

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, December 6th, 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 Stewart, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council, held on November 15th, 1954, and of the Special Meeting of the Council, held on November 22nd, 1954, be taken as read and adopted, copies of same having been given to each Council member. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

From the North Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club, requesting a grant of \$750.00, for the year 1955.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Copping that the above request be referred to the 1955 Council, for consideration. Carried

From Mrs. Ida Scudamore, 255 East 17th Street, requesting improvements to the lanes in her block, so that car owners will not be forced to park their vehicles on the street, thus creating a traffic hazard.

Alderman Stewart said that he had inspected these lanes with Supt. Greenwood, and that they had had no trouble in negotiating them. He said there were some stones in the lanes, but no holes, and although the lanes were narrow, he said he thought most of the trouble being caused at the intersection of 17th Street & St. Andrews was by not taking proper care.

He said we have a lot of other, more essential work that must be done. He advised, however, that the Board of Works Department was going to trim some of the trees at the intersection of 17th and St. Andrews, to help the vision, but that it was actually the fault of the drivers, if there were accidents at this intersection.

Alderman Copping said that experience has shown that when we pave a street, it becomes a speed-way. He pointed out that there is a ditch on the north side of 17th East, and that his Committee might investigate the possibility of placing a "No Parking" ban on that side.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the above letter from Mrs. Scudamore be referred to the Board of Works Committee, for consideration. Carried

From the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, advising of negotiations which have taken place between the Joint Committee on Assessment Equalization and the Provincial Government with respect to the application of the Assessment Equalization Act.

The Clerk advised that a brief which had been compiled by the Joint Committee and forwarded to the Provincial Government was attached to the circular letter, and that copies of this letter and brief had been given to all members of the Council, and were available to the members of the Press.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the Clerk dispense with the reading of the brief attached to the letter from the U.B.C.M. Director, as copies have been given to all members of the Council. Carried

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the circular letter and attached brief from the U.B.C.M. Executive Director, with respect to the negotiations of the Joint Committee on Assessment Equalization, be acknowledged with thanks. Carried

From the Deputy Minister of Finance, advising that the Government has appointed February 1st, 1955, at 10 a.m., in the Municipal Hall, North Vancouver, as the date, time and place of the 1955 Court of Revision.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan THAT WHEREAS the Assessment Notices of The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver have not yet been transmitted pursuant to Section 250 of the "Municipal Act" THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Sub-section 8 of Section 257 of the "Municipal Act", February 1st, 1955, at 10:00 a.m. shall be designated as the date and time for the first Session of the Annual Meeting of the Court of Revision. Carried

From the Vancouver, New Westminster & District Trades & Labour Council, inviting the City Council to send a representative to a meeting to be held in the Labour Temple, 307 West Broadway, on Saturday, December 11th, 1954, at 10 a.m., to discuss the unemployment situation.

Mayor Cates said he felt that as labour is an extremely fluid force, municipalities like ourselves cannot get too deeply involved, as it is purely a provincial or federal responsibility.

Alderman Stewart said he thought that someone should go just to get information, as we would like to know what is going on.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that Alderman Stewart be appointed to represent this Council in a watching capacity at the Meeting to be held on December 11th, 1954, by the Vancouver, New Westminster & District Trades & Labour Council, to discuss unemployment. Carried

From the North Vancouver Kinsmen Club, requesting a grant of \$950.00 towards a Civic luncheon to be given to delegates to the British Columbia Convention of Kinsmen Clubs, to be held in North Vancouver on May 21st, 22nd & 23rd next.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the above request be referred to the 1955 Finance Committee for consideration. Carried

From Burrard Dry Dock Co. Ltd., drawing attention to the damaged condition of the sidewalk in front of their premises at 109 East Esplanade, as a result of the recent removal of telephone poles.

Alderman McMillan suggested that it would be a wise thing to have a letter sent to the B. C. Electric and B. C. Telephone Companies, outlining what has occurred.

Mayor Cates suggested that this might be done by the Board of Works Committee.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman McMillan that this complaint be referred to the Board of Works Committee, to take up with the utility company involved, and to take the necessary action to remedy the situation.

Carried

From the North Vancouver Seamen's Institute, requesting a rebate of taxes on their property, or a grant in lieu of taxes.

Laid over to Finance Committee Report.

APPLICATIONS TO PURCHASE TAX SALE PROPERTY

The Clerk submitted four 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>
1 9	105	550	Cecil Gill	\$ 875.00
2 23&24	224	544	Edward Frank Burkmar & Marion Joan Burkmar (Provided consolidated)	\$1575.00 Carried

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the following applications be not accepted, and the City Treasurer be authorized to refund the deposit paid by the applicants:

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Resub.</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>D.L.</u>	<u>Name of Applicant</u>	<u>Price</u>
3 5		230A	545/546	George E. Wise (not accepted as applicant would not consolidate)	\$612.50
4 3	7	7	616	James Moore (not accepted because of poor drainage)	\$481.25

PETITIONS

A petition was received from residents in the 500 Block West Keith Road and West 14th Street, requesting the establishment of a proper grade and drainage in the lane which serves their properties.

Alderman Copping said that this sounded like an old favorite which we had received about six years ago.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the above petition be referred to the Board of Works Committee, for investigation and report. Carried

DUE ACCOUNTS

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

276 Finance	\$ 4,353.54	
277 "	7,680.45	
286 Social Welfare	15,151.37	
288 Authorization	<u>5,002.78</u>	\$ 32,188.14
		Carried

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

282 Building	\$ 1,680.00	
284 Police	<u>895.75</u>	\$ 2,575.75
		Carried

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

281 Health	\$ 1,938.44	
285 Fire	9,498.50	
283 Light	<u>378.02</u>	\$11,814.96
		Carried

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

278 Board of Works \$11,155.16 Carried, with Alderman Copping refraining from voting.

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

279 Waterworks \$ 3,209.53 Carried

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

287 Ferry \$21,031.73 Carried

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

280 Parks \$ 2,949.44 Carried

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Alderman Suttis submitted the following recommendations on behalf of the Finance Committee:

RECOMMEND that the North Vancouver Seamen's Institute be advised that the Council regrets that it has no power to rebate taxes to their organization nor to make a grant in aid of their work.

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

RECOMMEND that the City Clerk write to the Executive Director of the Union of B. C. Municipalities, asking that the Union take up with the Provincial Government the necessity of providing powers to the Municipalities to licence liquor outlets which have been granted under the "Government Liquor Act, 1953".

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

RECOMMEND that the usual supplementary Christmas Bonus be paid to Social Assistance recipients, so as to make the total bonus \$6.25 for each head of family and \$3.00 for each single person receiving such assistance.

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

LEGAL, BUILDING & INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE

Alderman McMillan submitted the following recommendation on behalf of his Committee:-

RECOMMEND that the National Harbours Board be advised that the City is not interested in undertaking the operation of the North Shore Marine Basin, referred to in the Board's letter of November 12, 1954, to Mayor Cates.

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

Alderman McMillan said that he had another recommendation to make, with respect to a further Bridge site across the Vancouver Harbour. He said there has been a lot of talk on this subject, and we, in the East section of the North Shore, feel we should have an independent survey for another crossing site. He said if we are to get industries, we must first provide a bridge or roadway to Vancouver, without

interruption. He said the Second Narrows Bridge, in a few years, will be crowded out, because of the increase in the establishment of industries in the Eastern section of the North Shore resulting in an increase of shipping through the Bridge, and the possibility of damage to the Bridge will also increase.

He said, therefore, he had a recommendation which he would now like to make, as follows:

RECOMMEND that this Council dispatch a letter to our local Member, requesting the Provincial Government to make a survey to determine the site for a new crossing from the Eastern section of the City of North Vancouver to the City of Vancouver.

