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THE WATER SUPPLY

LETTER FROM COUNCILLOR WATT

The following letter written by Councillor Watt as chairman of the Waterworks Committee is very timely, inasmuch as the question of water supply has been greatly exercising the minds of the public. In another part of this issue we publish a letter from an Altamont resident regarding the shortage of water. Such a condition should not be found in West Vancouver, and it is good to know that active measures are being taken to remedy this state of affairs.

Parks and open spaces are very necessary, as are good roads, but by far the most important necessity is a liberal supply of good water. The quality of the water we have is admirable, but the supply is lamentable. If the development proposed by the council is proceeded with without delay, the residents of the district can reasonably expect alleviation of this condition, and it is hoped that the discussion as to whether steel or wood pipes should be used will not unduly delay progress of the work. The members of the council, of course, are not expected to be experts on questions of material, and, if they cannot agree with our own engineering staff as to the best kind of pipe to be used, the reasonable thing to do, it would seem, would be to obtain expert advice, which can be had at very short notice. The council on the whole is working very efficiently, and it seems a pity if their efforts are to be slowed down by discussions of a matter which should be easily solved.

The letter by Councillor Watt will be read with great interest, as it shows that the waterworks department is keeping its nose to the grindstone.

Hollyburn, Aug. 8, 1927.

To the Editor, West Vancouver News,
Hollyburn, B. C.

In view of your article in the issue of August 5th, I believe that your explanation should be augmented. This is my first year as Chairman on the most important committee (in my opinion) of the affairs of the public, namely, Water Department.

Judging from what has happened in the past it is perhaps as well to make haste slowly with regard to alterations and improvements.

Last year a very complete survey was made and Mr. Morgan presented a scheme which had all the earmarks of being very suitable to our requirements. This scheme had one drawback—the cost. In any case it was not thought advisable to prosecute the scheme to completion and the matter was dropped.

This year, following my appointment by Reeve Vinson to the Fire, Water and Parks Committee, I decided to recommend an alternative which would lend itself to our local sources of supply and also one which would be administered or at least supplied by the Metropolitan Water Board. To that end it was proposed to ask the Ratepayers at Whytecliff and Cypress to endorse a By-law for a new system at each of these districts and to augment and improve the Brothers Creek area by installing a new main on Queens avenue.

The Whytecliff By-law was a success and the chief point of debate now is whether we must put in wood mains or a better class of metal water main. Our engineer's figures were based on wood mains with steel couplings and your council are endeavoring to secure something better within the money.

So far as Cypress Park, Caulfeild and West Bay are concerned, your council desire to combine this area but find themselves unable to get a petition from a large enough percentage of property owners asking for a new system. In this connection it should be pointed out that the present system at Caulfeild has outlived its usefulness and a new one cannot long be delayed.

I believe that the residents in that area would be agreeable to such a step and it is only a question of waiting for the whole area to come in that is holding back action on this very important matter.

In Cypress Park a different state of affairs exist as a Small private system continues to supply water to a few and also the Cannery people have loaned the use of their supply. This naturally satisfies a few to the possible detriment of others. I hope I am not expressing myself too strongly when I say that in the matter of a water supply we must co-operate to the fullest possible extent in order to get an adequate supply to every section of the municipality.

We now find ourselves in that section from Capilano west to 32nd street and we find in that area that our excellent municipal fathers of early days entirely overlooked the fact that ours is a most popular residential spot. In other words we have outgrown the system and it is now time to scrap it and give us capacity in our mains. That is something which cannot be remedied by storage dams or anything else but replacing.

I wish to make my attitude quite clear to the public and it is this: I recommend a water system of sufficient capacity to supply 50 or 60 thousand population at a suitable pressure,

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NEW BRIDGE AT CAPILANO

Ratepayers Will Vote on
\$300,000 Proposal

START WORK THIS YEAR

Construction of a new bridge over Capilano River at Marine Drive, together with work of widening and straightening of the driveway throughout the municipality will be undertaken this year if a by-law is approved by the ratepayers in September.

The work will cost approximately \$300,000, 50 per cent. of this total being borne by the Provincial Legislature.

As the first step in the undertaking, the Municipal Council on Monday night instructed the engineer to prepare plans and obtain all possible information on the work as soon as possible.

When this is completed a by-law to cover the municipality's share will be placed before the ratepayers.

BOARD OF TRADE TO MEET MONDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the West Vancouver Board of Trade will be held next Monday in the Canadian Legion Rooms, Ferry Building. The meeting is called for 8 p.m.

