

Municipal Hall,
Cloverdale, B. C.
February 5th, 1948.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.
All of the members were present with the
exception of Councillor Shepherd.

CORRESPONDENCE WAS READ AND DEALT WITH AS FOLLOWS:

S. Thomas - Enquiring when Unwin Road, south of Townline Road is to be completed as he is anxious to commence the erection of a dwelling on his property and requires the road for access.

Referred to Councillor Johnston and the Engineer for investigation, and report.

H. Bose and Sons - Drawing attention to dangerous condition of the bridge on Bose Road over the Serpentine River and also requesting gravelling a portion of Pike Road for a distance of 100 rods - pointing out that the road is required to obtain access to portion of their farm.

Clerk to advise that reconstruction of the bridge is now under way.

The matter of gravelling of Pike road was referred to Councillors Johnston and Atchison to ascertain what could be done in this connection.

John H. Swadden - Drawing attention to "clogged up" condition of ditches on Sandel Road which is causing water to flow onto his property and requesting that this receives early attention.

Referred to Councillor Johnston and the Engineer for attention.

Robert Henshaw - Requesting construction of portion of Hickelton Road North off Ewenson Road to provide access to his property Lot 12, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 7, Tp. 2, as he wishes to erect a house there in the near future and pointing out that if the road was constructed three houses would be erected.

Clerk to advise that with the limited funds available it is extremely doubtful that construction of this nature can be undertaken this year. However, if sufficient funds are in hand the request will be given consideration.

Charles Moore and others - With petition requesting widening of Holmes Road from Serpentine Road to Baldwin Road and widening of Baldwin Road to Coast Meridian Road - pointing out dangerous condition of Baldwin Road.

Referred to Councillor Atchison for attention.

Councillor Shepherd took his seat at this point in the meeting.

T. W. Haines - Drawing attention to condition of the ditch on Hall's Prairie Road in front of his property and requesting that it receive attention.

Councillor Atchison reported that between 600 and 700 feet of ditch was involved and that the work could be carried out by hand.

The matter was referred to Councillor Atchison for attention.

Joe Paracy - Offering \$50.00 per lot as purchase price of Lots 7 to 12, Block 8, Section 9, Block 5N, Range 2W, Map 480.

Referred to Councillor Shepherd and the Engineer for report.

C. H. Watson - Offering \$75.00 per lot as purchase price of Lots 37 to 42, Block 5, Section 9, Block 5N, Range 2W, Map 480.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd

Seconded by Councillor Johnston

That Mr. Watson's offer to purchase Lots 37 to 42, Block 5, Section 9, Block 5N, Range 2W, Map 480, be accepted.

Carried

West Townline Ratepayers' Association - With petition requesting the Council to proceed with the paving of Townline Road between Scott Road and King George VI Highway as the only practical solution of the traffic problem.

Pointing out that this road is by nature a Provincial responsibility as well as Municipal and its present condition demands immediate action.

Clerk to advise that the Provincial Government has refused to give any assistance on the road and that in view of this the Municipality would be unable to undertake reconstruction of the entire section requested.

It was decided to undertake reconstruction of portion of road and the Clerk was instructed to enquire which end of the road the Association desired the work to commence on.

James Findlay, Secretary, Douglas Ratepayers' Association - With resolution requesting opening of Curtis Road to King George VI Highway to permit access to the Highway and eliminate passing through the Customs. Also requesting that the road around Peace Arch Park be gravelled and a drainage ditch constructed on the North end from King George Highway to alleviate flooding conditions.

The Engineer reported that a cut and fill were necessary in construction of the road and that the road allowance was only 33 feet wide in several sections.

The matter was referred to Councillor Kuhn and the Engineer for investigation and report.

Mrs. Theresa Mann - Enquiring sale price of the $W\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 13, Block 29, $SW\frac{1}{4}$ Section 22, Tp. 1, Map 2649.

The Clerk reported that Mrs. Mann held title to the East half of the lot.

Moved by Councillor Adams

Seconded by Councillor McPherson

That Mrs. Mann be permitted to purchase the property in question for the sum of \$35.00.