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

Discussion followed.

The motion was then put and declared carried.

FIRE, LIGHT & HEALTH COMMITTEE

Alderman Johnson said she would first of all like to call to the attention of Council the good work which had been done by the Fire Department during the recent flash floods, and she suggested that a letter of appreciation should go to the Department, for the way in which the members carried out the work, over and above their regular duties.

Alderman Copping said that he had a resolution in this vein which would be coming up later on.

Alderman Johnson submitted the following recommendation, on behalf of the Light Committee:-

RECOMMEND that the B. C. Electric Co. Ltd. be authorized to instal two 400 c.p. street lights at the following locations:

21st Street on the Grand Boulevard (Lower Road), and
23rd Street on the Grand Boulevard (Lower Road),

provided that the Corporation will not be required to pay any portion of the installation costs of same.

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

Alderman Johnson submitted the following report with respect to the meeting of the Metropolitan Health Committee, on November 17th, 1954:

"Attended meeting of Metropolitan Health Committee on Wednesday, November 17th. Dr. Mott was introduced to Metropolitan Health Committee. Dr. Gayton, in giving Communicable Disease Report, stated a great increase in Dysentery, 278 reported cases so far this year, as against 151 in 1953. Also increase in Salmonellosis, 99 cases against 43 last year. On the other hand, reported cases of Poliomyelitis were only 35 as against 206 last year. And only 2 deaths. There were no infant deaths on the North Shore in September. Of the 142 births only one was stillborn. There were only 30 deaths on the whole North Shore in September, out of a population of 49,000. We shall certainly be needing more class rooms."

Alderman Johnson advised that she had attended the Regular Meeting of the Union Board of Health, at which working drawings had been submitted of the new Health Unit Building. She said that the 1955 Estimates had now been prepared, and a copy would be mailed shortly to the municipalities concerned. She said the increase in the Estimates was because

of extra personnel, and an extra allowance for any salary increases which might be granted.

BOARD OF WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Copping referred to the flash flood situation which had occurred on November 24th last. He said the Board of Works crews had worked all night, and it was surprising that there was very little damage done in the City. He pointed out, however, that so long as there is a tendency to cut timber indiscriminately from lots which are to be built on, there will be an increased danger from flash floods, and that we should have strict control with regard to this matter.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the Clerk be instructed to express the Council's thanks to the Board of Works and the Fire Departments, for the wonderful manner in which they carried out their duties during the recent flash floods in the City. Carried

Mayor Cates said that he himself was here in the City Hall until 1 a.m. that night and thought it was amazing how the employees had carried on in a most cheerful manner, and they deserved a lot of praise, he said.

Alderman Copping advised that parking congestion was occurring in Block 177, south of Esplanade, and his Committee therefore wished to submit the following recommendation: RECOMMEND that No Parking shall be allowed in the streets and lanes of Block 177, D.L. 271 (South of Esplanade), and that appropriate signs be erected to prevent such parking, pursuant to Section 9 of the "Street and Traffic By-law, 1950".

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 his Committee felt there should be more control of left-hand turns in the middle of certain blocks on Lonsdale Avenue. He said that although this prohibition is presently in our By-law, it requires very strict enforcement, and therefore his Committee recommends as follows:

RECOMMEND that whereas it is necessary in the interest of Traffic Safety and Control to prevent left-hand turns in the blocks between Fourth Street and Esplanade except at intersections:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Clause (c) of Section 58 of the "Street and Traffic By-law 1950", a double yellow line be painted on the centre of Lonsdale Avenue, from the south boundary of Fourth Street to the north boundary of Esplanade, except in the intersections with Third Street, Second Street and First Street.

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

Discussion followed.
The motion was then put and carried.

Alderman Copping said that for some time, his Committee has had in mind the establishment of a public parking lot on City property and on leased property east of the Post Office Building, on First Street.

He said arrangements had been made to lease a portion of the site, and therefore his Committee wish to recommend as follows:

RECOMMEND that the Superintendent be instructed to grade Lots 41 to 44 inclusive in Block 155, D.L. 274, preparatory to their establishment as a Parking Lot, subject to the completion of a lease of Lots 41 & 42 from C. H. Cates & Sons.

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

Carried, with Mayor Cates refraining from voting.

Alderman Copping advised that it was desirable that the City and District Engineering Departments work together in their sewerage planning, and therefore his Committee wished to recommend as follows:

RECOMMEND that the City Engineering Department prepare preliminary plans in conjunction with the District of North Vancouver Engineering Department for the setting aside by By-law of sufficient lands to accommodate an adequate disposal plant, and that a copy of this recommendation be forwarded to the District of North Vancouver.

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

PARKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

RECOMMEND that Sgt. MacBrayne of the R.C.M.P. and the North Vancouver Traffic and Safety Council be advised that their suggestions to prohibit parking of cars within 20 feet of a "Stop" sign, have been referred to next year's Council for consideration.

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

RECOMMEND that pursuant to Section 9 of the "Street and Traffic By-law, 1950", "No Parking between 4-6 p.m." signs be erected on the north and south sides of 3rd Street, extending west from Lonsdale Avenue to the lane allowance.

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

RECOMMEND that letters be written to Super-Valu and Safeway Stores, asking them, in the interests of public safety, if they would reverse the order of the entrances and exits to their parking lots so as to avoid cars cutting across Lonsdale Avenue to enter the said parking lots from Lonsdale.

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

RECOMMEND that Mrs. Scudamore be advised that after consultation with the Police, who report that this is just one of the many "Courtesy" intersections in the City, the Council cannot see its way clear to put up "Stop" signs at 17th and St. Andrews Avenue as requested, but the branches of a tree on the north-east corner of the intersection have been ordered cut down, and further if any infractions of the speed law are observed, they should be reported to the Police.

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

RECOMMEND that Mrs. Coleman be advised that it is in the interests of public safety that the Bus Stops at 15th and Lonsdale have been changed to far side stops and if any

inconvenience is caused to passengers by patrons of the Pool Room the matter should be reported to the Police.

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

RECOMMEND that Section 12, subsection (c) of the "Street and Traffic By-law, 1950" be amended by striking out all the words after 'displayed' at the end of the 4th line thereof.

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

RECOMMEND that the Masonic Cemetery Association, the I. O. O. F. Cemetery Association and the North Shore Veterans' Council be advised that a report on the whole North Vancouver Cemetery has been received and their request for extra space is being studied in the light of the information contained in the said report and they will be notified of the decision of the Council at a later date.

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

Alderman Stewart pointed out that with respect to the last recommendation, authorized associations have enough space in their present plots for at least another year.

The motion was then put and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Clerk submitted Reports by Superintendent Greenwood, under the "Local Improvement Act", giving the Statement of Assessment and Actual Costs with respect to the following Works, constructed under the said "Act":

3 5' Concrete Sidewalk on the Grand Boulevard, from 17th to 18th Streets. Total cost - - - \$ 1095.93

4' Concrete Sidewalk on the North & South sides of 8th Street, from Moody Avenue to the Grand Boulevard. Total cost - - - - - \$ 3400.62

5 Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the above Reports be approved, and that this Council sit as a Court of Revision on the Special Assessment Rolls on January 24th, 1955, at 7 p.m. Carried

Notice was received from the National Association of Marine Engineers of Canada that they wish to re-open their Agreement to include a Compassionate Leave Clause, and changes in the Overtime and Weekly Leave Clauses.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the above letter be referred to the Labour Relations Committee, for consideration. Carried

1 Notice was received from the Canadian Merchant Service Guild, advising that they wish to have amendments made to their Weekly Leave and Overtime Clauses, and the addition of a new clause to grant compassionate leave under certain circumstances.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the above letter be referred to the Labour Relations Committee, for consideration. Carried

8 Notice was received from the Seafarers' International Union of North America, advising that they wish to re-open their Agreement to discuss revisions in the Wages and Working Conditions of the unlicensed personnel on the City Ferries.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Bryan that this letter be referred to the Labour Relations Committee, for consideration. Carried.

