

Minutes of Regular meeting of the Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, February 1st, 1954, at 8 p.m.

Present

His Worship Mayor C.W. Cates, Alderman J.M. Bryan, Alderman E.N. Copping, Alderman V.M. Johnson, Alderman T.C. McMillan, Alderman A. Stewart and Alderman J. A. Suttis.

MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council held on January 18, 1954, and the Minutes of the Special Meetings held on January 20 and 27, 1954, be taken as read and adopted, copies of same having been given to each member of the Council. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

From the Fisheries Association of B. C. suggesting that the Council consider the increasing of purchases of British made goods.

Alderman Suttis said the Association's views have been taken into consideration by the Finance Committee.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the Fisheries Association of B.C. be thanked for their letter of January 26th, 1954, and informed that the representations of the Association will be kept in mind by this Council. Carried

From School District No. 44 asking for a prepayment on account of the 1954 operating expenses.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the request of School District No. 44 be complied with and the Treasurer be authorized to advance the sum of \$30,000.00 without prejudice, towards the City's share of the cost of ordinary operating expenses of School District No. 44 for the year 1954. Carried

From the North Vancouver Board of Trade, asking if the Council would pass a resolution endorsing the P.G.E. extension from Squamish to North Vancouver in order to support the Board in its representations to the Premier on February 4th.

Alderman McMillan said that he had a resolution which he would like to submit.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Copping that the members of this Council strongly endorse the action of the North Vancouver Board of Trade sending a delegation to Victoria urging the completion of the P.G.E. Railway from Squamish to North Vancouver:

We further recommend that Mayor Cates and if possible Reeve Scanlan accompany this group on their mission.

Mayor Cates said he would be only too pleased to attend but he had a number of other commitments around that period and he asked Alderman McMillan to try and arrange a time that would be satisfactory to him.

Alderman Copping said he thought the resolution was very timely, pointing out that there has been a lot of discussion against the P.G.E. extension and he thought we should give our support to the Board's representations.

Mayor Cates said he was familiar with the Howe Sound route and there was one point that possibly had not been considered and that was the desirability of clearing sufficient right-of-way especially around some of the rock bluffs in order to accommodate a highway which it might be desirable to construct in future years.

Alderman McMillan said that the Railway and highway together had been built on both sides of the Fraser Canyon and it may not be a great obstacle in the case of the P.G.E.
The motion was then put and carried

From the City Solicitor, advising that in his opinion the North Shore Packing Company could be prosecuted for failing to comply with the Smoke Nuisance By-law of the City.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the report of the Solicitor be received, and that a copy of the Smoke Nuisance By-law be forwarded to the North Shore Packing Company.

Mayor Cates said that the Smoke Nuisance By-law has some very tough provisions and the City definitely can stop the present nuisance. He said the Council does not want to be hard on the Company but for all that there is a great deal of inconvenience to residents and he asked Alderman McMillan to take the matter in hand.

Alderman Stewart said the Company has tried numerous things to overcome the nuisance. He pointed out that odours are only occurring periodically and he said he would rather try to help the Company. He said they have spent thousands of dollars trying to overcome the nuisance and he did not want to see the North Shore Packing Company leave the North Shore.

Alderman Johnson said that judging from the remarks of Dr. Stewart Murray concerning plants in Boston, it was mainly a matter of overloading the equipment that caused the trouble.

Discussion followed.
The motion was then put and carried

An application for a building permit was received from the Active Construction Company Ltd., to build a gravel crushing plant at the foot of Brooksbank Avenue.

A letter was also received from the Department of Public Works, asking if the City would consent to the Active Construction Co. Ltd. being given a 10 year dredging permit with respect to their proposed operation at the mouth of Lynn Creek.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the application for a Building Permit from the Active Construction Company and the letter from the Department of Public Works with respect to the issuance of a dredging permit to the said Company be tabled pending a report from Reeve Scanlan, Engineer for the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company.

Mayor Cates said he had checked this matter when the letter came in and had discussed the subject with Reeve Scanlan. He pointed out if a large excavation is made near the Railway bridge over Lynn Creek there might be damage to the abutments as a result of scouring. He said an Engineer's report was desirable and Reeve Scanlan had promised to obtain this.

The motion was then put and carried.

Letters were received from the Town Planning Commission asking the Council to make a survey of the parking problem in the business section of the City and also asking that parking regulations be enforced and that an amendment to the Traffic By-law be brought in to prohibit the parking of commercial vehicles on residential streets overnight.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the Town Planning Commission be advised that their recommendations with respect to parking were received and the Council is studying the Parking Meter and General Parking situation. Carried

Alderman Stewart said he would like to bring in several recommendations at this point with respect to traffic matters.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the petition from the Taxi Operators to install meters in taxi cabs dated March 31st 1953 be filed as no reply has been received to the City's suggestion that the consent of the Public Utilities Commission be obtained. Carried

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the regulations with respect to the licensing of taxi cabs be amended to permit all of the licensed vehicles of each Taxi Company to use any of the stands allocated to such Company and that the request of the North Vancouver Centre Taxi and the Veteran Taxi for the joint use of each other's stands be not granted. Carried

From M. Spada, 249 East 2nd Street, complaining of the condition of his lane.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that M. Spada, 249 East 2nd Street be advised that the condition of the lane on 2nd Street will be examined when weather conditions permit and an effort will be made to correct the situation. Carried

From J. E. Lafek, 159 West Lower Keith Road, complaining of flooding.

Alderman Copping said that some of the allegations made by Mr. Lafek are not true. He said in fact that the culvert referred to had been plugged by someone installing a metal disc over the inlet and he wished to submit the following resolution:-

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that Mr Lafek be advised that the culvert put in by the City was installed under ordinary engineering plans but the flooding is caused by someone plugging the culvert as has been proved on more than one occasion, but nevertheless the Department will make a further investigation of the situation. Carried

From Miss M. Wrotnowski, 323 E. 13th Street, re-applying for lane facilities.

Alderman Copping said that he had no resolution on this matter at the moment. He said the Superintendent is checking the area but he said there were a number of the owners who have not dedicated their property. He said also that the Board of Works Committee appreciated the need for getting cars off the streets and they are trying to tie in this problem with the general lane construction problem. He said, however, he would like to have this matter laid over.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the request of Miss M. Wrotnowski for lane facilities be referred back to the Board of Works Committee for consideration. Carried

From the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Homes Ltd., asking if the City would make a grant of \$750.00 to help the Kiwanis in purchasing 10 additional homes for senior citizens.

Alderman McMillan believed that the amount requested is already allowed for in the preliminary estimates.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Stewart that Alderman T. C. McMillan be re-appointed as the City Council's member on the Board of Directors of the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Homes Ltd., and that this Council express its appreciation to Alderman McMillan for the work which he has done on this worth-while project.

Alderman Stewart said that Alderman McMillan and himself are both members of the Kiwanis Club and he said that most of the work done on these homes had been carried out by the members themselves by volunteer labour on Sundays and in the evenings. He said that Alderman McMillan was very active, especially in view of the fact that he was a Past President of the Club.

The motion was then put and carried

Alderman McMillan then thanked the Council for his re-appointment and the expression of appreciation.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the Treasurer be authorized to place the item of \$750.00 in the preliminary estimates as a grant towards the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Homes Ltd. Carried

APPLICATIONS TO PURCHASE PROPERTY

The Clerk submitted three applications to purchase tax sale land.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the request of John M. Todd of January 20th, 1954 be granted and that his application of January 5th, 1954 to purchase Lots 11 and 12, Block F, of Lot 2 of Block 2, of Lots 1 & 2, of Blocks 23 & 24, D.L. 547 be transferred to the purchase of Lots 42 and 43, Block 224, D.L. 544 and the latter application be accepted and placed on the next By-law for conveyance. Carried

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the application of Arne and Inga Voje to purchase Lot 20, Block 47, D.L. 547 be accepted and placed on the next By-law for conveyance. Carried

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the application of George Barlow to purchase Lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 204A, D.L. 544 be not accepted as this property is not properly serviced and is on reserve, and further that the Treasurer be authorized to refund the deposit paid. Carried

DUE ACCOUNTS.

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

500 Finance	\$ 2,287.44~	
512 "	2,600.00~	
507 Social Welfare	1,237.92~	
2 " "	4,347.15	
3 " "	4,495.00	
509 Authorization	<u>36.14~</u>	\$15,003.65 Carried

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

504 Building	\$ 293.26~	
505 Police	<u>130.60~</u>	\$ 423.86 Carried

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

510 Fire	\$ 8.00~	
506 Light	<u>2,350.95~</u>	\$ 2,358.95 Carried

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

501 Board of Works	\$ 6.01~	Carried
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Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the following warrant;-

502 Waterworks	\$ 3.61~	Carried
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Moved by Alderman Bryan, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the following warrants:-

508 Ferries	\$ 644.16~	
511 "	<u>1,366.48~</u>	\$ 2,010.64 Carried

Alderman Suttis said that considerable negotiations have been carried on between the City and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for the removal of some of the wartime houses to new sites. He stated certain lots of the City have been reserved for this purpose and he felt that such reservation should continue on until the Council has finalized the whole matter. In view of this he said the Committee would like to recommend as follows with respect to the recent request from Parr and Bragg Agencies Ltd.: RECOMMEND that Parr and Bragg Agencies Ltd. be advised that Lots 6, 7 and 9, and 12, 13 and 14, in Block C, D.L. 547 are not for sale, as they are being held for sites for the re-location of renovated Wartime Houses.

