

Monday - August 1st. 1932.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held at the Municipal Hall, Monday, August 1st, 1932 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: His Worship Reeve Pritchard in the chair.

Councillors Martin, Brown, Lambert, Lench, Wheatley, Gray and Hatherly.

Correspondence was received and dealt with as follows:

1. A.J. Monk and others protesting against the charges for cement sidewalk construction in the 4500 block on Albert Street. Wm. F. Kerby and others also wrote protesting against the charges in the 4600 block on the same street. Moved by Cr. Lench, Seconded by Cr. Lambert: "That these complaints be referred to committee of the Engineer, Treasurer and Clerk for full report to the next meeting."

Carried unanimously.

Burnaby Ex-service Men Unemployment Association - deploring the action of certain organization in the matter of obtaining relief for unemployed workers.

Moved by Cr. Lambert, Seconded by Cr. Martin: "That the letter be received and filed."

Carried unanimously.

2. Messrs Wood and Southwell - applying for permission to erect and operate a restaurant with dance floor on Lots 9 and 10, Block 2 D.L. 68, Grandview Highway. Moved by Cr. Wheatley, Seconded by Cr. Lambert: "That this application be referred to the Building Inspector for report."

Carried unanimously.

Moved by Cr. Gray, Seconded by Cr. Wheatley: "That the application of Messrs Wood and Southwell be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners for their recommendation and opinion."

Carried unanimously.

3. His Worship the Reeve submitted recommendation that the uncompleted works under the agreement pursuant to the Unemployment and Farm Relief Act 1931 be now completed by such volunteer labour that we can obtain, the men to be debited with such direct relief as may be advanced, and credited with the wages which shall be according to the relief works schedule, final adjustment to be made when vouchers have been completed from Victoria. The works to be undertaken to be those, the incompletion of which are liable to constitute a public nuisance.

Moved by Cr. Lambert, Seconded by Cr. Hatherly: "That the recommendation of His Worship the Reeve be adopted."

An amendment was

Moved by Cr. Martin, Seconded by Cr. Lench: "That the recommendation of His Worship the Reeve be referred to the Committee of the Executive Council on Unemployment Relief for its opinion and endorsement, and that in view of the urgency of the matter they be urged to give this opinion at the earliest possible moment."

The amendment carried - Crs. Martin, Lench, Brown, Gray and Lambert voting in favour.

The Relief Officer submitted report for week of July 18th to July 23rd. showing number of cases as 1437 with total expenditure of \$9,805.49

Moved by Cr. Hatherly, Seconded by Cr. Wheatley: "That the report be received."

Negated - Crs. Martin, Brown, Lench and Gray voting against.

Moved by Cr. Martin, Seconded by Cr. Lench: "That the Relief officer be requested to include in the next weekly report detailed statement of the administration costs for the period covered by the Report."

Carried unanimously.

The Relief Officer submitted report showing number of Investigations carried out for week July 25th to July 30th as 256.

Moved by Cr. Wheatley, Seconded by Cr. Hatherly: "That the report be received."

Negated - Crs. Martin, Brown, Lench and Gray voting against.

The Relief Officer submitted report on General conditions showing number of stores still accepting Relief orders in North and South Burnaby respectively.

Moved by Cr. Hatherly, Seconded by Cr. Wheatley: "That the report be received."

Negated - Crs. Martin, Brown, Lench and Gray voting against.

The Standing committee on Finance submitted recommendations as follows:

W. McCurrach - Recommend that he be paid for balance of month of May.

Mothers Pensions - Recommend that this be referred back without recommendation.

Sheep Protection Act - Chicken claims - Recommend that this matter be tabled pending obtaining opinion from lawyer.

Mr. Stewart - recommend that the action of the Clerk be endorsed.

Working out taxes - Recommend that no action be taken

Auto camps - Recommend no change.

Moved by Cr. Lambert, Seconded by Cr. Wheatley: "That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted."

Carried unanimously.

