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SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - AUGUST 8, 1938.

The Social Services Committee met on Monday, August 8th, 1938, at 10.10 A.M.

Present: Alderman Corey (Chairman), His Worship Mayor Geo. C. Miller, Aldermen Bennett, Cornett, Crone, DeGraves, Gutteridge, Kirk and Wilson.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

The Committee beg to recommend to Council the adoption of the following report:

1. Re Milk Inspection: Allegations made by Dr. E. McCulloch.

The City Analyst submitted a report in connection with an article which appeared in the Vancouver Sun under date of August 2nd, 1938, with respect to statements alleged to have been made by Dr. Ernest McCulloch, M.A., Ph.D., of the State of Washington, at a Session of the Pacific Northwest Veterinary Medical Association convention recently held in this City.

The allegations relate to the plant of the Empress Dairies Limited, and the report deals in considerable detail with all the circumstances with respect to the matter, and states that the allegations are entirely without foundation.

Recommended that the report of the City Analyst in the premises be received, and that copies be made available to those persons who may apply for same.

2. Re Workers' Alliance.

Delegations from two branches of the above-noted body appeared before the Committee and requested that a hearing be given in connection with various matters contained in two communications submitted.

Recommended that a meeting of the Special Committee re Hours of Work and other matters be called, at which representatives of the Workers' Alliance will be given an opportunity to make their representations.

It was agreed that this meeting should be held on Wednesday, August 10th, 1938, at 10.00 A.M.

3. Re B.C. Packers Ltd.: Foot of Blenheim Street.

Recommended that the report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, with regard to sanitary conditions at the plant of B.C. Packers Ltd., foot of Blenheim Street, be received as one of progress.

4. Re Leave-of-Absence: Miss G. Homfray.

A communication was received from the Metropolitan Health Committee stating that Miss Geraldine Homfray has requested leave-of-absence, without pay, for the purpose of studying to obtain an M.A. Degree in Public Health.

The course will occupy from about September 15th, 1938 until June 1939 and she wishes leave until December 31st, 1938, with the privilege of extension until June 1939 if finances will permit her to finish the course at that time.

At the meeting of the Metropolitan Health Committee held on July 20th, it was decided to recommend to the City Council that Miss Homfray be granted her request for leave.

Recommended that Miss G. Homfray be granted leave-of-absence as set out in the premises.

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Re Sewer Connection - 5162 Ross St. (Cont'd).

It is therefore recommended as follows:

"The owner of Lot 2 S $\frac{1}{2}$ & 3, Blk. 16, D.L. 668, 669 & 670, in the City of Vancouver, being within 150 feet of a public sewer, and having been given 14 days notice as prescribed under the provisions of Section 51 of By-law No. 2008, and such owner having defaulted in making such connection aforesaid, it is hereby ordered that such property be connected up with such public sewer, as recommended by the Medical Health Officer in that behalf; the actual cost of such connecting up as shall be certified by the Building Inspector shall be added to the taxes of such lot or parcel of land on the Collector's roll and shall be treated in all respects as ordinary taxes due upon the said land as in said By-law made and provided."

5. Re Sewer Connection - 4436 Nanaimo Street.

The Medical Health Officer reported that a very serious nuisance and menace to health existed at 4436 Nanaimo Street, owned and occupied by Mrs. E. Wilson, which could only be remedied by connecting the drainage to the City sewer, and that as Mrs. Wilson was unable financially to carry out this work, he recommended that the connection be made by the City and the cost added to the taxes, as provided in Section 51, By-law No. 2008.

It is therefore recommended as follows:

"The owner of Lot 3, Blk. 7, D.L. S $\frac{1}{2}$ 46, H.T., in the City of Vancouver, being within 150 feet of a public sewer, and having been given 14 days notice as prescribed under the provisions of Section 51 of By-law No. 2008, and such owner having defaulted in making such connection aforesaid, it is hereby ordered that such property be connected up with such public sewer, as recommended by the Medical Health Officer in that behalf; the actual cost of such connecting up as shall be certified by the Building Inspector shall be added to the taxes of such lot or parcel of land on the Collector's roll and shall be treated in all respects as ordinary taxes due upon the said land as in said By-law made and provided."

6. Re Celtic Cannery, foot of Blenheim Street.

The Medical Health Officer submitted the following report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, with regard to the plant of the B. C. Packers Ltd.:

"I beg to tender you this as a progress report on the requested improvements on the above property.

"A dining room has been installed for the use of the ship-yard workers, also a battery of toilets and a septic tank.

"A battery of toilets and a septic tank has also been installed for the use of the school and the shacks on land West of the ship-yard.

"It is the intention to continue with the improvements on the West portion of the property as soon as the fleet has left its present location in the slough."

RECOMMENDED that the above-noted report, re Celtic Cannery, foot of Blenheim Street, be approved.

