company for the use of their boats and men to the National Harbours Board officers and to Burrard Drydock for the use of their men and equipment in raising the barge to an even keel. Further, he said we should convey our appreciation to the local R.C.M.P. and to the Fireboat of the Vancouver Fire Department for standing by during the crisis, and to the M.B. King Company for their co-operation in closing down during the

8 a.m. July 11th

dangerous period when the slightest slip would have set the whole waterfront on fire.

Mayor Goldsworthy said that in order to prevent a re-occurrence of such a dangerous situation and in order to ascertain who has the authority and responsibility for handling such situations, the report of the Fire Chief should be forwarded to the Deputy Minister of Transport asking for a report as to his findings on the accident and for clarification as to the responsibility for controlling any future occurrences of a similar nature.

1 Moved by Alderman Aldous, seconded by Alderman Gostick that any pertinent news clippings together with the report from Acting Fire Chief Thomson with regard to the discharge of gasoline from Home Oil barge No. 9 on July 11, 1951 be forwarded to the Deputy Minister of Transport asking if there are any regulations in effect to preclude any repetition of such accident together with a copy of his findings as to the cause of the said incident involving Home Oil barge No. 9 on the above date. Carried

2 Mayor Goldsworthy suggested that a meeting should be held shortly with officials of the National Harbours Board, the Fire Chief, Police Chief and the Fire Marshal with a view to discussing the Home Oil incident and to clarify future action in case of a similar situation in the future.

This was agreed to and left with His Worship the Mayor to arrange such a meeting.

The Clerk was instructed to convey the Council's appreciation to Mr. J.R. Lanyon and to Captain Barney D. Johnson for their advice during the crisis.

3 Mayor Goldsworthy said that the National Harbours Board officials were holding a meeting tomorrow to discuss the causes of the Home Oil barge incident and any application of harbour regulations with regard to same. His Worship pointed out that it was his understanding that such matters were the responsibility of the National Harbours Board because of the fact that shipping was involved.

Alderman Aldous pointed out that the Council having appointed a new Chief, there are certain promotions involved and these have been recommended by the Acting Chief.

4 RECOMMEND that the following appointments be made in the Fire Department, effective July 28, 1951 -

Promoted to Captain - Thomas Cumming,

Promoted to Acting Captain - Robert Harrison and James Spencer.

Moved by Alderman Aldous, seconded by Alderman Gostick that the above recommendation of the Fire & Light Committee be adopted. Carried

5 Alderman Aldous reported that his Committee had investigated the request of the North Shore Neighbourhood House for the setting aside of Lots 3 to 7 inclusive, Block 154, D.L. 274 for playground purposes and after inspection of the site had agreed to reserve the land for such purposes. He said that in 1949 a smaller area had been reserved on the south side of East 1st Street between St. Georges and St. Andrews but it was now felt that this reserve should be cancelled as it was not suitable for playground purposes and the new site is in the same area.

RECOMMEND that the reserve placed on Lots 21, 22 and 23, Block 167, D.L. 274 on the south side of East First Street between St. Georges and St. Andrews Avenues, for playground purposes be now cancelled, a more suitable site having been located in the same area.

Moved by Alderman Aldous, seconded by Alderman Gostick that the above recommendation of the Parks Committee be adopted. Carried

#### NEW BUSINESS

6 The Clerk submitted the report of the Building Inspector for the first six months of the year 1951.

Moved by Alderman McDevitt seconded by Alderman Gostick that this report be placed in the Minutes for the information of the Council. Carried



"The following permits were issued during the first six months of the year 1951:

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value</u>
	143	\$769,050.00
Made up as follows:		
Dwellings	74	\$523,200.00
Miscellaneous	69	245,850.00
	<u>143</u>	<u>\$769,050.00</u>

Comparison with first six months of 1950:

Dwellings	94	\$567,800.00
Miscellaneous	67	180,920.00
	<u>161</u>	<u>\$748,720.00</u>

The Clerk submitted the report of the Police Department for the month of June, 1951.

2 Ordered received and filed.

The Clerk reported that By-laws No. 2037, 2038, 2039 and 2041 were now registered in the County Court in Vancouver.

3 Ordered received and filed.

#### BY-LAWS

Moved by Alderman Gostick, seconded by Alderman McDevitt that "The City of North Vancouver Tax Lands Sale By-law 1951, No. 7" be introduced and read a first time. Carried

Whereupon the By-law was read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Gostick, seconded by Alderman McDevitt that "The City of North Vancouver Tax Lands Sale By-law 1951, No. 7" be now read a second time. Carried

Whereupon the By-law was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Gostick, seconded by Alderman McDevitt that the Committee proceedings be dispensed with and that "The City of North Vancouver Tax Lands Sale By-law 1951, No. 7" be read a third time. Carried

Whereupon the By-law was read a third time.

Moved by Alderman Gostick, seconded by Alderman McDevitt that "The City of North Vancouver Tax Lands Sale By-law 1951, No. 7" be passed by the Council subject to reconsideration. Carried

All the members of the Council present voted for this By-law

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Clerk advised that he had discussed with the Assessor, the sending of a representative to the Second Annual Conference of the B.C. Association of Assessors being held in Nanaimo on September 6th and 7th. Mr. Jellis said that he would prefer to wait until the National Convention which would be held in Winnipeg in 1952.

4 The Clerk therefore recommended that the Assistant to the Assessor, Mr. Meyer be appointed to attend the Nanaimo Conference as the representative of this City.

Moved by Alderman Gostick seconded by Alderman McDevitt that Mr. A. Meyer be appointed to attend the Conference of the B.C. Association of Assessors being held in Nanaimo on September 6th and 7th. Carried

The Clerk submitted a report from the Reference Committee with regard to possible changes in the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act.

5 After discussion it was agreed to lay this matter over until the Council members have had a chance to study the matter.

A letter was received from the Heywood Community Centre asking if the Council would agree to their constructing a 5 foot board fence around the Centre's playground instead of the 4 foot fence stipulated by the Council at its meeting on the 3rd instant.

6 Discussion followed.

Moved by Alderman Gostick, seconded by Alderman McDevitt that this request be referred to the Chairman of the Parks Committee, the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Superintendent of Works with power to act. Carried

Moved by Alderman Stewart seconded by Alderman Gostick that this Council now adjourn  
Whereupon the Council adjourned at 9 p.m.

*J. McDevitt*  
MAYOR