Letter was received from the Town Planning Commission, enclosing a brief supporting their contention that a study should be made of a high-level Bridge crossing, from the foot of Queensbury Avenue in North Vancouver to Nanaimo Street in the City of Vancouver.

Alderman McMillan suggested that a copy of the Commission's brief should be made and sent in conjunction with the previous recommendation of the Legal Committee, which had been adopted under Committee Reports, and which dealt with the general subject of additional crossing over Burrard Inlet.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Copping that the Town Planning Commission be thanked for their letter of December 3rd, 1954, and accompanying brief on a Burrard Inlet Bridge Crossing, and that a copy of the said Brief be sent with the Council's submission to the Provincial Government, and that the Town Planning Commission be advised accordingly. Carried.

Letter was received from the Canadian National Railway Company, enclosing plans of their Spur Track layout in District Lot 272, for the servicing of the Canadian Pittsburgh Industries Ltd., and the Canadian Schenley Co. Ltd.

The Clerk advised that the Company's plan, as now submitted, had now been approved by Superintendent Greenwood.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that this Council approve of the spur track layout as shown on Plan No. 390/974 of the Canadian National Railways, which spur track serves industries on the north side of Third Street, in District Lot 272. AND THAT the City Clerk be authorized to endorse the said plan of the Railway Company accordingly. Carried.

Letter was received from Dugald Donaghy, Solicitor for the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Company, advising that the Company wishes to apply to the Board of Transport Commissioners for an order to relieve the Company from an order to erect and maintain fences, gates and cattle guards.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Copping that the City Council of The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver approves of and consents to an order being made by the Board of Transport Commissioners of Canada, pursuant to Section 277 of the "Railway Act", relieving the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Company from erecting and maintaining fences, gates and cattle guards upon that part of its railway situate in the District of North Vancouver and the City of North Vancouver. Carried.

The Clerk submitted Certificates from the County Court, with respect to By-laws Nos. 2305 and 2306.

Ordered received and filed.

BY-LAWS

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the "Street and Traffic By-law 1950, Amendment By-law 1954, No.1" be introduced and read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the "Street and Traffic By-law 1950, Amendment By-law 1954, No.1" be passed. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the "Keith Road South Side Chesterfield Avenue to Forbes Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be introduced and read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Bryan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the "Keith Road South Side Chesterfield Avenue to Forbes Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be passed. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Bryan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the "Fifth Street North and South Sides, Sutherland Avenue to Hendry Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be introduced and read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Copping that the "Fifth Street North and South Sides, Sutherland Avenue to Hendry Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be passed. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the "27th Street South Side, St. Georges Avenue to St. Andrews Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be introduced and read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the "27th Street South Side, St. Georges Avenue to St. Andrews Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be passed. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Bryan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the "12th Street North Side, Ridgeway Avenue to Moody Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be introduced and read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the "12th Street North Side, Ridgeway Avenue to Moody Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be passed. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Bryan, seconded by Alderman Copping that the "Keith Road South Side, Hendry Avenue to Adderley Street Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be introduced and read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the "Keith Road South Side, Hendry Avenue to Adderley Street Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be passed. Carried.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the "Fifth Street South Side, St. Georges Avenue to St. Andrews Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be introduced and read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the "Fifth Street South Side, St. Georges Avenue to St. Andrews Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be passed. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Letter was received from the Town Planning Commission, advising that the Commission recommends that no change be made in the Zoning of Lot 26, Block 208, D.L.545/546, from Single Family Residence to Two-Family Residence Area, as requested by Mr. & Mrs. C.A. Giffen.

Alderman McMillan said that the Commission did not feel justified in re-zoning this property. He said it did not seem proper to re-zone a specific lot, just because someone

wished to erect a duplex on the property for revenue purposes, instead of a single-family dwelling.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the application of Mr. & Mrs. C.A. Giffen to re-zone Lot 26, Block 208, D.L.545/546, from a Single-Family residence to a Two-Family residence area be not granted.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Stewart said that he thought that this matter should receive more consideration. He said the Council has, on other occasions, disregarded the recommendation of the Town Planning Commission.

Alderman Copping agreed that the Council had gone against the Town Planning Commission in some instances, but he said that these had resulted in the Council getting into trouble.

Further discussion followed.

The mover and seconder then withdrew the above motion.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Bryan that this matter be now referred to the Legal Committee for consideration. Carried.

Letter was received from the Union Board of Health, enclosing copies of a survey of a portion of the Hospital Grounds which the Board desires to lease for the erection of a new building, together with an architect's sketch, showing the proposed layout.

Discussion followed.

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

Letter was received from the District of North Vancouver, advising that the City Council's request for Joint Meetings of the two Town Planning Commissions has been referred to the incoming District Council, for consideration.

Ordered received and filed.

Letter was received from the District of North Vancouver, advising that the question of providing funds for a sewerage survey has been referred to the 1955 District Council, with a recommendation that these studies be continued.

Ordered received and filed.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Alderman Johnson reported that she had attended a meeting recently with about 26 representatives from Government and the grain industry, to discuss the matter of grain shipments from the Port of Vancouver.

She said the chief point at issue was that no depreciation was being allowed on the Ballantyne Pier, and that it had been estimated that it would cost \$1,000,000.00 to renovate the elevators on this property.

She advised that one of the spokesmen said that if the National Harbours Board got 10 cents for each bushel stored in the elevator they could soon raise the necessary million dollars.

She advised that one of the M.P.'s present had said that they should be kept advised of the situation, as they were in Quebec, where they have a Harbour Club, consisting of interested shipping people, etc.

Alderman Johnson said that a New Westminster representative had objected, saying that they wanted no interference with the operation of their Harbour Board.

She said she had recently seen in the newspaper, however, that repairs are going to be made to the Ballantyne

elevator, and that this may ease the situation, but the problem is caused mainly by the fluctuation in the price of wheat.

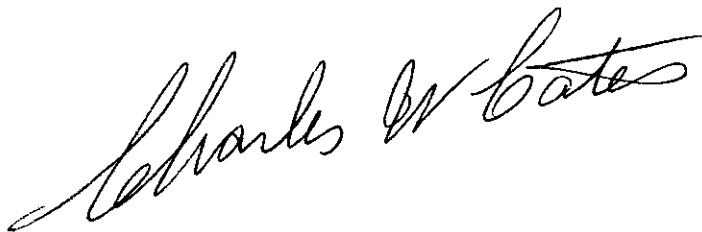
Mayor Cates thanked Alderman Johnson for her report.

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2 Alderman Stewart submitted a Report on the various work which had been done in the Parks during 1954, to date, and also gave figures on the receipts and expenses and attendance at the Mahon Park Swimming Pool, during the 1954 Season.

3 Mayor Cates said that he would like to report to Council that he had spent several days in the Okanagan, at Kelowna and Vernon, and had talked to Mayor Ladd of Kelowna. He said he had visited various places with Mr. Knowles, of the Historical Society, and had spoken to the Kelowna Group on the early days of shipping, and had then gone to Vernon and had spoken to the Society in that City on the life of the Indians. He said that he had had nice meetings at both places, and that North Vancouver is known a little bit better as a result of his visit. He said that reports of his visit would be contained in last week's issues of the Kelowna Courier and the Vernon News, and that these will be sent down to him shortly.

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

Whereupon the Council adjourned, at 9:50 p.m.



MAYOR.

CERTIFICATE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

Result of the Municipal Election held in the City of North Vancouver on the 9th day of December, 1954.