Moved by Cr. Wheatley, Seconded by Cr. Lench: "That this Council meet as a committee of the whole at 7.00 p.m. Monday next August 8th inst. to discuss Mothers pensions

Carried unanimously.

1. The Deputy Municipal Engineer submitted report on matter of J.W.Holmes and Capitol Hill re-plotting and advised that Mr.Holmes was prepared to accept the offer of \$35.00 tendered in full settlement of his claim provided the additional land received by him under the replotting scheme be grubbed by this Corporation. The Engineer recommended that this work of grubbing be undertaken and that the claim be settled as above. Moved by Cr.Lench, Seconded by Cr.Wheatley: "That the recommendation of the Engineer be adopted,"

Carried unanimously.

2. The Local Assistant Fire Marshal submitted report recommending that an old delapidated garage presently situate on Lot 7, Block 18, D.L.121. be dismantled and the debris be burnt or otherwise disposed of. Moved by Cr.Wheatley, Seconded by Cr.Hatherly: "That the recommendation of the Assistant Local Fire Marshal be adopted."

Carried unanimously.

3. Moved by Cr.Lench, Seconded by Cr.Martin: "Whereas from time to time I have expressed my own dissatisfaction with the administration of the Relief Department - Whether I look at it from the position of the Poor and Needy, or from the Taxpayers point of view, or from the standpoint of the Grocers who are carrying this Municipality. From whichever point I look at it there is cause from grave dissatisfaction. Since the last meeting of this Council held on Wednesday last I am convinced that there is no hope of us arriving at an agreement on a definite sane policy for administration and carrying out of our responsibilities and duty toward the parties concerned. We have had an investigation into certain activities of the Relief department, by this Council sitting as a Committee of the whole. The outcome was very unsatisfactory. The situation in this Council offers little hope of our arriving at a satisfactory solution of our problem. The position is repaidly getting worse I consider the following motion appropriate under these circumstances: BE IT RESOLVED THEREFORE on account of the dissatisfaction existing within this Council, resulting from an investigation into certain activities of the Relief Department by this Council sitting as a Committee of the whole that we do arrange for an independent investigation and that we approach the Inspector of Municipalities and request his assistance in securing the services of a suitable party for this purpose."

Negatived - Crs. Wheatley, Lambert, Hatherly and Reeve Pritchard voting against.

X Moved by Cr.Martin, Seconded by Cr.Brown: "That Whereas the present depression is the result of conditions world wide in extent; AND WHEREAS it has been admitted and recognized by the Dominion Government of Canada to be a national crisis as far as Canada is concerned; AND WHEREAS the Burnaby Council has repeatedly gone on record as in agreement with the above; AND WHEREAS Burnaby with its limited means of taxation and resources is unable to continue to pay its share of the present system of direct relief. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That this Council notify the Provincial Government that it is unable to carry on under the present system beyond the date of August 15th. 1932 and that the Government be asked to take over the administration and distribution of direct relief in Burnaby from and after that date."

Carried unanimously.

Moved by Cr.Martin, Seconded by Cr.Lambert: "That the M.Morse Lease Authorization By-law 1932 be introduced and read a first time."

Carried unanimously.

Moved by Cr.Martin, Seconded by Cr.Lambert: "That the M.Morse Lease Authorization By-law 1932 do pass the first reading."

Carried unanimously.

Moved by Cr.Martin, Seconded by Cr.Lambert: "That the M.Morse Lease Authorization By-law 1932 be now read a second time."

Carried unanimously.

Moved by Cr.Martin, Seconded by Cr.Lambert: "That the M.Morse Lease Authorization By-law 1932 do pass the second reading."

Carried unanimously.

Cr.Lench gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting that the Treasurer be instructed to see that monies taken in for taxes be not paid out for other than regular expenditures.

His Worship the Reeve advised that he would not accept such a resolution. The Council then adjourned.

Confirmed.

*W. A. Pritchard*  
Reeve.

*Arthur G. Moore* Clerk