

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, October 4th, 1954, at 8 p.m.

Present:

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

MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council, held September 20th, 1954, be taken as read and adopted, copies of same having been given to all members of the Council. Carried

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Copping that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council, held on September 29th, 1954, be taken as read and adopted, copies of same having been received by all members of the Council, Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

From the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, requesting permission to sell raffle tickets outside of the stores on Lonsdale Avenue.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Copping that the above request be referred to the City Solicitor for reply. Carried

From Sgt. M. B. MacBrayne, advising that a large number of motor vehicle accidents are taking place at the intersection of Bewicke and Marine Drive, and suggesting that until suitable traffic lights are installed, that overhead signs might be erected.

2 Alderman Johnson advised that this is an arterial highway, under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Government, and suggested that it should be taken up by our Engineer and Sgt. MacBrayne with the Provincial authorities.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman McMillan that Sgt. MacBrayne and Supt. Greenwood be instructed to take up with the Traffic Branch of the Department of Public Works the desirability of improving traffic control at the intersection of Bewicke and Marine Drive. Carried

3 From Sgt. MacBrayne, recommending that U-turns be prohibited at certain intersections on Lonsdale Avenue, and that suitable warning signs be erected.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the above letter be referred to the Transportation Committee for consideration. Carried

4 From the Salvation Army, applying to purchase Lot 11, Block 6, D.L. 265, on Marine Drive at 16th Street, for the sum of \$1500.00.

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

From Mrs. Isabelle Murphy, 800 Grand Boulevard, complaining about the lane allowance between her properties.

5 Alderman Copping said that his Committee had gone into this matter quite thoroughly some months ago, but suggested that Mrs. Murphy could come before his Committee to discuss the matter further.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Suttis that Mrs. Isabelle Murphy be invited to attend the next meeting of the Board of Works Committee to discuss her complaint. Carried

From Mr. S.E. Hunter, 447 East 12th Street, complaining that he is unable to secure lane access at the rear of his property.

Alderman Copping said that his Committee is studying this matter, and suggested that it be referred to them for further consideration.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the letter from Mr. S.E. Hunter be referred to the Board of Works Committee for a recommendation. Carried.

From the North Vancouver Public Library Association, asking that a by-law be passed dedicating Lots 1 - 3, Block 86, D.L. 548-549 as a Library site.

2 Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the above request be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration. Carried.

APPLICATIONS TO PURCHASE TAX SALE LAND

The Clerk submitted five applications to purchase Tax Sale Property.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, 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	24 & 25	8	273	Carl Clifford Gamble (Subject to N.H.A. approval)	\$1,750.00
4	31&W $\frac{1}{2}$ 30	204A	544	Ernst Stenzel (Provided consolidated into one parcel)	\$ 787.50
5	24	205A	545	James Neil Smith (Subject to N.H.A. approval)	\$ 712.50
6	28 & 29	33A	550	Mathew Patrick Paine & Philip Townsend	\$1,137.50

Carried.

7 Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the application of George Miles to purchase Lots 6 & 7, Block 243, D.L. 544 for the sum of \$950.00 be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration. Carried.

TENDERS

The Clerk reported that four tenders had been received by him up until 5 p.m. to-day for the purchase of the City property with building thereon and described as Lot 6, Block 34A, D.L. 550 (429 East 16th Street).

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

8 Whereupon tenders were opened as follows:

L.A. Anderson, 2235 East 39th Avenue, Vancouver ...	\$5,500.00
William Firth, 309 East 12th St., North Vancouver .	\$5,500.00
Baker & White, 1205 Lonsdale Ave., North Vancouver .	\$6,300.00
Storey & Perehinski, 1012 West 19th St., North Vancouver .	\$6,250.00

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the above tenders be now referred to the Finance Committee for study and recommendation. Carried.

