

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall on Monday, July 4th, 1955, 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 Bryan, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council, held June 20th, 1955 be taken as read and adopted, copies of same having been given to all members of the Council. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

From the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, advising that approval has been given for an increase of four men in the City's Detachment, and asking if the Council will authorize such an increase.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that this request be referred to the Police and Finance Committees, for consideration. Carried

Circular letter from the Union of B. C. Municipalities, advising that a copy of the "Reasons for Judgment" in the recent Assessment Appeal Board Hearing of the case of Reginald R. Orr, is available on request.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the Clerk be authorized to request one copy of the above Judgment, for the general use of Council members. Carried

Circular letter from the Board of Examiners of the Department of Municipal Affairs, advising that the third course in Municipal Administration will commence on September 17th, 1955, and asking for the support of the municipal employees and the Councils.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the Clerk be instructed to circularize this information to the employees of the Corporation. Carried

Circular letter from the City of Vancouver, extending an invitation to the Council to send a representative to a meeting of authorized interested representatives, to be held in the Vancouver City Hall on July 7th, 1955, to discuss the downward trend in the transit business.

Mayor Cates appointed Alderman Stewart to represent the Council at this meeting.

From the North Vancouver City & District Property Owners' Association, suggesting that the Council give consideration to the elimination of left-hand turns at Third Street & Lonsdale Avenue during rush hours.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Bryan that this matter be referred to the Traffic Committee for consideration. Carried

From the North Vancouver City & District Property Owners' Association, asking both the City and District Councils to approach the Provincial Government, with a view to repairing the arterial highway in the vicinity of Main Street, where it connects with the Dollarton Highway.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that this matter be referred to the Board of Works Committee for a reply. Carried

From the North Vancouver City & District Property Owners' Association, opposing any suggestion of altering the terms of the Agreement which was endorsed by the Ratepayers last December, when they voted in favour of leasing the south 1/2 of Block 216, D.L. 545 to the School Board, at an annual rent of \$500.00.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the above letter from the Association be acknowledged with thanks and filed. Carried

From the North Vancouver City & District Property Owners' Association, advising that salaried municipal employees of the City are used as election officials, and asking what policy is followed in this respect.

The Clerk advised that of the total of 20 deputies and Poll clerks hired at the Election in December, 1954, one deputy and one poll clerk were civic employees. He said further that the deputy involved was the most efficient one that he had on his staff of election officers.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the above Association be advised that the Council is planning a discussion of election matters prior to October 31st, but in the meantime the Association be advised that only two of the twenty deputies and poll clerks hired for election purposes at the last election were City employees. Carried

From the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Company, asking the City Council to join with the other Councils on the North Shore to bring to the attention of the Provincial Department of Public Works the need for installation of public weigh scales on the North Shore.

Alderman Copping said that this matter came up at the last meeting of the Bridge Company.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the Clerk write to the District of North Vancouver and ascertain their views with respect to this request. Carried

From the North Vancouver Tennis Club, advising they would like to give the City a tennis net as a contribution to this sport, and also in appreciation of the privileges given to them at the Lonsdale Hall Tennis Courts.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the North Vancouver Tennis Club be advised that the Council is pleased to accept their offer of a tennis net for use at the Lonsdale Hall grounds, and wishes to thank the members for their generosity in this regard. Carried

From the North Shore United Veterans' Council, requesting an opportunity of discussing matters in connection with the Soldiers Plot in the North Vancouver Cemetery.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Bryan that this request be referred to the Parks Committee to discuss with the representatives of the North Shore United Veterans Council at the next Committee meeting, to be held July 25th, 1955. Carried

From Mr. A. H. Ashworth, consulting Engineer, offering his services to the three Councils on the North Shore at a retaining fee of \$150.00 to \$200.00 per month, for each municipality.

Alderman Copping said that he had a resolution which he felt would cover this matter, as follows:

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that Mr. Ashworth be thanked for his letter and informed that the Council regrets that it has to advise that it is not considering making any change in its present arrangement as to Board of Works policy. Carried

From the Committee of Metropolitan Reeves and Mayors, suggesting that Councils protest the Provincial Government's requirement that Assessors must fill out Form AC3, when the same information could be made available from Form AC2.

Mayor Cates said that he had asked Mr. Jellis, the City Assessor, for information respecting this matter, but as yet he had not replied. His Worship said he thought some change is being made in the regulations.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Stewart that this matter be left in the hands of Mayor Cates, for a report to Council, or reply, as he deems advisable.

Carried

From Mrs. M. Hanberry, 1748 Bewicke Avenue, asking that the penalty date for taxes be extended to August 18th, in view of the late mailing of tax notices this year.

Alderman Suttis advised that actually, the tax notices were a little late this year--that is to say, they were later than last year. However, he pointed out that the mailing date last year was earlier than usual. He said that the Council would need this tax money by the 18th of this month, in order to finance its operation, and while rate-payers as individuals might save a little money, the City nevertheless would have to borrow, so that no saving would be made by the citizens generally.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that Mrs. M. Hanberry be advised that the Council regrets that it cannot change its policy at this time and the penalty deadline for the payment of taxes will have to remain at July 18th, 1955. Carried

From the B. C. Association of Assessors, extending an invitation to the Council to send its Assessor and Assistant Assessor to the 6th Annual Conference in Victoria, on September 12th, 13th & 14th.

Alderman Suttis said that it is considered advisable that we should send our Assessor to this Convention, and therefore he wished to move as follows:

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that Mr. J. D. Jellis, City Assessor be appointed to represent this City at the 6th Annual Conference of the B. C. Association of Assessors, to be held in Victoria on September 12th, 13th and 14th, 1955. Carried

From North Vancouver General Hospital, advising that it has now been found impossible to comply with the request of Orchid Florists to set up a flower service in the North Vancouver General Hospital.

The Clerk advised that a petition had been received from North Shore florists, protesting against the proposed issuance of a licence to Orchid Florists to sell flowers in the North Vancouver General Hospital, and that this was on the Agenda, under "Petitions".

The Order of Business was suspended, and "Petitions" were next dealt with.

PETITIONS

A petition was received from eight North Shore florists, protesting the issuance of a trade licence to a local florist to sell and distribute flowers in the North Vancouver General Hospital.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the request of the North Vancouver General Hospital for the issuance of a licence to Orchid Florists to sell flowers within the Hospital be received and filed, and that the Hospital Administrator and the above petitioners be advised accordingly. Carried

The regular order of business was then resumed.

CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

From the North Vancouver & District Parent Teacher Council, asking the City Council for information regarding any plans they have for the restriction of dogs from public property.

