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FIRE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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March 14th, 1966

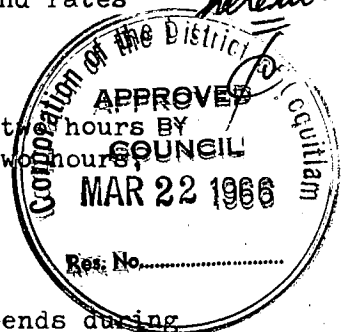
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A meeting of the Fire Committee was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, March 14th at 7:30 p.m. with Chairman Co. Vallance, Co. Hogarth, Co. Rose and Fire Chief, B. Falcon in attendance.

The members of the Committee discussed fire insurance premiums and rates of pay for paid Fire Departments and volunteer firemen.

Moved by Co. Rose, seconded by Co. Hogarth:

That the volunteer firemen be paid \$5.00 per call for the first two hours and \$2.37 per hour after two hours, with fire calls guaranteed two hours, and the retainer to remain at \$10.00 a month if they qualify.



Carried

The Fire Chief reported that a stand-by crew was needed on week-ends during the summer months as he had to answer most fire calls himself while the firemen were away for the week-end.

Moved by Co. Hogarth, seconded by Co. Rose:

That for the months of July and August and the nine statutory holidays per year, a stand-by crew of five men in the West End and two men in the East end be paid \$1.00 per hour for 12 hours per day, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m, plus regular fire pay if called out.

Carried

Discussion took place regarding the closing of Firehall No. 2.

Moved by Co. Rose, seconded by Co. Hogarth:

That a member of the Provincial Fire Marshall's Office be invited to meet with the Fire Committee to discuss various problems that have arisen out of information that has come to the Committee.

Carried

Moved by Co. Rose, seconded by Co. Hogarth:

That J. Kincaid, Civil Defence Co-ordinator, be authorized to purchase a winch for the Civil Defence Rescue Truck.

Carried

The Committee recommended that a Christmas Tree Sale Form be drawn, requiring the posting of a bond to secure the removal of unsold Christmas trees.

Moved by Co. Hogarth, seconded by Co. Rose:

That a Demolition Permit be drawn governing the regulation of the demolition of buildings in the municipality.

Carried

Moved by Co. Rose, seconded by Co. Hogarth:

That the Fire Works By-Law be amended to include "No person shall fire or set off any fire-ball, squib, cracker, or other fireworks in or on any street, lane, square, park or other public place without having first obtained from the Fire Chief a permit in writing to do so."

Carried

Moved by Co. Hogarth, seconded by Co. Rose:

That a by-law regulating the storage of inflammable liquids be drawn to include "Unless same is approved, no person shall put, place, pour or deliver, into any container having a capacity of less than five imperial gallons, any class one (1) or class two (2) inflammable liquid as defined in regulation No. 7.08

of regulation governing the manufacture, sale, storage, carriage and disposal of inflammable liquids and oils pursuant to the "Fire Marshal Act."

Definition of approved type containers: To be an approved safety container or a metal container with a screw top.

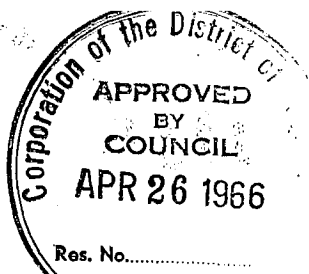
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Moved by Co. Rose, seconded by Co. Hogarth:  
That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

.....CHAIRMAN

Monday, March 28th, 1966.



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FIRE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Fire Committee was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall, 1111 Brunette Avenue, New Westminster, B. C., on Monday, March 28th, 1966, at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Jenns of the Fire Marshal's Office addressed the meeting in camera on the question of our fire department, location of fire halls and volunteer firemen vs paid firemen.

The meeting then convened with the public invited and Mr. Jenns spoke to the public and promised to get a comparison of the surrounding fire halls in regard to certain matters such as

- 1) rates reduced by paid firemen
- 2) which of the District's fire halls are suitable
- 3) Those halls that would not carry on if they are not needed.

Co. Clarke mentioned Mr. Broomfield's report and complimented him upon it and now wish that the Fire Marshal make a report.

Co. Clarke requested the Fire Chief to get in touch with the Underwriters' Association to find out definitely if we increase our volunteer fire department per hall, would this have the effect of reducing the rates.

