

CONVENTION OF B. C. MUNICIPALITIES— (Continued)

9.—Indigents.

Moved by Mr. G. D. Ireland, seconded by Alderman Woodside.

Whereas the present legislation determining the periods of time domiciling indigents throughout the Province of British Columbia is not working equitably in various districts of the Province, and

Whereas various representations seeking to have present legislation with reference to the domicile of indigents amended have been made during the past few years,

Be it therefore resolved that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities appoint a committee representing all sections of the Province to make a comprehensive study of this entire problem and submit a report on same to the next Convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

Committee recommended sponsors of this motion be appointed a committee for this purpose.

Moved by Reeve Fraser, seconded by Reeve Fletcher, That such committee be appointed.

Ald. Woodside, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, moved in amendment, That the President appoint a Committee representative of the whole Province.

On a vote being taken, the Amendment carried.

10.—City of Vancouver.

That the Government be requested at the next session of the Legislature to bring in an amendment to the "Motor Traffic Act" providing for allowing fire and police ambulance departments in all places in the Province to exceed the statutory limit in the Act as now provided so as to allow the departments to proceed to fires at a rate of twenty-five (25) miles an hour.

The Committee recommended,—That as apparently this resolution only applies to the City of Vancouver, which operates under a separate charter, it does not come within the jurisdiction of this Convention.

Moved by Clerk Floyd, seconded by Auditor Crehan, That this resolution be not adopted.—Carried.

11.—City of Port Alberni.

That provision be made in the Municipal Act for the levying of a "frontage rate" where water and electric light mains are laid along lanes or alleys.

Committee did not recommend adoption.

Moved by Councillor Mulgrew, seconded by Councillor Webb,—That this resolution be not adopted.—Carried.

12.—City of Victoria.

Resolved that provision be made in the new "Municipal Act" for the appointment by resolution of the Council of "Acting" officers during the absence or incapacity of Municipal Officers, or pending any vacancy in any municipal office; the Act to provide that such acting officer may fulfil all the duties and functions of the officer, or office, whom they represent, and whether such duties or functions be imposed or conferred by Statute or by By-law or Resolution of the Council.

Committee recommended no action be taken in respect of this resolution.

Moved by Mayor Miller, seconded by Clerk Moore, That this resolution be not adopted.—Carried.

13.—School Matters; Point Grey.

That the School Act be amended to provide that one member of the School Board shall be appointed by the Municipal Council from one of their number, and have full voting power on such school board.

Referred for consideration by Convention.

Moved by Reeve Fletcher, seconded by Alderman Arnold, That this resolution be laid over for consideration by the Convention.—Carried.

14.—Coquitlam. School Trustees.

That the present qualification for the position of school trustee in rural districts, viz., \$250.00 value of real property over and above all encumbrances, be amended and that the following be substituted therefor:

Any resident property owner paying property tax in the municipality and who has continuously resided in the municipality for one year or more, shall be qualified to act in the capacity of school trustee.

No action taken on this resolution.

Moved by Clerk Moore, seconded by Councillor Webb, That this resolution be not adopted.—Carried.

15.—Port Moody.

That the section of the Hospital Act relating to the liability of municipalities for treatment of indigent patients from such municipality be amended by setting a limit of time in the case of a continuous illness, in which a municipality shall be liable, and further that the Provincial Government be asked to provide for a home for incurable to take care of cases of this description.

No action taken on this resolution.

Moved by Councillor Loutet, seconded by Clerk Dickinson, That this resolution be laid over for further consideration by the Convention.—Carried.

16.—City of Victoria.

Resolution requesting no definite decision be arrived at by this Convention regarding new Municipal Act.

Referred to Secretary to be dealt with as a communication.

Moved by Reeve Fraser, seconded by Alderman Harvey, That this recommendation be adopted.—Carried.

Resolutions laid over for further consideration:

3. Cheap homes for soldiers and sailors:—Moved by Reeve Fraser, seconded by Councillor Mulgrew, That a special Committee be appointed to make a report upon the matter.—Carried.

The President appointed the following gentlemen as a committee: Mr. Leon J. Ladner, Auditor Crehan, Commissioner Gillespie, and Councillor Loutet.

5. Re Library Act.—Moved by Clerk Greig, seconded by Reeve Fletcher, That this resolution be adopted.—Carried.

6. City of Alberni.—Moved by Clerk Dickinson, seconded by Clerk Bracewell, That this matter be left to the drafters of the new Act.—Carried.

Oak Bay Resolution:—Moved by Councillor Shallcross, seconded by Auditor Crehan, That this resolution be adopted as amended.

Moved by Mayor Miller, seconded by Auditor Floyd, That this resolution might be safely left over until the end of the war.—Carried.

13. School Matters. Point Grey.

Moved by Councillor Pearson, seconded by Councillor Mulgrew, That this resolution be not adopted.—Carried.

17. District of Surrey:

That the Union of British Columbia Municipalities in Annual Convention assembled, urge upon the Government of the Province the desirability of passing into law at the coming session of Parliament an urban and rural planning and development Act, and that the Government be requested to invite the co-operation of the legal adviser of the Union and the commission of conservation in connection with the preparation of the desired measure, and that a copy of the draft act when prepared be sent to the heads of all municipalities in the Province.

Moved by Clerk Floyd, seconded by Mayor Miller, That this resolution be considered as part of the new Act.—Carried.

18. Municipality of Surrey.

Moved by Councillor McKenzie of Surrey, seconded by Councillor Seymour Huff, of Delta, That the Hospital Act be amended so as to provide that amounts paid by any municipality under the said Act on account of any resident of such municipality shall be a charge against the interest of such person in any lands in the municipality, and to be collected in the same manner as taxes, and that the municipal solicitor draft an amendment embodying the above principle.

Moved by Reeve Fraser, seconded by Reeve Vinson, That this recommendation be made to the drafters of the new Act.—Carried.

RESOLUTIONS FROM GOOD ROADS CONVENTION. GOOD ROADS LEAGUE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

List of Resolutions Passed by Resolutions Committee and Adopted by Convention.

1.—Moved by Mr. Wilson, M.L.A., Rossland, B.C., seconded by Mr. E. M. Grenier, Trail, B.C.

Whereas—in this district there is no direct road connection between West Kootenay and the Boundary—Okanagan, which leads to Western British Columbia,

Rossland, Trail and Nelson are located within the West Kootenay District, and are practically isolated as far as outlets by road to the east or west are concerned. To reach the Boundary country it is necessary to travel into