Alderman Johnson said that she understood that the City Solicitor is considering this matter, and that Alderman Copping and herself will meet with him shortly and discuss the situation.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Copping that the North Vancouver & District Parent Teacher Council be advised that this matter is being considered at the present time by the City Council. Carried

Two letters were received from Mr. S. Brown-John, 238 East 21st Street, enclosing a petition signed by neighbouring residents, who stated that they had no objection to his keeping monkeys on his property.

Mr. Brown-John also asked for an opportunity of discussing this matter with the Council.

The Clerk reported that he had received two complaints from residents in the neighbourhood of Mr. Brown-John, who were afraid that if the monkeys kept by Mr. Brown-John got loose, they might harm their infant children, as they are left outside from time to time, in their carriages.

The Clerk advised that he had checked with the City Solicitor, and found that the keeping of monkeys was prohibited under a City by-law, and he had advised Mr. Brown-John accordingly, and had given him notice to remove these animals from the City immediately.

Discussion followed.

Alderman McMillan said that he thought that there was little that we could do as we have a by-law prohibiting the keeping of such animals. He said he was inclined to be sympathetic, but that he supposed that it would have to be enforced.

Mayor Cates agreed that we must enforce our By-law.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Bryan that Mr. S. Brown-John be advised that there is a City by-law prohibiting the keeping of monkeys within the City limits, and that therefore the Council cannot grant his request to keep these animals. Carried

From Harley Beale, 1356 Marine Drive, asking if the City would approve of the use of Lot 4, Block 10, D.L. 265, on the north side of Marine Drive, east of Fell Avenue, for the operation of a tire sale and repair business.

The Clerk advised that this was a matter of legal interpretation of the uses set out in the Zoning By-law.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Copping that this request be referred to the Legal Committee and the Solicitor, with power to advise Mr. Beale in accordance with their findings. Carried

From the B. C. Electric Railway Co. Ltd., asking if the Council would approve of bus stops on Lonsdale Avenue from 16th to 20th Streets being changed into bus zones, in order to discourage private cars parking in these areas.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Bryan that this request be referred to the Traffic Committee for consideration. Carried

From Olaf Anderson, 1940 Larson Road, asking if the City would build a new foot bridge across the Creek to Mahon Park, as the former one has deteriorated, and isn't safe.

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

From Mr. George S. Mooney, Executive Director of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, enclosing a memorandum prepared by the Federation pursuant to the Federal-Provincial Conference to be held in Ottawa commencing Monday, October 3rd next, and asking if the municipalities will make representations to their provincial governments to have direct municipal representation included on the Provincial delegation which will be attending the said Conference;

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

APPLICATIONS TO PURCHASE PROPERTY

The Clerk submitted four applications to purchase Tax Sale land.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the following sales of Tax Sale Land be placed on the next by-law for conveyance:-

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Resub.</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>D.L.</u>	<u>Name of Purchaser</u>	<u>Price</u>
2 36	1-3	7	549	Canada Safeway Limited	\$1275.00
3 14		16A	549-550	N.B. Upham Construction Co. Ltd. (provided normal sale price and fees are paid within 10 days and the applicant's drainage plans are first approved by the Building Department before construction commences)	\$1225.00
4 3	N.W. Ptn.	75	549	Anthony Casano and Rose Mary Casano (subject to consolidation and non-commercial use)	\$1487.50
5 1&2Ex.N.10'	1	20	548	Wilfred James Doyle and Doreen Emma-Anne Doyle (subject to loan approval and consolidation)	\$1487.50

Carried

PETITIONS (Continued)

The Clerk submitted a petition from J. W. Hukin, 211 East 28th Street, and other rate-payers in the vicinity, asking that the condition of the road and sidewalk on their street be looked into, as nothing has been done for the street during the last 10 years, except the installation of a new watermain.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the above petition be referred to the Board of Works Committee with power to act as to the condition of the road, and that the petitioners be advised of the sidewalk policy of the Corporation. Carried

DUE ACCOUNTS

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

126	Social Welfare	\$10,333.82	
128	Authorization	50,503.32	\$60,837.14 Carried

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

119	Finance	\$19,402.66	Carried, with Alderman Johnson refraining from voting.
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Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the following warrants:-

123	Building	\$ 1,030.23	
124	Police	5,184.10	\$ 6,214.33 Carried

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

125	Fire	\$ 5,131.77	Carried
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Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the following warrants:-

120	Board of Works	\$ 9,502.96	
121	Waterworks	3,670.53	\$13,173.49 Carried

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

127	Ferry	\$ 8,668.15	Carried
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Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the following warrant:-

122	Parks	\$ 2,183.69	Carried
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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

1 RECOMMEND that the tender of J. N. Smith to purchase Lot 13, Block 93, D.L. 550 for the net price of \$1326.00 be accepted.

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

2 RECOMMEND that the tender of Christie & MacLeod Agencies to purchase Lot 38, Block 238, D.L. 545 for the sum of \$855.00 be accepted.

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

3 RECOMMEND that Lots 6 & 7, Resub. 7, Block 7, D.L. 616 be placed on the City's Sales List, at an upset price of \$1750.00.

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

4 RECOMMEND that the City Clerk be authorized to prepare an amendment to the Trades Licence By-law to reduce the licence fee charged for each bowling alley from the present \$15.00 per alley per year to \$10.00 per alley per year AND THAT the attention of Mr. Wildman, the Provincial Assessment Commissioner, be drawn to the apparent discrepancy in the Assessment Equalization Act, whereby bowling alley floors are treated as equipment and are assessable under the Assessment Equalization Act, while pool tables are treated as furniture and therefore not assessable.

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

LABOUR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Alderman Suttis said that we have been able to arrive at an Agreement with the Canadian Merchant Service Guild respecting the Masters and Mates on our Ferries, subject to the passage of the following recommendation:

RECOMMEND that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign and seal with the Corporate seal an Agreement with the Canadian Merchant Service Guild, on the same terms and conditions that prevailed in 1954, except for the following amendments:

1. A 3% increase in salaries, retroactive to February 1st, 1955.
2. Amend Overtime clause as previously agreed, to extend breakdown interpretation.
3. New clause to cover Compassionate Leave with pay, in case of attendance at funeral of relative or acting as pall-bearer.
4. Amend Annual Leave clause for relief staff, to bring it in line with other Ferry employee Agreements.

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

In reply to a question, Alderman Suttis advised that this was the first of the Ferry Union Agreements to be settled, but it is hoped to have the other ones cleared up shortly.