The Reeve was advised that the town planners had set a 3/4 mile radius for fire fighting and that the Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board had advised that the radius should be 1 1/2 miles and this information was used in the preparation of reports for the location of fire halls. Co. Clarke said this seemed to him to be a case for an independent report from the Fire Marshal's Office and it was agreed to inquire of Mr. McLeod if he would make a survey as to man power and insurance rates, and in relation to paid firemen and our water and equipment facilities. Mr. Jenns stated that he was sure that the Fire Marshal's Office would support the view of a paid vs volunteer firemen and complimented the Fire Chief on using the Fire Chief's Association for his findings.

Mr. Jenns was thanked and the discussion ended with the promise to ask for a report from Mr. McLeod on the municipal operations and a report from the Fire Marshal's Office.

Moved by Co. M. W. Rose seconded by Co. J. P. Clarke:  
That the meeting adjourn.

Carried.

.....CHAIRMAN

Monday, April 25th, 1966

FIRE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Fire Committee along with representatives of the five Fire Halls as members of the Firemen's Benefit & Benevolent Association met in the Council Chambers on Monday, April 25th, 1966 with Co. Vallance, Co. Rose, Fire Chief and Municipal Clerk present.

Mr. Mike Janyk reported to the Committee that he had received the communications and was instructed to state that if there were not closer communications with the Committee, the Firemen's Benefit & Benevolent Association would have to disband. It was stated that there was very little change in the financial picture by the offering of \$1.37 over the previous rate for hourly firefighting beyond the second hour and that 50 cents over previous fire practices per hour was not satisfactory to the association.

Discussion continued in which the Fire Committee stated that there was a feeling of inefficiency and cost of living bonus had only increased by 10% in light of figures produced and tabled with Council - overall budget for firefighting in 1966 would give the firemen a 25% increase.

The association representative stated that some volunteers are disgruntled with the light pay and compulsory <sup>attitude</sup> as per 1964 Schedule of Payments and Regulations that were handed them and posted, <sup>but</sup> not signed.

The Fire Chief explained the question of time of practice and many experiences where the association and its members had violated the regulations.

The Chairman then called for a study of the Schedule of Payments and Regulations, which would serve as a base for further negotiations with the Fire Committee, retroactive to March 1st, 1966. The meeting then adjourned until the circulation of the new regulations have been studied for a report-back meeting from the association.

.....CHAIRMAN

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Proposed  
Payments, Practices & Regulations  
District of Coquitlam Fire Department

Payments:

- A. \$5.00 per Fire call - first 2 hours.
- B. \$2.37 per hour for 3rd hour of fire fighting and each hour thereafter.
- C. \$5.00 per practice period.
- D.1. One month absenteeism for sickness, or ordered by employer to be out of District shall not disqualify but for no acceptable reason, shall be moved to reserve list and all benefits cease.
2. All equipment issued shall be turned in to the Fire Chief when removed from Active List, including personal apparel issued under one year service.
3. A leave of absence slip shall be filed with the Fire Chief for a holiday period from regular employment. Same shall be at discretion of Fire Chief, not exceeding one month under normal conditions. Failing to do so will cause name to be moved to Reserve List.
4. No payment shall be made for any illness or accident not caused by activity in the Fire Department.
5. No call time or practice time shall be paid for compensable accident or illness.
6. No fireman shall ride equipment or take physical part at fires or practice while on compensation.
7. Time sheets will be posted in each fire hall. Any errors or omissions shall be reported to the Fire Chief.
8. Any unauthorized removal of Fire Department equipment by any fireman shall be treated as a theft and will be dealt with by the Police Department. The offending fireman will be subject to discipline and dismissal.
9. All damages or loss of fire equipment shall be reported immediately to the Fire Chief.

Practices:

- E. Firemen shall report to the fire hall and be ready to go by 10 a.m. for day shift and 7:00 p.m. for night shift.
- F. All fire equipment and buildings shall be left clean, orderly and serviceable.
- G. Practices will be held on a live basis and everyone shall take his turn on the given subject or instruction.
- H.1. Hard hats will be worn at practices and fires.
2. No smoking on apparatus floor.
3. No smoking on apparatus to or from a fire or a practice.

- 4. Smoking period will be allowed at the fire only after the fire is determined to be controlled, and at this time, an officer shall relieve as many as he sees fit.
- I. Fire Chief shall meet with Captains to set procedure and penalties to the smooth operation and working conditions of the Department.
- J. Officers of the Department may be changed annually at the discretion of the Fire Chief, using the qualifications as one of the guiding factors of appointment.
- K. A list of Firemen shall be drawn by the Fire Chief for the period of July and August and nine statutory holidays to be known as the "Week-end Skeleton Fire Fighting Crew".