DUE ACCOUNTS

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

226	Finance	\$ 9,730.01	
237	Authorization ..	2,402.19	
235	Social Welfare .	<u>14,064.50</u>	\$26,196.70 Carried.

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

231	Building	\$ 1,716.39	
233	Police	<u>894.50</u>	\$ 2,610.89 Carried.

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

234	Fire	\$ 9,272.80	
230	Health	<u>4,247.83</u>	\$13,520.63 Carried.

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

227	Board of Works .	\$ 5,993.61	
228	Waterworks.....	<u>1,833.20</u>	\$ 7,826.81 Carried.

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

229	Parks	\$ 1,651.57	Carried.
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Moved by Alderman Bryan, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the following warrant:-

236	Ferries	\$ 7,716.64	Carried.
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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Alderman Suttis said that his Committee is recommending the preparation of a Supplementary Budget, to cover several items.

He said the first item of \$4,500.00, is to cover the installation of traffic lights. He advised that it was originally intended to take this expenditure from Tax Sale Lands Reserve, but the Department of Municipal Affairs would not agree to this. He said his Committee is now asking for the sum of \$4,500.00 for the installation of two traffic lights, one at 3rd and Lonsdale, the cost of which is shared with the Provincial Government, and the second at 15th and Lonsdale, for \$3,000.00. He said both of these installations will be proper traffic installations.

Alderman Suttis said the second item in the Supplementary Budget is one for \$12,719.84. He said that this is the additional amount required to meet the Ferry deficit.

Alderman Suttis advised that the third amount is for \$2,196.64, to meet certain Building Committee requirements. He said that \$150.00 had been added to the original amount as shown on the printed recommendation, and that this was to complete the upper hallway of the City Hall.

Alderman Suttis advised that the last amount on the Supplementary Budget, for \$2,500.00 is for the purpose of increasing the Council indemnities to the maximum under the latest legislation. He said that this step has been taken by many other Councils, but that his Committee had delayed recommending the increase until they could ascertain the City's proper financial condition.

RECOMMEND that the City Treasurer be authorized to prepare supplementary estimates to the Department of Municipal Affairs to cover the following expenditures which were not anticipated when the Annual Estimates were compiled:

Traffic Lights

Third and Lonsdale	\$1,500.00	
Fifteenth and Lonsdale ...	<u>3,000.00</u>	\$4,500.00

<u>Ferry Deficit</u>	
Additional Amount Required	\$12,719.84
<u>Building Committee</u>	
Capital Expenditures for	
furniture and fixtures ...	\$1,346.64
Salaries	500.00
Janitor's Supplies	200.00
City Hall Repairs	
(Upstairs Hall)	150.00
	2,196.64
<u>Council Indemnities</u>	
Increase to Maximum	2,500.00
TOTAL	<u>\$21,916.48</u>

Discussion followed.

The motion was then put and carried.

LEGAL, INDUSTRIAL & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman McMillan submitted the following recommendations on behalf of his Committee:

2 RECOMMEND that the claim of Mrs. H.C. Rees, 153 West Sixth Street, dated September 16, 1954, be allowed, and the sum of \$17.50 paid to her for the loss of chickens killed by an unknown dog.

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

3 RECOMMEND that the request of Mr. F.H. Bates be acknowledged and the Clerk instructed to advise him that the Council regrets that the City has no premises available for the training of First-aid personnel.

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

Discussion followed.

The motion was then put and carried.

FIRE, LIGHT & HEALTH COMMITTEE

4 Alderman Johnson said she had a very exciting recommendation to make this evening. She said we have a wonderful Fire Chief, and he has had to work for many years with commercial equipment in the Fire Hall, but now the Finance Committee and the Treasurer have been able to provide funds to purchase a proper Fire Pumper. She said this step will affect all of us in the way of better fire protection, and possibly lower insurance costs. RECOMMEND that the tender of the La France Fire Engine and Foamite Ltd. Company of September 16, 1954, to supply one Metropolitan Model La France Fire Truck with pump and other equipment as per their specifications, for the sum of \$27,102.75, including freight and Provincial Sales Tax, be accepted.