I, Ronald Clement Gibbs, Returning Officer for the City of North Vancouver, do hereby certify that as directed by Statute and resolutions of the City Council, I gave notice to the Electors of the City of North Vancouver on the 18th day of November, 1954 to the effect that Nominations for the purpose of electing three persons to represent them as Aldermen; and two persons to represent them as School Trustees would be received by me at any time between the date of the Notice and 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, the 2nd day of December, 1954.

On the 25th day of November, 1954, I gave notice that the vote of the said Electors would be taken at the same time and at the same places as arranged for the Annual Elections, on the following By-law:-

"Portion of Block 216 of District Lot 545
School Recreation Ground By-law".

At the expiration of the time appointed for the nomination of Candidates as aforesaid more nominations for Aldermen and School Trustees were received by me than there were vacancies to be filled and a Poll became necessary and such Poll was granted by me and opened at the Lonsdale Hall, 23rd Street and Lonsdale Avenue; St. John's Hall, Corner 8th and 13th Streets; Heywood Community Hall, 835 Marine Drive; St. Agnes Hall (rear of church), 12th Street and the Grand Boulevard; Office Building (formerly B.C. Telephone Company), 117 West 1st Street, all in the City of North Vancouver, on Thursday, the 9th day of December, 1954, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., and after closing of the Poll the votes were counted with the following result:-

FOR ALDERMEN

Bryan, John Melvin -----	1509
Comba, Neill Mervyn (Sr.) -----	730
McMillan, Thomas Caseley -----	1352
Mills, Thomas William Edgar -----	574
Suttis, John Alexander Sutherland --	1235
Spoilt ballots -----	(2)
Rejected ballots -----	19

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Graham, Howard Carson -----	1839
Guelph, George Edward -----	463
Maynard, George Ernest -----	1540
Spoilt ballots -----	8
Rejected ballots -----	37

SCHOOL RECREATION GROUND BY-LAW

Yes -----	1441
No -----	570
Spoilt ballots -----	5
Rejected ballots -----	<u>43</u>
TOTAL	2059

I, THEREFORE, FORTHWITH DECLARED

John Melvin Bryan,
Thomas Caseley McMillan, and
John Alexander Sutherland Suttis

duly elected as Aldermen for the ensuing years 1955 and 1956;

AND I FORTHWITH DECLARED

Howard Carson Graham, and
George Ernest Maynard

duly elected as School Trustees for the ensuing years 1955 and 1956;

AND I FORTHWITH DECLARED

that the "Portion of Block 216 of District Lot 545 School Recreation Ground By-law" carried by over three-fifths of the total votes polled, exclusive of ballots which had been rejected, pursuant to Section 77 of the "Municipal Elections Act".

DATED at North Vancouver, B.C., this 10th day of December, 1954.

"R.C. GIBBS"

RETURNING OFFICER.

I, Ronald Clement Gibbs, Returning Officer of The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver, at the election held on December 9th, 1954, declare that the above Certificate and Statement of Election is correct and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the "Canada Evidence Act".

Declared before me at the City
of North Vancouver, B.C., this
10th day of December, A.D. 1954

"R.C. GIBBS"

"J.N. O'NEILL"

A Commissioner for taking affidavits within British Columbia.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council, held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on Monday, December 13, 1954, at 7.15 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Charles 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.

The Clerk advised that this Special Meeting had been posted for twenty-four hours, as required by the Municipal Act, and had been called to consider:

- (a) By-laws,
- (b) Unfinished Business, and
- (c) Any Other Competent Business.

By-laws

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the "Street and Traffic By-law, 1950, Amendment By-law 1954, No. 1" be now reconsidered. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Copping that the "Street and Traffic By-law, 1950, Amendment 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 2307.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the "Keith Road South Side, Chesterfield Avenue to Forbes Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be now reconsidered. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the "Keith Road South Side, Chesterfield Avenue to Forbes Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 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 by the Council, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 2308.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the "Fifth Street North and South Sides, Sutherland Avenue to Hendry Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be now reconsidered. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Copping that the "Fifth Street North and South Sides, Sutherland Avenue to Hendry Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 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 by the Council, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 2309.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the "27th Street South Side, St. Georges Avenue to St. Andrews Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be now reconsidered. Carried.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the "27th Street South Side, St. Georges Avenue to St. Andrews Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 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 by the Council, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 2310.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the "12th Street North Side, Ridgeway Avenue to Moody Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be now reconsidered. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Copping that the "12th Street North Side, Ridgeway Avenue to Moody Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 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 by the Council, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 2311.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the "Keith Road South Side, Hendry Avenue to Adderley Street Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be now reconsidered. Carried.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the "Keith Road South Side, Hendry Avenue to Adderley Street Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 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 by the Council, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 2312.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the "Fifth Street South Side, St. Georges Avenue to St. Andrews Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be now reconsidered. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the "Fifth Street South Side, St. Georges Avenue to St. Andrews Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 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 by the Council, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 2313.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Copping that the "City of North Vancouver Tax Lands Sale By-law 1954, No. 17" be now read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the "City of North Vancouver Tax Lands Sale By-law 1954, No. 17" be now passed. Carried.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Copping that the "Lane between Keith Road and 6th Street from Chesterfield Avenue to Lot 5, Block 71, D.L.271/548 Sanitary Sewer Local

Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be now read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the "Lane between Keith Road and 6th Street from Chesterfield Avenue to Lot 5, Block 71, D.L.271/548 Sanitary Sewer Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be now passed. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the "Chesterfield Avenue South of Keith Road Sanitary Sewer Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be now read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the "Chesterfield Avenue South of Keith Road Sanitary Sewer Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be now passed. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the "27th Street South Side Lonsdale Avenue to St. Georges Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be now read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the "27th Street South Side Lonsdale Avenue to St. Georges Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be now passed. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the "Fifth Street North and South Sides Lonsdale Avenue to St. Georges Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be now read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the "Fifth Street North and South Sides Lonsdale Avenue to St. Georges Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be now passed. Carried.

Any Other Competent Business

The Clerk submitted the Certificate of the Returning Officer giving the results of the Elections held in the City of North Vancouver on December 9, 1954.

The Clerk reported that the voting on the School Loan Referendum No. 1 had been delayed until December 11, 1954, until the District Polls closed. He said that, as a result, it might have been necessary for him to adjourn the December 9th Elections until December 11 in order to ascertain how many of the Aldermanic, School Trustee and School By-law ballots had been placed in error by the Electors in the School Referendum ballot boxes. He advised, however, that as the winning Candidates had clear-cut majorities, he had declared the results on December 9, 1954. On opening the School Loan Referendum boxes on December 11, it was found that there were three (3) Aldermanic ballots, two (2) School Trustee ballots and five (5) School By-law ballots in these boxes.

Discussion followed.

It was generally agreed that some changes should be made in the present "Elections Act" to take care of situations such as reported by the Clerk.

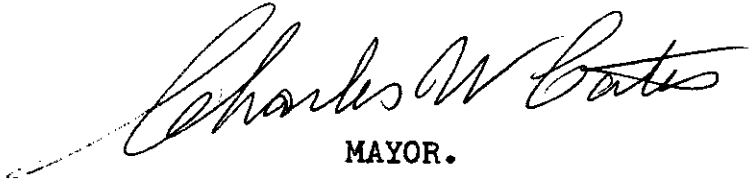
Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the Certificate of the Returning Officer be received and placed in full in the Minutes. Carried.

(See pp. 54 and 55 for Certificate of Returning Officer)

The Clerk submitted the report of the Fire Department for the month of November, 1954. Ordered received and filed.

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

Whereupon the Council adjourned at 7.25 p.m.


MAYOR.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on Monday, December 20th, 1954, at 8 p.m.