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

Discussion followed.

Mayor Cates said he had received a call from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to-day and they advised him that they are getting calls from people wishing to purchase the wartime houses when they are re-located, so the Council will have to give a decision soon.

The motion was then put and carried.

LEGAL & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman McMillan said that in the past the various buildings of the City have been under different Committees and it was felt this year that with the exception of the Ferry buildings and the City Yard they should be consolidated under the Building Committee.

He therefore submitted the following recommendation:

RECOMMEND that the responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the following buildings be transferred to the Building Committee:

City Hall
 Lonsdale Hall
 Scout Hall
 Heywood Community Hall
 Salvation Army Hut
 Staff Houses
 Bowling Club
 Caretaker's House - Lonsdale Hall
 St. Christopher's School
 Fire Hall and Fire Chief's House
 Library
 Confederation Park Grand Stand
 Mahon Park Grandstand
 Swimming Pool Dressing Rooms
 Chlorination Station
 Victoria Park Band Stand
 Lynn Creek Intake - Caretakers House

City owned houses

131 West 13th Street
 321 East 2nd Street
 155 West 25th Street
 415 West 6th Street
 154 West 1st Street
 1644 Mahon Avenue
 217 West 2nd Street
 453 East 10th Street
 1142 East 3rd Street
 Garage - 318 East 9th Street
 535 East 19th Street
 902 East 15th Street
 903 East 15th Street
 429 East 16th Street

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the above recommendation of the Legal and Building Committee be adopted.

Discussion followed with Alderman Stewart asking if the Clerk would give him a description of the various City owned houses listed in the resolution and the Clerk promised to do so.

The motion was then put and carried.

Alderman McMillan submitted the following recommendation with respect to the Building Committee Estimates for the year 1954:

RECOMMEND that the Preliminary Estimates of the Building Committee as now submitted be approved, subject to the addition of an item for depreciation by the City Treasurer, and subject to the deletion of the items for new vehicle purchase AND THAT the said estimates be referred by this Council for consideration when reviewing the 1954 Preliminary Estimates.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the above recommendation of the Legal and Building Committee be adopted. Carried

Alderman McMillan submitted the following recommendation with respect to a letter from Marine Realty and Insurance Agencies: RECOMMEND that the letter from Marine Realty and Insurance Agencies dated January 21st, 1954, re closing of Third Street between Bewicke and Fell Avenue, and the purchase of lots in the said Block be referred to the Reference Committee for a report.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the above recommendation of the Legal and Building Committee be adopted. Carried

FIRE & LIGHT COMMITTEE

Alderman Johnson said the City has the opportunity of having its ornamental street lighting transformer removed without charge by the B. C. Electric Company, and accordingly recommended as follows:-

RECOMMEND that the B. C. Electric Company be authorized to remove without charge, the City's ornamental street-lighting transformer at Esplanade & Lonsdale and convey same to the City Yard,

AND THAT the Superintendent of Works be authorized to disconnect the underground cable from the City transformer.

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

Alderman Johnson said there has been a lot of discussion about traffic lights during the past year and after considerable study by the Fire and Light Committee and the Reference Committee she advised that the following recommendation was being submitted:-

RECOMMEND that the cost of installing traffic lights at the intersection of Third Street and Lonsdale and 15th and Lonsdale be approved and referred for consideration in the 1954 Preliminary Estimates,

AND FURTHER that information be obtained on the cost of installing four vehicle control lights only, at 13th and Lonsdale, and that the Provincial Traffic Engineer be asked for an early report as to his opinion regarding traffic control at Bewicke Avenue and Marine Drive.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the above recommendation of the Fire and Light Committee be adopted.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Johnson pointed out that the actual cost will depend on the number of poles required at each intersection but that the maximum cost should not exceed \$3,000.00.

Alderman Stewart said he would like to know why Esplanade had been left out of the recommendation. He complained that his Committee did not know what the other Committee had been doing on this matter.

Alderman Johnson said that the report of the Reference Committee concerning this subject had been given to all members of the Council some time ago and she read a part of the Reference Committee's report regarding this matter.

Further discussion followed.

The motion was then put and carried.

Alderman Johnson said with respect to the application of Mrs. B. E. Wintermute for a street light, her Committee wished to grant this and recommended as follows:-

RECOMMEND that the B. C. Electric Company be authorized to install a 4000 lumen street light on Eastern Avenue, in the location to be approved by the Electrical Inspector, provided that the City will not be responsible for any portion of the installation costs thereof.

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

Alderman Johnson submitted the following recommendation with respect to the purchase of a new pumper for the Fire Department:-

RECOMMEND that the purchase of a new fire pumper unit be approved at an approximate cost of \$25,000.00 and referred to the City Council for favourable consideration when dealing with the 1954 Preliminary Estimates.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the above recommendation of the Fire and Light Committee be adopted.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Johnson said that the Department has had nothing but commercial trucks for the past 30 years and that the proposed pumper unit has been approved by the Underwriters. She said that at the Mount Crown Fire inquiry last year a recommendation was made that the Department obtain new equipment and she therefore asked that the Council give favourable consideration to this item in the 1954 estimates.

The motion was then put and carried.

Alderman Johnson said that the matter of the regulation of the use of fireworks had been studied by her Committee and by the Reference Committee because of the number of accidents which had occurred to children. She said that the City of Victoria was going to prohibit the sale of fireworks to minors but felt that this Council should try and obtain the co-operation of the merchants in not selling fire works to children. She said the present By-law of the City is a strong one but does not prohibit the sale of fireworks to anyone.

Alderman Johnson submitted the following recommendation of her Committee:-

RECOMMEND that no change be made in the City of North Vancouver Fireworks Regulation By-law as presently constituted; AND THAT the present method of advertising the provisions of this By-law during the Fall season be continued.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the above recommendation of the Fire and Light Committee be adopted.

Discussion followed.

The motion was then put and carried.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Alderman McMillan advised that the Council has the opportunity of renewing its present contract with the R.C.M.P. for a further period expiring May 31st, 1955 and therefore submitted the following recommendation:-

RECOMMEND that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign and seal with the Corporate Seal a renewal of the present policing contract with the Royal Canadian Mounted

Police for the period January 1st, 1954 to May 31st, 1955.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the above recommendation of the Police Committee be adopted. Carried

BOARD OF WORKS COMMITTEE.

Alderman Copping said that his Committee had a number of recommendations to submit and that first of all there was a petition for improvements to Mahon Avenue between 23rd and 24th Streets. He said that the paving of this road had been included in a By-law last year but weather conditions had not permitted its completion. His Committee therefore wished to recommend as follows:-

RECOMMEND that the Petitioners be advised that a By-law was passed last year including the paving of Mahon Avenue between 23rd and 24th Streets but weather conditions did not permit us to complete the work but it will be completed this year and an attempt will be made at the same time to correct the drainage conditions complained of.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the above recommendation of the Board of Works Committee be adopted. Carried

Alderman Copping said that his Committee had received a letter from the Principals' Association dealing with the necessity of sidewalks in the vicinity of Schools and the problem of the children walking on the roads. He said this matter had been studied and his Committee wished to recommend as follows:-

RECOMMEND that the Principals' Association be advised that the Board of Works Committee is fully aware of the deficiencies of public works of various natures throughout the City and is doing its best to remedy the situation with what funds are available; that the Council's policy is to construct sidewalks under the Local Improvement plan under which the City pays 1/3 of the cost but some construction fronting public properties is also being done with funds out of general revenue (such as the new sidewalk along 23rd Street for the benefit of the High School) and it is hoped to continue this work.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the above recommendation of the Board of Works Committee be adopted. Carried

Alderman Johnson drew attention to the need for sidewalks in the vicinity of the Sutherland Junior High School.

Alderman Stewart requested a recess and accordingly His Worship adjourned the Council meeting at 9:30 p.m. for 10 minutes.

The Council reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

Alderman Copping advised that the City's Blasting By-law had been adopted in 1907 and needed some revision to bring it up-to-date. He said this had been drawn to the attention of the Council because of the difficulty of controlling the present blasting on the City's waterfront. His Committee therefore recommended as follows:-

RECOMMEND that the Solicitor be instructed to amend the Blasting By-law to bring it up-to-date.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the above recommendation of the Board of Works Committee be adopted. Carried

Alderman Copping advised that his Committee had been looking ahead to the future with respect to sewer facilities, and especially in view of the possible industrial development of the City. He said it was felt that certain lands should be set aside for sewer disposal plants, one on the west side of the City at the foot of Mackay

xEasement in favour of the City, such

Avenue and the other on the East side of the City at the foot of the Third Street Hill.

RECOMMEND that Block 26, D.L. 272 (including Parcels A and B) and Lots 8 to 15 inclusive, Block U, D.L. 265 be placed on reserve for sewer outfall plant sites and that the necessary By-law be prepared.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the above recommendation of the Board of Works Committee be adopted. Carried

Alderman Copping said that negotiations have taken place recently with respect to the request of the School Board to close up the Easterly 200 feet of the lane in Block 11, D.L. 273 on the north side of Ridgeway School Annex. He said that because there is an important branch sewer in this lane the City must retain control of this area for maintenance purposes and accordingly his Committee wished to recommend as follows:-

RECOMMEND that the Solicitor be requested to draw up a By-law to close the lane between 5th and 6th Streets for a distance of 200 feet west of Ridgeway Avenue and vest the same in the name of the Board of School Trustees of School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) subject to an Easement to provide among other things that no buildings or structures are to be erected thereon AND PROVIDED that the Board of School Trustees conveys to the City the westerly 20 feet of Lot 9, Block 11, D.L. 273 for lane purposes.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the foregoing recommendation of the Board of Works Committee be adopted. Carried

Alderman Copping advised that a recommendation had been prepared for this evening with respect to a change in the Council's Lane construction policy but he asked that this be laid over for further consideration.

PARKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Stewart advised that he had two recommendations to submit from the Parks Committee as follows:-

RECOMMEND that a letter be sent to the Kinsmen Club asking if they approve of the transferring of the swings at the Kinsmen Playground at 11th and St. Georges to the Nursery School Playground at 215 East 3rd Street and that the Mothers' Committee to the Nursery School be so advised and when a reply is received they will be notified.

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

RECOMMEND that the Cemetery By-law be amended as follows:-

1. That markers in the Cremation Plot shall not exceed 6" x 12" and those presently installed in the Plot, smaller than 12" x 20" be allowed to remain, provided the necessary permit is issued and the usual fees paid.
2. That bronze markers be permitted in the Lawn Section of the Cemetery but in the area referred to in Section 32, Clause Q no markers shall be permitted which have a raised inscription.
3. That concrete bases be permitted in the North Vancouver Cemetery provided that the exposed areas of any such bases must have a finished surface.

and that the Art Monument Co. Ltd., and the Eternal Plate and Monument Company be advised accordingly.

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

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Stewart said that two recommendations on transportation matters had been adopted earlier in the meeting but he said with respect to the possible changes in the B. C. Electric Bus routes and schedules there has not been time to give proper consideration to this matter because of the weather. He said that a meeting will be arranged in the near future but in the meantime each Alderman has been supplied with a map showing the old bus routes and the new bus routes and a blank map to mark in the suggested routes. He said when these maps are ready they will be discussed at a meeting.

1 Alderman Stewart said he has travelled quite a lot on the buses during the bad weather and has found that the Lynn Valley bus does not meet the ferries and the Capilano bus does not wait at the Ferry to make connections. He said that recently the Company has put on two extra runs between 4:20 and 6:20 so that the buses from Lynn Valley come to the Ferry Wharf and return to Lynn Valley and the Capilano also comes to the Ferry Wharf and returns.

Alderman Stewart said that some of the symbols on the Company schedules are so small that it is hard for the passengers to read them especially on buses going to the District of North Vancouver. He thought that a separate schedule should be drawn up showing the City routes only, for the information of City passengers.

NEW BUSINESS

2 The Clerk submitted the draft estimates of the North Shore Union Board of Health for the year 1954, the City's net share being \$9,263.76 as compared with the 1953 net share of \$6,839.78.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the above estimates be referred to the Preliminary Estimates for consideration. Carried

The Clerk advised that the Council had recently authorized a Lease to the North Shore Neighbourhood House on Lots 3 to 7, Block 154, D.L. 274 for playground purposes and that the lease had been signed by the Lessee.

3 Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign and seal with the Corporate Seal a Lease of Lots 3 to 7, Block 154, D.L. 274 to the North Shore Neighbourhood House, for a period of ten years from January 1st 1954, at an annual rental of \$1.00. Carried

The Clerk submitted the following annual reports:-

4 Annual report of the Engineering Department for the year 1953.

5 Annual report of the Chairman of the Fire, Light and Health Committees for the year 1953.

6 Annual report of the Clerk re Land Sales for the year 1953.

7 Annual report of the Electrical Department for the year 1953.

8 Annual report of the Building Department for the year 1953.

9 Annual report of the Ferry Superintendent for the year 1953.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the above reports be acknowledged with thanks and received. Carried

The Clerk submitted an application from John Allan Murray 428 East 4th Street, for a Taxi Licence.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the above application be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration. Carried

BY-LAWS

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the "City of North Vancouver Equipment Reserve Expenditure By-law No. 1, 1954, Amendment By-law" be reconsidered. Carried

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the "City of North Vancouver Equipment Reserve Expenditure By-law No. 1, 1954, Amendment By-law" be finally adopted and passed, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal and registered pursuant to the "Municipal Act." Carried

Whereupon the By-law was finally adopted and passed by the Council, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 2230.

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

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the "City of North Vancouver Tax Sale Properties Reserve Expenditure By-law 1954, No. 1" be now read a first time. Carried.

Whereupon the By-law was read.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the "City of North Vancouver Tax Sale Properties Reserve Expenditure By-law 1954, No. 1" be now passed. Carried

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

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Copping that "The City of North Vancouver Tax Lands Sale By-law 1954, No.2" be now read a first time. Carried

Whereupon the By-law was read.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Suttis that "The City of North Vancouver Tax Lands Sale By-law 1954, No.2" be now passed. Carried

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

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Copping that the "City of North Vancouver Highways Dedication By-law 1954, No. 1" be now read a first time. Carried

Whereupon the By-law was read.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the "City of North Vancouver Highways Dedication By-law 1954, No.1" be now passed. Carried

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Copping that the "City of North Vancouver Stopping Up and Closing By-law No. 1, 1954" be now read a first time. Carried

Whereupon the By-law was read.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the "City of North Vancouver Stopping Up and Closing By-law No. 1, 1954" be now passed. Carried

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Letter was received from the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, Premier of the Province of British Columbia, advising that the Council's views with respect to the extension of the P.G.E. Railway to North Vancouver is much appreciated.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the letter from Premier Bennett be received and filed. Carried

Letter was received from the District of North Vancouver, advising that the District will bear 50% of the cost of maintenance of the proposed street light on 29th Street between St. George's Avenue and Tempe Crescent.

Ordered received and filed.

Report was received from the City Clerk, advising that as three-fifths of the owners in District Lot 272, will not consent to the re-plotting of the area the proposed re-survey of the site cannot be proceeded with under the "Town Planning Act."

Discussion followed.

Mayor Cates asked that a copy of the Clerk's report be sent to the Canadian National Railway for their information and guidance and he also asked Alderman McMillan to see if there is any other way in which the Council can proceed with the development of the area for Industrial purposes.

Letter was received from the Department of Public Works, advising that although it is able to erect 24 hour prohibition of parking "signs" on arterial highways, it cannot erect signs to prohibit parking for limited periods and therefore suggested that the proposed parking restriction on the south side of 3rd Street for a distance of 120 feet west of Lonsdate be instituted by the City erecting the necessary signs.

Alderman Stewart said that the Canadian Legion required a loading Zone in this area.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Copping that this matter be referred back to the Transportation Committee for further consideration. Carried

Letter was received from School District No. 44, enclosing its views with respect to the use of School Boy Patrols.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Copping said he could understand the difficulties of using patrols where the Schools did not have sufficient boys of the proper calibre and where crossings are a great distance from the Schools themselves. He said he would like to have a copy of the Board's statement on this matter as it contains several good points.

The letter from the School Board was then ordered received and filed.

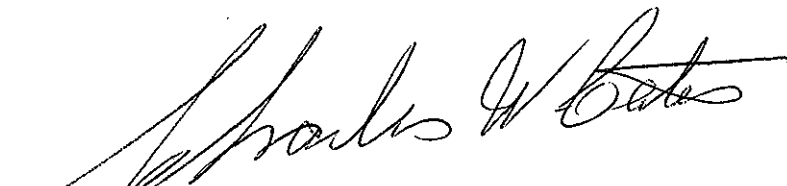
ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Alderman McMillan called attention to the Annual Dinner of the Greater Vancouver Metropolitan Industrial Commission in the Hotel Vancouver on February 18th. He said he had been asked to extend an invitation to the members of the Industrial Committee and to Mayor Cates to attend.

Alderman Stewart said he thought that all the members of the Council should try and go. He said it would be an eye opener to those members of the Council who had not been able to attend in previous years.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the Council do now adjourn.

Whereupon the Council adjourned at 10.25 p.m.


MAYOR.

Minutes of a Special meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Friday, February 5th, 1954, at 8.30 a.m.

Present

His Worship Mayor C. W. Cates,
Alderman J. M. Bryan, Alderman E.N. Copping,
Alderman T. C. McMillan,
Alderman A. Stewart, Alderman J. A. Suttis.

The Clerk reported that this meeting had been posted for 24 hours, as required by the "Municipal Act" and had been called for the purpose of considering the following business:

1. By-laws.
2. Consideration of the application of the District of North Vancouver for a temporary water service to their proposed West Lynn Subdivision.
3. Any other competent business.

BY-LAWS

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the "City of North Vancouver Tax Sale Properties Reserve Expenditure By-law 1954, No. 1" be now reconsidered. Carried

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the "City of North Vancouver Tax Sale Properties Reserve Expenditure By-law 1954, No. 1" be finally adopted and passed signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal and registered pursuant to the "Municipal Act." Carried

Whereupon the By-law was finally adopted and passed, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 2231.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that "The City of North Vancouver Tax Lands Sale By-law 1954, No. 2" be now reconsidered. Carried

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Copping that "The City of North Vancouver Tax Lands Sale By-law 1954, No. 2" be finally adopted and passed, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal and registered pursuant to the "Municipal Act." Carried

Whereupon the By-law was finally adopted and passed, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 2232.