The motion was then put and carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Continued)

Alderman Suttis said he had one other item which he wished to submit, and it dealt with the trading-in of the Police Mercury and the Licence Inspector's Austin.

He said certain preferences have been indicated by the present drivers of these vehicles, for reasons apparent in their work.

The vehicle requested by Staff/Sgt. MacBrayne is a Mercury, and it had been agreed to recommend the purchase of a Mercury Monterey 4-door sedan, with automatic transmission etc.

Alderman Suttis said three prices had been obtained on this car and the lowest quotation was from J. M. Brown Motors, for a net sum of \$2236.60.

Alderman Suttis said that on the other car, for the Licence Inspector, the lowest of two bids was again received from a North Vancouver firm, Longbridge Motors, being for a 1955 Austin Cambrian, for the net amount of \$1425.25.

RECOMMEND that the necessary By-law be prepared to purchase the following vehicles from Tax Sale Lands Reserve:

1955 Mercury Monterey Sedan -----	(net) \$2236.60
1955 Austin Cambrian -----	(net) <u>1425.25</u>
	<u>\$3661.85</u>

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

LEGAL, INDUSTRIAL & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman McMillan advised that his Committee wished to recommend three Resolutions for endorsement by the Council, so that they might be submitted to the 1955 Convention of the U.B.C.M.

RECOMMEND that the following Resolution be endorsed by this Council and forwarded to the 1955 Convention of the Union of B. C. Municipalities, for consideration:

WHEREAS Section 43A of the "Local Improvement Act" provides for the setting up of a fund known as the "Local Improvement Fund" for the purpose of providing monies for local improvement works;

AND WHEREAS the Council may set aside in such fund a sum not exceeding in any one year five mills on the dollar upon all taxable land and improvements;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to provide that monies held in the Tax Sale Lands Reserve Account under Section 537 of the "Municipal Act" be made available for Local Improvement work, by transferring such monies to the "Local Improvement Fund"

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the necessary amendments be made to the "Municipal Act" and the "Local Improvement Act" to allow the transfer of funds in the Tax Sale Lands Reserve Account to the "Local Improvement Fund".

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

Alderman Copping said that this was a step in the right direction provided it will not interfere with the present 5-mill levy from General Revenue.

Alderman Johnson said that she agreed that it was a step in the right direction, but did not want to vote on it, because she thought it was wide open. She said she felt that there was a terrific amount of work to be done by the Board of Works Department, and there should be some restriction on the amount of money which could be transferred from the Tax Sale Lands Reserve into the Local Improvement Fund for this purpose.

Discussion followed.

The motion was then put and carried.

RECOMMEND that the following Resolution be endorsed by this Council and forwarded to the 1955 Convention of the Union of B. C. Municipalities, for consideration:

WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to make grants from time to time to organizations or associations whose purposes are the advancement of the public safety

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 177 of the "Municipal Act" be amended by adding a clause to provide that the Council may by resolution grant monies for the support of any incorporated body or association organized for the advancement of public safety.

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

Alderman Stewart said that something should be done to bring the work of the Traffic & Safety Council to the attention of the Government.

He said that the Traffic & Safety Council had put on a demonstration in the Drill Hall during the recent Carnival, where the fundamentals of Traffic safety had been demonstrated. He said he thought that this work should be taken into consideration, and that also the Government should be notified of the interest which the local Traffic & Safety Council is taking in teaching safety to children in North Vancouver.

The motion was then put and declared carried.

Mayor Cates asked Alderman Stewart if he would obtain a Report from the Traffic & Safety Council on the demonstration of public safety recently put on by the Traffic & Safety Council during the recent Carnival in Mahon Park.

Alderman Stewart promised that he would obtain this information.

RECOMMEND that the following Resolution be endorsed by this Council and forwarded to the 1955 Convention of the Union of B. C. Municipalities, for consideration:

WHEREAS it is deemed desirable that the Union of B. C. Municipalities conduct negotiations with the Attorney General of the Province of British Columbia for the purpose of maintaining R.C.M.P. Policing contracts at a reasonable level of cost and on a basis which conforms with the fiscal year of the Municipalities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Union in Convention assembled do empower the Executive of the Union to appoint a Committee of three members of the Union for the purpose of discussing this matter with the said Attorney General or other pertinent Government officials.

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

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

RECOMMEND that a copy of the Report from Staff/Sgt. MacBrayne, concerning complaints of noise and damage by hoodlums in the 1800 Block Lonsdale, be forwarded to Mrs. S. E. Williamson, 1826 Lonsdale Avenue, on behalf of the petitioners signing the petition received by the Council on this matter on June 6th, 1955.

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

RECOMMEND that the recommendation on the Agenda dealing with the application of North Vancouver Centre Taxi, Veteran Taxi and Denny's Taxi for permission to use each others' stands be withdrawn,

AND THAT the matter be referred back to the Transportation Committee for its consideration.

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

FIRE, LIGHT & HEALTH COMMITTEE

Alderman Johnson submitted a request from Fire Chief Thomson to have his annual vacation from July 15th to August 8th, 1955, with a recommendation that Captain W. Galbraith be appointed Acting Chief of the Fire Department during his absence.

RECOMMEND that the Chief of the Fire Department be authorized to take his annual holiday from July 15th to August 8th, 1955 and that Capt. W. Galbraith be appointed Acting Chief during such period.

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

Alderman Johnson advised that she had attended the opening of the new Polio Clinic in Vancouver. She said that the architects of this building were Messrs. White & Cole, who were also working on our new Health Unit Building.

She said it was terrible to see the rocking beds in this building occupied by men with polio. She said there were also a good number of children in wheel chairs, and that one woman had told her that her daughter had been in hospital for five years.

Alderman Johnson said that after the above meeting she had noticed that on 57th Avenue the City of Vancouver has beautiful green metal poles to support its light standards, but she said that the lights do not give as much illumination as those in North Vancouver.

LEGAL, BUILDING & INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

Alderman McMillan submitted a further recommendation on behalf of the Building Committee, as follows:

RECOMMEND that the Building Inspector be authorized to have the necessary plans and specifications drawn up by Messrs. White & Cole, Architects, for the construction of the new Health Unit Building, in conjunction with a representative from the District of North Vancouver.

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

Discussion followed.

It was suggested that the City Solicitor should also participate in any discussions on this matter and also that it should be understood that the costs of preparing these plans and specifications are included in the estimated cost of \$72,985.00, as received from the Union Board of Health.