Carried

Margaret McG. Dotten - Advising that the flume running through her property - Lots 17 to 19, $S\frac{1}{2}$ Section 18, Pp. 1, Map 1062 - is badly broken at the end and the water running into the bank will cause serious damage unless repaired. Requesting that this matter receive early attention.

The Engineer reported that the Municipality had acquired the property occupied by Mrs. Dotten some years ago for the purpose of constructing the flume referred to. This property had subsequently been sold to a Mr. Winn with a covenant that the Municipality would be held free from any action for damage. He recommended that the end of the flume receive attention.

The matter was referred to Councillor Adams for attention.

Mrs. E. H. Hudson - Requesting opening of portion of Clow Road

from King George VI Highway to White Rock.

Clerk to advise that the Council has insufficient funds to undertake work of this nature at present.

Laura M. Montieth - Enquiring if the Municipality would raise any objection to the cutting of trees and brush on Tuttle Road allowance to improve the view from her property - Lots 12 & 13, Block 8, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 8, Tp. 1, undertaking to bear the expense and to have the work done satisfactorily.

Referred to Councillor Adams for attention.

Mrs. May Hampton - Requesting removal of large rock beside her driveway - allegedly placed there by municipal workmen. Also enquiring if trees on the south side of Columbia Avenue opposite her property could be cut down to improve the view.

Referred to Councillor McPherson for attention.

James Wilson - Requesting completion of the construction work started on Coldicutt Avenue last year and removal of large rock in front of his property - S. 148 feet of Lot 17, Blocks 8 and ptn. 9, Block 48, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 9, Tp. 1, Map 7944. Advising that he wishes to erect a dwelling on the property this year and is unable to gain access to it.

Referred to Councillor McPherson for attention.

J. L. Arnold & Co. Ltd. - Advising that erection of the shelter on the south side of Washington Avenue at its intersection with Maple Street has now been completed pursuant to arrangements made with the Council last year. Stating that the Company hereby transfers and assigns all its interest and claim to the building to the Corporation in order to avoid any further liability.

Ordered filed.

B. C. Telephone Co., - Advising that the amount of revenue forming the basis of the Company's assessment pursuant to Section 223A of the "Municipal Act" is \$33,653.48 - consequently the taxation for 1948 will amount to \$1,009.60.

Contents noted. Correspondence ordered filed.

B. C. Electric Co. Limited - Advising that the amount of revenue forming the basis of the Company's assessment pursuant to Section 223A of the "Municipal Act" is \$361,104.26, including \$9,579.02 for power consumed on tramway passing through the Municipality.

Contents noted. Correspondence ordered filed.

Deputy Minister of Health - Acknowledging receipt of letter of January 6th and advising that the present Public Health Service does not cover the appointment of the Municipal Medical Health Officer, consequently, the Council should appoint a Medical Health Officer.

Clerk to point out that the Council had been given to understand that in adopting the Provincial Health Unit Scheme the Municipal Medical Health Officer would be provided and paid by the Provincial Government.

Moved by Councillor Atchison

Seconded by Councillor McPherson

That Dr. F. D. Sinclair be confirmed in his position as Medical Health Officer for the Municipality until such time as the appointment is made by the Provincial authorities.

Carried

W. E. Keyes, Secretary-Treasurer, Fleetwood Branch, Old Age Pensioners' Organization - Suggesting that the Municipality acquire $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres of the Surrey Memorial Hospital lands as a site for the proposed Old People's Home.

Mrs. Nancy Hamilton, Secretary, Green Timbers Community Ass'n. - Protesting the proposal to move residents of Kensington House to a new site in Port Kells, and suggesting that the lands offered by the Surrey Memorial Hospital Society be utilized to provide modern cottage accommodation for these people such as is now being introduced in New Westminster.

T. W. Currie - Advising that the life members of Surrey Memorial Hospital Society are much disturbed to hear that the offer of a site for an Old People's Home may not be taken advantage of. Also stating that it is hoped the present Home will be maintained intact until the new Home is ready for occupancy.

Also voicing opposition to any proposal to change the site of the proposed hospital.

