

Municipal Hall,
Cloverdale, B. C.
December 1st, 1947.

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

Moved by Councillor Ardiel
Seconded by Councillor Rutledge
That the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted as read.
Carried

Mr. L. E. Stewart - came before the Council and made claim
for damages to his property on Habgood Street, White Rock, caused by erosion of
the fill at the corner of Habgood Street and Columbia Avenue.

This matter was discussed to some length and was referred to
Councillor Graham and the Engineer for investigation to ascertain the extent of
of damage and if it would be possible to exchange municipally owned property for
the lots damaged.

Mr. L. D. Eade, Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners -
came before the Council and protested that he had been incorrectly billed in the
amount of \$42.00 for bulldozing work done on his property by the Municipality to
provide temporary accommodation for ornamental trees received by the Board of
Park Commissioners from the Vancouver Parks Board for use in Surrey Parks.

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

The matter was discussed at some length.

Moved by Councillor Keery
Seconded by Councillor Ardiel

That the foregoing account be approved for payment by the
Corporation, subject to this action meeting with the approval of the Board of Park
Commissioners.

Carried

The Clerk presented the Returning Officer's statement under
oath, as to the result of the election held on the 29th day of November, 1947,
on "Strawberry Hill Waterworks Construction and Loan By-law, 1947, No. 890",
which showed the following result:-

Votes in favour of confirming the By-law	-	526
Votes against confirmation of the By-law	-	49
Ballots spoiled	-	15
		<u>590</u>

and that the said By-law had been openly declared to be carried and confirmed.

BY-LAWS:

"Strawberry Hill Waterworks Construction and Loan By-law,
1947, No. 890" was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Councillor Rutledge
Seconded by Councillor Keery

That "Strawberry Hill Waterworks Construction and Loan By-law,
1947, No. 890" be finally adopted, signed by the Reeve and Clerk and sealed with
the Corporate Seal.

Carried

"Lands Purchase, Leasing and Dedication By-law, 1947, No. 892" was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Councillor Keery

Seconded by Councillor Graham

That "Lands Purchase, Leasing and Dedication By-law, 1947, No. 892" be finally adopted, signed by the Reeve and Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

Carried

"Tax Sale Lands Receipts Reserve By-law, 1947, No. 893" was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Councillor Ardiel

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd

That "Tax Sale Lands Receipts Reserve By-law, 1947, No. 893" be finally adopted, signed by the Reeve and Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

Carried Unanimously.

"Church Lands Tax Exemption By-law, 1947, No. 895" was introduced and read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Rutledge

Seconded by Councillor Keery

That "Church Lands Tax Exemption By-law, 1947, No. 895" pass its first reading.

Carried

Said By-law was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd

Seconded by Councillor Graham

That "Church Lands Tax Exemption By-law, 1947, No. 895" pass its second reading.

Carried

Said By-law was then read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Ardiel

Seconded by Councillor Keery

That "Church Lands Tax Exemption By-law, 1947, No. 895" be subject to reconsideration.

Carried.

"Tax Sale Funds Expenditure Authorization By-law, 1947, No. 896" was introduced and read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd

Seconded by Councillor Ardiel

That "Tax Sale Funds Expenditure Authorization By-law, 1947, No. 896" pass its first reading.

Carried

Said By-law was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Graham

Seconded by Councillor Keery

That "Tax Sale Funds Expenditure Authorization By-law, 1947, No. 896" pass its second reading.

Carried

Said By-law was then read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Rutledge

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd

That "Tax Sale Funds Expenditure Authorization By-law, 1947, No. 896" be passed subject to reconsideration.

Carried

The Clerk presented the report of Messrs. Frederick Field & Co., Chartered Accountants on the financial position of the Corporation as at October 31st, 1947.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Treasurer was present and stated that the Auditor's report showed that Board of Works Expenditures would be approximately \$43,840.42 over estimated expenditures by December 31st, 1947, and that the remainder of the funds set out in the estimates for the purchase of machinery would be required to carry the Board of Works expenditures for the balance of the year.

Moved by Councillor Ardiel

That outside employees of the Corporation - with the exception of grader operators and an emergency crew - be given notice that their services would not be required from December 12th until the beginning of the new year.

There was no seconder to the motion.

Councillor Shepherd stated that the deferred credits built up in capital construction on Highway Area Waterworks out of current revenue justified the Council in continuing work on the roads of the Municipality.

Councillor Ardiel stated that as a member of the Finance Committee he did not wish to see the Corporation end the year with an overdraft at the bank, but that he could see the other side of the picture and thought the condition of the roads warranted the expenditure.

Moved by Councillor Rutledge

Seconded by Councillor Keery

That the Board of Works carry on for the remainder of the current year with the smallest possible crew.