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

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the "City of North Vancouver Highways Dedication By-law 1954, No. 1" be now reconsidered. Carried

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the "City of North Vancouver Highways Dedication By-law 1954, No. 1" be finally adopted and passed, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal and registered pursuant to the "Municipal Act." Carried

Whereupon the By-law was finally adopted and passed, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 2233.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Copping that the "City of North Vancouver Stopping Up and Closing By-law No. 1, 1954" be reconsidered. Carried

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the "City of North Vancouver Stopping Up and Closing By-law No. 1, 1954" be finally adopted and passed, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal and registered pursuant to the "Municipal Act." Carried

Whereupon the By-law was finally adopted and passed, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 2234.

WATER SERVICE - WEST LYNN SUBDIVISION

Alderman Copping advised that the Council has gone into this matter very thoroughly, and submitted the following resolution:

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the District of North Vancouver be advised that the City Council has given very serious consideration to their request of December 16th, 1953, for water service to the proposed West Lynn subdivision, but feels that such service could not be granted without jeopardizing the ability of the City to adequately take care of the future requirement of its own residents, and therefore regrets that the said request cannot be granted. Carried

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Alderman McMillan advised that he had accompanied the delegation of the North Vancouver Board of Trade to Victoria yesterday, along with Mr. George Tomlinson, the Local Member; Mr. J. R. Burnes, President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Wm. Angus, and Mr. Al Beaton, also members of the Board.

He said the delegation had presented their Brief in support of the P. G. E. Railway extension to the Premier in the afternoon, and had been well received.

Alderman McMillan said that the Premier outlined the proposal of the Government to build the P. G. E. Railway into North Vancouver, and that the necessary legislation would be coming up in the House at the earliest opportunity. The Premier indicated that such extension will be of the greatest importance in the development of North Vancouver. He said that it will encourage more secondary industries to locate here.

Alderman McMillan said that the Premier advised that the P. G. E. Railway owns a large block of land in the District of North Vancouver, which they are proposing to develop, and the adjoining waterfront will be filled, and a dock constructed.

2 The Premier described the resources of the North Country, and their immense possibilities. He said that for example, completion of the railway line to North Vancouver will mean that it will be possible to ship 6,000,000 gallons of propane gas out of the North Country to the Vancouver area every month.

Alderman McMillan said that the Premier indicated that there are so many resources available in the North Country that we know little about.

Alderman McMillan said that he had been advised that freight shipments over the present line to Squamish have increased 25 per cent in the past eight months, so that at the completion of the line to North Vancouver, one could realize what the extra freight possibilities will be, especially with regard to the shipment of cattle and other goods. He said that ranchers had stopped shipping their stock to Squamish because of the shrinkage of their beef, and that much of this is presently going to Edmonton, or via Clinton.

He said that the Premier wished to impress on the delegation one point, and that is that there had been considerable pressure from New Westminster to have the line constructed to that City, and he said the Government has no intention of doing this. He said that if North Vancouver, which stands to gain a great deal from the extension from Squamish, would make every effort to get the support of Municipalities of the Lower Mainland, especially the City of Vancouver, in endorsing the Squamish extension, it would be of benefit to the Government, although the Premier pointed out that regardless of whether or not this action is taken the Government is going to build the line. However, it would feel better to have the support of the surrounding municipalities.

Alderman McMillan said that the coming of the P. G. E. will mean more to North Vancouver, in his estimation, than the proposed C. N. R. development. He said that Mayor Cates was to have gone with the Board of Trade delegation, but, because of the opening of the Granville Street Bridge, had been unable to attend. He said he had not had sufficient time to make up a proper presentation, but would like to thank the local Member, Mr. George Tomlinson, for his help.

The Council members agreed, and the Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Tomlinson, for assisting the delegation, and for his support of the proposal to extend the P. G. E. to North Vancouver.

Alderman McMillan said that he had learned that on February 28, 1929, an arrangement had been made with the Municipality of West Vancouver, whereby in compensation for the Railway going into West Vancouver, the Provincial Government had undertaken to pave Marine Drive, and pay the sum of \$25,000.00.

Discussion followed, with respect to the possibility of securing help from the Vancouver Board of Trade, the Vancouver City Council, and others.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman McMillan that a Special Committee be appointed, consisting of Alderman McMillan, as Chairman; Alderman J. M. Bryan, Alderman J. A. Suttis, and the Mayor as ex-officio member, to consider the best ways and means of securing public support for the proposed extension of the P. G. E. Railway from Squamish to North Vancouver, and bring in a recommendation to the next meeting of Committees of the Council, on February 8th, 1954.

Discussion followed.

The motion was then put and carried.

Alderman Copping said that he would like the Council to send a letter to the Department of Public Works, asking them to continue their paving program on Third Street, east of Lonsdale Avenue.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the Clerk be instructed to send a letter to the Department of Public Works, asking the Government to include in its 1954 Road Program the widening and paving of Third Street, from Lonsdale Avenue to the Easterly boundary of the City.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, that this Council now adjourn.

Whereupon the Council adjourned at 9.20 a.m.


MAYOR.

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, February 15th, 1954, at 8 p.m.

Present

His Worship Mayor C. W. Cates, Alderman J. M. Bryan, Alderman E. N. Copping, Alderman V. M. Johnson, Alderman T. C. McMillan, Alderman A. Stewart and Alderman J. A. Suttis.

MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council held on February 1st, 1954 and of the Special meeting held on February 5th 1954 be taken as read and adopted, copies of same having been given to each member of the Council. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

From the North Shore Civil Defence Executive Group, requesting the use of rooms in the former Staff House at 215 East 3rd Street.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Copping that this request be referred to the Building Committee for consideration. Carried

From School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) asking for road and water services to Block 9, D.L. 552, being the site for the new Junior High School.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Stewart that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) be advised that the City will place water and road to either the South East or the South west corner of Block 9, D.L. 552 and that a By-law be prepared to expend the necessary funds from Tax Sale Lands Reserve. Carried

From North Vancouver Little League Baseball, asking for an opportunity to discuss their 1954 program with the Parks Committee.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the Little League Baseball be advised that the Parks Committee will meet them in the near future and that they will be notified later on of a suitable date. Carried

From Mrs. A. G. Davis, on behalf of the North Vancouver Tennis Club, complaining of the condition of the Tennis Courts in the Lonsdale Hall grounds.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Copping that the above complaint be referred to the Parks Committee for consideration. Carried

From School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) enclosing 1954 ordinary estimates totalling \$1,268,435.00 - the City's share being \$422,490.71.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the above estimates be referred to the Finance Committee for study.

Discussion arose.

Alderman Suttis said that even after allowing for the inclusion of the Annual debt retirement charges amounting to \$112,210.00 the Corporation will still have an additional \$90,000.00 to pay.

Mayor Cates said this matter must be watched very closely, pointing out the large amount of interest which the Municipalities are required to pay under the Loan By-law. He said if several of these By-laws were passed the City could go back into insolvency.

The motion was then put and carried.

From School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) requesting permission to clear Block 6, D.L. 552 for future use as a School site.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the above request be referred to the Board of Works Committee for consideration. Carried

From the North Vancouver Board of Trade, thanking the City for the competent way in which the snow removal was handled on City Streets.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the letter from the North Vancouver Board of Trade be acknowledged with thanks.

Discussion arose.

Mayor Cates said he felt very good about this letter and advised that people in Vancouver had said to him what a good job had been done in this City.

Alderman Copping said we have already spent over one mill out of our tax levy on snow removal.

The motion was then put and carried.

From the North Shore Civil Defence Executive Group, enclosing budget for the fiscal year April 1954 to March 31st 1955.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the above budget be referred to Preliminary Estimates for consideration. Carried

Alderman Suttis said before the next meeting of the Civil Defence Executive Group he would like to have the opportunity of discussing the Civil Defence budget informally with members of the Council.

From the North Shore Parent Teacher Council asking that the City give consideration to the establishment of a Juvenile Detention Home.

Mayor Cates said that a delegation was present.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Copping that Mrs. B. Girling be now heard. Carried

Mrs. Girling said she was not sure if the members of the Council have seen the cells which are used for the detention of juveniles. She said the members would have to see the situation to appreciate it. She said there are times when the Police Officers are at a loss to know what to do with juveniles during the period when they are held pending trial. She said at times juvenile girl delinquents have been kept in a room in the St. Alice. She said in some cases the children can be left in their homes pending trial but the Law requires that they should be kept in suitable circumstances. She said the reasons for detention are not immediately available and the whole case must be examined generally by a Probationary officer. She said it is a disgrace that a child must be kept in the cells which were being used at the present time.

She advised that the juvenile delinquents Act provides that a child shall not be kept in detention in the same place as adult offenders but must be kept in a shelter for children only.

Mrs. Girling advised that the City of Vancouver has a beautiful Detention Home. She said it used to be bad but it has been made over and the children are kept there under supervision where they can relax and where the Social Welfare Workers can talk to them.

Mrs. Girling said that it is necessary for accommodation not only for delinquents under the Juvenile Delinquents Act but also for the detaining of children under the protection of children's Act. These are children who have been ill-treated by their parents or guardian and there is no blame attached to them as children.

Mrs. Girling said it is mandatory to provide a Juvenile detention home wherever a Juvenile Court is held.

Alderman Johnson asked as to the number of juvenile delinquents being dealt with each month. Mrs. Girling replied that there were 17 juvenile court cases in January and 7 of these required detention. She said that in 1953 there was an average of 5 cases a month and there might have been detention required anywhere from 3 days to a few weeks.