Agnes Jarrett, Secretary, Strawberry Hill & Newton Women's Institutes Voicing the approval by her organization of the proposal of the Surrey Memorial Hospital Society to grant the Municipality $4\frac{1}{2}$ acre portion of the proposed Hospital site as a location for the Old People's Home.

The Junction Women's Club - Suggesting that portion of the Surrey Memorial Hospital site would be suitable location for the proposed new home for the aged.

Clerk to advise that the Council has not as yet received an official offer of a site from the Surrey Memorial Society. That the Welfare Committee of the Council has been instructed to select possible sites for the Old People's Home for consideration by the Council and that the correspondence in this connection has been referred to the Committee for consideration.

Mrs. Edna L. Page, Ass't. Inspector of Institutions - Enquiring if the Council would approve of the granting of a Provincial License to Miss S. Barrington-Foote of Crescent for the purpose of providing care, food and lodging for eight ex-tuberculosis patients.

Approval by the Council was withheld pending report by Councillor Adams on reaction of owners of adjoining properties.

Canadian National Institute for the Blind - Enclosing copy of their Annual Report and soliciting a grant in aid of the work carried on by that Institution on the same basis as provided in 1946 and 1947.

Moved by Councillor Johnston
Seconded by Councillor Atchison
That the sum of \$150.00 be granted to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Carried

Salvation Army - Enclosing literature relative to the work carried on by this Social Service Department in connection with unmarried mothers and soliciting a grant in aid of this work.

Moved by Councillor McPherson
Seconded by Councillor Adams
That the sum of \$250.00 be granted to the Salvation Army.

Carried

Mrs. F. B. Carter, Secretary, Hjorth Road Y.M.C.A. - Advising of the work carried on by this organization and applying for a grant from the moneys set aside for the providing of organized recreation during the term of Mr. Tom Binnie as a member of the Council.

Clerk to advise that no funds were set aside for this purpose during Mr. Binnie's term on the Council, that several grants were made out of current revenue at that time as a war measure, but that municipal finances were insufficient to continue this policy.

Fraser Valley Union Library - Presenting 17th Annual Report, statement of estimated expenditure for the current year and giving notice that the proportion of current charges levied on this Municipality is \$7,700.00.

Moved by Councillor Adams

Seconded by Councillor Johnston

That the levy of the Fraser Valley Union Library for the current year amounting to \$7,700.00 be accepted.

Carried

B. C. Aviation Council - Information circular number four and advising that the membership fees for the year 1948 amounting to \$10.00 are now due.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd

Seconded by Councillor McPherson

That payment of membership fees of the B. C. Aviation Council for the current year amounting to \$10.00 be authorized.

Carried

Editor, British Columbian - Enclosing an open letter signed by A. Cheverton, White Rock, addressed to the Reeve and Council and advocating the borrowing of money to purchase equipment for the carrying out of maximum programme of public works at a minimum cost to the taxpayer.

Ordered filed.

Elizabeth A. Friend, Secretary, Treasurer, White Rock Women's Institute - Protesting the proposed increase in taxi fares in White Rock and District and urging the Council to take steps to prohibit such increase. Pointing out the hardship any increase would impose upon Old Age Pensioners, Veterans and others who must use this means of transportation.

Correspondence ordered filed.

R. W. Taylor, - On behalf of Taylor's Taxi, White Rock - Pointing out the statement made to the Council by Mr. Seabrook regarding maximum taxi fares permitted by the Public Utilities Commission was in error and that the rate permitted for a 5 passenger vehicle is 15¢ per travelled mile or \$2.00 per hour - whichever is the greater - minimum charge - 35¢. Pointing out that he has operated for the past 7½ years and is quite satisfied with the present rates.

R. McCreary, Cloverdale Taxi - Suggesting that the Council enact a By-law to regulate taxi fares in the Municipality and enclosing tariff of fares now being charged by his Company.

Councillor Johnston, reporting on behalf of the Public Utilities Committee of the Council, stated that he and Councillor Atchison had interviewed numerous residents of White Rock who all spoke highly of the service rendered by Taylor's Taxi and that all persons interviewed, except one, had suggested that the fares be left on a competitive basis.