Carried

Councillor Ardiel drew attention to condition of Hall's Prairie Road, north of Trans Canada Highway.

H. J. Diffner - waited on the Council and drew attention to a drainage condition at the intersection of King George VI Highway and Westminster Road, and pointed out that the flow of water during flooding periods might cause considerable damage to Westminster Road.

A brief discussion ensued during which it was pointed out that the Provincial Public Works Department was involved and that joint action by that Department and the Municipality was necessary.

No further action was taken.

Moved by Councillor Keery

Seconded by Councillor Rutledge

That the Council adjourn for lunch to reconvene at 1:15 p.m.

Carried

At 1:15 p.m. the Council reconvened as per motion for adjournment.

All of the members were present.

SSHAC

A delegation representing property owners on Hassell Road and Thrift Road in the Hassell subdivision, Section 12, Township 1, came before the Council and requested that the foregoing roads be gravelled and a culvert installed at this intersection of Hassell Road and King George VI Highway to give them access to their properties.

This request was duly considered and Councillor Keery and the Engineer were appointed to investigate the matter and to see what could be done to provide some means of access.

Major L. Carswell of the Salvation Army - came before the Council and the Red Shield appeal of the Salvation Army for funds was discussed at some length.

The Council assured Major Carswell that an effort would be made to secure additional contributions for this appeal.

Mrs. C. Vance - came before the Council and requested permission to place a small building, to be used as temporary sleeping quarters, on the property occupied by the Shangri La Cafe in Cloverdale.

She was advised to take this matter up with Mr. Parr, owner of the property, and with the Municipal Building Inspector.

CORRESPONDENCE WAS READ AND DEALT WITH AS FOLLOWS:

J. C. Forster - Requesting that Archibald Road - North off Ferguson Road be gravelled to allow him access to his property - advising that the road is in such condition that he is unable to get his car out, or to get in much needed supplies of lumber, etc.

Referred to Councillor Shepherd and the Engineer to ascertain what can be done to provide access.

Harry A. Simpson and others - Enclosing petition drawing attention to condition of Park Drive, off Grosvenor Road, requesting that this portion of road be gravelled and graded before the winter weather sets in.

Referred to Councillor Shepherd and the Engineer to ascertain what it is possible to do to improve the condition of this road.

W. Wraight and others - With petition signed by residents of the Townline, Wilson and Miller Roads requesting that a bridge be constructed on Townline Road to permit them to have access to Scott Road without the necessity of having to detour a distance of from one to one and one-half miles.

The Clerk was instructed to arrange a meeting between Councillor Shepherd, the Municipal Engineers of Surrey and Delta and the Councillor representing that portion of the District of Delta to ascertain what action could be taken by the two municipalities to provide a crossing at this point.

O. J. Simons, Manager, Bank of Montreal, Cloverdale - Advising that it is very essential that a cement sidewalk be constructed at the earliest possible date on Melrose Street paralleling the new Bank of Montreal building. Requesting that this matter be given favourable consideration and enquiring regarding the obligations of the property owner in local improvements of this nature.

Clerk to advise that it will be impossible to undertake construction of this sidewalk before the end of the current year, and that the usual requirements of the municipality in local improvements of this nature are for the property owners affected to assume 50% of the costs of construction.

It was decided to refer this matter to the incoming Council with the recommendation that the request receive favourable consideration.

Lewis James - Complaining of discomfort and inconvenience caused by a constant flow of water from the corner of Foster Street and Martin Street onto his property, flowing into his basement and damaging the property. Requesting that this matter be given immediate attention.

Referred to Councillor Graham and the Engineer for investigation and report.

Councillor Keery reported on a drainage condition affecting the new store erected by Mr. W. J. Barge on Washington Avenue, White Rock.

The Engineer reported that the outlet for the flow of water in this area had been filled in when Mr. Barge erected his freight shed.

The Clerk was instructed to advise Mr. Barge that it was impossible to take any steps to remedy the condition this year and to enquire if he would assume the cost of installing a new culvert in front of his freight shed.

Councillor Graham and the Engineer were delegated to investigate the condition complained of.

Mrs. S. Cassells - drawing attention to dangerous condition of Buena Vista Avenue adjacent to her property and advising of an accident where considerable damage was done to her premises. Suggesting that the shoulder of the road overhanging her property needs bracing and that the placing of an abutment is essential.

Clerk to advise that the Municipality had no legal liability in connection with accidents of the nature reported and that funds were not available for construction of an abutment.

The matter was referred to Councillor Graham and the Engineer for further investigation.

George C. Hunter - Drawing attention to condition of Stokes Road off Stayte Road, stating that he opened this road about ten years ago and has maintained it in a passable condition ever since, but that recently the road had been bulldozed and graded and had been left in an impassable condition. Requesting the matter be given early and favourable consideration.