The recommendation was therefore amended to read as follows:

RECOMMEND that the Building Inspector be authorized to have the necessary plans and specifications drawn up by Messrs. White & Cole, Architects, for the construction of the new Health Unit Building, in conjunction with a representative from the District of North Vancouver, and the City Solicitor; it being understood that the costs of preparing the said plans and specifications are included in the estimated cost of \$72,985.00 for the whole project.

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

FERRY COMMITTEE

Alderman Bryan submitted the following recommendations on behalf of the Ferry Committee:

2 RECOMMEND that the Ferry Superintendent be authorized to instal certain additional fire protection equipment on Ferries Nos. 4 & 5 in accordance with the requirements of the Steamship Inspection Service, set out in their letter of June 16th, 1955, to the Corporation; the estimated cost of same being approximately \$702.00, which is to be taken from the Ferry Reserve when the exact cost is known.

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

3 RECOMMEND that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign and seal with the Corporate Seal a renewal of the Ferry Mail Carrying contract with the Postmaster General of Canada, for the period from July 1st, 1955 to June 30th, 1959, for the annual sum of \$593.03.

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

RECOMMEND that the City Clerk be authorized to count the Ferry Ballots on July 18th, 1955 and report the result to Council at the regular Council meeting on that date.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Certificates were received from the County Court with respect to By-laws Nos. 2361 and 2366.

Ordered received and filed.

BY-LAWS

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Copping that the "City of North Vancouver Tax Lands Sale By-law 1955, No. 10" be reconsidered. Carried

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the "City of North Vancouver Tax Lands Sale By-law 1955, No. 10" 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 2367.

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

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Copping that the "Street and Traffic By-law, 1950, Amendment By-law, 1955" be introduced and read a first time. Carried

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the "Street and Traffic By-law, 1950, Amendment By-law 1955" be now passed. Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A letter was received from the North Vancouver City & District Property Owners' Association, expressing appreciation to the Council for changing the bus stop at 15th & Lonsdale.

A letter was received from the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, advising that they are arranging their plans to conform with the new bus stop locations at 15th & Lonsdale, but are of the opinion that the far-side stop pattern is more desirable at transfer points.

Alderman Stewart said that he wanted to comment on this matter. He said that as he has stated before, if far-side stops are removed, he did not want to be responsible.

He said that this change had been made while he was away on leave of absence. He pointed out that if any accident occurs as a result of the change, he wanted to be on record as being against the change to nearside stops, which was contrary to the opinion of the traffic experts of the B.C. Electric.

Moved by Alderman Bryan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the letters from the North Vancouver City & District Property Owners' Association and the B.C. Electric Railway Co. with respect to this subject be received and filed. Carried.

A letter was received from Premier Bennett, acknowledging receipt of the City's recent telegram protesting any action to make municipalities responsible for any share of unemployment relief.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Bryan that this letter be received and filed. Carried.

The Clerk reported that at a meeting of the Council in Committee last Monday, Mayor Cates had been authorized to advise the B.C. Electric Co. that the Council felt that it is not in a position to approve or disapprove of the Company's application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to distribute Natural Gas in the Lower Mainland area, until it has had a full opportunity of studying the full details of the application, as presented to the Public Utilities Commission Hearing; and Mr. Howard, the City Solicitor, has been authorized to represent the City at the Hearing and report back to Council when he thought necessary.

The Clerk advised that the action taken at that time should now be ratified by the Council.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Copping that this Council now ratify and endorse the action taken by the Council in Committee on Monday, June 27th, 1955, with respect to the application of the B.C. Electric Railway Co. to the Public Utilities Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to distribute natural gas in the Lower Mainland area. Carried.

Letter was received from the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, acknowledging two resolutions submitted by the North Vancouver City Council with respect to unemployment relief costs and taxation of Crown lands.

The Executive Director of the Federation advised that action has already been taken by the Federation to protest to the Federal Government that no portion of relief costs should be borne by municipal governments.

Mr. Mooney also said that this matter will be receiving considerable discussion at the forthcoming Conference, in Edmonton.

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

A letter was received from Stanley A. Lane, 836 Grand Boulevard, advising that, as sewage is flowing from the tile drain of his neighbour, Mr. Williams, on to his property, this must be illegal, and therefore he should be able to get some protection from the situation, and he felt that it is not simply a matter of a dispute between neighbours.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Stewart that this matter be referred to the City Solicitor for his advice. Carried.

Letter was received from Mr. Alex. Strain, Director of the Totem Athletic Club, Corner of 6th & Forbes Avenue, expressing appreciation to the Council for its help during the recent Buckskin Gloves Boxing Tournament.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the above letter from the Totem Athletic Club be acknowledged with thanks. Carried.

Letter was received from Mr. F.A. Grant, 5002 Dumfries Street, Vancouver, asking if the Council would reconsider its refusal to re-zone Lot 22, Block 17, DL.273 from Local Business District to Single Family District, or, alternatively, whether the Council would buy the property or exchange it for another lot.

A letter was also received from Mr. John A. Boyle, 718 East 4th Street, asking for further consideration on the same question of the use of Lot 22, Block 17, D.L.273 for single family purposes.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Suttis that Mr. F.A. Grant be advised that no consideration can be given by the Council to a further application to re-zone Lot 22, Block 17, D.L. 273 until September, but the matter has been referred to the Finance Committee in the meantime, for further consideration. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Suttis that Mr. John A. Boyle be advised that no consideration can be given by the Council to a further application to re-zone Lot 22, Block 17, D.L.273 until September, but the matter has been referred to the Finance Committee in the meantime, for further consideration. Carried.

Letter was received from the B.C. Electric Railway Co., asking if improvements could be made to the new bus stop locations at Mackay and Marine Drive.

The Clerk advised that Superintendent Greenwood had informed him that this work has been authorized by him.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the B.C. Electric Railway Co. be advised that our Engineering Department has authorized improvements to the newly-located bus stops at Mackay Avenue and Marine Drive, and that this work should be done shortly. Carried.

Letter was received from C. Parker and A.E. Parker, asking for an increase in the wage paid to them as civilian guards at the City Jail.

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

Letter was received from the North Vancouver Board of Trade, thanking the Council for its recent reception of their delegation on the subject of amalgamation study, and advising that the Board desires to continue the support of the idea of a thorough study of this subject by a competent authority, and wishes to offer any assistance and support to the Council that it can, in order that such a study may be implemented.

Moved by Alderman Copping, seconded by Alderman Suttis that this matter be tabled for the time being. Carried.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Mayor Cates said that he was very pleased, and was sure that the members of the Council were pleased to see Alderman Stewart back, after his leave of absence.

