

Thursday, February 28th, 1963.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A Meeting of the Historical Society of The Corporation of the District of Coquitlam convened in the Council Chambers on Thursday, February 28th, 1963 at 7:30 p. m., with 17 members present.

The reported organizations were present:- Southeast Coquitlam Community Ratepayers Association, Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, Ranch Park Community Association, Fatima School Board and Ratepayers Association, Laurentian-Bel Air Community Association and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Ledet of the Fatima School, suggested that a committee be struck to commence the work of gathering facts, revising the history of Coquitlam and cataloging known items.

A suggestion was made by Mr. Frank Crawley that as the District of Coquitlam may not have sufficient items of historical nature, that a metro co-operation of people interested in Port Moody, Port Coquitlam, Fraser Mills and New Westminster, be investigated. This found no support.

Mr. W. Parker suggested that New Westminster and District Historical Society be organized and the purpose would be to keep up interest in the field of historical and museum items.

The meeting then gathered around the Council Board where a great number of items were on display including pictures of the old days in the District of Coquitlam and Port Moody.

Co. Filiatrault representing His Worship, Reeve Christmas stated that the Reeve had indicated that a showcase would be displayed in the new Arena which would include some of the items on display.

It was then decided to form a committee of 5 and the following were duly elected:- Mr. F. Pobst, Mr. F. Crawley, Reeve Christmas, Mr. Robie Sanderson and Mrs. Valerie Sutherland.

Before the meeting adjourned, the next meeting was called for March 28th, 1963, in the Council Chambers at 7:30 p. m., and it was suggested that a special speaker be arranged for.

Moved by Mr. Crawley seconded by Mr. Taber:  
That the meeting adjourn.

Carried.

A Meeting of the Committee convened in the Clerk's Office and steps were taken to arrange details of the next meeting with a speaker.

The following were present at the meeting:-

Mr. Clarence Taber, 371 Walker Avenue, N. W.	WE 8-3509
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Crawley, 622 Smith Avenue, N. W.	WE 9-2734
Godfrey Haliburton, 642 Alderson Avenue, N. W.	WE 8-2018
Mr. Geo. Ledet, 841 Edgar Avenue, N. W.	WE 9-0849
S. McIntosh, 670 Schoolhouse Street, N. W.	WE 9-5750
Mrs. Audrey Mores, 1368 Summit Drive, N. W.	WE 9-2643
Mr. Grant Petrie, 703 Newport Street, N. W.	WE 9-5207
Mrs. C. T. Pitt, 1109 Grover Avenue, N. W.	WE 9-1853
Mrs. John Sanderson & Mr. Rob. Sanderson, 541 Linton St., NW.	WE 9-0580
Mrs. S. Snider, 824 Gauthier Avenue, N. W.	WE 8-1381
Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Sutherland, 351 Seaforth Cres., N. W.	WE 8-2720
Mr. E. Tribe, 3095 Spuraway Drive, Port Coquitlam	WH 2-8827
Mr. William Zaharoff, 2000 Quinton Avenue, N. W.	WE 9-3671

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Municipal Clerk, acting as Chairman, introduced the City Clerk of New Westminster, Mr. George Brine, who addressed the meeting on the matter of Irving House Historical Centre Society operated by the City of New Westminster for the past 13 years.

Irving House was built between 1862 & 1864, purchased by the City in 1950 to be operated as a Historical Centre. This building is finished in the 19th Century. Finishings were shipped in from San Francisco during its building and the wallpaper is still the original wallpaper shipped from England.

A separate building is now being planned; one floor with sub-basement for the many items that have been collected over the years. The City operates it in conjunction with the Native Daughters and Native Sons; 2 from the City and 2 from the other organizations.

It is now opened daily from 2:00 - 4:00 p. m. except on Mondays for the public to visit and it is popular with groups of different organizations and school children.

Public cards and advertising are distributed and up until recently, the May Day Party was held in the building. The only observance that is held there at the present is "Douglas Day" which is Open House. The City Parks Board maintain the grounds and boulevards.

It was recommended that a declaration be taken from all presentations and gifts so as not to become involved in the Administration of Estates when gifts are re-claimed.

Many items were left with the meeting and the Financial Statements and literature regarding operation of Irving House were donated by Mr. Brine.

Following the retirement of Mr. Brine from the meeting, the rest of the meeting was used in discussing different projects which included searching out the possibility of museum and historical society work.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Vancouver City Museum, Acting Curator, James C. Garner, had been contacted but he had not stated by letter when it would be convenient for him to address our Society. The name of Willard Ireland, Provincial Archivist, was put forward to be contacted in this regard.