Present:

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

MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Copping that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council held on December 6, 1954, and those of the Special Meeting of the Council held on December 13, 1954, be taken as read and adopted, copies of same having been given to each member of the Council. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

From the Burrard Dry Dock Co. Ltd., asking if the Company could rent Lots 21-29, Block 166, D.L.274 (South Side East 1st Street) for the parking of their employees' cars.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the above request be referred to the Legal Committee for consideration and recommendation. Carried.

From Mr. K.E. Fletcher, 652 West 15th Street, enclosing a bill for \$7.88 for material which he purchased to fix the road in front of his property, and also requesting that the City repair the street surface.

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

From Mrs. S.E. Keys, 635 West 16th Street, requesting a street-light and sign at the corner of 16th Street and Bewicke Avenue.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Stewart that this letter be tabled and dealt with under Committee Reports. Carried.

From the North Vancouver Board of Trade, advising that they have a Committee studying the question of Harbour Crossings, and that such Committee is ready at any time to assist the Council in a study of this topic.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the North Vancouver Board of Trade be thanked for their letter, and advised that we will let their Harbour Crossing Committee know when we have any further information with respect to the subject of additional crossings over Burrard Inlet. Carried.

From Mr. S. H. Shaw, 617 West 23rd Street, advising that an unknown dog killed five chickens and one rooster on his property, December 13th, 1954.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the above complaint be referred to the Finance and Legal Committees, for a recommendation. Carried.

From the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Homes Limited, advising that they wish to extend their project by a further 10 homes during 1955, and requesting the City to make a grant of \$750.00 towards this purpose.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the above request be referred to the 1955 Council, for consideration. Carried.

From Mr. T.R.B. Adams, Executive Director, Union of B.C. Municipalities, enclosing a copy of a letter received from the Deputy Minister of Finance, in reply to certain questions submitted to him by the Joint Committee on Assessment Equalization.

Mr. Adams advised that in the opinion of the Joint Committee, the replies from the Deputy Minister were not satisfactory, and did not specifically answer the questions submitted.

Also attached to the Executive Director's letter was a letter from Mayor F.H. Jackson, President of the Union of B.C. Municipalities to the Deputy Minister of Finance, advising that the Joint Committee did not feel that he had directly answered the questions which had been put to him, and that the only definite conclusion which the Committee could reach was that the individual Assessors must take full responsibility for their own assessment rolls, and should leave the matter of Equalization to the Assessment Commissioner. Mayor Jackson, in his letter, again requested that a meeting be held between the Joint Committee and representatives of the Government.

Discussion followed.

The Clerk advised that a copy of this correspondence had been given to Mr. Jellis, the City Assessor, for his information.

Further discussion followed.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Copping that the letter from the Executive Director of the U.B.C.M. dated December 16, 1954, together with the attached letters from the Deputy Minister of Finance to Mayor Jackson, dated December 1, 1954, and Mayor Jackson's letter of December 15, 1954 to the Deputy Minister of Finance be acknowledged with thanks. Carried.

APPLICATIONS TO PURCHASE PROPERTY

The Clerk submitted eight applications to purchase Tax Sale Land.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Stewart 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	106	550	Roy Edward Larson & Wilhelmina Larson Subject to N.H.A. approval	\$1225.00
4 5	230A	545/546	George E. Wise	\$ 612.50
5 27	226A	544/545	William R. Smith & Ethel Smith Subject to consolidation	\$ 700.00

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the following applications to purchase Tax Sale Property be not accepted, and that the Treasurer be authorized to refund the deposit in each case, and further that the said lands be placed on reserve from future sale:-

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>D.L.</u>	<u>Name of Applicant</u>	<u>Price</u>
6 1-4	10A	616	Mary Esplen & Mary S. McKendrick Not accepted - on reserve for drainage.	\$2668.75
7 23 & 24	224A	544	Roy C. Sims Not accepted - placed on reserve	\$1400.00
8 25 & 26	243	544	Roy C. Sims Not accepted - placed on reserve	\$1575.00
9 25 & 26	224A	544	Roy C. Sims Not accepted - placed on reserve	\$1487.50

Carried.

The Clerk advised that a further application from Mr. James Moore to purchase Lot 19, Block 21, D.L.547 was being withheld for the time being, until it was ascertained whether or not the applicant is willing to comply with certain requirements recommended by the Supt. of Works and the Building Inspector.

DUE ACCOUNTS

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

289	Finance	\$ 2,442.54	
290	"	7,075.79	
291	"	928.31	
301	Social Welfare	3,727.84	
303	Authorization	<u>905.40</u>	\$15,079.88 Carried

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

297	Building	\$ 1,265.25	Carried, with Alderman McMillan refraining from voting.
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Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the following warrants:-

296	Health	\$ 16.00	
300	Fire	4,732.18	
298	Light	2,095.63	
299	Police	<u>636.07</u>	\$ 7,479.88 Carried

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

292	Board of Works	\$ 7,811.13	
293	" "	4,394.06	
294	Waterworks	<u>202.27</u>	\$12,407.46 Carried, with Alderman Stewart refraining from voting.

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

302	Ferry	\$ 7,774.23	Carried, with Mayor Cates refraining from voting.
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Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the following warrant:-

295	Parks	\$ 268.75	Carried
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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Alderman Suttis submitted the following recommendations on behalf of the Finance Committee:-

RECOMMEND that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign and seal with the Corporate Seal a renewal of the contract with Medical Services Association for the year 1955, on the same terms and conditions as are presently in effect.

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

RECOMMEND that Mr. A. MacLagan be granted a further three months leave of absence without pay, commencing December 15th, 1954, provided that the City will pay the full M.S.A. premium during the said period.

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

LEGAL COMMITTEE

Alderman McMillan advised that his Committee had considered the application of Mr. & Mrs. C.A. Giffen to re-zone Lot 26, Block 208, D.L. 545/546 from Urban Single Family District to Two-Family District, and agreed with the Town Planning Commission's recommendation against the re-zoning of any single lot such as suggested. He said it was felt that re-zoning, if permitted, should be done on a block basis. He therefore submitted the following recommendation:

RECOMMEND that the application of Mr. & Mrs. C.A. Giffen to re-zone Lot 26, Block 208, D.L. 545/546 from Urban Single Family District to Two-Family District be not granted.

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

Alderman McMillan said that with respect to the letter from the Board of Trade, considered earlier this evening, that he had had an opportunity of discussing the matter of additional Harbour Crossings with Reeve-elect Grant Currie, of the District of North Vancouver. He said that Mr. Currie advised him that he would be delighted to go to Victoria with Mayor Cates, to discuss the possibility of a new Bridge site across the Inlet with Government officials.

Mayor Cates asked the Clerk to make a note of this matter, so that it may be taken up early in 1955.

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

RECOMMEND that the Board of Management of the North Vancouver General Hospital be advised that the City Council is prepared to enter into an Agreement with the District of North Vancouver and the North Shore Union Board of Health, providing for a lease to the latter of that portion of Block 60, D.L. 549 shown outlined in red on a sketch plan prepared by J.R. Burnes, B.C.L.S., on November 26th, 1954, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the Resolution of the Hospital Board received by the City on November 12th, 1954, provided that the said lease is first approved by Mr. R.M. Howard, City Solicitor.

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

RECOMMEND that the necessary amendment be prepared to the Building By-law to give authority to the Building Inspector to refuse a permit for the erection, alteration, repair, or removal of any building or structure, if there has been any violation, either directly or indirectly, of any other by-law of the City of North Vancouver, by the owner, or contractor involved.

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

Discussion followed.

Alderman Copping said that this was a welcome amendment, and might take care of such things as the plugging of ditches etc. by contractors.

The motion was then put and carried.

