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### Reeve Vinson's Inaugural Address

It is with a feeling of satisfaction that I have again been returned to serve as Reeve of West Vancouver for the year 1929. For confidence placed in me by the ratepayers I feel highly honored. My Policy of Progress and Development has been endorsed and I trust that I will be able to so direct the destiny of the Municipality and further its Progress and united harmony so essential to the development of our District.

In welcoming you to this, our Statutory meeting of 1929, it is with pleasure I note the improvement in the health of His Majesty The King. May it continue to the end that he will be spared for many years to come.  
To the New Elected Members of the Council:

I wish to congratulate you upon being elected and trust you will so devote your time and attention to your duties, that at the end of your term you will be able to give a good account of your services to those that have placed their confidence in you.

It is needless for me to say how pleased I am to be with you for the year 1929. May the same good feeling and co-operation continue during this year that has in the past. I trust I will enjoy the confidence of the whole Council and ask you all to co-operate with me for the benefit of the Municipality as a whole.

I feel it my duty to call your attention at this time to some of the problems that the 1929 Council will be called upon to give consideration and attention.

First:—The completion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and Public Works Department agreement now in hand.

Second:—Transportation to the Western end of our Municipality will require your immediate attention.

Third:—Keith Road: It will be necessary to complete this road so as to have an alternative entrance to our Municipality.

Fourth:—It will be necessary to have action on the consolidation of our Water Systems. That has been approved by the Electorate in the form of a plebiscite.

Fifth:—Finance: I recommend that our Tax Sale Lands be dealt with, with the object in view of development and bringing them into the revenue producing column. I will have recommendations along these lines to recommend to you in a short time.

Sixth:—Consideration should be given to better Fire protection.

Seventh:—Health: A watchful eye should always be kept upon the health welfare of our Municipality.

These and many other matters I shall recommend from time to time and I trust I shall receive your co-operation.

As to Publicity: I have found that the Press of Greater Vancouver have always been willing to co-operate and publish news of the Municipality and I ask you to co-operate with them as their assistance is most valuable.

The following first named Councillors will be chairman of the several committees. You will note we have only lost one Councillor from last year's Council, and it is not my intention to change the Chairmanships of the Committees. The Councillor, Mr. David Morgan will replace, Ex-Councillor Watt, as Chairman of Finance, and the Publicity will be the Reeve and Council. Councillor Blair will act as the other member of Finance: the same as last year.

Board of Works and Parks—Councillor Blair and whole Council  
Waterworks and Fire—Councillor Fiddes and whole Council.  
Transportation and Light—Councillor Jackman and whole council.

Board of Health—Reeve and whole Council.  
Respectfully submitted,  
V. V. VINSON, Reeve.

### The Work of the School Trustees

The first meeting of the 1929 Board of School Trustees was held last night. There being present Chairman G. D. Elgar and Mrs. Robinson, whose terms of office continue for the present year; J. M. Edington, who was re-elected for a two year term; and Mrs. Margaret Selwood, a new member elected for two years. Mr. B. R. Harrison, the fifth member, newly elected is in California on a trip of some weeks' duration. The meeting last night was more in the nature of a get-together gathering and to discuss the general affairs of School Board work.

West Vancouver had a splendid Board of School Trustees last year and it is expected that harmony and enthusiasm will mark the work of the 1929 Board.

We are fortunate in having had our school matters so ably guided and developed during the past few years. Like many others we think that the work of School Trustees is more  
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REEVE V. V. VINSON  
Re-Elected for the  
year 1929.

### LEGION ACCEPTS COUNCIL'S OFFER

#### Special Meeting Tonight to Consider Building

At the regular monthly meeting of the West Vancouver branch of the Canadian Legion on Friday night it was decided to accept the offer of the council to sell to them a suitable piece of property at a nominal price.

A special meeting of the branch will be held tonight in the Legion rooms at 8 p.m. to consider ways and means of erecting a building. Every member is requested to make a point of being present.

A building committee composed of volunteers was formed with Comrade Colin Turner as chairman, also a permanent entertainment committee.

Comrade W. E. Sewell was chosen chairman of this committee.

### NEW COUNCIL WILL MEET NEXT MONDAY

The new 1929 council will hold their first regular meeting next Monday, 28th January, at 7.30

The statutory meeting took place yesterday at 2 p.m., when Reeve Vinson allocated the chairmanships of the various committees to the members of his council.