It was agreed that before the meeting as many of the members would attend the New Westminster Historic Centre and Vancouver's Museum.

Mr. Sutherland suggested the people around us that are acquainted with the old days, be interviewed and that the Department of Psychology, U. B. C. M., be asked to supply the type of questions that one should ask to overcome the embarrassing situation to bring out historical data.

It was suggested that contact be made of Father Millard residing in Belgium for his written contribution to our studies of our French population.

A suggestion was made to contact the organization preparing this Saturday for a reunion of the old red schoolhouse on North Road which will be held at the Gai Paree and some of the old teachers which were teaching there, six in number, still living in the area would lend great assistance.

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It was suggested that we search out certain facts regarding Hudson's Bay Post at Haversley & Hillcrest. Before the next meeting, it was decided that a tape a "case" be presented for the interest of the meeting and if opportunity presents itself, the Burnaby Historical Society should be contacted to see if any thought were made to secure the Seven Gable House on the North Road as a joint museum effort. It was suggested that contact be made with the Okanagan Historical Society in case some of their active members of years gone by may be retired within our lower mainland and could assist us in our organization.

Moved by Mr. Sanderson seconded by Mrs. Sutherland:

That the meeting adjourn until April 25th, 1963, at 7:30 p. m. and that notices be mailed to all members of this meeting.

Carried.

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### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A meeting of the Historical Society was held in the General Office of the Municipal Hall, 1111 Brunette Avenue, New Westminster, B. C., on Thursday, April 25th, 1963, at 7:30 p. m., with 11 members present along with a full programme and Mrs. Reynolds, who first resided in our Municipality since 1904 and made suitable contribution of information and references during the meeting and during the study of a map presented by Grant Petrie on early subdivisions of the Municipality.

The following suggestions were made throughout the meeting that was considered important enough to explore further.

- (1) That a contest among the children for information leading to the discovery of the oldest house still in existence and the photographing of same.
- (2) Arrange an interview with Mr. R. McDonald, former Reeve of the Municipality and tape these interesting statements to the day by day government of this Municipality back in the 30's.
- (3) Check on the date of construction of Essondale.
- (4) Secure a section of the old Fraser Mills wooden pipe from Como Lake to Fraser Mills.
- (5) Arrange an interview with Jane Kilmer of Port Coquitlam.
- (6) Arrange for an interview with Mrs. Reynolds to discuss the background of our Municipality in the early part of the century in and around Smith Avenue and Como Lake, who was formerly Miss Haley.

Mr. C. Taber reported that on Brunette Avenue in 1917 he purchased 1.38 acres of land with a house 22 x 32 for \$1,200.00 and at that time there were only 4 other houses between the Municipal Hall and Swift Canadian.

Mr. Tribe reported that Miss Stewart had informed him that her brother J. Ray Stewart had written a thesis on French Canadians in British Columbia and that he would endeavour to secure a copy of this book for the Society's Library.

He also informed the Society that Mrs. Adams had written a history of Coquitlam School and that he would endeavour to secure information on this book and certain pictures in the possession of Mr. Hobkirk.

Mr. G. Petrie really enthused the meeting when he presented a draft map of the District of Coquitlam in the old days and was of great interest to the old timers as they studied roads and trails.

The first short interview recorded on tape of this Society was conducted by Mr. G. Sutherland when he interviewed Mr. C. Taber for approximately 5 minutes.

It was agreed by these gentlemen that the tape recorder, owned by Mr. Haliburton, would be brought into use and the interview concluded before the next meeting if possible.

Pictures were projected of the early "Gallery of Canadian History" supplied by Confederation Life Association through the kindness of Mr. W. J. Farnsworth and the commentary that came with the slides was very graciously given by Mrs. Sutherland.

Mr. Frank Crawley agreed to interview Mrs. Reynolds and Jane Kilmer and tape same.

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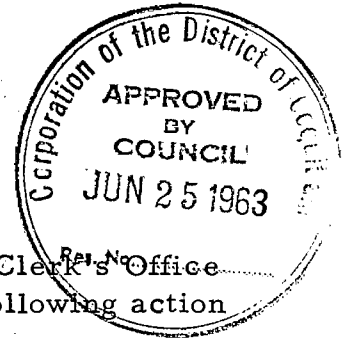
The meeting adjourned with the understanding that the Executive would make arrangements for the next Municipal meeting with a suitable agenda and that the offer from the museum in Vancouver and the Marine Museum be delayed until Fall and at that time, a seminar to be arranged with Mr. Sutherland assisting the Executive to launch the Fall and Winter studies of our Society.