He also reported that the Committee recommended that in future

operators of taxis in Surrey be required to carry adequate Public Liability and Passenger Hazard Insurance before they be granted a license.

Moved by Councillor McPherson

Seconded by Councillor Kuhn

That the recommendations of the Public Utilities Committee be adopted,.

Carried

Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners - With estimates of expenditure for the current year totalling \$23,800.00.

Ordered tabled for consideration after the tour of inspection of the Parks.

It was decided to postpone the tour of inspection with the Board of Park Commissioners due to unfavourable weather conditions.

MATTERS REFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS FOR REPORT OR RECOMMENDATION WERE CONSIDERED AND DEALT WITH AS FOLLOWS:

Brief recommending a certain programme of public works for Sunnyside Area submitted by representatives of Sunnyside Community Association and Sunnyside Farm Forum.

The Reeve reported that he had attended a meeting of the Sunnyside Community Association and that this organization had denied responsibility for the brief.

The Brief was ordered filed.

B. C. Bracewell, Inspector of Municipalities - Re Order in Council affording alleviation of school taxation on farm properties for the year 1947.

Clerk to enquire if the Fraser Valley Municipal Association had received any reply to representations made in this connection.

Enquiry of A. Brown regarding sale price of Lots 7 & 8, Block 5, Section 9, Block 5N, Range 2W, Map 480.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd

Seconded by Councillor McPherson

That the sale price of Lots 7 & 8, Block 5, Section 9, Block 5N, Range 2W, Map 480, be set at \$75.00 per lot.

Carried

CLERK'S REPORTS:

The Clerk reported receipt of a request from Port Kells Volunteer Fire Department for a grant in aid of constructing a new fire hall on the site leased last year from the Port Kells Farmers' Institute.

Referred to Councillor Bishop for investigation.

The Clerk reported receipt of request for information regarding progress of negotiations with District of Delta in connection with the petition for construction of crossing over the ravine on Townline Road, west of Scott Road.

Clerk to arrange meeting of Councillor Shepherd with representatives of Delta.

The Clerk reported that the itinerary of the Fire Instructional Unit had been arranged as follows:-

Cloverdale	February 9th, 10th and 11th.
White Rock	February 16th, 17th and 18th.
South Westminster	February 19th, 20th and 21st.

The Clerk reported that several of the Municipal Inspectors were experiencing difficulty in obtaining necessary supplies of gasoline owing to the rationing restrictions recently imposed.

Moved by Councillor Adams

Seconded by Councillor Johnston

That in the event of the Inspectors being unable to obtain sufficient supplies of gasoline from the usual source they be supplied from the Municipal tank and charged for the amounts used.

Carried

The Reeve reported that the Labour and Equipment Committee had gone into the revised working agreement submitted by the Surrey Municipal Employees' Association. He presented a revised salary and wage schedule drawn up by the Committee as a counter proposal by the Council for submission to the Employees' Association.

The Committee's proposal was gone into thoroughly.

Moved by Councillor Kuhn

Seconded by Councillor McPherson

That the Salary and Wage Schedule drawn up by the Labour and Equipment Committee be approved and submitted to the Surrey Municipal Employees' Association for its consideration.

Carried

Councillor Atchison reported that the Public Utilities Committee had investigated the complaints made regarding the White Rock street lighting system and had found that the lighting was inadequate. He stated that all lights ordered had been installed and suggested that higher powered lights were necessary to give the desired illumination. He pointed out that it was possible to obtain 300 watt lights of an improved type which would prove more satisfactory.

It was arranged to extend an invitation to the Street Lighting Engineer of the B. C. Electric Company to attend the next meeting of the Council and explain the advantage of the new type of street light.

The question of installing additional street lights was deferred pending receipt of recommendations from the White Rock Board of Trade.

The question of a culvert installation under the Great Northern Railway's right of way between "A" and "B" Streets was discussed and the Clerk was instructed to request the Railway Company to carry out this installation.