FIRE, LIGHT & HEALTH COMMITTEE

Alderman Suttis submitted the following recommendation on behalf of the Fire & Light Committee:-

RECOMMEND that the application of Mrs. S.E. Keys, 635 West 16th Street, for a street light at the corner of Bewicke Avenue & 16th Street be referred to the 1955 Fire & Light Committee.

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

BOARD OF WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Copping advised that his Committee had received a complaint from Mr. D.A. Bell, 1553 Sutherland Avenue, as to poor drainage in his area. He said that the property had been inspected, and the Committee appreciates Mr. Bell's situation, and wishes to recommend as follows:-
RECOMMEND that Mr. Bell be advised that the Council appreciates the sogginess of his area and many other areas in the City but feels it is partly caused by the excessive rainfall we have had this year. However, the Board of Works Committee is watching the situation closely.

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

Alderman Copping submitted further recommendations on behalf of his Committee, as follows:

2 RECOMMEND that Mrs. Broomhall be advised that the Chairman of the Board of Works Committee and Superintendent Greenwood made an inspection of the area complained of and at that time the water appeared to be running off satisfactorily in the ditch dug by the owner of the adjoining lot and the Committee would like to hear if the water is still seeping into her basement.

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

3 RECOMMEND that the Superintendent of Works be authorized to erect a Street Sign Post at the corner of 16th and Bewicke Avenue and that Mrs. Keys be advised accordingly.

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

4 RECOMMEND that Mrs. Krupp be advised that the ditch in front of her premises has had its annual cleaning out and the Committee hopes that the situation is now satisfactory.

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

5 Alderman Copping said that a petition which had been received by the Council at its last regular meeting, from residents in the 500 Block West 14th Street and Keith Road, requesting the establishment of a proper building grade and adequate drainage facilities, had been referred to his Committee, and indeed, had been considered by his Committee on more than one occasion in the past few years. He said at one time the Council had also received strenuous objections from any proposal to establish a proper grade, because the property of some of the residents would be left high above the lane level. He said now, however, he understood these objections had been removed, and his Committee wished to submit the following recommendation:-

RECOMMEND that the petitioners in the 500 Block West 14th Street and Keith Road be advised that their request for a permanent grade and drainage facilities in the Lane at the rear of their property has been looked into and the matter has been referred to the 1955 Council.

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

Alderman Copping asked the Clerk to read a letter from Imperial Oil, which had been received by the Engineering Department, and was dated November 9th, 1954, in which the Company applied to

purchase, lease, or receive an easement over what was formerly Lot 5, Block 8, D.L.265, at the corner of 15th & Marine Drive, for the purpose of cleaning up this small triangle adjacent to the Heywood Service Station.

The Clerk then read the letter as requested, and Alderman Copping advised that the land referred to is now highway, and no buildings may be erected on it, and the Imperial Oil Company should be advised accordingly.

In addition, he said he wished to submit the following recommendation:

RECOMMEND that the City receive a letter from the Imperial Oil Co. stating that if the City of North Vancouver will blacktop the portion of the street allowance outlined in red on the sketch signed by the Superintendent of Works and attached to this letter, then the Imperial Oil Co. will pay to the City of North Vancouver the cost thereof, on a force account basis, on the understanding that this will not give the Imperial Oil Company any rights to the said portion of street.

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

FERRY COMMITTEE

Moved by Alderman Bryan, seconded by Alderman Copping that this Council extend a vote of thanks to all Ferry employees for their good work in carrying on the Ferry operation during the recent serious fog. Carried.

2 Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Stewart that a letter of appreciation be sent to the B.C. Electric Railway Co., complimenting their bus drivers for the excellent service they gave during the recent foggy weather. Carried.

PARKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

3 RECOMMEND that the Rotary Little League Baseball be advised that their request for a second Little League Park has been referred to the 1955 Council for consideration.

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

4 RECOMMEND that Queen Mary P.T.A. be advised that their request for additional playing fields in the City has been referred to the 1955 Council.

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

5 RECOMMEND that the Department of Public Works be requested to carry out their suggestion for traffic control at Bewicke Avenue and Keith Road as submitted on their Plan dated April 14th 1954 and received by us on July 22nd 1954, and their letter of November 29th 1954, and the City will improve 2nd Street next year, as suggested.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Copping said that he was not clear as to the intent of this recommendation and asked that it be withheld.

Further discussion followed.

Alderman Stewart agreed to withdraw the recommendation for the time being.

NEW BUSINESS

6 An application was received from Alderman T.C. McMillan for the re-zoning of all lots in Block 135, D.L.271, presently zoned as two-family district, to be zoned as apartment district.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Stewart that this application be tabled for consideration under Any Other Competent Business, when the letter from the Town Planning Commission on this subject is also dealt with. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign and seal with the Corporate Seal an easement agreement in favour of the City from Joseph J. Bell and Peggy A. Bell residing at 432 East 14th Street, covering the easterly 5 feet of Lot 20, Block 53, D.L.550, for sewer drainage purposes. Carried.

BY-LAWS

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the "City of North Vancouver Tax Lands Sale By-law 1954, No. 17" be now reconsidered. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the "City of North Vancouver Tax Lands Sale By-law 1954, No. 17" 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 2314.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the "Lane Between Keith Road and 6th Street from Chesterfield Avenue to Lot 5, Block 71, D.L. 271/548 Sanitary Sewer Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be now reconsidered. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the "Lane between Keith Road and 6th Street from Chesterfield Avenue to Lot 5, Block 71, D.L. 271/548 Sanitary Sewer Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 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 2315.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the "Chesterfield Avenue South of Keith Road Sanitary Sewer Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be now reconsidered. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the "Chesterfield Avenue South of Keith Road Sanitary Sewer Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 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 2316.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the "27th Street South Side Lonsdale Avenue to St. Georges Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 1954" be now reconsidered. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Copping that the "27th Street South Side Lonsdale Avenue to St. Georges Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 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 2317.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Copping that the "Fifth Street North and South Sides Lonsdale Avenue to St. Georges Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement

Special Rates By-law, 1954" be now reconsidered. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the "Fifth Street North and South Sides Lonsdale Avenue to St. Georges Avenue Sidewalk Local Improvement Special Rates By-law, 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 2318.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Copping that the "Portion of Block 216 of District Lot 545 School Recreation Ground By-law" be now reconsidered. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the "Portion of Block 216 of District Lot 545 School Recreation Ground 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, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 2319.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A letter was received from Kelly Douglas & Co. Ltd., requesting the City to remove the bank on the north side of the Super-Valu Parking area, at 14th & Lonsdale, and construct a sidewalk along the side of the said Lot.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Copping that this request be referred to the Board of Works and Transportation Committees, for consideration. Carried.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

A letter was received from the Town Planning Commission, recommending that the north half of Block 135, D.L.271 be re-zoned from Two-family District to Apartment District.

The application of Alderman McMillan for the re-zoning of these lots was also considered.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the application for the re-zoning of certain lots in Block 135, D.L. 271, as requested by Alderman McMillan be now approved, and that a Public Hearing be held in compliance with the "Town Planning Act" on January 17th, 1955, at 7 p.m. Carried.

Alderman Stewart said that he would like to report that he had attended a recent meeting as a delegate from this Council to discuss the unemployment situation. He said the meeting was held in Vancouver, under the chairmanship of Mr. Tom Alsbury. He said that Mr. Alsbury had read quite a long statement and resolution which was finally adopted. He said a number of Aldermen and Mayors and members of Parliament were also present. He said that after the labour viewpoint had been heard, a rebuttal had come from Mr. Philpott, who told the delegates that unless they stopped out-pricing themselves, they would never be satisfied. He said that such a situation forces the contractors to hire better and larger machines, thus doing many men out of work. Mr. Philpott said there were a lot of unions in the area who have considerable sums of money which could be used on an 80-20 basis with the Government on housing projects, etc., and this would ease the labour situation, but he said that most of the union organizations would not use this money for such a purpose.