Mr. Masterman, who was present, suggested to the council the desirability of approaching the Forestry Department to have the phone in Pollough Pogue's cottage connected throughout the year. Had this been done, he said, considerable time would have been saved in organising the search parties in connection with the recent tragedy on Hollyburn Ridge. Reeve Vinson said the matter was important and would receive the attention of the council.

### CONSERVATIVES TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the West Vancouver Conservative Association will be held in Ambleside Hall on Friday, 1st February at 8 p.m., when reports will be received and officers elected for the ensuing year. Every member is specially requested to be present.

### The Elections

All the retiring members of the Council and School Board who offered themselves for re-election were returned to office last Saturday; and in each case headed the poll. This is a remarkable endorsement of the policy of the 1928 officials and a personal tribute to the men.

Reeve V. V. Vinson was given a seventh term. Councillor Jackman received his quota on the first count as did School Trustee Edington.

No less than 1246 voters recorded their votes.

The election was specially noteworthy inasmuch as there were three candidates for the Reeveship—the first time in the history of West Vancouver when there has been a triangular contest for this office. There were five candidates for the two council seats, five for the three School Board Trustee vacancies and two for Police Commissioner.

The interest shown in the elections, not only in the number of candidates offering themselves, but also in the particularly well attended meetings preceding the elections, augurs well for the future of West Vancouver. It is good to see such interest for it shows that the people are alert and keen about the welfare of the municipality. Reeve Vinson's slogan "Progress and Development" is well reflected by such public interest. Lethargy in municipal matters is a sure sign of decay and retrogression.

The practically unanimous approval of the Water Amalgamation and the P. G. E. settlement is but another example of the people's satisfaction with the doings and efforts of the 1928 council and the desire of the ratepayers generally to assist in making West Vancouver up-to-date.

Naturally the chief interest was centred in the contest for the Reeveship. On all sides we have heard expressions commending the different candidates for the tone of their addresses. The absence of personalities made the speeches no less interesting.

Mr. Gisby and Mr. Leyland both gave masterly addresses. Mr. Leyland's oratory particularly made a distinct appeal to his hearers. As a platform man he was head and shoulders above any other candidate in the contest. It was a delight to listen to him. Mr. Leyland has an extensive vocabulary, a free and easy way of speaking, and is never at a loss for words.

Mr. Gisby's speech was given in a confident manner and the method he pursued in marshalling his thoughts made very evident the fact that he had much similar experience. What was lacking in the addresses of both these candidates, however, was supplied in a very forceful and telling manner by Reeve Vinson. The address last Friday was perhaps the best ever made by Mr. Vinson. Full of pungent and trenchant remarks, especially when criticising the regimes of Reeve Morgan and Reeve Gisby, he was not content as were the others, in criticising past administrations; but outlined a specific policy for the year and told the audience what he hoped to accomplish. The suggestion of pessimism was entirely absent. His was the optimistic, expectant, cheerful anticipation for the future and—the audience was with him.

The election of both Mr. Jackman and Mr. Morgan is one of those election anomalies difficult to explain. Mr. Jackman is a distinct booster for the ferries whilst Mr. Morgan is just as distinctly not. Mr. Morgan stood on a platform with but one plank, i.e., scrap the ferries.

It is a matter of great satisfaction that the two plebiscites carried by such heavy majorities. To have turned either of them down would have been extremely shortsighted policy. The two great problems that have been confronting this municipality for the past few years and which have remained unsolved for lack of money, have been the water supply and the maintenance of Marine Drive with which is connected the bridge over the Capilano. The passing of the water plebiscite will enable our council to take the first real step towards solving our water difficulties, while the consummation of the P. G. E. deal will do away, possibly for all time, with our troubles over keeping our main arterial highway in proper condition.

This election campaign differed in one very important particular from some in the past in that it was fought cleanly from start to finish. We think that the sincere congratulations of the electors are due to ALL the candidates for the sportsmanlike way in which they conducted themselves during the campaign. We had for example the spectacle of the three candidates for reeve all in equally good humor, addressing those assembled after the polls were declared, and of a candidate for police commissioner regretting that his opponent was too sick to appear on the platform.

These things are of more importance than elections, because they mean that we have that spirit of co-operation amongst us which places the welfare of West Vancouver above our own ambitions. It is indeed heartening that we can have a hard fought campaign with wide differences of opinion, and at the end laugh and shake hands and be as good friends as ever. So long as this spirit is amongst us, we need have no fear for the future of West Vancouver.