Clerk to advise that the work requested is on the current programme and will be carried out as soon as equipment is available.

A. E. Balmer - Requesting that necessary attention be given to Goldstone Road north off North Bluff Road to remedy conditions existing on his property - Block 26, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 15, Tp. 1, Map 644. Advising that he had Mr. K. L. Burnet, B. C. Land Surveyor, re-establish the corners of his property as requested earlier this year. Also drawing attention to position of poles of the B. C. Electric Railway Company in relation to the road allowance.

Engineer reported that there is a variation of between 30 and 35 feet in the location of the road as shown on the plans of the adjoining subdivisions.

The letter was referred to the Engineer for reply.

R. Leighton Young, Secretary, White Rock Board of Trade - Advising of a motion passed by his Board protesting against the boundaries of Ward Seven, stating that it leaves the area concerned without access to King George VI Highway, and stating that the approaches, namely, Campbell River Road and Johnston Road to the Highway should be under the control of Ward 7.

Clerk to advise that the division of the Municipality into seven wards was carried out in pursuance of requirements of the "Municipal Act."

A. P. McLean, Branch Manager, B. C. Electric Railway Co. Ltd. - Acknowledging receipt of letter regarding condition of electrical service in the White Rock and Newton areas, advising that this matter has been referred to the Chief Engineer for attention.

Correspondence ordered filed.

T. W. Currie, Secretary, Lower Fraser Valley Agricultural Association - Enquiring when receipt of the balance of the grant for clearing the Cloverdale Fair Grounds could be expected. (\$500.00)

Moved by Councillor Ardiel

Seconded by Councillor Keery

That the balance of the grant toward clearing and enlarging the race track on the Cloverdale Fair Grounds, amounting to \$500.00 be paid.

Carried

Councillor Ardiel reported receipt of information from Mr. T. W. Currie that he had threatened to close up the drainage ditch through his property unless the ditch in front of his property on Hjorth Road received early attention.

The matter was discussed briefly without any action being taken.

E. B. Goodwyn, Secretary, Cloverdale Branch No. 6, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L. - Advising that his organization is sponsoring a public subscription to raise funds to assist in providing medical treatment for the daughter of W.M. Hamilton, a veteran with six years overseas service, and appealing for financial support.

Councillor Ardiel suggested that the Provincial Welfare Department be contacted to ascertain if some assistance could be granted.

Councillor Keery moved that a grant of \$100.00 be made to assist in providing medical treatment. There was no seconder to this motion.

Moved by Councillor Ardiel

Seconded by Councillor Graham

That a grant of \$50.00 be made to assist in providing medical treatment for the daughter of Mr. W. M. Hamilton.

Carried

E. B. Goodwyn, Secretary, Cloverdale Branch No. 6, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L. - Enclosing copy of a letter from the B. C. Command of the Canadian Legion drawing attention to the need for immediate action in requesting the Dominion Government to increase the amounts paid recipients of Disability Pensions, Widows' Pension and War Veterans' Allowance to compensate for the increased cost of living.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd

Seconded by Councillor Ardiel

That the Council endorse the stand taken by the Canadian Legion in this connection and that the Clerk advise Mr. Tom Reid, M.P., of the Council's decision and request that the Dominion Government give this matter early consideration.

Carried

Major L. Carswell, Salvation Army - Expressing regret at the lack of support given the Red Shield Appeal and suggesting several means of

contacting persons who contributed in previous campaigns in an effort to meet Surrey's quota.

Correspondence ordered filed.

J. A. Sadler, Regional Administrator, Social Welfare Branch - Advising that salaries of Provincial Social Workers have been increased and that as of November 1st, the basis to be used in computing the Municipality's share of the workers salaries will be \$176.00 per month instead of \$160.00 per month as previously.

Clerk to write to the Honourable Minister of Health and Welfare and explain the Council's viewpoint in connection with the administration costs of the Welfare Department.

C. W. Lundy, Director of Welfare - Advising that, as in previous years his Department has authorized the payment of a special Christmas allowance to recipients of Welfare Allowance on the basis of \$3.20 to the heads of families and \$1.20 to single persons and that his Department will reimburse municipalities on the usual 80%-20% basis for municipal cases and the entire cost for Provincial cases.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd

Seconded by Councillor Rutledge

That a Christmas Bonus/paid recipients of Welfare Allowances amounting to \$5.00 to heads of families and \$2.50 to single persons.

Carried

Mr. Farmer drew attention to the increased payments to Old Age Pensioners and requested instruction regarding the amount of personal allowances to be granted to inmates of Kensington House.

This matter was discussed briefly.

