

Municipal Hall,  
Cloverdale, B.C.  
26th July, 1951

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. All of the members being present, with the exception of Councillor Stewart. Dr. J.C. Hewson and Mr. E.H. Tarrant, representing Messrs. Stevenson and Kellogg Ltd., and Mr. Frederick Field, representing Frederick Field & Co. were present at the meeting at the invitation of the Council.

The meeting was called to order and a general discussion ensued regarding the various phases of the operations of the Corporation covered in the Report made by Messrs. Stevenson and Kellogg Ltd.

The summary of recommendations contained in Section VIII of the report were considered in detail and Dr. Hewson gave explanations of each item covered and answered many questions raised by various members of the Council.

He pointed out that it would be desirable to group the operations of the Corporation as outlined in the interim plan of organization, as soon as it was possible to do so, and that the duties and responsibilities of each official should be defined by the Council.

He referred at some length to the functions of the Elected representatives as compared with those of the appointed officials and contended that much of the detailed matter presently being dealt with by the Council could be disposed of by the appointed officials if they were given the necessary authority to do so. He also suggested that, in order to prevent the burden of work now placed on the members of the Council, from becoming more onerous, the Council should restrict its activities to the Trustee and Legislative level. The suggested interim organization outlined in the Report was considered and the suggested functions of each of the appointed officials was discussed.

Mr. Field entered into the discussion of various phases covered by the Report and he suggested that the recommendations dealing with the inaugurating of a more adequate system of cost accounting for the various municipal operations would be highly desirable.

The functions of the Municipal Management Committee as set up in pursuance of recommendations made by Mr. Field to the Council last year were considered and he pointed out that in order to be effective and to deal with the detail matters presently being dealt with by the Council the duties of the Committee should be more clearly defined and its authority to deal with such matters established by the Council.

Mr. Field also drew attention to the necessity for more adequate office accommodation to permit the Accounting Department to coordinate its activities with those of the Collection and Engineering Departments.

He also suggested that some thought be given to the consolidation of the various Water Works Districts operated by the Corporation, and also to the appointment of a Planning Engineer.

The matter of continuing the division of the Municipality into Wards was the subject of lengthy debate during which Dr. Hewson contended that the continuation of the Ward system was undesirable. He referred to the desirability of arranging for the continuity of administrative policy, which was not possible under the Ward system of government. He also stated that in the event of there being any valid reasons why the Ward system should be continued it should only be used for election of representatives to the Council.

Councillor McPherson stated that his Advisory Council had instructed him to support the suggestion that the Ward system be abolished and he spoke to some length outlining reasons why this action should be forthcoming.

The Reeve pointed out that the Ratepayers Organization in Councillor Miller's Ward (Ward 6) were opposed to the suggested change.

Councillor Miller supplemented the Reeve's remarks and Councillor Kuhn also expressed his opinion on the matter.

The Reeve then suggested that in view of the importance of the matter and the fact that the members were divided on the issue that the Electors should be asked to express their opinion before any change was made.

Councillor McPherson stated that he would concur in this suggestion provided that proper information was given to the Electors to enable them to vote intelligently on the issue.

Moved by Councillor Atchison  
 Seconded by Councillor Johnston  
 That the division of the Municipality into seven Wards as presently in existence be continued for the remainder of the current year and that the opinion of the Electors of the Corporation on the matter of retaining or abolishing the Ward system in the District be obtained by a referendum submitted at the ensuing Annual Municipal Elections.

Carried unanimously

Councillor McPherson suggested that a Committee of the Council should be appointed to attend to the necessary publicity to be given in connection with the referendum.

This suggestion was laid over for further consideration at a later meeting.

The Clerk drew attention to the request of the License Inspector for instructions regarding the license fees to be charged in connection with the mechanical rides and other entertainment features operated by Mr. Elliott. He submitted a written report by the Inspector on the matter, in which it was suggested that a fee of \$25.00 might be imposed for each six months period.

Moved by Councillor Closkey

Seconded by Councillor Kuhn

That the Clerk be instructed to prepare and introduce the necessary By-law to amend the Trades License By-law to provide for the imposition of a license fee of \$25.00 for each six months on mechanical rides and similar entertainment features as recommended by the Trades License Inspector.

Carried

The Clerk requested further instruction in connection with the sale of the Debentures authorized by "Strawberry Hill Waterworks Construction and Loan By-law" and was instructed to carry on the negotiations as authorized at the last meeting of the Council.

Moved by Councillor Miller

Seconded by Councillor Johnston

That the Council do now adjourn to meet again at the Municipal Hall, Cloverdale, B.C. on Monday the 6th day of August, 1951, at 10.00 O'clock a.m. D.S.T.

Carried.

Adjournment accordingly at 11.15 p.m.

Charles G. Reeve REEVE

Perry R. Simpson CLERK