To qualify on said list the first three firemen acceptable by the Fire Chief, who phone in or inform the Fire Chief stating they will stand to for the week-end, will receive \$12.00 per week-end as a retainer, to overcome a serious shortage of fire fighters during the above mentioned holiday months and week-ends.

Fire Calls:

- L. When a truck and crew are on a call and a second alarm is received by this crew, only one call time will be paid and this crew will respond to any part of the Municipality and will be paid Two Dollars and Thirty-seven Cents (\$2.37) per hour after the second call time hour.
- M. No payment will be given to any fireman reporting to fire hall just in time to load hose.
- N. Firemen shall be paid at third hour rate when reporting at a fire after the first hour.
- O. No payment shall be given after a fire has been struck out and equipment has left the scene of the fire.
- P. No payment shall be given to any fireman who responds to a call and immediately goes to his place of employment.
- Q. No fireman shall be held at a fire unless necessary and he shall report to the pump operator, his time of departure which will be recorded on a time sheet.
- R. Call time shall be paid where apparatus is dispatched on a false alarm.

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District of Coquitlam Fire Dept.

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Chairman

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Fire Chief

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President  
Firemen's Benefit & Benevolen Assoc.

Thursday, May 12th, 1966.

FIRE COMMITTEE

A Fire Committee was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall, 1111 Brunette Avenue, New Westminster, B. C., on Thursday, May 12th, at 8:00 p. m., with Co. Rose and Co. Hogarth present. Co. Vallance in the Chair.

Moved by Co. M. W. Rose seconded by Co. D. A. Hogarth:  
That we agree to the general agreement proposed and submitted by the Firemen's Benefit & Benevolent Association providing the Budget of \$25,000 is maintained for wages and salaries and that the Fire Chief be asked to reduce the hours of practice to pick up the extra \$1,500.00 the proposal would require.

Carried.

Moved by Co. D. A. Hogarth seconded by Co. M. W. Rose:  
That the meeting adjourn.

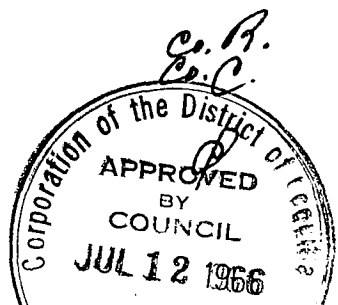
Carried.

..... CHAIRMAN





Monday, June 27th, 1966.



FIRE COMMITTEE

A Special Meeting of the Fire Committee convened in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall, 1111 Brunette Avenue, New Westminster, B.C., on Monday, June 27th, 1966 at 7:30 p.m. when Mr. Broomfield was invited to present the South East Coquitlam Community Ratepayers Association's findings on insurance rates and comparisons of Fire Departments within the Lower Mainland.

Twenty-six Councilmen and ratepayers were present including fire insurance company representatives.

Following the presentation by Mr. Broomfield, Mr. Williams of Hopkin & Williams and Mr. Lyle of Wolstencroft Agencies Ltd., were permitted to speak,

Moved by Co. Clarke, seconded by Co. Rose:  
That a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Broomfield and his associates for the effort expended and the presentation brought to the meeting.

Carried

Moved by Co. Rose, seconded by Co. Vallance:  
That Mr. McLeod of the Canadian Underwriters Association and Mr. Williams of the insurance firm of Hopkin & Williams be thanked for their appearance at the meeting.

Carried

Moved by Co. Rose, seconded by Co. Butler:  
That the Fire Committee adjourn.

Carried

.....CHAIRMAN

Tuesday, October 4th, 1966.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall, 1111 Brunette Avenue, New Westminster, B.C. on Tuesday, October 4th, 1966 with all members of the Council present, save Reeve Christmas.

Co. Vallance brought forward a letter from W. J. Joyce, Assessor, to the Bargaining Committee, submitting that consideration to a salary adjustment for himself had been held in abeyance pending consideration by Council of the Bruce Report. In his submission the Assessor pointed out the salaries of various municipalities.

Moved by Co. Clarke, seconded by Co. Vallance:  
That the Assessor's salary be raised to \$775.00 per month from July 1st, 1966 and that the Assessor be informed that future increments will depend upon his running of the Assessment Department with more efficiency than has been apparent to Council.

Carried

Moved by Co. Clarke, seconded by Co. Rose:  
That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

..... CHAIRMAN

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