

Tuesday - December 28th, 1948

A regular meeting of the Council was held at the Municipal Hall on Tuesday, December 28th, 1948 at 9:30 A.M.

Present: Reeve Morrison in the Chair, Crs. West, Philps, Beamish, MacSorley, Gartlan, Drummond and McLean.

Moved by Cr. Philps, Seconded by Cr. West: "That the Minutes of the previous meeting be adopted as written and confirmed."

Carried Unanimously.

Correspondence was received and dealt with as follows:-

G.W. Davy wrote making application to purchase Lot 5 or 6, Block J, J.L. 96 for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a smoke house for curing fish.

Moved by Cr. Philps, Seconded by Cr. MacSorley: "That the letter be received and this application be referred to a special committee for investigation and report."

Carried Unanimously.

A Committee consisting of Crs. Philps, Beamish and West was appointed to consider the application.

Sheppard Agencies wrote on behalf of their clients, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Lucas Shopland of 2306 Kingsway, requesting that the Corporation construct a concrete retaining wall and steps and maintain a good and sufficient fence to protect their property on Kingsway described as Lot 1, S.J. 22, Blocks 1/3, J.L. 95.

Moved by Cr. Philps, Seconded by Cr. West: "That the letter be received and refer to the Engineer for report on construction of retaining walls where required through the length of Kingsway within Burnaby."

Carried Unanimously.

President, Capitol Hill Improvement Association, wrote expressing their appreciation for the service rendered by the Engineering Department in clearing the roads during the recent heavy snowfall and also thanking the Council for their efforts in arranging for the improved transportation facilities to the top of Capitol Hill. Moved by Cr. Philps, Seconded by Cr. Gartlan: "That the letter be received and filed."

Carried Unanimously.

I. W. Neil, B.C. Electric Railway Co., wrote relative to the request made to the Council by the Capitol Hill Improvement Association, that free street car passes be issued to Old Age Pensioners and blind people in the Municipality advising that to grant such a concession would be the equivalent of subsidizing the government which makes the pension payments and that the cost of such free transportation would be paid for in either one of two ways. (1) the transit paying public would be obliged to pay higher fares or (2) the government would have to repay the Company for the cost of transporting pensioners.

Moved by Cr. MacSorley, Seconded by Cr. McLean: "That the letter be received and filed and a copy of same be forwarded to the Capitol Hill Improvement Association."

Carried Unanimously.

Asst. Chief Engineer, Department of Public Works, wrote relative to the commencement of work on the Kingsway widening project advising that the contractor is not being pressed during the unfavourable weather but that when the work does commence it will be carried on as quickly and efficiently as possible in order to interfere with the travelling public to the least possible extent and so that the job will be completed before any interference occurs with the summer tourist traffic.

Cr. McLean reported verbally on behalf of Committee advising that the matter of improvement to the sidewalk facilities along Kingsway had been taken up with the Local Office, Department of Public Works, and that it had been learned that that office had been provided a sum of money to be used at their discretion on Kingsway within Burnaby.

Moved by Cr. MacSorley, Seconded by Cr. Beamish: "That the letter and verbal report be received."

Carried Unanimously.

Secretary, Union of B.C. Municipalities, wrote suggesting that the Municipal Elections Act and the Village Municipalities Act be amended to provide for the holding of Nominations on the first Thursday in December and the polling (if any) be held on the Thursday or Saturday in the week following; depending on the classification of the Municipality and requesting the opinion of the Council on this matter.

Moved by Cr. McLean, Seconded by Cr. Beamish: "That the letter be received and filed and the suggestion of the Union be concurred with."

Carried Unanimously.

W. J. Greenall wrote requesting that the Corporation abandon the eastern 15 feet of the 33 foot road allowance for the unnamed road between Block 18 and Lot 1 of Block 19, J.L. 159.

Moved by Cr. Philps, Seconded by Cr. MacSorley: "That the letter be received and this matter be referred to the Engineer for report."