Moved by Mr. Sutherland seconded by Mr. Petrie:  
That the meeting adjourn.

Carried.

..... CHAIRMAN

Thursday, June 20th, 1963.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A meeting of the Executive of the Historical Society was held in the Clerk's Office of the Municipal Hall, on Thursday, June 20th, 1963, in which the following action was taken.

The following committees to carry on suggestions that have been tabled thus far were established.

Frank Crawley to chair a committee to carry out Mrs. Runnels' suggestion of zoning Municipality and commence interviews for information of a historical nature.

Mr. Sutherland to chair a committee and plan a conclave or congress on historical procedures for early in September of interest to the general public and school officials and all the school children on matters of a historical nature.

The following suggestions building up work was concluded that the next meeting should be called for July 25th, 1963, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall.

Moved by R. Sanderson seconded by F. Crawley:  
That the meeting adjourn.

Carried.

..... CHAIRMAN

Thursday, July 25th, 1963



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A meeting of the Historical Society was held in the Clerk's Office of the Municipal Hall on Thursday, July 25th, 1963, at 7:30 p. m.

A very interesting meeting was held on July 25th with the presentation by Mr. Tribe of 5 photographs of the early history of the Maillardville area as submitted by the Millside School. This will be listed by a Committee chaired by Mr. R. Sanderson as we commence our catalogue of facts and exhibits.

Mr. Tribe presented the Society with a call number for a precis that was written by J. Stewart entitled "French Canadian Settlement in British Columbia" now in the hands of the University of British Columbia Library.

Communication was received from Mrs. Runnels and Mrs. Crawley suggesting maps be obtained showing growth of the Municipality in 3 periods of 25 years each since 1891.

The meeting agreed that this should be followed and the plans will be carried out with the completion of the first map by Mr. Grant Petrie.

The report of the Executive of July 22nd, 1963, was reviewed and in light of a confidential report to be released on August 22nd, the following action was taken. A General Committee consisting of a Chairman and Co-Chairman of each committee plus Reeve Christmas and Dr. Black to organize and carry out a historical conference in the District of Coquitlam.

1. Ladies Committee to look after a Friday and Saturday coffee or tea service and a Saturday lunch (sandwich) of the conference members.
2. A Secretary to the Committee of the conference would be Mrs. Sutherland.
3. Finance Committee - Reeve Christmas.
4. Publicity and Publication Committee - Mr. Orpwood.
5. Conference Committee - Mr. Sutherland.
6. Exhibition Committee - Mr. Zaharoff and Mr. Sanderson.
7. Oldest Citizen Committee - Mr. Frank Crawley.
8. Essay Committee - Mr. R. Stibbs.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Historical Society would be August 22nd, 1963, at which time Committee Chairmans will have performed the first portion of their duties and the co-ordination of the work including finance should be finalized that evening.

The suggested dates for the Conference, October 4th & 5th, 1963.

Moved by Mr. Sanderson seconded by Mr. Sutherland:

That applications be made for the organization of our Society and registration with the Provincial Government.

Carried.

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The matter of membership for charter membership will be dealt with at the next meeting and that attendance at the Conference would supply membership rights to those attending.

Moved by Mr. Sutherland seconded by Mr. Zaharoff:

That Frank Drawley be authorized to approach the Council for them to lead the programme of selection of the oldest citizen along with Native Son and Native Daughter.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Crawley seconded by Mr. Zaharoff:

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried.

Upon the review of the Executive Minutes and the full agreement of the programme, the meeting adjourned until August 22nd, 1963, at 8:00 p. m., in the Municipal Hall.

..... CHAIRMAN



Thursday, August 22nd, 1963



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A meeting of the Historical Society was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall on Thursday, August 22nd, 1963, with a goodly number present .

The draft of Committees as of July 25th, 1963, were approved and the Chairman of the Ladies Committee was accepted by Mrs. Crawley.

The Finance Committee to be advised that the following funds are needed for the Conference amounting to \$235.00 plus publicity and publication committee estimates along with the Essay Contest, possibly a total of \$500.00.

The question liability forms was left with the Municipal Clerk to draft.

The admission to the 2 days - Adults \$1.00; Students 50¢, with right of Membership upon completion of application.

The necessary tickets would be 400 adults 150 students.

The next meeting of the Executive was called for September 5th, 1963.

The meeting then adjourned.

.....CHAIRMAN