

CORRESPONDENCE

The following letters were read and dealt with:

Minister of Commercial Transport -  
Re: Roberts Bank Railway Link

Stating that the Minister has decided on the original route as presented to Council. This is the route which traverses the Grosvenor-Laing property. Mayor Poppy suggested that representation should be made to the B.C. Hydro Authority regarding the need for a grade separation where the railway crosses the Livingstone Road.

On motion of Aldermen Barichello and Jensen the letter was received and immediate action is to be taken regarding negotiations with B.C. Hydro Authority on the Livingstone Road crossing.

Salmon River Dyking District - Re: Annual Meeting

Stating that this meeting is to be held in the Fort Langley Community Hall on March 18th, 1969 at 8:00 p.m. Alderman Woolley was authorized to attend this meeting.

United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union -  
Re: Property Assessments

Stating that residential property assessments have increased by at least forty percent whereas some larger commercial properties have remained static and some have actually reduced. The letter also suggested there be a dual mill rate system whereby commercial property would have a higher mill rate than residential.

This letter was ordered filed on motion of Aldermen Blair and Jensen.

Building Inspectors' Association of B.C. -  
Re: Annual Conference

Stating that this Conference is to be held in Campbell River, B. C. on May 7th, 8th and 9th. The Building Inspector was authorized to attend on motion of Aldermen Breier and Blair.

International Business Machines -  
Re: Computer Services

Offering a data centre service for use of municipalities.

This letter was tabled for further consideration on motion of Aldermen Breier and Shuster.

DiArcy & Leonard Limited -  
Re: 50th Avenue (West of 232nd Street)

Stating that the property owner is not interested in making any contribution towards the road construction costs. The letter was ordered filed.

Fort Langley Band - Re: Grant

Asking for the same grant as in 1968, namely \$500.

This request was referred to the Finance Committee on motion of Aldermen Shuster and Jensen.

Kinsmen Club - Re: Blood Donor Clinic

Asking the municipality to jointly sponsor a proclamation with the City of Langley advertising this Blood Donor Clinic to be held on March 14th, 1969.

This proclamation was approved on motion of Aldermen Barichello and Breier.

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Truck Radios

The Chairman reported that four of the truck radios have become obsolete and it is not possible to obtain repair parts. Replacement of these radios with more up-to-date General Electric radios would be \$2,620.00. Alderman Breier suggested that consideration should be given to obtaining lease rental units from the B.C. Telephone Company, and the Council should also give consideration to changing the frequency used by the Public Works Department, because it interferes with the fire and police operations.

On motion of Mayor Poppy and Alderman Breier, the Department of Transport is to be contacted regarding possible change of frequency and prices for radios are to be obtained from other Companies and the B.C. Telephone Company.

Jackman Road Garbage Dump

The Chairman reported that together with the Mayor he had interviewed Mr. L.D. Griffioen, and they were prepared to recommend the appointment of Mr. Griffioen to this position, but the Chairman made reference to the offer made by Mr. N. Schaeffer earlier in this committee meeting. Mr. Griffioen was willing to accept the salary of \$100.00 per month, but had asked if there was any special accident insurance coverage for this position. The question of this appointment was referred to Council on motion of Aldermen Blair and Breier.

Roberts Bank Railway

The Chairman suggested that the municipality should make sure that its roads are protected from heavy damage when the construction of this railway link is undertaken.

On motion of Alderman Blair and Mayor Poppy, B. C. Hydro Authority is to be contacted and requested that a clause be included in the contract regarding adequate safeguard of municipal roads from damage.

PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURES

The list of expenditures to February 26th, 1969 was presented, and the Chairman noted that the snow removal bill to that date was \$41,509.31.

This report was received on motion of Aldermen Barichello and Breier.

PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE

The report of the meeting of this Subcommittee held on March 5th, 1969 was presented and is attached to these minutes as Schedule No. 2.

The following action was taken on items contained in the report:

Traffic Signs

The Chairman reported that there are 762 signs on the municipal roads at a total basic cost of \$7,500.00, and he noted that vandalism repairs are costing in the neighbourhood of \$12,000.00 per year.

The recommendation was adopted on motion of Alderman Breier and Mayor Poppy.

Decals for Trucks

These decals are to be obtained and placed on the trucks on motion of Aldermen Breier and Barichello. Alderman Jensen voted contrary.

Mobile Homes - Mr. V. Schneider

The recommendation was adopted on motion of Aldermen Breier and Blair.

Mobile Homes - Mr. Halliburton

The recommendation was adopted on motion of Aldermen Jensen and Breier.