Carried Unanimously.

Gilley Real Estate Ltd. wrote on behalf of their clients, the Seventh Day Adventists, requesting that a Committee of the Council together with the Property Manager, be appointed to meet with their representatives to discuss further terms of sale relative to Lots 1 to 18, Blocks 64 to 69; J.L. 122/3/4 save & except Lots 9,10, Block 66, Lots 89,10,11, Block 67, and Lots 14, Block 69.

Moved by Cr. West, Seconded by Cr. Philips: "That the letter be received and a Committee be appointed to meet the applicants as suggested."
Carried Unanimously.

A Committee consisting of Reeve Morrison, Crs. Philips and MacSorley, with the Engineer, Clerk and Property Manager, was named to meet the applicants at 10:00 A.M. Friday.

Secretary, Burnaby Civic Employees' Union, wrote extending to the Reeve and Council the Compliments of the Season and also extending their appreciation for the cordial relations existing between the Council and the Union.

Moved by Cr. Drummond, Seconded by Cr. West: "That the letter be received and filed."
Carried Unanimously.

The Returning Officer proclaimed to be elected the persons having the highest number of votes for the various offices and shown as follows:

COUNCILLORS for term ending December 31st, 1950	
Drummond, John Douglas	Majority 120
West, James Gower	Majority 41
Stephens, Frederick Marven	Majority 15
SCHOOL TRUSTEES for term ending December 31st, 1950	
Cormack, Florence Emeline	Majority 42
Sargent, Raymond Earl	Majority 245
Noble, Samuel Norman	Majority 314

Moved by Cr. Philips, Seconded by Cr. West: "That the report of the Returning Officer be received and filed."
Carried Unanimously.

The Engineer submitted recommendation that B.C. Telephone Pole Plans be approved as follows, subject to the condition that all damage to the existing roadways be the responsibility of the Company:-

- A.17719 Proposed lateral on George Avenue north east of Kingsway lateral to be laid at least 2' 6" below the travelled portion of the road.
 - A.17720 Proposed lateral across Kingsway between George Avenue and Sussex Avenue.
- Approved subject to approval of the Provincial Department of Public Works.

Moved by Cr. Beamish, Seconded by Cr. Philips: "That the recommendation of the Engineer be approved."
Carried Unanimously.

The Unit Director submitted report for the month of November, 1948
Moved by Cr. West, Seconded by Cr. Beamish: "That the report be received and filed."
Carried Unanimously.

The Building Inspector submitted report for the month of November, 1948
Moved by Cr. Philips, Seconded by Cr. West: "That the report be received and filed."
Carried Unanimously.

An application for the position of Clerk-Stenographer in the Clerk's Department was received from Miss Norma Rypdal, staff member. The Municipal Clerk recommended that the application of Miss Rypdal be accepted.
Moved by Cr. Philips, Seconded by Cr. West: "That the recommendation of the Municipal Clerk be adopted and the position held by Miss Rypdal as stenographer in the Engineering Department, be boarded."
Carried Unanimously.

Cr. Gartlan reported on behalf of the Committee appointed to consider the application of Messrs. Ker & Rupp for permission to perate a small scale soap manufacturing plant on Block 1, J.L. 155A, recommending that the site be approved for the purpose desired.
Moved by Cr. Philips, Seconded by Cr. Beamish: "That the report and recommendation of Cr. Gartlan be adopted."
Carried Unanimously.

Cr. Gartlan reported on the application of Messrs. Watt and Russell for permission to construct a roller rink on Lot 35 N.½ and Lot # 34 W.½ of J.L. 28 N.½ at a lesser distance from the property line than is required under the provisions of the Burnaby Town Planning By-law and recommended that the application to construct the building in its present location be not entertained and that the building be erected so as to conform with the provisions of the said By-law.
Moved by Cr. Philips, Seconded by Cr. West: "That the report be received and the recommendation of Cr. Gartlan be adopted."
Carried Unanimously.

The meeting then adjourned.