

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, FEBRUARY 22ND, 1926 AT 8:00 P.M.

Present: His Worship Mayor Morden
Alderman Bridgman
Alderman Cartwright
Alderman Irwin
Alderman Loutet
Alderman Tolmie
Alderman Townsley

The Certificate of the Returning Officer giving result of the By-Election on "Canadian Cooperative Wheat Producers Limited Fixed Assessment Bylaw 1926" also on "Burrard Dry Dock Co. Ltd. Fixed Assessment Bylaw 1926" was submitted and read.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above Certificate be Minutes, filed and this Council at the same time wishes to express its gratification at the excellent vote recorded at the By-Election.

Moved by Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "Canadian Cooperative Wheat Producers Limited Fixed Assessment Bylaw 1926" be now reconsidered, finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read and reconsidered, finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal; No. 687.

Moved by Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "Burrard Dry Dock Co. Ltd. Fixed Assessment Bylaw 1926" be now reconsidered, finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read and reconsidered, finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal; No. 688.

Payroll for election in connection with the By-election held on the 20th February was submitted.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay accounts to the amount of \$126.50 per warrant.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From the Local Manager, B.C. Electric Railway Company, advising that the Bridge crossing McKay Creek on 20th Street will be rebuilt commencing Monday, March 15th, taking approximately 90 days to complete. As it will not be possible to maintain a car away from the barn for that period service will have to be discontinued west of Hamilton Avenue during the period of reconstruction.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the B.C. Electric Railway Company furnish the City Engineer with a copy of plans for Bridge over McKay Creek on 20th Street.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Company be requested to supply some means of transportation west of Hamilton Avenue, during the period of reconstruction of the McKay Creek Bridge, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the District Council.

From L.L. Dickenson, re short supply of water service to Lot 15, Block 220C, D.L. 546 and requesting the advice of the City Solicitor through the Council with respect to his ground for legal action to recover damages.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the above communication be referred to the Water Committee.

From Wm. Bailey, offering to sell to the City Lots 1 to 6, Block 110, D.L. 548, with house costing \$10,000.00 for the sum of \$15,000.00 and take City bonds at par, also stating that the property would make a splendid site for suggested new public library.

Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From C.E. Dickerman and three others, complaining of the condition of Williams Avenue from 17th to 19th Streets, and 19th Street from Williams Avenue East.

Referred to the Board of Works Committee for report.

From the Engineer, reporting on the cost of gravel and crushed rock on the City streets.

Referred to the Board of Works Committee for consideration.

From the City Engineer, reporting on the cost of paving the East side of Losndale Avenue from 19th Street to the City limits asphalt penetration \$24,950. or concrete paving \$27,250.00. The cost from 19th to 23rd Street would be one-half the above items.

Referred to Board of Works.

From G.M. Henderson and 5 others, applying for a sidewalk on the south side of 8th Street from St. Andrew's to Ridgeway Avenue.

Referred to the Board of Works for report.

From the City Engineer, suggesting that \$5,000.00 should be provided for sidewalk construction, either in the estimates or by Bylaw.

Referred to Committee of the Whole to be considered along with estimates.

From the City Engineer, recommending that a Bylaw be submitted to raise money for necessary road improvements, widening 3rd Street and Keith Road from Forbes to the westerly boundary, \$5,000., improving corners at 3rd and Bewicke and Keith and Bewicke be easing off present curves \$2,500., general road construction \$2,500.00.

Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From Cedars Limited, stating that the plank crossing at the corner of First and Rogers Avenue entering the Hotel property is in need of repair.

Moved by Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the above application be referred to the Board of Works with power to act, after inquiring with respect to payment of cost.

From Cedars Limited, applying for permission to open a crossing on the Esplanade to give direct access to their alley running north and south through the Hotel property, Cedars to make all necessary changes without any cost to City.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the above application be referred to the Board of Works Committee with power to act.

From Cedars Ltd., requesting to have the street at the foot of Bewicke from the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to the dock improved.

Referred to the Board of Works for report.

From G.M. Smith, complaining of the ruts and holes in the street near 148 – 17th Street East.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the above communication be referred to the Board of Works with power to act.

From the City Solicitor, advising having returned the two titles for Bewicke Avenue street end to Ottawa, owing to a discrepancy in the plan attached to the grant.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that the matter of registering crown grants for street ends be referred to the Solicitor and Finance Committee with power to act.

From the City Engineer re proposed road to Block 7, D.L. 552, Dudley Road. It is impossible to extend Fell Avenue owing to a large ravine. Estimated cost of opening up a road is \$800.00.

Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From the City Engineer recommending that Sister Mary Amy be given permission to put up a suitable sign at their own expense at the corner of 3rd and Indian Reserve, the wording on the sign to be approved by the Council or Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above report be received and adopted.

From the City Engineer, recommending that the City reserve from sale and dedicate a strip of land 10 feet in width along the East side of Forbes Avenue for the purpose of widening said street.

Moved by Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that any lots affected by the above report be reserved from sale until the Council decides on a policy.

From the City Engineer, recommending that the following conditions be adopted with respect to the installation of Gas stations:

- (1) Gasoline station and all equipment in connection therewith to be installed on private property.

- (2) That the gasoline pump be installed in such a position that an auto may be served with gasoline or oil, without the oil standing on any part of the street or boulevard.
- (3) That the owner pay the cost of crossings in the sidewalk and from the roadway to the property line, and that the City construct any necessary culvert over an existing ditch or gutter.
- (4) That the owner, before commencing the erection of any gasoline station, submit plans of the proposed Gasoline Station and entrances thereto, to the City Council for approval.