Hollyburn Wharf Needs Repairing

For some time now the condition of Hollyburn wharf has left much to be desired. The council has requested the District Engineer to bring before his department the need of reconstruction work being done on the wharf, a copy of their resolution in connection with the matter having been sent to Gen. A. D. McRae. The council in their letter to the District Engineer, pointed out the necessity of the wharf being maintained in good condition, and reminded him of the money expended on it already.

To Prevent Oil Pumped On Beach Waters

Bathing in West Vancouver this summer has been spoilt from time to time by the oil which is pumped out of their tanks by deep sea steamers in the proximity of our shores. The council has called the attention of the harbor board to this matter and has requested that board to issue instructions to have this nuisance abated.

To Discuss Gas Supply

According to E. G. McFeat, secretary of the North Vancouver Board of Trade, it is possible that a joint meeting of North Shore councils may be called to discuss the question of obtaining gas for domestic purposes on the North Shore. Copies of the domestic gas agreement made by Burnaby with the B. C. Electric have been forwarded to the three councils.

DUNDARAVE REGATTA TOMORROW

The Dundarave Annual Regatta and Aquatic Sports takes place tomorrow afternoon at Dundarave Pier, where special accommodation is being provided for the crowd who usually attend this event which is recognized as one of the best of its kind on the Coast.

This is the eleventh year for the regatta, and as a result of the wise policy of always holding a large number of open events it has every year attracted the best talent on the Coast and from the interior. This year the affair promises to be bigger and better than ever, and any swimmer or diver who enters any of the open events will be stacked up against the aquatic cream of the West.

There are now four trophies for permanent competition: the "Leigh Cup," for 100 yards swim, men of West Vancouver; the "Gisby Cup," for the 50 yards swim, boys of West Vancouver, under 16; the "Troughton & Barrow Cup," for diving, for girls of West Vancouver, under 15, and the "Morgan Cup," for 50 yards swim, ladies of West Vancouver. There are also two gold medals of the West Vancouver Scottish Society, for the winners of the 50 yards swim, boys of West Vancouver, under 14, and 50 yards swim, girls of West Vancouver, under 14 respectively.

A number of valuable prizes in the shape of cups, medals, silverware, etc., will be up for competition and in addition, owing to the generosity of an anonymous donor, a cup will be given to the competitor making the highest aggregate.

There are 26 events on the programme this year which includes two new events open to visitors: 50 yards swim respectively for boys and girls under 16, also an aquatic derby, the heats of this race will be run on the preceding day and the finals only are listed on the programme.

The organizers are to be congratulated on the good work they have done in providing healthy sport and at the same time bringing the name of West Vancouver prominently before the people of the province. Swimming is one of the best exercises known. It develops every muscle in the body apart from its value from a health standpoint, and it is especially valuable to those who, like ourselves, live beside the sea. The fact that we have fifteen miles of coastline with all the opportunities for the practice of swimming and diving thus afforded is an additional reason why our young people should bend every effort to become proficient in these arts. Swimming and diving are two forms of sport in which we should and can excel, and every resident in West Vancouver should get behind the committee in their efforts to make the gala this year the best in its history.

Playground Equipment To Be Here Soon

Approximately \$1,000 worth of equipment has been ordered for the children's playground at Memorial Park. It is expected that delivery of this will be made in about a couple of weeks. The work of erecting the various units will then be undertaken by the playgrounds' committee, of which Councillor Ray is chairman. Funds are still needed for the full completion of this work, and any who wish to help financially may leave donations with the Royal Bank, West Vancouver, or with Councillor Ray. All such donations will be acknowledged through the press.

LETTER FROM SPORTS COMMITTEE

A letter was received by the council Monday night from F. J. Patterson, secretary of the newly convened sports committee, requesting they have an engineer survey and plan, in conjunction with the committee, the easterly end of the northerly portion of the Ambleside Park area, being approximately five acres, for the purpose of major sports so as to obtain the approximate cost of same. The council have replied that the municipal engineer was busy, but that he would be instructed to make the necessary investigation as soon as available, when the council would advise the committee.

Tax Collections Show Increase

A decided increase in tax collections this year is shown in a report to the municipal council. Tax collections amount to \$117,000, compared with \$96,000 for the corresponding period last year. Tax arrears this year are \$12,000 less than in 1926.

Medical Health Officer Gives Good Report

According to a report of the municipal health officer submitted to the council, the municipality has been singularly free from epidemics. General health conditions are excellent.

District's Share of Motor Fees

A cheque for \$5,110 was received by the council from the provincial government representing the municipality's share of motor license collections.

NOTICE

Change in Telephone Number.

The telephone number of THE WEST VAN. NEWS has been changed to WEST 363. This is the number at the office and at the residence of Mr. Hodgson. Mr. Lovegrove's number remains the same, i.e., West 412L.