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5. Re Sewer Connection - 4937 Prince Edward Street.

The Medical Health Officer reported that a very serious nuisance and menace to health existed at 4937 Prince Edward Street, owned and occupied by Mr. Albert Robillard, which could only be remedied by connecting the drainage to the City sewer, and that as Mr. Robillard was unable financially to carry out this work, he recommended that the connection be made by the City and the cost added to the taxes, as provided in Section 51, By-law No. 2008.

It is therefore recommended as follows:-

"The owner of Subdivision "B" of Lots 1 and 2, Blocks 7 and 8, District Lot 637, in the City of Vancouver, being within 150 feet of a public sewer, and having been given 14 days notice as prescribed under the provisions of Section 51 of By-law No. 2008, and such owner having defaulted in making such connection aforesaid, it is hereby ordered that such property be connected up with such public sewer, as recommended by the Medical Health Officer in that behalf; the actual cost of such connecting up as shall be certified by the Building Inspector shall be added to the taxes of such lot or parcel of land on the Collector's roll and shall be treated in all respects as ordinary taxes due upon the said land as in said By-law made and provided."

6. Re Sewer Connection - 7341 Granville Street.

The Medical Health Officer reported that a very serious nuisance and menace to health existed at 7341 Granville Street, owned and occupied by Mrs. L.B. Hume, which could only be remedied by connecting the drainage to the City sewer, and that as Mrs. Hume was unable financially to carry out this work, he recommended that the connection be made by the City and the cost added to the taxes, as provided in Section 51, By-law No. 2008.

It is therefore recommended as follows:

"The owner of Subdivision 15 of Lot 3, Block Part of A and B, District Lot 325A and part of 526, in the City of Vancouver, being within 150 feet of a public sewer, and having been given 14 days notice as prescribed under the provisions of Section 51 of By-law No. 2008, and such owner having defaulted in making such connection aforesaid, it is hereby ordered that such property be connected up with such public sewer, as recommended by the Medical Health Officer in that behalf; the actual cost of such connecting up as shall be certified by the Building Inspector shall be added to the taxes of such lot or parcel of land on the Collector's roll and shall be treated in all respects as ordinary taxes due upon the said land as in said By-law made and provided."

7. Re Celtic Cannery, Foot of Blenheim Street.

The Special Committee, consisting of the Medical Health Officer, the Assessment Commissioner and the Building Inspector, appointed to investigate certain conditions with respect to Japanese colony at foot of Blenheim Street, submitted the following report:

"March 7th, 1938.

Re Celtic Cannery, Foot of Blenheim Street.

With reference to the above premises, which were the subject of a discussion at the last meeting of the Committee and the matter was referred to us for consideration, attached please find as follows:

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Re Celtic Cannery, Foot of Blenheim Street. (Continued)

1. Copy of report by the Chief Sanitary Inspector, (quoted below) following an inspection by him in company with the Medical Health Officer. It should be noted that a copy of this report was forwarded to the B.C. Packers, who are the owners of the property, and they replied that they contemplated certain changes and had made provision in their budget for this purpose, and requested the co-operation of the Health Department in this matter.

2. The Assessment Commissioner reports that the title of this property is in the name of The British Columbia Packers Limited. The land and buildings have always been assessed. The 1938 assessment is Improvements \$24,800 and land \$18,930; detailed information on each and every building is on file in this Department. At the time his office took a census, late last summer, the population of Japanese was 128.

3. The Building Inspector states that the fire hazard on this property was also reduced approximately two or three years ago by the building of brick chimneys to replace existing tin chimneys. "

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Report of Chief Sanitary Inspector referred to in the premises:

"February 23, 1938.

Re: B.C. Packers Ltd.
Property - Ft. of Blenheim St.

I beg to report making an inspection of the above and found an established fishing camp, owned and operated by the B.C. Packers Ltd., and all residences, about 25, occupied by Japanese.

This property, according to the Assessment Department, is listed as acreage and titled D.L. 194, Parcel B., and has been in possession of this company for over 30 years. At one time a salmon packing plant was in operation, but this was discontinued about 25 years ago.

The Japanese residents, (numbering approximately 150, when the fishing season is open), are provided with City water. There are no sewer facilities, but being on a bank of the Fraser River, the sloughs into which the dry toilets discharge are cleansed by the daily tides.

The children of this camp attend our public schools and the younger ones are given kindergarten teaching in a building on the property, used for school purposes, the operation of which is paid for by the Japanese.

On the East portion of this property is the Company ship-yard, (in which no Japanese are employed), and is fully equipped with machinery and ways for the repairing of the fishing fleet.

There are several improvements which could be made in the arranging of the toilet facilities on this property which would add to the comfort and better sanitation of the occupants of the Company's houses. "

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Recommended that the report of the Special Committee re Celtic Cannery, Foot of Blenheim Street, dated March 7th, 1938, be received as one of progress.

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