Alderman Stewart said that Mr. Philpott had made similar remarks in his newspaper column, and that while he had been booed at the beginning of his speech, he had received tremendous applause at the end.

Reeve McSorley had advised that labour rate-payers should go to Council meetings more frequently and hear the discussions which take place there.

Alderman Stewart reported that Alderman Sprott had given information with respect to the health angle, and also concerning the operation of soup kitchens.

Alderman Stewart said he thought it was a very good meeting and he received quite an eyeful. He said that it all boiled down to the fact that they wanted more work in order to ease the labour situation.

1 Mayor Cates referred to the ridiculous situation which had been indicated in a newspaper photograph last evening, showing a logger coming into town and throwing his money away, in view of the fact that he might easily be out of work shortly, because of weather conditions.

2 Mayor Cates said there was one more matter he would like to mention and that was one in which he was sure the Council members would join -- in complimenting the local detachment of the R.C.M.P. for the part they played in apprehending one of the bandits who held up the bank in Park Royal. He said our men had worked in close co-operation with the West Vancouver police in this matter.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that this Council forward a letter of appreciation to Sgt. MacBrayne, complimenting his Detachment on the good work they had done which had resulted in the capture of one of the suspects in the Park Royal bank hold-up, and that a copy of this letter be sent to Assistant Commissioner Rivett-Carnac, Victoria. Carried.

Alderman Suttis said that as there might not be another chance this year, and as it was always usual to thank the Press, he wished to say most sincerely that all of the present reporters have done their best to report Council proceedings properly, and that if at any time they did not understand any particular subject, why they always called up and asked for clarification.

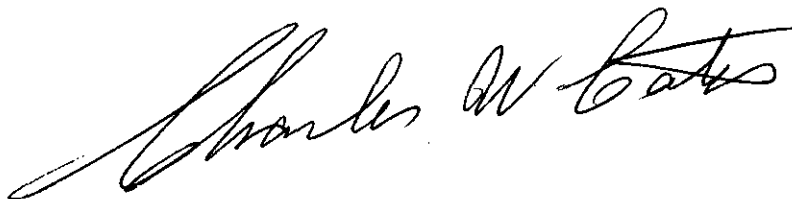
3 Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that a vote of thanks be extended to the Press for their co-operation and fair reporting during the past year, and that the publishers be advised accordingly. Carried.

Mayor Cates said he would like to take this opportunity of wishing everybody a Very Merry Christmas.

Alderman McMillan said that he, in return, and speaking on behalf of the Council, would like to extend a Very Happy Christmas to His Worship and Mrs. Cates.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Copping that this Council now adjourn. Carried.

Whereupon the Council adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



MAYOR.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on Wednesday, December 29th, 1954, at 8:30 a.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.

The Clerk advised that this Meeting had been advertised for 24 hours, as required by the "Municipal Act" and had been called to consider By-laws and Any Other Competent Business.

BY-LAWS

The Clerk submitted Certificates from the County Court, certifying as to the registration of By-laws Nos. 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, and 2313.

Ordered received and filed.

The Clerk advised that it would be necessary to pass a By-law to set aside the sum of \$30,495.75 in an account for the depreciation and obsolescence of machinery and equipment used by the Board of Works Department, the Waterworks Department, the Parks Department and the Fire Department, and machinery used for general and municipal purposes.

He said this amount was made up as follows:

Board of Works Department	\$24,000.00	
Fire Department	4,822.50	
General	<u>1,673.25</u>	
		\$30,495.75.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the "Machinery and Equipment Depreciation and Obsolescence Reserve By-law, 1954" be now read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the "Machinery and Equipment Depreciation and Obsolescence Reserve By-law, 1954" be now passed. Carried.

The Clerk advised that Mr. O'Neill, the City Treasurer, desired to set aside a further sum of \$50,000.00 in the "Local Improvement Fund", bringing the total amount which has been so set aside to \$149,000.00.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Copping that "A By-law for Increasing the Local Improvement Fund, 1954" be now read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Bryan, seconded by Alderman Copping that "A By-law for Increasing the Local Improvement Fund, 1954" be now passed. Carried.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Alderman McMillan advised that the Council has been receiving quotations on its insurance coverage, and wished to extend the time for the receiving of these quotations for a further 30 days.

He then submitted the following resolution:

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the City Treasurer be instructed to arrange with our insurance brokers for an extension of the City's insurance coverage for a further 30 days from January 1st, 1955; AND FURTHER that the City Treasurer be instructed to secure quotations for insurance coverage from other insurance companies, agents, or brokers with respect to certain of the City's insurance policies which expire on December 31st, 1954 and January 1st, 1955.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Bryan said that he did not think that 30 days was enough time to allow the companies to make proper quotations, and moved the following amendment:-

Moved by Alderman Bryan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the resolution as now submitted be amended to provide for an extension of a further 60 days from January 1st, 1955 for the reception of quotations on the City's insurance coverages.

Alderman Suttis said that the 30 days set out in the original resolution had been fixed because at the end of 30 days the Treasurer's Department will be very busy with Estimates and year-end reports, and he said it was desired to clear this matter up as soon as possible, so that we can go on with our regular year's business.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Bryan said he still thought that the period should be 60 days, and that Vancouver insurance brokers had advised him they would need such a period in order to prepare such quotations.

Mayor Cates asked the City Treasurer as to his opinion, and Mr. O'Neill advised that as far as he was concerned, it would simply mean additional work in his office at a time when he was busy with year-end reports and the preparation of next year's Budget. He said he personally would like as short a time as possible allowed for the receiving of these quotations.

Alderman Johnson asked if there had been any complaint against our present insurance brokers. She said as far as she knew, there was no dissatisfaction with the firm of Johnson & Walton which are presently employed by the City.

Mayor Cates said there was no complaint, except that we have had representations from the local brokers who wanted a chance to bid on the City's insurance.

Alderman Copping said it is quite customary to give 30-day extensions and it is also customary to again extend the period for 10 days or even 24 hours, if it is felt necessary.

Alderman Suttis said there was no question of anyone trying to get this matter done in a hurry. He said if it requires another six months for the quotations, we could extend the period again, but as far as he was concerned, he wanted the matter cleared up as quickly as possible.

Alderman Bryan then asked that a letter dated December 16th, 1954, from J.R. Lanyon, Manager of Johnson Walton Ltd., and addressed to Mayor Cates, be read.

The Clerk then left the room and returned with the letter requested by Alderman Bryan.

Mr. O'Neill, the City Treasurer, suggested that the matter of receiving quotations on the City insurance should be left for another year, and that quotations be received in plenty of time before the end of the coming year, in order to give everyone a proper chance to consider the matter.

The City Clerk then read the letter from Mr. Lanyon addressed to Mayor Cates, dated December 16th, 1954.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Stewart said that he agreed with the City Treasurer that we should let this matter go for another period and give the other people more time to get in their bids. He said this question comes up every year, and as far as he knew, everything had been satisfactory, although he was in favour of the local people getting a chance.

The amendment was then put to the vote and declared lost by His Worship. Alderman Copping refrained from voting.

The main resolution was then reconsidered.

Alderman Suttis advised that the 30 days extension in the resolution can be extended, if it is thought necessary.

The motion was then put and declared carried, with Alderman Copping refraining from voting.

HEALTH UNIT BUILDING SITE

Alderman McMillan said that when the plot plan of the new Health Unit building site had been presented to Council, the latter had taken some exception to the location of the building, and this had been altered.

He said the property to be used runs east of the present Health Unit building, and according to the present plot plan would be within five feet of St. Andrews Avenue. He said that his Committee felt that we should stay back to conform with the set-backs of the By-law, although, strictly speaking, the Hospital property was not zoned. He thought that if there was no entrance on the east end of the building, the proposed 5 foot set-back would be satisfactory, but if there was an entrance on the east end, then the set-back should be deeper.