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the above report and recommendation be referred to the Solicitor with a view to preparing an amendment to the Building Bylaw.

From the City Engineer, reporting having looked into the offer of Orchardson & Co. Ltd., to supply imported nails for sidewalks. The City is hardly in a position to determine the quantity of nails required for the year until the sidewalk programme for the year is decided upon. The policy of the Councils in the past has been to buy nails which are made in Vancouver through local firms.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that Messrs. Orchardson & Co. Ltd., be thanked for their offer to import nails, and that they be advised that the City use local production.

From the City Assessor, advising that after the Court of Revision the net assessment of Land is \$8,453.071, net improvements \$6,486.005. Owing to fixed assessment bylaw under Section 218 the Collector will collect taxes on net amount of \$8,248,511.00.

Referred to Estimates.

From the Harbour Commissioners dated February 18th, stating that they are now in a position to proceed to close the purchase of Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 13 to 23 inclusive, Block 171, D.L. 274, price \$26,250.00.

A letter was also received from the Commissioners dated February 22nd, confirming suggested arrangement entered into on February 22nd during a conference between the City Council and the Commissioners. The 16 lots in Block 171, D.L. 274 are to be purchased by the Commissioners for the price of \$26,250.00 subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Commissioners to commence bona fide development of the property on or before December 31st, 1926, expenditures to be not less than \$100,000.00 or failing commencement of such developments, the Commissioners will
 - (a) pay to the City an additional sum of \$26,250.00 at any time on demand after January 1st, 1927 or
 - (b) return such lands to the City upon the payment to the Commissioners of amount of \$26,250.00 subject however, to the free right-of-way required by the Commissioners through said lots.
- (2) Re consideration in lieu of taxation. Where possible for City to get same terminal rates as Vancouver, switching charges on grain cars from C.O.P.R. will be \$4.00 per car instead of \$8.00, the C.P.R. absorbing

\$4.00 per car and the balance would be chargeable against grain; the Commissioners agreeing to give the C.P.R. running rights into all grain elevators on the North Shore and the Commissioners to switch Canadian National cars to elevators on the North Shore on same basis as they now switch them to elevators on the south shore. These rates exclusive of bridge tolls.

In respect to taxation, the Commissioners are prepared to treat with the City on an equitable basis and will be prepared to recommend to the Department of Marine and Fisheries that this City be granted consideration on a basis no less favourable than may be arranged with Vancouver.

Moved by Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that this Council confirm the tentative arrangement outlined in letter from the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners dated February 22nd, 1926, with respect to purchase of Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 13 to 23 inclusive, Block 171, D.L. 274 for the sum of \$26,250.00 it being understood and agreed that the City will have permission for right-of-way for water mains, sewers, storm drains, etc.

Alderman Loutet voting against, he being in favour of submitting the matter to the ratepayers.

Alderman Tolmie voting in favour of a moral obligation.

Mayor Morden voting for – reasons being that while no legal commitment by last year's Council, there was a moral obligation, the Board following receipt of letter from the City dated January 5th, 1926, went ahead and submitted plans of railway for consent of government and obtained a vote for purchase of this property, therefore the Board showed good faith.

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 13 to 23 inclusive, Block 171, D.L. 274 be posted for sale at the price of \$26,250.

Moved by Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Mayor, Alderman Bridgman and the Solicitor draft necessary agreement between the City and the Harbour Board with respect to the purchase of above property.

Mayor Morden reported having received a letter from Mr. D. Donaghy, M.P., stating that following receipt of telegram from this City, he made representations with a view to having a North Shore representative on the Harbour Board.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that Mr. Donaghy be requested to follow up his action with a view to immediate representation on the Harbour Board.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that in future only the Mayor furnish information between Council meetings, on matters affecting the Council or Council affairs.

From the District of North Vancouver, inquiring whether the Council will construct a main from existing main on View Street to the westerly boundary of the District if so the cost to the District.

Referred to the Water Committee and Engineer for report.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the following applications for the purchase of tax sale property be accepted, purchaser to pay along with first cash payment, an amount equivalent to proportion of taxes for the current year, and that the usual Bylaw be prepared:

Lot 39/166/274. List price \$950.00 E.C. Chambers per W.D. McFarland.

Lot 2 Ex. East 20', Block 49, D.L. 548. List price \$300.00. G.G. Holman per W.D. McFarland & Co.

Lot 13/81/550. List price \$500.00. Annie Pirie Watson, per City.

Tenders which were received by the Water Committee and referred to Council, for extending the electric light service to Waterworks Intake, Lynn Valley, received consideration.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the tender of the B.C. Electric Railway Company in the amount of \$433.25 be accepted, their tender being the lowest.

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that this Council do now proceed to resolve itself into Committee of the Whole.

Alderman Bridgman was appointed Chairman.

IN COMMITTEE

IN COUNCIL

Moved by Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the above report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

Alderman Cartwright reported that deputation from the Vancouver Board of Trade would like to interview the Council with respect to assistance towards improving Capilano Park.

Moved by Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that Alderman Cartwright invite a deputation from the Board of Trade to interview the Council on March 1st and that representatives from the North Vancouver Board of Trade be invited to be present.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that this Council meeting adjourn.

Whereupon the Council adjourned.

Signed: G.H. Morden, Mayor