RECOMMEND that the necessary By-law be prepared to expend the sum of \$27,102.75 from the Tax Sale Lands Reserve for the purchase of a Fire Pumper Unit from La France Fire Engine and Foamite Ltd.

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

Mayor Cates said that the reason for the additional amount over the cost of the fire truck was to provide for the expenses in having the pumper shipped by freight.

Alderman Johnson said that this was so, and the Chief was emphatic that he wanted the pumper sent by freight instead of being driven from the factory, because of the wear and tear which might be caused by driving the new vehicle such a distance.

The Council members agreed that the Chief's suggestion was worth-while.

Alderman Johnson submitted the following recommendation with respect to the recent complaint of Mr. W. Davies, 733 East 4th Street, on the Smoke Nuisance in his area.

RECOMMEND that Mr. W. Davies, 733 East 4th Street be advised that smoke control equipment has recently been tested at one of the mills on the Low-level Road and it is hoped that as a result the present smoke nuisance will be greatly improved through the use of this or similar equipment.

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

Alderman Johnson said that the testing of new smoke control equipment at a North Shore mill had been well written up in the Press. She said that her Committee had seen the demonstration, and that it had been a wonderful success, with the black smoke being changed into what appeared to be white steam. She said she would like to show the Council what this will mean to us on the North Shore.

She then referred to the experience of a small City in the States known as Denora, where recently there had occurred the second toxic smoke fog in history. She said as a result of this condition, 6000 people had been affected, and 20 had died. She said as the town had no hospital, everyone had to depend on volunteer help. She said that the smoke fog was so dense that it was pitch black day and night. She said that the new smoke control equipment now being tested would save North Vancouver from such an occurrence.

She suggested that all Council members should read a recent book published, entitled "Eleven Blue Men".

Mayor Cates then thanked Alderman Johnson for her report.

BOARD OF WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Copping advised that in order for the Fire Department to get to fires during the winter time, it will be necessary for his Department to have additional snow plow equipment, and his Committee therefore recommended as follows:

RECOMMEND that the necessary by-law be prepared to expend the sum of \$1125.00 from Tax Sale Lands Reserve for the purchase of one Snow Plow, complete with hydraulic clutch.

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

Alderman Copping advised that the Council had received a petition from Mr. J.P. Barnes and others some time ago, for the construction of a lane between 25th and 26th Streets, from Jones to Larson Road. He said that as this petition had been received just prior to the Council's decision not to receive further Local Improvement petitions, it should be dealt with in the usual manner. He pointed out that the Council has enough petitions on hand at the present time to last until 1956. RECOMMEND that the petition from J.P. Barnes and others for the construction of a Lane between 25th and 26th Streets from Jones to Larson Road be referred to the Superintendent of Works for the necessary reports and estimates of cost 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.

FERRY COMMITTEE

Alderman Bryan reported on the trip made recently to Victoria by himself, Mayor Cates, and City Treasurer John O'Neill. He said that Mr. George Tomlinson, M.L.A., had very kindly arranged a meeting between the delegation and the Provincial Cabinet to discuss the City's request for a Ferry subsidy.

Alderman Bryan said that the delegation presented their request to the Cabinet and that while the Premier was sympathetic, he did not make any promises as to a subsidy, but said that consideration would be given to the request. He also

advised the delegation that it would be necessary to have new legislation if such a request was granted.

Alderman Bryan said that he felt that the Premier was very much impressed by the brief prepared by Mr. O'Neill, the City Treasurer, and he said that it was very much appreciated.

Alderman Bryan then reported that an accident had recently occurred to No. 4 Ferry, and that he understood that this boat is not repaired yet, but in the meantime the Harbour Navigation boat is taking care of the passengers.

1 Mayor Cates said he thought that No. 4 Ferry would be back in service about 7 p.m. tonight. He said he thought we were covered in the cost of hiring the Harbour Navigation boat and it might even be possible that the City is covered as to the damage which had occurred to the equipment of the No. 4 Ferry. He then described the technical aspects of the damages which had occurred in this regard.

PARKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

2 RECOMMEND that Section 22 of the "Cemetery By-law, 1946" be amended to provide for the placing of tablets not exceeding 16" x 8" on Children's Plots in the North Vancouver Cemetery.

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

RECOMMEND that far side bus stops be erected at 15th and Lonsdale Avenue to take effect on the morning of October 17th, 1954 and that the B.C. Electric Railway Company and the North Vancouver Traffic and Safety Council be notified accordingly.

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

3 RECOMMEND that Tommy's Taxi be advised that far side bus stops will be put into effect at 15th and Lonsdale Avenue on October 17th, 1954 and that they be requested to move their Taxi Stand from the North side of 15th Street to the South side of 15th Street on the West side of Lonsdale Avenue, on that date.

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

NEW BUSINESS

The Clerk reported that it would be necessary to appoint five voting delegates for the U.B.C.M. Convention.

4 Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Bryan that Mayor Charles W. Cates, Alderman E.N. Copping, Alderman Violet M. Johnson, Alderman T.C. McMillan and Alderman A. Stewart be appointed as voting delegates to represent this Council at the Convention of the Union of B.C. Municipalities to be held in Victoria on October 20th, 21st and 22nd, 1954. Carried.

The Clerk submitted the Report of the Fire Department for the month of August 1954.

Ordered received and filed.

BY-LAWS

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the "Street Naming By-law, 1954, No. 1" be reconsidered. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Copping that the "Street Naming 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 by the Council, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 2297.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Copping that the "Cemetery By-law 1946, No. 2 1954" be now read a first time. Carried.

Whereupon the By-law was read.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Copping that the "Cemetery By-law 1946, No. 2 1954" be now passed. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the "City of North Vancouver Tax Sale Properties Reserve Expenditure By-law 1954, No. 4" be now read a first time.

Discussion followed as to the Sales Tax payable on the equipment referred to in this By-law.

The Clerk advised that in the case of the Fire Pumper, the City was liable for the Provincial Sales Tax but not the Federal 10 per cent Tax, as the cost of the unit was over \$1000.00, but it was not possible to escape the Federal Sales Tax on the purchase of the Snow Plow equipment.

The motion was then put and carried.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the "City of North Vancouver Tax Sale Properties Reserve Expenditure By-law 1954, No.4" be now passed. Carried.

All members of the Council voted for the above by-law.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Letter was received from the Town Planning Commission, advising that they were unable to get in touch with the District Town Planning Commission to discuss the re-zoning of Lots 1-4 inclusive, Block 10A, D.L.616, but recommended that all the unoccupied lots in the Local Business Area in Blocks 11A and 12, D.L.616 be cancelled and reinstated as a Single Family Dwelling area.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that this letter be referred to the Legal Committee for consideration. Carried.

From the District of North Vancouver, advising that their Council is joining with the Districts of Burnaby and Richmond and the City of North Vancouver in appealing the recent bus fare increase.

Discussion followed.

Ordered received and filed.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Mayor Cates reported that he had collected the various speeches and considerable data at the recent Convention of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities and he had turned these over to the City Clerk so that if any of the members of the Council were interested they could be obtained from the Clerk's office. He said he had made a lot of notes on the various resolutions which had been discussed, but at any rate, the final Minutes will be available in due course, for study. He said actually there was nothing contentious at the Convention.

Mayor Cates said that as a member of the Indian Advisory Council he had made a recent trip at the invitation of the Hon. Lyle Wicks, and had gone into the Lillooet area. He said he had talked to the Clerk of Lillooet, Mr. R. Webster, who was very grateful for the visit. Mr. Webster had advised him that the people there are after the Municipality for the same things that they are in North Vancouver. Mayor Cates said that he had promised that we would give them any help that we could and this had been much appreciated.

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

Whereupon the Council adjourned, at 8:55 p.m.

A Stewart

MAYOR.