Discussion of the plot plan and the set-back of this building was then discussed.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the plot plan of the proposed Health Unit Building, as now submitted, be accepted, provided that the set-back of the building from St. Andrews Avenue will be in line with or wider than the St. Andrews side yard of the residence on the north-west corner of 14th and St. Andrews. Carried.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

The Clerk asked if the Council wished to give any instructions with respect to the operation of the traffic light on 15th and Lonsdale, in non-rush hours.

After discussion, it was agreed to leave this matter in the hands of Alderman Johnson to take up with the Electrical Inspector and the Police Department.

Moved by Alderman McMillan and seconded by Alderman Johnson that this Council now adjourn.

Whereupon the Council adjourned, at 9:05 a.m.



MAYOR.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on Friday, December 31st, 1954, at 8:30 a.m.

Present:

His Worship Mayor Charles 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 advised that this meeting had been advertised for the necessary period required by the "Municipal Act", and had been called for the purpose of considering By-laws and Any Other Competent Business.

BY-LAWS

The Clerk submitted Certificates from the County Court, with respect to By-laws Nos. 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317 and 2318.

Ordered received and filed.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Copping that the "Machinery and Equipment Depreciation and Obsolescence Reserve By-law, 1954" be now reconsidered. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the "Machinery and Equipment Depreciation and Obsolescence Reserve By-law, 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 2320.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Copping that "A By-law for Increasing the Local Improvement Fund, 1954" be now reconsidered. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Copping that "A By-law for Increasing the Local Improvement Fund, 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".

Alderman Copping said that he wished to point out that some press items had indicated that there was a total of \$149,000.00 in the "Local Improvement Fund", but he said most of this money had already been spent, but that we would have the \$50,000.00 provided for in this By-law, plus approximately \$16,000.00 from repayments in previous years.

The motion was then put and 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 2321.

The Clerk submitted a Statement of Assessment from Superintendent Greenwood, under the "Local Improvement Act", showing that the cost of construction of a 6" and 8" Sanitary Sewer on 15th Street, from St. Andrews to Moody Avenues was \$9063.34, the total length of the work being 1466 feet, and the cost per front foot to the property owners \$3.41304.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the Statement of Assessment be received, and that this Council sit as a Court of Revision on the Special Assessment Roll with respect to the above Work constructed under the "Local Improvement Act", on February 14th, 1955, at 7 p.m. Carried.

Alderman Suttis advised that the Agreement with respect to the District Fire Protection terminates to-day, and the Finance Committee felt it was necessary that the District should be advised that we were prepared to continue such fire protection in certain designated areas of their municipality. He said that his Committee has arrived at a figure to be charged for the protection of the areas which were to be left to the City for protection by our Fire Department.

Alderman Johnson asked to be excused.

Mayor Cates asked why Alderman Johnson wished to leave at this point in the discussion and the latter replied she felt that this was a matter that she should have dealt with as Chairman of the Fire Committee.

Mayor Cates replied that Alderman Johnson's action was not etiquette, and asked her to resume her place.

Alderman Johnson resumed her place at the Council table.

Alderman Suttis said that as far as he was concerned, he was speaking on this subject strictly as a Finance matter. He said that the designated areas which we were to protect in the District had been set by the Fire Committee, and it was now strictly a matter of the cost to be charged.

Mayor Cates said this was correct and that he had instructed that a letter be sent by the Clerk yesterday to the District, outlining the basis on which the City was prepared to continue such Fire protection.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the action of the Mayor be approved, in instructing the Clerk to send a letter to the District of North Vancouver, advising them that the City is prepared to provide fire protection to certain designated areas in the District in 1955, for the sum of \$33,141.50, and on the terms and conditions as set out in the draft Agreement attached to the said letter.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Suttis said that a joint meeting of the Finance and Fire & Light Committees had been held yesterday, and that this resolution was not an individual matter for any one Alderman, but represented the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Further discussion followed.

Mayor Cates agreed, and said that he had taken a copy of the letter which had been prepared to Reeve-elect Mr. Grant Currie, who had indicated that he thought the basis fair, although, of course, he could not commit his Council.

Discussion followed, and the Clerk read the letter which had been sent to the District of North Vancouver on December 30th, 1954, in which the latter was advised that the City would continue Fire protection to certain areas in the District for the sum of \$33,141.50 on the terms and conditions as set out in a draft Agreement attached to the said letter.

Mayor Cates said that the Assessment figures had been supplied by the respective Assessors of the City and District.

Alderman Copping asked as to the estimated cost of operating the Fire Department, which was \$143,249.00, which he thought was exceptionally high.

Alderman Suttis replied that there had been no large increase over last year, but certain things such as Superannuation, Workmen's Compensation, had been taken into account, when ordinarily these are dealt with under Finance Committee expenditures. He said there were no drastic changes in the estimated cost of the Department over 1954.

The motion was then put and carried.

Alderman Suttis advised that in the matter of the City's insurance coverage and the extension of time for the reception of quotations which had been agreed on at the Special Council Meeting on the 29th of this month, it had been found not as easy as it was thought to get proper quotations within the 30-day period, or even 60-day period. He said that it is likely that some of these premium costs may increase over the figures which would apply on December 31st, 1954. He said the Treasurer now has different sets of quotations, and we are now in a position where some of those quoting want to withdraw.

He said that the Finance Committee is now asking that the Resolution passed on the 29th instant, extending the period of time for quotations, should be reconsidered and rescinded.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the Resolution of the City Council passed at a Special Council Meeting on December 29th, 1954, with respect to the extension of time for the reception of quotations on the City's insurance, be now reconsidered.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Cates said that insurance is quite a technical business and although we are not dissatisfied with our present brokers, we feel that this matter should be left until next year, and we can get busy right away so that anyone wishing to can make a proper survey and submit quotations towards the end of next year.

In reply to a question, Mr. O'Neill, the City Treasurer, advised that various insurance companies he had 'phoned were of the opinion that if quotations were called for about August, this would give them plenty of time to prepare their bids.

The motion was then put and carried.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the Resolution of the City Council passed at a Special Council Meeting on December 29th, 1954, with respect to the extension of time for the reception of quotations on the City's insurance, be now rescinded. Carried.

The Clerk advised that as there had been a considerable increase in the land values as a result of the new assessment, he recommended that his Department be instructed not to accept any applications to purchase Tax Sale Land today, so that the new sale prices could go into effect on January 3rd, 1955.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Copping that the City Clerk be instructed not to accept any applications for the purchase of Tax Sale Land until January 3rd, 1955. Carried.

Further discussion took place with respect to the renewing of the City's insurance coverages.

In reply to a question, the City Treasurer advised that these would be automatically renewed, and suggested that we call for bids on all policies about August 1st, with the quotations all to be in by October 31st.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Cates suggested that the method of calling for bids could be left to the Finance Committee to bring in a recommendation.

Alderman Bryan said he felt the whole Council should deal with this matter.

Mayor Cates suggested that the Finance Committee study the best method of calling for bids and then have the whole Council go into the subject.

This was generally agreeable and the following resolution was put:

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the Finance Committee be instructed to bring in a preliminary report or recommendation as to how tenders are to be called on the City's insurance coverage, and that the Committee's report be studied by a Special Meeting of the whole Council to deal with the subject. Carried.

Mayor Cates said he would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

He said he believed we have been very fortunate during 1954.

Alderman Copping advised that he had received a Report from Mr. Greenwood with respect to the work done by the Board of Works and Waterworks Department during 1954, and that this Department should be thanked for the work it has carried out during the past year.

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

Whereupon the Council adjourned at 9 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles W. Bates". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

MAYOR.