Alderman McMillan said he was sure that all the Council were very sympathetic to Mrs. Girling's request but it seemed to him we should make a joint effort with the City and District of North Vancouver, with possibly two Committees to work out a solution.

Mayor Cates advised that the Council has already started an investigation with regard to this subject.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Copping that the letter from the North Shore Parent Teacher Council with respect to the establishment of a detention home be referred to the Legal Committee for discussion with the City Solicitor and Police Court officers for consideration and report. Carried

Mayor Cates thanked Mrs. Girling for her remarks.

From the North Vancouver City and District Property Owners' Association asking that the Council bring pressure to bear on the Second Narrows Bridge Company and the First Narrows Bridge Company to provide more adequate equipment to look after snow clearance on the Bridges.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the Clerk be instructed to direct the letter from the Association to the attention of both the First and Second Narrows Bridge Companies. Carried

From Mr. C. D. Henderson, 349 East 8th Street, advising that he considers that a dangerous situation exists with respect to the lighting of the crosswalk at Fell and Marine Drive.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Stewart that this complaint be referred to the Fire and Light Committee for consideration. Carried

From the B. C. Electric Railway Co. Ltd., enclosing Street Lighting report for the year 1953.

The Company drew attention to the fact that during the past year 263 lamps have been damaged and the Company believes most of these have been due to vandalism.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the letter from the B. C. Electric Co. Ltd., with respect to street light damages be referred to the Fire and Light Committee for consideration. Carried

Discussion then arose as to the number of street lights which are not burning from night to night.

Alderman Stewart said that the light at 13th and Grand Boulevard has been out for 3 weeks.

Alderman Johnson said the trouble is a whole batch of equipment was defective. She said the Company has offered its cooperation in remedying this situation immediately.

Further discussion arose particularly with respect to the unsatisfactory method of patrolling the City's street lights during the hours of darkness.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the Mayor and Clerk prepare a suitable letter to the B. C. E.R. Company covering the points raised by the Council as to the poor maintenance of the new street lights recently installed. Carried

From F. J. Mark, 539 Lonsdale Avenue, asking why the painting work recently done in the City Hall was not put to tender, also asking why a number of trucks did not carry City of North Vancouver licence tabs on them.

Alderman McMillan said when we started work on the City Hall last year we did not know how much work was involved and just what we could do because of the uncertainty of the amount of funds available. He said the painting was not a job that could very well be let for tenders as it involved night work, etc. He said his Committee had asked for prices from two or three painters at the time but did not think it was a job that could be let for tender. He said that this year, any job that we could complete we will get tenders on. He said it was not an oversight that tenders were not called for painting but rather on account of the type of work involved.

In reply to a question the Clerk advised that he had discussed with the Licence inspector the complaint with respect to certain trucks not carrying their City of North Vancouver licence tabs. The Licence inspector had advised that there were approximately 1388 vehicle licences issued last year. He also stated that many of these truck drivers did not put their plates on but carried them in their glove compartments as each Municipality requires a separate licence and it would not be practical in some cases to carry all these licences mounted on the vehicle.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that Mr. F. J. Mark be advised that the painting work in the City Hall last year was done on a day labour basis on account of the type of work involved and further that he be advised that in many cases trucks licenced to do business in the City of North Vancouver carry their licence plates on the inside of the vehicle. Carried

From the Greater Vancouver Metropolitan Industrial Commission asking for a Grant towards the work of the Commission for the year 1954 in the amount of \$800.00 and asking if Alderman McMillan will be representing the Council during the current year.

Alderman Suttis said that Alderman McMillan has taken a great interest in the work of the Commission and moved the following resolution:-

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the sum of \$800.00 be included in the 1954 preliminary estimates, as the City's share of the cost of operation of the Greater Vancouver Metropolitan Industrial Development Commission, AND THAT Alderman T. C. McMillan be appointed as the Council's representative on the Board for the current year. Carried

From Mr. T. R. B. Adams, the new Executive Director of the Union of B. C. Municipalities, advising of his wish to co-operate in any way to serve the members of the Union.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Stewart that Mr. Adams be thanked and advised that it is hoped to arrange for him to be present at the next joint meeting of the three North Shore Municipalities. Carried

From Mr. T. R. B. Adams, Executive Director of the Union of B. C. Municipalities, advising that the Union will again submit to the Provincial Government the resolution of the Union with respect to the sharing of School Costs and the proceeds of the Municipal share of the S. S. and M. A. tax on an 80/20 basis.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the letter with respect to School costs from the U. B. C. M. be acknowledged with thanks. Carried.

From the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society asking for financial assistance and official endorsement of their fund raising campaign to be held on February 23rd, 1954.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Johnson that this Council approve of the annual drive for funds of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society, to be held on February 23rd, 1954, AND THAT the Society be advised that it is not the policy of the Council to make grants to organizations conducting fund-raising campaigns in the City of North Vancouver.

Discussion arose.

Alderman Suttis said that this action of the Council is being taken not because we are unsympathetic with the Society but there are so many similar organizations asking for funds and the City cannot give to them all.

Alderman McMillan said that all of these causes are very worthy and should be helped but it seemed to him that the idea of a Community Chest to try and consolidate all of these appeals would be one that would be welcomed by all.

Mayor Cates said he agreed with Alderman Suttis and said it is very difficult to pick out one group for help and refuse another and he said he did not think it was the function of the Council to enter this field as it was its duty to look after the affairs of the Municipality.

Further discussion followed.

The motion was then put and carried.

From the First Narrows Bridge Company, asking that the City of North Vancouver Ambulance observe the regulations of the Bridge when passing through the toll gates.

Alderman Johnson said she had received a report from Fire Chief Thomson respecting this matter. She said there had been two incidents involving the Ambulance Driver and he had been severely reprimanded. She advised that Fire Chief Thomson has asked the Bridge Company to let him know if any further incidents occur and since the complaint of the Bridge Company there has been no further trouble.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the First Narrows Bridge Company be advised that drivers of the City Ambulance have been instructed to comply with the Bridge Company regulations when passing through the toll booths in the future. Carried

APPLICATIONS TO PURCHASE PROPERTY

The Clerk submitted three applications to purchase tax sale land.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Johnson 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>
3 12	218A	546	Joan E. Hart	\$900.00
4 11	218A	546	John Selwin Walton	\$900.00
5 24	8	549	Albert Brody & Constance Marguerite Brody (provided consolidated with Lot 23).	\$450.00 Carried

The Clerk advised that on September 14th, 1953, Messrs. Humphrey & Stewart had made application to purchase Lots 44 and W $\frac{1}{2}$ 45, Block 240, D.L. 545 and this application had been tabled pending a survey for easement purposes.

He advised however that a request had now been received for a refund of the deposit paid as the lot had been rejected for Loan purposes by the N.H.A.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the Treasurer be authorized to return the deposit paid by Humphrey & Stewart on the purchase of Lots 44 and W $\frac{1}{2}$ 45, Block 240, D.L. 545 in the amount of \$319.32. Carried

PETITIONS

The Clerk submitted a petition under the Local Improvement Act for the construction of a sewer on the west side of the Grand Boulevard from 10th to 11th Streets, together with his Certificate of Sufficiency.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the above petition be referred to the Superintendent of Works for the necessary reports as required by the Local Improvement Act. Carried

TENDERS

The Clerk reported that tenders had been called for the purchase of Lots 2 & 3, Resub. 2, Block 239, D.L. 545, on Chesterfield Avenue and that two tenders had been received within the time limit.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Suttis that these tenders be now opened. Carried

Whereupon tenders were opened as follows:-

Marine Realty & Insurance Agencies - Lots 3 & 4 \$1000.00 each

Bond Realty - Lot 2/2/239/545	\$1081.00
Lot 3/2/239/545	\$1055.00

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Suttis that these tenders be now referred to the Finance Committee for consideration. Carried

DUE ACCOUNTS

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

4 Finance	\$ 8,393.60	
15 "	9,683.62	
16 "	263.47	
12 Social Welfare	1,050.33	
26 " "	2,505.98	
14 Authorization	228.50	
28 "	111.68	\$22,237.18 Carried

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

9 Building	\$ 1,530.51	
22 "	396.49	\$ 1,927.00 Carried

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

512A Police	\$ 1,761.03	
10 "	796.21	
24 "	279.87	\$ 2,837.11 Carried

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

8 Health	\$ 5,403.05	
21 "	6.40	
11 Fire	8,857.84	
25 "	882.96	\$15,150.25 Carried

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

5 Board of Works	\$16,155.82	
17 " "	4,015.07	
18 " "	1,154.91	\$21,325.80 Carried

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

6 Waterworks	\$ 4,078.00	
19 "	<u>249.13</u>	\$4,327.13 Carried

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

13 Ferries	\$12,791.94	
27 "	<u>17,868.04</u>	\$30,659.98 Carried

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

7 Parks	\$ 2,296.87	
20 "	<u>281.47</u>	\$ 2,578.34 Carried

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Alderman Suttis advised that in order that the City may be eligible to enjoy the benefits of the Community Programs Branch of the Provincial Government it would be necessary to appoint a Recreation Commission and it was proposed that the Parks Committee of the Council could act in this capacity.

RECOMMEND that Aldermen A. Stewart, E. N. Copping and J. M. Bryan be appointed as the Recreation Commission in this City, pursuant to the requirements of the Community Programs Branch of the Provincial Department of Education.