The Reeve presented the following recommendations by the Labour and Equipment Committee regarding municipal personnel:-

1. That Mr. C. H. Harvie be asked to tender his resignation.
Reason: Necessity of employing fully qualified Engineer.
2. That Mr. H. J. Stoney be asked to tender his resignation.
Reason: Because of his interest indirectly in real estate transactions which are the cause of numerous complaints and it is felt that in the best interest of both parties this should be eliminated.

- 3. Retirement of all employees of superannuation age, including Mr. John G. Farmer.
- 4. That Mr. N. M. Kirkbride's services as Foreman be dispensed with and that he be re-instated on another job.
Reason: Necessity of reducing the number of foremen in the Municipality.
- 5. We suggest that Mr. C. H. Perkins take over as the Foreman in charge of Waterworks.

That a temporary reduction be made in the number of outside personnel

That the services of Mr. W. Chessher as Cemetery assistant be dispensed with.

That Mr. George Lane be placed in charge of Road Supervision on a temporary basis.

That Mr. C. W. Heppell be placed in charge of waterworks construction on a temporary basis.

- 6. That the Clerk, Percy Livingstone, be appointed ^{COMPTROLLER AND} Office Manager with the necessary authority over all Department Heads. ^{Pr.}
- 7. That a Purchasing Committee be set up with power to delegate authority to a Purchasing Agent when desirable.

The recommendations were discussed fully and considerable debate ensued.

Moved by Councillor Adams
Seconded by Councillor Atchison

That the foregoing recommendations of the Labour and Equipment Committee be adopted and put into execution.

Carried. Councillors Bishop and Shepherd dissenting.

Councillor Atchison reported that he had attended the Annual Meeting of the Surrey Dyking District as per instructions of the Council. That the dyking tax rate had been set at \$3.00 per acre for the current year. That finances of the commission were in excellent shape and that \$18,000.00 had been paid off the loan during the year 1947, together with four years interest. That the Provincial Government had refused to give the Commissioners any assistance in connection with water flooding from the high lands. That depreciation on the shovel purchased by the Commission several years ago had now been written off in full and that the Commission was negotiating for the purchase of another shovel. That the Commission had requested the Municipality to raise the height of a number of road bridges by three feet to bring them level with the dyke.

Moved by Councillor McPherson
Seconded by Councillor Kuhn

That Councillor Atchison's report be accepted.

Carried

Councillor Johnston reported that he and the Engineer had attended the Annual meeting of the Colebrook Dyking District. That approximately 600 feet of new dyke was required and that no funds were on hand to carry out the

work. He reported that the tax levy for the current year had been raise to \$5.00 per acre to provide for construction of the new dyke. That property owners in the dyking area were dissatisfied with their municipal assessments and were to appear before the Municipal Court of Revision of the Assessment Roll.

Councillor Johnston's report was accepted.

Councillor McPherson reported that he had attended a meeting of the White Rock Fire Committee recently and that the Committee had suggested that legal action be taken against unauthorized persons who persisted in taking out the fire engine when the alarm sounded. He reported that this Department now had eight trained drivers who were in a position to answer the fire calls.

It was suggested that this matter be discussed more fully at the next meeting of the various Fire Committees and the Fire Committee of the Council.

Councillor McPherson also produced a copy of a letter addressed to the Council under date of October 23rd, 1947, suggesting appointment of Mr. D. G. Wilson as caretaker of the White Rock Fire Hall and advising that he would be willing to accept this appointment for the sum of \$15.00 per month and undertake to care for the fire trucks.

Moved by Councillor McPherson

Seconded by Councillor Kuhn

That Mr. D. G. Wilson be appointed caretaker of the White Rock Fire Hall and that he be paid the sum of \$15.00 per month for his services.

Carried

It was arranged that the Board of Works Committee of the Council would meet on Monday, the 9th inst., at 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk was instructed to arrange a meeting of the Fire Committee of the Council and the Committees of the various Fire Areas to be held in the Municipal Hall at Cloverdale on Monday the 23rd inst., at 8 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Adams

Seconded by Councillor Atchison

That the Council adjourn to meet again at the Municipal Hall, Cloverdale, B. C., on Monday, the 16th day of February, 1948, at 10 a.m.

Chas. Schwartz ----- Reeve

Perry Rivington ----- Clerk