Moved by Councillor Ardiel

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd

That the personal allowance granted to all of the inmates of Kensington House be increased to \$7.50 per month as of December 1st.

Carried

John G. Farmer, Secretary, Board of Police Commissioners - Enclosing copy of a letter from the Commissioner of Provincial Police in reply to a request by his Board for construction of school crossings on Trans Canada Highway at Scott Road and Grosvenor Road.

Correspondence ordered filed.

John E. Lambier - Applying for position as Assistant Building Inspector.

Correspondence ordered filed.

REEVE'S REPORTS:

The Reeve expressed his appreciation to the members of the Council and the Municipal Staff for assistance given in connection with the preparation and presentation of the "Strawberry Hill Waterworks Construction and Loan By-law, 1947, No. 890".

The terms of the Greater Vancouver Water District Agreement Sanction By-law were discussed and the Clerk was instructed to prepare a statement for presentation to the press outlining the advantages which would accrue to the Municipality if the By-law receives the sanction of the electors.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

The Clerk presented two sealed tenders for the purchase of the Sunnyside Waterworks debentures.

These were referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

The Clerk reported that Mr. H. Bose had extended an invitation to the Reeve and members of the Council to attend a dinner in the United Church Hall, Cloverdale, on Thursday, December 4th at 8 p.m., guests of honour to be the University Extension Class and Junior Club winners at the Toronto Fair.

The invitation was accepted.

The question of a suitable gift for the winners of the Junior Club Judging Contest was discussed and the Reeve and Clerk were authorized to secure a suitable gift at a cost not exceeding the sum of \$25.00 each.

The Clerk presented an account rendered by the Vancouver General Hospital for isolation and hospital care rendered to Mrs. Eva Elliott whose husband was unable to pay the account.

The Clerk was instructed to take this matter up with the Deputy Minister of Health and Welfare to ascertain if any assistance could be obtained from that Department in this connection.

Mr. Farmer gave a brief verbal report on the result of the interview between members of the Union of B. C. Municipalities and the Provincial Cabinet in Victoria.

He reported that 70 delegates were present representing 47 Municipalities and that only 2 municipalities had voiced any objection to the resolution regarding educational costs adopted at the recent convention of the Union of B. C. Municipalities held at Harrison Hot Springs.

He reported that the Provincial Cabinet had given the delegates sympathetic hearing and had agreed to meet the Executive of the Union of B. C. Municipalities within the next two weeks.

He also reported that the Reeve and he had interviewed the Honourable Minister of Finance and had requested that the Municipality be permitted to continue the arrangement to pay the remaining \$9,000.00 of the hard surfacing loan on the amortized basis arranged with the Honourable John Hart and not to take this sum from the amount of the refund of portion of relief costs incurred by the Municipality.

The Minister of Finance had intimated that if a letter were forwarded to him requesting that this be done he was prepared to give it consideration.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd

Seconded by Councillor Graham

That the Honourable Minister of Finance be asked to continue with the arrangements made with the Honourable John Hart to pay off the \$9,000.00 hard surfacing loan on an amortized basis.

Carried

Councillor Keery reported that Kellaway Brothers had moved a shovel into the Colebrook pit and were loading private trucks.

He enquired if they had been given permission to do this.

He was advised that no permission had been given and a general discussion ensued regarding the advisability of permitting persons to remove gravel from Municipal Gravel Pits for commercial purposes.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd

Seconded by Councillor Ardiel

That Kellaway Brothers be ordered to remove their equipment from the Colebrook pit until they enter into a satisfactory arrangement with the Municipal Council.

Carried

BILLS & PAYROLLS:

Moved by Councillor Rutledge

Seconded by Councillor Ardiel

That accounts recommended by the Finance Committee amounting to \$7,965.18 and Board of Works Payroll No. 21 amounting to \$7,446.19, all as identified by the signature of the Reeve and the Seal of the Corporation be passed for payment, and that cheques be issued for same.

Carried

The Municipal Engineer reported that if an order for the sewage disposal plant for White Rock were placed immediately on a joint basis with the Municipality of Penticton, it would be possible to make a considerable saving in the cost of same, the price quoted being roughly \$68,000.00, delivery date promised to be July of 1948.

This was discussed briefly.

Moved by Councillor Keery

Seconded by Councillor Ardiel

That the Engineer be authorized to place an order for the sewage disposal plant at White Rock on the basis outlined by him to the Council.

Carried


ADJOURNMENT:


Moved by Councillor Graham

Seconded by Councillor Ardiel

That the Council adjourn to meet again on Monday, December 15th, 1947, at the Municipal Hall, Cloverdale, B. C. at 10 o'clock a.m.

Carried

----- REEVE

----- CLERK