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

Alderman Suttis said that it was not a job that would take a great deal of time.

Discussion arose.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be amended by adding the words "and such other members as may be appointed from time to time by the Mayor."

Discussion arose on the amendment.

The amendment was then withdrawn.

The motion was then put and declared carried.

Alderman Suttis advised that an application had been received for a Taxi Licence from John A. Murray and he said that this would be in order as he understood it was to be operated from private property, 636 Queensbury Avenue. *

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

Alderman Suttis advised that some time ago an accident had occurred between the "Princess Norah" operated by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., and Ferry property at the Vancouver terminal. He said that the Railway Company have offered to pay one-half of the City's claim as full settlement and he recommended that this be accepted.

RECOMMEND that the settlement as proposed by the C. P. R. in their letter of February 12th, 1954 with respect to the accident involving the "Princess Norah" be accepted as full settlement of our claims.

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

Mayor Cates said that the loss involved the sum of approximately \$1300.00 and he and the City Solicitor had discussed the matter with the C. P. R. He said there was

* RECOMMEND that the application of John A. Murray for a taxi licence be granted, it being understood that no stand will be required, and that his vehicle will operate from private property at 636 Queensbury Ave.

somedoubt as to liability and therefore he thought the Company's offer was a generous one and should be accepted. The motion was then put and carried.

LEGAL & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman McMillan said that some time ago a list of lots was submitted by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to the Council for approval as sites for the re-location of War-time houses. He said it was the wish of the Council that we inspect these lots and this had been done.

RECOMMEND that the list of lots attached hereto be inspected by Alderman Copping and Alderman McMillan and that a report be submitted to the Council for approval with respect thereto.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the above recommendation of the Legal & Building Committee be adopted.

Discussion arose.

Alderman Copping said he would be happy to go around with Alderman McMillan and inspect these lots but he did not think it was a good thing for the City. He said he felt there was a need for low rental homes and therefore the present agreement with C. M. H. C. should be extended for a further period of from 3 to 5 years. He said the buildings were only temporary buildings. He said also that he presumed that Alderman McMillan has made sure that normal taxes will be paid and that the same taxes will apply to the re-located houses. He said subject to these remarks he was willing to bow to the wishes of the Council.

Mayor Cates said he would like to explain the problem. He said we have two industrial areas in the City and the industrial people want to use them but there are wartime houses on one of them. He said Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation would take them all out but this would cause hardship. He said that C. M. H. C. propose to put up 4 pilot houses and will make them into good homes as demonstrators to show what they want to do with the dwellings. He said that C. M. H. C. want a firm agreement if the demonstrator houses are satisfactory that the City will give them approval to purchase 50 City lots for homes of a similar type. He said the necessary agreement would have to be worked out with the Solicitor. He said these homes will be sold to individuals. The lots themselves will be sold to the individual having the house built. He said it is the worry of Alderman Copping if these lots revert to the Crown will they pay normal taxes. He said this point will have to be checked with the Solicitor.

Mayor Cates said the Council has two applications (1) to clear the industrial area of homes and (2) to allow some of these homes to be relocated and sold to individual owners and he said C. M. H. C. have assured us that the re-located homes will be good houses.

Alderman Stewart retired at 9:30 p.m.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Bryan said he could see the need for low cost homes but he felt that moving the homes to other lots would be a poor policy if the Council took the long range view.

Further discussion followed.

Alderman Stewart resumed his place at 9:37 p.m.

Discussion continued.

The motion was then put and carried with Alderman Bryan dissenting.

FIRE & LIGHT COMMITTEE

Alderman Johnson said there had been a demand for traffic lights at 13th and Lonsdale and Esplanade & Lonsdale. She said she was not sure of the amount of funds available this year so it was thought that this proposed expenditure should be considered at the time the preliminary estimates are dealt with.

- 1 RECOMMEND that the cost of installing single 4-way vehicle control lights at the intersections of 13th and Lonsdale and at Esplanade and Lonsdale be included for discussion when dealing with the 1954 Preliminary Estimates.

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

Alderman Johnson said that it is essential that the Fire Department get better equipment and the proposal to purchase a new fire truck this year will involve a considerable amount of money. She said that the Civil Defence

- 2 Authorities have helped the District of North Vancouver and she felt that the City should try and get similar aid. RECOMMEND that the City Clerk be authorized to make an application to the Provincial Civil Defence Co-ordinator for a grant towards the purchase of a new fire pumper for the City of North Vancouver.

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

BOARD OF WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Copping said that some time ago we had a request for the opening of the lane allowance in the 300 Block 13th Street E. from Miss Wrotnowski and after study the Committee advised her that the lane allowances in the Block were not dedicated. He said that Miss Wrotnowski had again written to the Council on the subject and his Committee had again given the matter further study and he now wished to recommend as follows:-

- 3 RECOMMEND that Miss Wrotnowski be advised that a search has been made and it is found that they and some other owners in the Block have not yet dedicated the necessary 10' for lane allowance.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the above recommendation of the Board of Works Committee be adopted. Carried

- 4 Alderman Copping advised that he wished to withdraw a recommendation which was on the Agenda with respect to the topping of trees adjacent to property owned by Mr. J. Edwards at 244 East 20th St.

- 5 Alderman Copping advised that his Committee had been considering the whole basis of construction of lanes but he thought that it was a subject upon which the whole Council should express itself. He said in a number of cases people request lanes where there are no dedications. He said some progress had been made in building lanes under the Local Improvement Act but because it was felt that these funds should be used for more important work his Committee was recommending a change as follows:-

RECOMMEND that Lanes will be put in on a cash basis after the estimated cost of the work has been deposited with the City Treasurer, provided the property in question has been dedicated to the City for lane purposes and where no undedicated portions are left to obstruct the work,

AND FURTHER that the City may from time to time construct lanes for garbage collection or any other purpose they deem fit, from general revenue.

MOVED by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the above recommendation of the Board of Works Committee be adopted.

Discussion arose

Alderman Copping then withdrew the above recommendation and resolution of adoption for further study.

Alderman Copping advised that it was desirable to stipulate the manner in which our local improvement fund will be used this year and submitted the following recommendation:-

RECOMMEND that 40% of the Local Improvement Fund in 1954 shall be spent on sewers and 40% on sidewalks and 15% shall be used for sewers and/or sidewalks as the Council may decide from time to time and the remaining 5% may be used for any other purpose allowed under the "Local Improvement Act".

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the above recommendation of the Board of Works Committee be adopted. Carried

Alderman Copping submitted the following recommendation with respect to the following storm drains on 12th St., Keith Road and 16th Street:

2 RECOMMEND that storm drains be constructed on the following streets and that the required money amounting to \$8461.00 be included in the 1954 Board of Works Budget:-

12th Street - 8" reinforced concrete culvert from Ridgeway to Moody Avenues.

Keith Road - 10" reinforced concrete culvert with laterals to catch basins from Mahon to Delbruck Avenues.

16th Street (300 Block) - 280' of 10 inch reinforced concrete culvert.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the above recommendation of the Board of Works Committee be adopted. Carried

WATERWORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Copping advised that it was desirable at this time to pass the usual resolution asking the Greater Vancouver Water District to comply with Paragraph 4 of the Agreement between the City and Water District dated December 17th, 1947, under which the latter is required to re-fill Rice Lake, etc.

3 RECOMMEND that the Clerk write to the Greater Vancouver Water District asking it to comply with Paragraph 4 of the Agreement between the City and the Water District dated December 17th 1947.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the above recommendation of the Waterworks Committee be adopted. Carried

Mayor Cates explained that when the Water District constructed its 90" watermain from the Seymour the pipe was laid through Rice Lake and he said because of this an Agreement had been signed with the Water District under which the latter gave free water to the City and was required to re-fill the Lake. He said that in lieu of the Water District having to re-fill the Lake from year to year the City has received a certain amount of free water. He said that this arrangement has been worked out annually and the Solicitor has checked so as to be sure that no precedent has been set which will affect the original agreement.

PARKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Stewart submitted the following recommendations on behalf of his Committee:-

X RECOMMEND that the Department of Public Works be advised that the Council will not erect restrictive parking signs on the South side of 3rd Street just west of Lonsdale at the present time, but will place their letter on file for future reference.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the above recommendation of the Parks and Transportation Committee be adopted. Carried

RECOMMEND that Lots 43, 44, 45 and 46, Block 155, D.L. 274 be placed on reserve pending the study of this area being utilized for public parking.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the above recommendation of the Parks and Transportation Committee be adopted. Carried

Alderman Stewart said with respect to transportation problems generally he had contacted the District of North Vancouver last week with a view to a meeting but had not been able to get in touch with Councilior Reid until Thursday and he said that both he and Mayor Cates had a previous engagement that night. He promised Council that a meeting would be arranged with the District this week and he suggested that such a meeting be held to-morrow or on Wednesday at noon.

Discussion followed.

It was tentatively agreed that a meeting would be held with District Transportation representatives to-morrow in the City Hall at noon provided that this was convenient to the District representatives.

Alderman Stewart advised that considerable data had been received from the Mi-co Meter Company as to the installation and operation of parking meters. He said his Committee had discussed this matter with the local manager of the Company and had received a lot of data as to the costs involved. He said he had found that the meters pay for themselves and no money is required to be paid out by the City. He said payments are made to the Meter Company on a sliding basis from revenue obtained from the meters.

He said he wanted all members of the Council to study the Brochure of the Company and he could arrange for representatives of the Company to come over some time and speak to the Council members.