Alderman Stewart thanked the Mayor for his remarks and said that he had had a holiday in Courtenay, where he had slept 18 hours a day, and he felt that it had done him a lot of good. He said he hoped that he would be able to carry on his duties.

Alderman McMillan said that he would like to bring up another subject tonight.

He said that he had been talking to business people in the Lower section of the City, and pointed out that many businesses have moved up the hill.

He said he presumed that light industry will eventually come in to the Lower area, but in the meantime he felt that the Council as a body should write to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co., pointing out the desirability of building their depot in the vicinity of the Ferry and bus terminal at the foot of Lonsdale Avenue.

Alderman McMillan said that if the Lower section goes down, the City will lose taxes, and he thought that the Lower section brought in a large portion of our tax revenue.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the City Clerk be authorized to write a letter to the Hon. R. Chetwynd, Minister of Railways, outlining the desires of this Council to have the Pacific Great Eastern Railway locate their terminal on Railway property in the vicinity of the former terminal at the foot of Lonsdale Avenue.

Alderman Stewart said he could see from his own place several buildings which were eyesores. He said he has noticed lots of people looking around, but they have turned back. He said the Lower section of town will be isolated if the present trend keeps up.

Alderman Copping said he would support Alderman McMillan but pointed out that there is apparently someone who has faith in the down-town area, because considerable improvements have been carried out to business premises at First Street and Lonsdale.

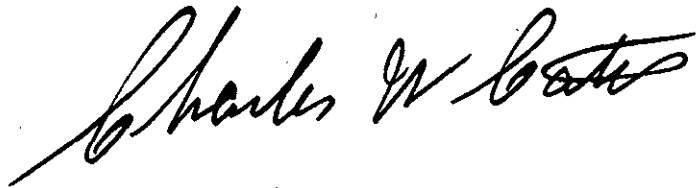
He said with a new Bridge being built over Burrard Inlet, he felt that Third Street would become a sort of Hastings Street, between Vancouver and North Vancouver.

He referred also to the fact that the Pacific Great Eastern Terminal used to be at the foot of Lonsdale Avenue, many years ago.

The motion was then put and carried.

Moved by Alderman Bryan, seconded by Alderman McMillan that this Council do now adjourn. Carried.

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



MAYOR.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on July 18th, 1955, at 8 p.m.

Present:

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

MINUTES

Alderman Johnson said that she would like to point out a minor error in the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held July 4th, 1955, in which she was recorded as stating in her Committee Report "that one woman had told her that her daughter had been there for five years". As the Hospital building to which she had been referring had been open only one hour approximately, she said that this statement was not correct, and should be to the effect that the lady had told her that her daughter had been in hospitals for five years.

The Clerk advised that the necessary correction would be made in the Minutes.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council held July 4th, 1955, as circularized to all members of the Council be now adopted, with the amendment requested by Alderman Johnson. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

From Hamer-Jackson Realty, applying for the re-zoning of Lots 1 & 2, Resub. 3 & 4, Block 17, D.L. 549, on the northwest corner of 17th & St. Andrews, from duplex zoning to apartment zoning.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the above application for re-zoning be referred to the Legal & Zoning Committee for consideration. Carried.

From the B.C. Underwriters' Association, being letters dated July 11th, 1955, and July 13th, 1955, advising that the new Pumper has exceeded the Underwriters' Test requirements, and that an overloading of the front tire maximums had been corrected by the installation of Michelin C-20 metallic tires.

Alderman Johnson said that the Chief had asked her to report to Council that the new vehicle had exceeded the minimum requirements of all tests.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the above letters from the B.C. Underwriters' Association be received and filed. Carried.

From Mr. A.R. Jackson, asking if the City would bear a portion of the cost of construction of 29th Street from Regent Avenue to Princess Avenue, as he is required to do this work by the District of North Vancouver in order to develop some property on the District side of the street.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Bryan that this request be referred to the Board of Works Committee, for consideration. Carried.

From Reg. Smith, 438 East Third Street, applying for a permit under the Billboard Regulations By-law for the erection of a sign, including Coca Cola advertising, on his premises.

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

From Mr. Fred Arnott, 420 Brand Street, requesting permission to top certain trees on the City street allowance, which are blocking their view.

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

From the B.C. Automobile Association, asking if the Council would investigate the situation at the foot of Mackay Avenue, where it enters Marine Drive, as the bus stops at this intersection, and blocks traffic.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Bryan that this matter be referred to the Transportation Committee for a recommendation. Carried.

From C.K. Toren, and Dr. F.R. Attridge, both complaining about the location of the "No Parking" signs on the north side of 13th Street, just west of the Hospital Driveway.

Alderman Bryan said that there has been a lot of trouble from this source, because the signs are not properly located. He said, however, that in the meantime the Board of Works Department has corrected the situation and he suggested that these gentlemen should be thanked and advised of the action taken.

Moved by Alderman Bryan, seconded by Alderman Stewart that Mr. C.K. Toren and Dr. F.R. Attridge be thanked for drawing this matter to the attention of the Council, and advised that our Engineering Department have re-located the signs in question, so that they can be more easily observed. Carried.

From the Hendry Community Club, requesting permission to use the North Vancouver Ferry Dock for their picnic vessel on July 31st, 1955.

Moved by Alderman Bryan, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the Hendry Community Club be granted permission to use the North Vancouver Ferry Dock for their picnic vessel on July 31st, 1955, at approximately 10:15 a.m. and 7:45 p.m., on the understanding that the Corporation will not be liable for any damages to persons or property resulting from the use of the said dock. Carried.

From Reeve Richardson of West Vancouver, urging the Council to make appointments to an Advisory Metropolitan Committee on personnel matters, as suggested by the Metropolitan Committee of Reeves and Mayors on June 2nd, 1955.

The Clerk advised that the request of the Metropolitan Committee of Reeves and Mayors had not been received by him, so he had asked the Secretary of the Committee to forward a copy of the letter which had been sent out at that time.

He then read the letter from the Committee, dated June 6th, 1955, in which the setting up of an Advisory Committee on personnel had been recommended.

Discussion followed.

Alderman McMillan said he thought that a letter of this type should be discussed in Committee-of-the-Whole.

Further discussion followed.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that this matter be referred to a Committee Meeting of all members of the Council next Monday evening, i.e. July 25th, 1955. Carried.

Circular letter from the Department of Agriculture, enclosing new Meat Inspection Regulations which may be put into effect in municipalities by the passage of a suitable by-law.

