

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 1924, AT 7:00 P.M.

Present:	His Worship Mayor Donaghy
	Alderman Bridgman
	Alderman Irwin
	Alderman Tolmie
	Alderman Townsley
	Alderman Vance

Re protests against completion of Second Narrows Bridge.

His Worship Mayor Donaghy reported that a number of protests have been received by Dr. King, Minister of Public Works, against the completion of the Second Narrows Bridge.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that

WHEREAS the Second Narrows Bridge is being built as a joint undertaking of four Municipalities, viz, the City of North Vancouver, the District of North Vancouver, the District of West Vancouver and the City of Vancouver, acting through a Corporation owned and controlled by them for that purpose, and known as the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company, incorporated by Act of Dominion Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the work has been declared to be for the general advantage of Canada;

AND WHEREAS the plans have been approved by the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, the Deputy Minister of Public Works, the Chief Engineer of Public Works and the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners, and thieve received the consent and approval f the Governor-General-In-Council;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Department of justice has declared that all applications for the aforesaid approvals were properly and legally made;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Railway commissioners has approved of the detail plans of the Structure;

AND WHEREAS the Bylaws, authorizing the raising of the money for this purpose were passed by the ratepayers in December 1922, and re-voted in July 1923, almost unanimously;

AND WHEREAS widespread newspaper publicity was given to the proposed Bylaws and toe the result of the vote on such Bylaws and to the type of bridge to be constructed;

AND WHEREAS a contract, dated 12th September, 1923, and a supplementary contract dated 1st February 1924, were entered into with the Northern Construction Company and General J.W. Stewart, for the price of \$1,468,306.00; and actual construction work was begun in October 19223, and has been

continued steadily during the past twelve months; and great newspaper notoriety has been given during the past year to the progress made from time to time with the work, particularly as each pier was commenced and finished;

AND WHEREAS nearly three quarters of a million dollars has already been expended and a further liability of about half a million dollars incurred for steel superstructure now being fabricated by the Dominion Bridge Company, in accordance with the plans;

AND WHEREAS no person has objected to the plans or the type of bridge, up to within a few days ago, when certain persons interested in sawmills and in the towing of booms of logs, suddenly demanded that the Bridge be not completed; some of them suggesting that the Harbour should be bridged by a single span high-level bridge, or that a dam be substituted; either of which would cost many additional millions of dollars, which are not available from any source whatever;

AND WHEREAS the principal objection now raised for the first time, is that the piers of the bridge will interfere with the towing of booms of logs through the Harbour, under an old custom or practice whereby booms of logs, approximately one-third of a mile long, have been carried up the harbour on the incoming tide, without any necessity for exercising adequate control thereof;

AND WHEREAS with the great increase in shipping expected from the grain trade, more stringent harbour regulations curtailing the length of booms and compelling adequate control thereof, will be required to ensure the safety of ships anchored in the stream; and with log booms under such adequate control the piers of the bridge will constitute no interference;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of North Vancouver is unanimously of the opinion that the construction of the Second Narrows Bridge is of great advantage to the whole of Greater Vancouver, and that it is extremely unfair that objections to the type of bridge should be raised now for the first time by persons who stood by and watched this great undertaking being carried to its present stage, without any protest on their part;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable the Prime Minister, the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, and the Honourable the Minister of Marine and fisheries for the Dominion of Canada.

Moved by Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that a copy of the above resolution also be forwarded to the Board of Trade, the District of North Vancouver and the District of West Vancouver.

Alderman Vance reported that Captain Gowe of the B.C. Grain Stowing and Contracting Company has been unable to make any progress in the matter of securing a location owing to the fact that the waterlots adjoining Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block 171, D.L. 274 are held under lease by private individuals, while the foreshore or land lots are owned by the City of North Vancouver.

Moved by Alderman Vance, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Clerk be and he is hereby authorized to make application through the Harbour Board to the Department of Marine and Fisheries for cancellation of lease of waterlots adjoining Lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8, Block 171, D.L. 274,

And Further that the Clerk be authorized to make application on behalf of the City for a lease of said waterlots, in view of the fact that the City is the owner of the land adjoining,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Clerk and Solicitor be authorized to procure plan to accompany the application, if required by the Department.

Moved by Alderman Vance, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the Sanitary Inspector take all necessary steps to procure an analysis of the City water supply.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that in view of the fact that the Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King intends visiting the North Shore on the 18th instant, that the Mayor be empowered to make all necessary arrangements for presenting an Address of Welcome to the Prime Minister on the 18th instant, at the K.P.Hall.

Communication was received from the City Treasurer, that the City Auditor will be on hand at 9 o'clock on the 17th instant, with his staff for the purpose of checking over the old Ferry Tickets in order that same may be destroyed.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the Clerk be authorized to make any necessary arrangements with respect to the distribution of old ferry tickets.

Moved by Alderman Vance, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Clerk forward a communication to the Harbour Commissioners urging upon them the desirability of proceeding at once with the construction of Terminal Railway in order to provide work for unemployed.

Re W.H. Smith.

The Chief Constable submitted report dated October 10th, reporting on the financial standing of W.H. Smith, that he is the owner of Lot 30, Block 132, D.L. 274, approximate value \$1200.00 against which there is a mortgage of \$600.00 bearing interest at 8%; with about two months interest due; outstanding liabilities will amount to approximately \$50.00. Mr. Smith has no other source from which support can be obtained.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that arrangements be made to secure a conveyance from Mr. W.H. Smith of the above property.

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that the Chief of Police make necessary arrangements for displaying flags and bunting and Welcome sign on Lonsdale Avenue and 4th Street to the K.P.Hall, on the occasion of the visit of the Prime Minister.

Also that the Chief be authorized to loan bunting for the decorating of the K.P.Hall, if required.

Moved by Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the North Vancouver Board of Trade be requested to cooperate in the Welcome to the Prime Minister on the 18th instant.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Council do now adjourn.

Whereupon the Council adjourned.

Signed G.W. Vance, Acting Mayor