Alderman Stewart then gave details of the revenue that was being received by the City of Chilliwack from its 300 meters and which amounted last year to \$13,695.00. He said the only expense is the maintenance man who would also act as collector but he said the meter revenue would take care of this expense.

Mayor Cates then thanked Alderman Stewart for his report.

NEW BUSINESS

The Clerk submitted the report of the President of the North Vancouver Public Library Association for the year 1953.

Ordered received and filed.

The Clerk submitted the report of the Fire Department for the month of January 1954.

Ordered received and filed and copies to be given to the Council and the Press.

The Clerk submitted certificates from the County Court, Vancouver, covering the registration of By-laws No. 2232, 2233, and 2234.

Ordered received and filed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Letter was received from the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities advising that the decision of the Copyright Appeal Board with respect to the payment of copyright fees is that each Band would be liable to a minimum licence fee of \$5.00 based on \$2.00 per day for each Band.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the above letter from the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities be received and filed. Carried.

1 Letter was received from the North Shore Shingle Company Ltd., advising that alterations are being made to their burner at 831, Low Level Road which will help to eliminate much of the excess smoke from their plant.

2 Letter was received from the Pacific Dry Dock Co. Ltd., advising that the matter of improving their smoke emission is receiving their attention.

3 Letter was received from Burrard Dry Dock Co. Ltd., advising they are studying their smoke emission problem and hope to advise the City shortly of their findings.

4 Letter was received from the North Shore Packing Company, advising that the chemical treatment of the odour from their plant was not successful and it was proposed to completely enclose the whole condensing system which they hope will eliminate practically all the odour and all the steam coming from their plant.

5 Alderman McMillan said he thought the Council should thank these Companies for their co-operation. He said he had been talking to Fire Chief Thomson who is charged with enforcement of the Smoke Nuisance By-law and he is working very closely with the Industries in an effort to alleviate the problem.

Alderman McMillan said the North Shore Packing Company has spent \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00 trying to remedy the odour from their plant and the Company had advised him that if the proposed condensing system does not work the Company is prepared to close down.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the North Shore Shingle Co. Ltd., the Pacific Dry Dock Co. Ltd., the Burrard Dry Dock Co. Ltd., and the North Shore Packing Company be thanked for their co-operation in this problem and the Council will wait with interest any changes which they might be able to make which will help to alleviate the present problem. Carried

6 Letter was received from Reeve C. E. Scanlan, Engineer for the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company, advising that scouring effects can result from the proposed dredging operation of the Active Construction Co. Ltd., at the mouth of Lynn Creek. The report recommended that this matter be turned over to the Municipalities after submitting it to the Solicitor for legal advice.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Copping that the matter of the proposed Dredging operation by the Active Construction Co. Ltd., be referred to the City Solicitor and the Superintendent of Works for report. Carried

7 Letter was received from the District of North Vancouver advising that they are prepared to continue the arrangement whereby each Municipality will pay the whole of the energy cost for one-half the boundary lights between the City and District.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Copping that the above letter from the District of North Vancouver be received and filed. Carried

Letter was received from the Fisheries Association of B. C. thanking the Council for its interest in their United Kingdom Trading program.

8 Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the Fisheries Association of B. C. be thanked for their letter and advised that the City Council realizes the importance of a mutual trading program between Canada and the United Kingdom. Carried

Letter was received from the Department of Public Works, advising that as soon as they are able to do so their Traffic Engineer will submit a traffic plan of the interest section of Bewicke Avenue and Marine Drive.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Copping that the above letter from the Department of Public Works be received and filed. Carried

Letter was received from R. J. Munro, Solicitor, asking if the City would join in the joint petition under the "Plans Cancellation Act" for the closing of the lane allowance between Lots 5 and 28, Resub. 14, Block 242, D.L. 544.

The Clerk advised that this had been agreed to some time ago by the City and he asked if the Council would authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign such a joint petition.

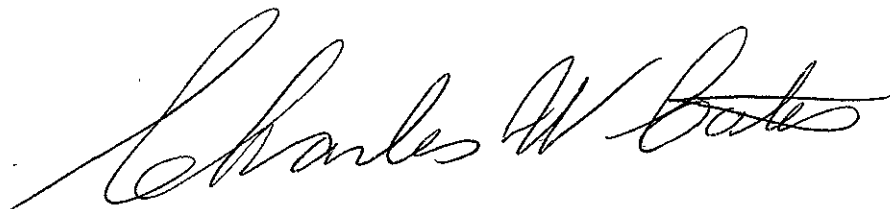
Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign and seal with the Corporate Seal a petition under the "Plans Cancellation Act" re vesting of the lane between Lots 5 and 28, Resub. 14, Block 242, D.L. 544 in the name of Mary Irene Hope. Carried

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Alderman McMillan said he would like to say that the North Vancouver Board of Trade have exercised all their means to try and get support in Vancouver for the extension of the P.G.E. Railway and he could not express his feelings any stronger than was outlined in an editorial in one of the local newspapers.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Copping that the Council do now adjourn.

Whereupon the Council adjourned at 10:45 p.m.



MAYOR.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the
City Council, held in the Council
Chambers, City Hall, Monday, February
22nd, 1954, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

His Worship Mayor C. W. Cates, Alderman
J. M. Bryan, Alderman E. N. Copping,
Alderman Violet M. Johnson, Alderman
T. C. McMillan and Alderman J.A. Suttis.

The Clerk reported that 24 hours notice of this meeting had been given as required by the Municipal Act, and that it had been called to consider the following business:

1. By-laws.
2. Bus routes and schedules of the B. C. Electric Railway Co. Ltd.
3. Approval of list of lots for re-location of re-modelled Wartime Houses.
4. Any other competent business.

BY-LAWS

The Clerk reported that it had been intended to present an amending By-law with respect to regulations in effect in the North Vancouver Cemetery, but it had not been possible to get it ready in time for this meeting.

B. C. ELECTRIC BUS ROUTES AND SCHEDULES

Alderman Copping said that in the absence of Alderman Stewart, who is in Victoria as a representative of the City's Recreation Commission, he had agreed to present a resolution with respect to this matter. He said the City's Transportation Committee had met with the District's Transportation Committee, and that they were taking joint action. He said he was surprised to see remarks in the Press to-day giving information as to what action the Council intends to take, even before this matter has been decided by Council.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the City Clerk be instructed to write to the British Columbia Electric Railway Company Limited, requesting that the bus routes and schedules of the said Company in the City of North Vancouver forthwith revert to those in effect just prior to October 23rd, 1953.

Discussion arose.

Alderman Johnson said she had seen in the paper there was a possibility of an increase in bus fares, and she wondered if any new schedule could be zoned as to fares, or whether the City had to pay for extensions into the new District subdivisions.

Alderman Copping said that the Press had no right to publish any reference to an increase in fares. He said last summer it had been suggested there might be an increase in fares. He said the City's Transportation Committee had not broached this idea to the B. C. Electric Company and he did not think that the Press should have printed this information. ~~He~~

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~~said he felt that it was very discourteous on their part. He felt it was discourteous to the B.C. Electric Railway Co. to have this information come out ahead of time.~~

Alderman Bryan said it is natural for the newspapers to assume that if the buses revert to their former routes that the fares will be increased. He said the B. C. Electric has advised the Press and the public that if we revert, fares will go up.

Alderman Suttis said that in consideration of the changes made last year, it was one of the points that we had to think about. He said the new routes provided a saving in operation, and it was thus hoped that an increase would be avoided. He said he agreed with Alderman Bryan that this point was certainly discussed. The Company had advised

that they would be making a saving of \$50,000.00 annually on the new routes, and although they did not say that there would also be an increase in fares, they let it be assumed there would be if the former routes were maintained.

Mayor Cates said that the gist of this resolution is in the "Vancouver Sun" tonight, and he said he did not know of any discussion of an increase in fares personally, although possibly it might have been discussed last year. *He said he wasn't blaming any member of the Council for this information getting to the press prematurely.*
Alderman McMillan said that he agreed with Alderman Suttis. He said his feeling was that when we changed over, if we put in fewer buses we would not receive such an adequate service, and so the fares would remain the same. If, however, we had kept the former routes, the increase in fares would take place.

Alderman Copping said that if an increase in fares is applied for by the Company, the City can then argue this matter before the Public Utilities Commission, including the point raised by Alderman Johnson as to fares on a zoned basis.

The motion was then put and carried.

LIST OF LOTS FOR CENTRAL MORTGAGE & HOUSING CORPORATION

Alderman McMillan advised that an inspection had been made of a number of lots in the lower area of the City, for use by Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation, as sites for the re-location of remodelled Wartime Houses. He said it was his understanding that the Housing Corporation required four lots for their pilot houses, plus an additional 50 if the first four houses were satisfactory.

Alderman McMillan then showed the Council members the location of 55 lots marked on a map. He said there were 49 lots on the list now submitted, and these, plus the six previously set aside in Block C north of Westview School, would provide sufficient sites, as required by the Housing Corporation.

Mayor Cates said that he had had recent inquiries with respect to the removal of these houses, one being from a home builder, who had said that these houses were well built, and the only difference from standard construction is that the partition walls have 2 x 3 studding but the main structure is okay.

Discussion followed, particularly with respect to the disposition of the Wartime houses in the Unit blocks east and west of Lonsdale, and First and Second Streets.