The Clerk advised that he had discussed this matter with Dr. Mott, who had indicated to him that the Union Board of Health would like an opportunity of studying the Regulations, with a view to seeing whether or not such a by-law should be put into effect in the City of North Vancouver.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the above circular letter on Meat Inspection Regulations be referred to the North Shore Union Board of Health, for consideration and recommendation. Carried.

From the Salvation Army, asking if they could have permission to use the Salvation Army Outpost Building on Marine Drive during the summer months.

Alderman McMillan said that he had met with a Salvation Army officer, and discussed this matter with her.

He said the Kiwanis would like to get the use of the building in question and move it onto the Senior Citizens' Housing Project, at a later date.

1 He said the Salvation Army would be willing to carry on its present work when the building was re-located.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the Salvation Army be granted permission to use the City building at 16th Street and Marine Drive for a period of two months, commencing on July 24th, 1955. Carried.

Notice was received from the Department of Labour, advising that a Conciliation Board is being set up to consider the differences between the Corporation and the National Association of Marine Engineers of Canada, and that the Corporation is required to make an appointment to the said Board.

2 Alderman Suttis said that this matter has been given some consideration and he now wished to move as follows:

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Stewart that Jack Loutet be appointed to represent the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver on a Conciliation Board appointed pursuant to the Labour Relations Act in the negotiations with the National Association of Marine Engineers of Canada, Employees' Council No. 7. Carried.

From the North Vancouver Traffic & Safety Council, asking permission to enclose traffic safety material in City mail.

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

From W. Gibson, 2060 Sutherland Avenue, advising that he has taken over the Sutherland Confectionery and is improving the premises by removing all advertising signs referring to soft drinks, and cigarettes, etc.

4 He asked if the Corporation could black-top the front of the lot from the store property to the street line, in order to allow better access for his customers.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Bryan that this request be referred to the Board of Works Committee for consideration. Carried.

From Mrs. G.A. McLaughlin, 766 Grand Boulevard, complaining about the condition of Grand Boulevard Park,

5 Alderman Johnson agreed that the situation is very serious. She said a number of people who had spoken to her were quite distressed and she said it seemed a pity to let the Boulevard get into such a condition.

Alderman Stewart said that his Committee has no money to spend. He said he would like it done, too, but there are no funds. He said the weeds have grown about two feet high, and the seeds scatter over all of the area.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Bryan that this request be referred to the Parks Committee for further consideration. Carried.

Mayor Cates said that he would like to make an announcement at this point, because there were representatives present in the Council Chamber from the North Vancouver City & District Schools Band.

6 He said, firstly, that the Council cannot this year give any grant to the Band, but the members of the Council had agreed to contribute the \$100.00 requested themselves. Mr. Smith, the Band Conductor, then thanked the Council, and asked if the Band would be required to put on public concerts.

Alderman Stewart suggested that the procedure in the past should be followed - that four concerts be held each year, about two months apart.

Mayor Cates said, however, that in view of the fact that this money is being given by the Council members to the Band, there are no strings attached to it.

The delegation then left.

APPLICATIONS TO PURCHASE TAX SALE PROPERTY

The Clerk submitted two applications to purchase Tax Sale Land.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan 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>
38	238	545	Christie & MacLeod Agencies Ltd.	\$ 855.00
13	93	550	James Neil Smith	1326.00

The Clerk reported that a previous offer had been received from N.B. Upham Construction Co. Ltd. to purchase Lot 14, Block 16A, D.L. 549/550, and the Corporation had agreed to accept the application from the Company, provided the necessary deposits were paid within ten days, and certain conditions were agreed to.

He reported that no further word had been received from the Company, and no deposit had been received.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the offer made by the Council on July 4th, 1955, to accept an application from N.B. Upham Construction Co. Ltd. to purchase Lot 14, Block 16A, D.L. 549/550 under certain conditions be now withdrawn and cancelled. Carried.

PETITIONS

The Clerk submitted four petitions under the "Local Improvement Act", together with his Certificate of Sufficiency in each case, for the following works:

- (1) Construction of a concrete sidewalk on the south side of Thirteenth Street, from Lonsdale Avenue to Chesterfield Avenue.
- (2) Construction of a concrete sidewalk on the east side of Chesterfield Avenue, from the north-east corner of Twelfth Street to Thirteenth Street.
- (3) Construction of a concrete sidewalk on the north side of Third Street, from the west boundary of Lot 30, Block 141, D.L. 274, to St. Georges Avenue.
- (4) Construction of a concrete sidewalk on the south side of Sixth Street, from Queensbury Avenue to Sutherland Avenue.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the above petitions be now referred to the Superintendent of Works for the necessary Reports and Estimates of Costs, as required by the "Local Improvement Act". Carried.

DUE ACCOUNTS

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

129	Finance	\$7,986.62	Carried, with Alderman Bryan refraining from voting.
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Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the following warrants:-

130	Finance	\$3,306.67	
139	Social Welfare	2,824.57	
141	Authorization	<u>53.34</u>	\$6,184.58 Carried

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

135 Building	\$ 376.99		
137 Police	<u>299.79</u>	\$ 676.78	Carried

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

138 Fire	\$ 386.94		
136 Light	<u>2,107.33</u>	\$ 2,494.27	Carried

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

131 Board of Works	\$14,419.81		
132 " "	23,925.47		
133 Waterworks	<u>1,600.84</u>	\$39,946.12	Carried

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

140 Ferry	\$14,371.75	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:-

134 Parks	\$ 1,977.02	Carried
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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Alderman Suttis said that he did not have much to report tonight, except to say that today was a very important day in the Finance Committee's year - the day that taxes come due.

He said that the figures are not all available just yet, but it looks like a 90 per cent collection.

He said he felt very gratified that we had had the support of all our people in getting this money in so quickly.

Alderman Suttis said that last month we had received a request from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for an increase in the strength of the local detachment, by an additional four men.

He said this matter had been given some consideration, and he now wished to submit the following resolution.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the R.C.M.P. be advised that it is not possible to increase the number of police this year, as the Budget has been prepared on the present cost and no additional expenditures can be considered. Carried.

Alderman Suttis advised that some time ago, we had received a letter from the District of North Vancouver, asking if we would be prepared to hire personnel to make a study of the possible amalgamation of the City and District.

He said a similar request had also been received from the North Vancouver Board of Trade, and they had asked for a meeting to discuss the subject.