Mayor Cates said we have the right to ask Central Mortgage to re-rent any of these, if we wish, and possibly this matter should be discussed with them.

Alderman McMillan said that we might put them on a yearly rental basis.

Alderman Copping said that one thought was to include them in the conversion, but he said as the assessment values in the area are quite high, and in view of the possibility of them being required for industrial purposes in the future, possibly they should not be left permanently in that area.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the list of tax sale lots attached to this Resolution be approved by the Council for sites for the relocation of remodelled Wartime Houses
AND THAT Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation be advised accordingly.

Further discussion followed, particularly with respect to ownership of these lots, if taxes were unpaid.

The Clerk advised that the ruling of the City Solicitor was that as Central Mortgage & Housing was a Crown Corporation, they were required to pay normal taxes.

Further discussion followed.

The motion was then put and carried.

Alderman McMillan suggested that when Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation completes its four Pilot houses, we should ask for representatives from the Board of Trade and Ratepayers' Associations to view these houses with us.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that we invite representatives from any interested groups to inspect the four remodelled Wartime houses which are to be renovated by Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation. Carried

Discussion followed with respect to the priority to be used by C.M.H.C. in disposing of these houses. It was suggested that preference should certainly be given to ex-Service people.

The Clerk advised that it was his understanding that the present occupants would be given first choice, and after that the Housing Corporation would use its present priority system, which takes into account veterans, overseas service, dependants, etc.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Cates said this matter could be discussed with Mr. Pickersgill of the Housing Corporation when we next meet with him.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

The Clerk advised that alterations in the City Hall had made offices available for the Electrical Inspector and the Building Inspector and that a further office was available for use by the Assessor.

He said that in view of the fact that the Assessor had been moved into the other offices with the Electrical and Building Inspectors, that the recommendation of the Finance Committee, adopted July 9th, 1945, placing the Assessor's Department under the City Clerk, should be amended or deleted.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the recommendation of the Finance Committee adopted by Council July 9th, 1945, with reference to the Assessor's Department, be reconsidered. Carried

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Alderman Suttis said that the Assessor had been placed in 1945 under the Clerk for administrative purposes, but now that the offices had been separated, it would be necessary to change the responsibility for supervision, as laid down in the Committee recommendation of 1945.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the following words be deleted from the said recommendation of the Finance Committee, adopted on July 9th, 1945: "and that the Assessor's Department be under the control of the City Clerk".

Discussion followed.

It was finally agreed by the mover and seconder to withdraw the resolution.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the Assessor be advised that he is responsible solely to the Council as to the administration of his Department, effective February 23rd, 1954. Carried

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FIRE BOAT

Mayor Cates said that he had received a letter from Mayor Hume with respect to a Fire Boat meeting, and that he had attended this meeting, along with Reeve Scanlan, Mr. Lewis from loco, Reeve McSorley from Burnaby, Mayor Hume from Vancouver, Fire Chief Bird, Mr. McMasters of the National Harbours Board, and others.

Mayor Cates said it was generally agreed that we were all riding on Vancouver's back when an emergency arose. He said Vancouver is willing to help towards the securing of a second Fire Boat, but felt that we should go along with them.

Mayor Cates reported that Mr. Lewis said that although he could not speak for the oil companies, he felt there was a possibility of a subsidy from them.

Mayor Cates said that the maintenance of the second Fire Boat would be approximately \$85,000.00 a year.

Mayor Cates said he would like to know if he had the Council's authority to discuss this matter further, without obligating them in any way.

He said the first meeting was merely an exploratory one.

He said we have had to call the Vancouver Fire Boat several times, and it did not seem fair to him that Vancouver should be expected to provide fire-fighting services to property in our City.

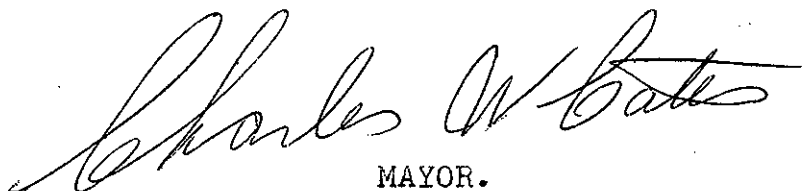
Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that Mayor Cates be authorized to continue negotiations on behalf of this Council with other interested municipalities and groups with respect to the possibility of securing a second fire boat for use in the Vancouver Harbour area.

Discussion followed as to the use of tugs, etc.

The motion was then put and carried.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Suttis that this Council now adjourn.

Whereupon the Council adjourned, at 8:05 p.m.


MAYOR.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on Friday, February 26th, 1954, at 8:30 a.m.

Present:

His Worship Mayor C. W. Cates, Alderman J. M. Bryan, Alderman E. N. Copping, Alderman V. M. Johnson, Alderman T. C. McMillan, and Alderman J. A. Suttis.

The Clerk reported this meeting had been advertised for 24 hours, as required by the "Municipal Act", and had been called to consider the following business:

1. By-laws
2. 1954 School Board Estimates
3. Any other competent business

BY-LAWS

The Clerk submitted Orders-in-Council Numbers 349 & 350, approving of the "City of North Vancouver Equipment Reserve Expenditure By-law No. 1, 1954" as amended by "City of North Vancouver Equipment Reserve Expenditure By-law No. 1, 1954, Amendment By-law" and "City of North Vancouver Tax Sale Properties Reserve Expenditure By-law 1954, No. 1" respectively.

Ordered received and filed.

1954 SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES.

Alderman Suttis said that we have reached another annual milestone, viz. the matter of the time for dealing with the School Board Estimates. He said these estimates go on year by year increasing and sometimes we wonder what the people are getting for their money. He said he thought that the whole machinery of school education should be overhauled by someone not in the employ of the School Board or Council, to see if new standards can be reached. He said at the present time, no matter how high these Estimates go, there is little that we can do and there is no control over these expenditures. He said that after looking at the personnel employed by the School Board, and the products of the teaching system, we sometimes wonder whether the system is worthwhile. He asked if it was necessary to have some of the specialists which are presently in our schools, and also questioned the necessity of some of the trimmings which are so costly.

He said he thought it was time something was done to correct the present educational system. He advised that his Committee has investigated the costs of the School Board for this year. He said they found the Estimates were not broken down in detail to the extent the Committee wished. He said, however, members of his Committee had met with the School Board on Wednesday and they had promised to submit further details.

In the meantime, Alderman Suttis said, it was desirable to reject the School Board Estimates, pursuant to the "Public Schools Act", and he therefore submitted the following resolution:-

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the 1954 Ordinary Estimates of School District No. 44, (North Vancouver), totalling \$1,268,435.00 be rejected by this Council and returned to the School Board for further consideration and reply on or before March 3rd, 1954.

Discussion followed.

Alderman McMillan said he had attended the meeting with the School Board, as the Chairman was not in a position to attend.

He said in the first place, the City was being called upon to pay an additional \$195,300.00 more than last year, and that is omitting the retirement charges, amounting to \$112,210.00.

He stated that 80% of this Budget is paid in wages, so that there is much of the expenditures that the Board has little control over. He said, therefore, that we cannot criticize the Board to any extent.

He thought maybe there were a few accessories and additions, etc., which might be questioned, but there was very little that we can do about these.

Alderman Johnson said there were two things that impressed her. She said there was a 12-1/2% increase in the population, but there was no increase in the grant from the Province. She said the School population ^{in 1948 was} ~~is now~~ 3800 and that it is expected that in September it will be 7000.

She said also there would be 20 new classrooms available in September, which will require 20 new teachers.

She said it seemed to her adjustments will have to come from Victoria. She said in the discussion with the School Board the latter knows the City is up against a tough proposition.

Mayor Cates said he felt the real remedy is to have Education Department a separate body in financing, etc. Then the citizens will have a say. Now they complain that taxes are going up and they should know why taxes are going up. The increase should be identified with increasing school costs. Otherwise, the Council takes the blame. The matter should be taken up with the U.B.C.M., as other Municipalities are in the same position.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Copping said this does not solve the problem. He said at present we elect our Trustees who do their best. They get so much money from the City and so much from the Province. He said that money has to be paid anyway. He said probably the answer would be that the Board should have a larger grant from the Province.

He said we don't want to get rid of the Trustees, because sometimes we might get a fascist or Communistically-inclined government in power in Victoria, and therefore we should retain the local trustees.

Alderman Copping said that he had no facts or figures to discuss, other than the resolution presently submitted.

He said last fall we had a School By-law to build new Schools and previous to that the financing of new school buildings had been taken out of tax sale lands.

He said the purpose of the By-law was to spread the debt over the next ten to twenty years, and there should not be a ny great increase in extraordinary requirements or requests for additional monies for capital expenditures, as he understood the Loan By-law was for this purpose.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Suttis pointed out that the present School Board Estimates are for operating expenses only, except for the bond retirement levy.

Further discussion followed.

The motion was then put and carried.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Alderman Johnson said she has been made Chairman of the Metropolitan Health Committee. She said also she understood the Council members get \$250.00 of their annual indemnity as expenses. She said under the "Municipal Act" delegates expenses can be paid and she asked if there was any reason why the City could not pay \$2.00 a month taxi fares incurred by her in attending the meetings of the Metropolitan Health Committee.

It was agreed that the expenses requested by Alderman Johnson were proper under the "Municipal Act."

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the Council do now adjourn.

Whereupon the Council adjourned at 9.15 a.m.

Charles W. Cates
MAYOR

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