He said this meeting has been held, and a great deal of consideration has been given to the matter. He said the Council should now reply to both the District and the Board of Trade and for this reason he submitted the following resolutions:

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the District of North Vancouver be advised that the Council has considered the suggestion of an amalgamation study and

discussed the matter with representatives of the North Vancouver Board of Trade but is unanimously of the opinion that the spending of public funds for such a study is not warranted at this time, unless the Council can be given sufficient reasons for doing so. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the following letter be sent to the North Vancouver Board of Trade with respect to their request that the City hire personnel to make a study of the possible amalgamation of the City and District:

"Mr. H.J. White,
Secretary,
North Vancouver Board of Trade,
320 Lonsdale Avenue,
NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.

Re: Amalgamation Study

Dear Sirs:

Further to my letter of the 8th instant, I am instructed to advise that, while a good discussion of the above subject was held with your representatives, Mr. Humphreys and Mr. Radford, on the 28th ultimo, the Council wishes to point out that no reasons were submitted which would warrant the City spending public funds on hiring experts to advise as to their opinions on the subject of amalgamation of the City and District.

The Council also feels that it should refrain from incurring any expenditures which are not absolutely vital at the present time, so that the level of taxation can be kept down as low as possible and yet maintain its normal services.

If the Board however feels there are any good reasons why City Funds should be expended to study this matter, the Council would be pleased to reconsider your request, but until sufficient grounds are evident the Council is unanimously of the opinion that the expenditure of funds for this purpose is not warranted at this time.

Yours truly,

CITY CLERK."

Carried.

FIRE, LIGHT & HEALTH COMMITTEE

Alderman Johnson advised that she had attended the July 12th meeting of the Union Board of Health, and wished to report as follows:

"Attended Meeting of Union Board of Health on Tuesday, July 12th. Mrs. Leonard was appointed a Public Health Nurse in place of Mrs. Benham who has taken up V.O.N. work. Miss Coupal who had been given leave of absence without pay was unfortunately taken very ill and has been away on sick leave instead. She reports for duty on August 1st. Eight of the nurses decided to take an extra week of holiday (4 weeks holiday in all) without pay. These factors taken with the usual good management of the Health Unit have made it possible for the Health Unit to be well within their budget for the first six months of the year.

Mr. Dobson, the Sanitary Inspector, stated that the Sanitary requirements of the City and District were more stringent than those required by law. He suggested that he recommend to the Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation that the size of the tank be increased and that the size of

the tank be increased and that the size of the disposal field be figured in square feet rather than in lineal footage. This met with the approval of the Board.

"VIOLET M. JOHNSON"

Alderman Johnson reported that 24 street lights had been broken in the City during the month of June.

She said she would like the Clerk to send a copy of the Report of Breakages received from the B.C. Electric Co. to the North Shore Parent Teacher Council and the City and District Property Owners' Association.

Alderman Johnson submitted the following Report in connection with a meeting of the Community College held July 14th 1955:

"Attended Annual Meeting of Community College on Thursday, July 14th. Owing to Mr. Cartwright's illness, the meeting had had to be postponed, with the result that it was not very well attended.

Mr. H.S. Smith appeared to have done a fine job as Director of the Community College Classes and turned over a substantial sum to the Centre.

Mr. S. Smith, conductor of the three Boys Bands, asked for any room that could be spared - even the hall - where they could practise. Mr. Leyland mentioned that the schools were only occupied 180 days of the year and perhaps some arrangement could be made there.

Mr. Simpson, speaking for the Community Players, who now number about 80 members, said that they now had equipment to the value of \$3000 and were rapidly outgrowing the Scout Hall.

The new directors were:

Fred White
Dave Simpson
Jack Laurillard
Jack Lichtensteiger
Miss Pool

These to be added to present directorate of

Ernie Bodwell
Geo. Johnston
Mr. Grahame
Don McLeod
Mrs. G. Hawkes.

Presumably Mr. A.M. Stewart remains President.

The President asked that your delegate carry to the Mayor and Council the appreciation of the Community College for the help and support they had given.

The District also made a Grant of \$500 when they were convinced it was legal to do so under the "Municipal Act".

"VIOLET M. JOHNSON"

Alderman Johnson referred to the June 1955 Report of the Fire Department, pointing out that the Fire Warden made 99 burner and tank inspections in June, and 58 calls had been made for burner inspections where the owner had not been at home or where the installation had not been ready.

She said it seemed like a tremendous amount of work.

She pointed out that 63 oil burner and tank inspections were made in the District and an additional 41 inspections were made when the owner was not at home or where the installation was not ready for inspection.

Alderman Johnson said that she would also like to point out that our Fire Department did very good work at the

recent fire which occurred at the Pacific Coast Handle Co. and this had resulted in the saving of a considerable amount of lumber.

Moved by Alderman Bryan, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the above reports of Alderman Johnson be entered in the Minutes. Carried.

PARKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Stewart said that with regard to the recent transit meeting held in the Vancouver City Hall, about 30 representatives had been there, including B.C. Electric Officials and union officials, and other representatives from groups such as the Automobile Association.

2 He said the general transit problems were given a very thorough discussion and he read a letter received from Mr. Harold Merilees, the Public Relations Director of the B.C. Electric Co., which asked the question "What Would You Do?". This letter referred to similar situations which are occurring all over the Continent, where public transit has fallen off, resulting in the elimination of public transit entirely or, in some cases, the elimination of these facilities during the evening hours.

Alderman Stewart said that they had had a very good meeting, and added that it is just too bad that the trend is downward.

He said that the B.C. Electric doesn't do anything until it is forced to do so. He pointed out that on some streets the buses can go only four miles per hour, and as a result, the bus passengers are very dissatisfied.

He said he was glad that we don't have any such problem on the North Shore.

3 Alderman Stewart said that he would be going to Everett, Washington, next week, to represent the Council at a meeting of the International Northwest Parks Association.

NEW BUSINESS

The Clerk submitted a Report prepared by him with respect to the result of the Ferry Ballot conducted by the Council.

He said that the result of the Ballot was as follows:-

(1) Are you in favour of the present Ferry schedule being continued?.....	1892
(2) Are you in favour of the Ferries being operated on a restricted schedule?	1053
(3) Are you in favour of discontinuing the Ferries entirely?	1522
Miscellaneous replies	74
Spoiled or rejected ballots	8
Total received	<u>4549</u>

Alderman Bryan said there has been some criticism of the Council in conducting this Ferry post-card referendum, the feeling being that it should have been held at election time. He said, however, that the Council wanted to get the largest representation possible.

4 Alderman Bryan submitted figures which showed that at the last elections in 1954 the turn-out was 24.83 per cent of the voters on the list, and in 1953 the turn-out was 44.45 per cent, and this was considered to be the largest poll we had had.

He said that under the circumstances, the 54.69 per cent return on the post-card ballot has justified the Council's action in conducting a ballot by this means.

Alderman Bryan added that he felt that the ratepayers should be thanked for giving such fine co-operation in expressing their opinion on this problem.

Moved by Alderman Bryan, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the above Report of the Clerk with respect to the results of the Ferry Ballot be referred to the Ferry Committee for study, and recommendation. Carried.

The Clerk submitted the Report of the Building Inspector for the first six months of the year 1955.

Alderman McMillan said that the figures were very encouraging, and pointed out the greater percentage which is now being spent on large apartments.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the statistics in the above Report be placed in the Minutes, as follows:-

"The following permits were issued during the first six months of the year 1955:

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value</u>
	227	\$2,142,225.00
Made up as follows:		
Apartments	10	575,000.00
Dwellings	134	1,253,200.00
Miscellaneous	83	314,025.00
	<u>227</u>	<u>\$2,142,225.00</u>

Comparison with first 6 months of 1954:

Apartments	6	285,000.00
Dwellings	134	1,065,050.00
Miscellaneous	87	220,865.00
	<u>227</u>	<u>\$1,570,915.00"</u>

Carried

The Clerk submitted the Report of the Fire Department for the month of June, 1955.

Ordered received and filed.

The Clerk advised that By-law No. 2367 was now registered in the County Court, in Vancouver.

Ordered received and filed.

BY-LAWS

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the "Street and Traffic By-law, 1950, Amendment By-law 1955" be reconsidered. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the "Street and Traffic By-law, 1950, Amendment By-law 1955" 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 2368.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the "City of North Vancouver Tax Sale Properties Reserve Expenditure By-law 1955, No.4" be introduced and read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the "City of North Vancouver Tax Sale Properties Reserve Expenditure By-law 1955, No.4" be now passed. Carried.

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

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the "Trades Licence By-law 1948, Amendment By-law 1955, No.2" be introduced and read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the "Trades Licence By-law 1948, Amendment By-law 1955, No.2" be now passed. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Suttis that "The City of North Vancouver Tax Lands Sale By-law 1955, No. 11" be introduced and read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Suttis, seconded by Alderman Johnson that "The City of North Vancouver Tax Lands Sale By-law 1955, No. 11" be now passed. Carried.

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

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that "The City of North Vancouver Billboards Regulation By-law, 1926, Amendment By-law No.1" be introduced and read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that "The City of North Vancouver Billboards Regulation By-law, 1926, Amendment By-law No.1" be now referred to the Legal & Building Committee for further consideration. Carried.

Mayor Cates said he would like to state that Mr. Cameron, the Secretary of the Advertisers' Section of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, who had recently spoken to Council on the subject of Sign Control, had passed away, and his funeral was being held to-day. He said this had come as quite a shock.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A further letter was received from the New Jersey Zinc Exploration Company (Canada) Limited, requesting permission to examine mineral claims in the Lynn Creek Watershed Area.

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

A letter was received from Evans, Coleman & Evans Ltd., advising that they have available in their Yard the largest truck scales in British Columbia, and in addition there are four other truck scales on the North Shore.

The Company said that their scales can weigh sixty vehicles per hour.

A letter was also received from the District of North Vancouver, advising that they have submitted a request to the Deputy Minister of Public Works to install public weigh scales on the North Shore as proposed by the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Company.

Discussion followed.

Alderman McMillan said he felt it was an unnecessary expenditure to install such facilities, when there are presently scales available.

Further discussion followed.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Company and the District of North Vancouver be advised that inasmuch as there are apparently adequate weigh scales on the North Shore, it is not felt that the Council can request the Provincial Government to provide additional facilities of this nature. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the letter from Evans, Coleman & Evans Ltd., advising of the availability of their truck scales be acknowledged with thanks. Carried.

A letter was received from the North Vancouver Memorial Community Centre, thanking the Council for its 1955 Grant of \$1500.00.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Johnson that the above letter from the North Vancouver Memorial Community Centre be received and filed. Carried.

Letter was received from the Union of B.C. Municipalities, advising that the Council's Resolutions with respect to Policing Contracts, Grants to Traffic & Safety Councils and Transfer of Reserve Funds to the Local Improvement Account will be presented for consideration to the 1955 Convention of the Union.

Moved by Alderman Bryan, seconded by Alderman McMillan that the above letter from the Union of B.C. Municipalities be received and filed. Carried.

From the Secretary to the Minister of Railways, acknowledging the Council's letter of July 8th, in connection with the location of the P.G.E. Terminal at the foot of Lonsdale Avenue, and advising that this matter will be placed before the Minister on his return to Victoria shortly.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Bryan that the above letter be received and filed. Carried.

Letter was received from the Labour Progressive Party, setting out their views with respect to the application of the B.C. Electric Co. to distribute Natural Gas in the Lower Mainland, the Party being of the opinion that the profit to be realized by the Company will be exorbitant, and that the granting of such permission would result in a private utility company having a monopoly in the field of electricity and natural gas, both competitive fuels. They therefore requested that the Council ask the Public Utilities Commission to reject the application of the B.C. Electric Co. to distribute natural gas in the Greater Vancouver area.

Moved by Alderman McMillan, seconded by Alderman Suttis that the Labour Progressive Party be thanked for their letter of July 11th, and advised that this matter is now in the hands of our Legal Department. Carried.

Letter was received from School District No.44, asking if the Council would send a representative to a meeting to be held on July 20th to give further consideration to improvement of access across Mackay Creek to the Hamilton Avenue Junior High School.

Discussion followed.

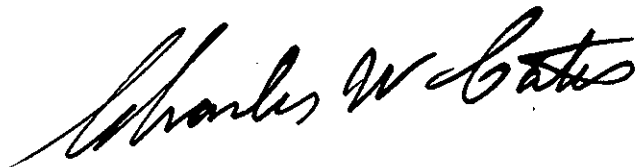
Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Bryan that Alderman Copping be appointed to attend this meeting as Council representative and that further arrangements be left in the hands of the Clerk. Carried.

Letter was received from Mr. K.E.B. Wildman, Assessment Commissioner, confirming that under the Public Schools Act and under Section 245 of the Municipal Act, bowling alley floors are treated as Landlord and Tenant Fixtures and are assessable, while billiard tables are considered to be furniture and as such are not assessable.

Moved by Alderman Bryan, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the above letter from the Assessment Commissioner be received and filed. Carried.

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

Whereupon the Council adjourned, at 9:15 p.m.



MAYOR