

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE CITY HALL, ON  
MONDAY, JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 1928 AT 8:00 O'CLOCK P.M.**

Present: His Worship Mayor Morden  
Alderman Anderson  
Alderman Bridgman  
Alderman Cartwright  
Alderman Tolmie  
Alderman White  
Alderman Wilson

The Notice convening the meeting was read, and ordered filed.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners, under date of July 18<sup>th</sup>, re temporary crossings during the construction of subway.

This communication had been written previous to the meeting of the Special Committee of Council with the Board of Harbour Commissioners on July 19<sup>th</sup>, at which it was agreed that the Engineers for the Harbour Board would file plans of the proposed crossing with the City Engineer without delay, and that the Commissioners would assume the responsibility of providing the necessary crossings.

The letter was, therefore, ordered filed.

From the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners confirming the undertaking given by the Commissioners to the Special Committee of Council in regard to the Low Level Road, as follows:

"1. For a period of three years from this date the Commissioners will remove all material that may fall from the bank along the north side of the Moodyville Road as a result of their constructional operations and for the same period the Commissioners will indemnify the City of North Vancouver from all claims for damage that may be caused to persons or property by material falling from the said bank as a result of their (the Commisisoners') constructional operations.

2. The Commissioners will remove from all culverts constructed by them within the limits of the said road all material now deposited in said culverts and for the period of three years from date will remove all material that may enter and impede the free flow of water through said culvers as a result of sloughing due to the he Commissioners' constructional operations.

3. This undertaking, as expressed in paragraphs numbered one and two in this letter, is given subject to its acceptance by your Council as finally removing all differences between the Commissioners and your Council in regard to the Moodyville Road and will become of effect so soon as the B.C. Mills Timber and Trading Company has conveyed to the Commissioners a strip of land 76 feet in width for railway right-of-

way as provided in agreement dated 13<sup>th</sup> July 1927 between Vancouver Harbour Commissioners, the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver and the British Columbia mills Timber and Trading company Limited”.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the communication embodies generally the conditions that were agreed upon, and that they will be acceptable to the Council when set up in the form of an agreement as arranged.

From the Deputy Minister of Finance, enclosing cheque for \$9,242.47 being the amount due to the City on the distribution of one-third of the annual fee collected under the “Motor Vehicle Act”, also drawing attention that the expenditure of the money is to be used only for the purpose of constructing or maintaining public roads within the Municipality.

The communication was ordered filed.

From Dorothy Mason, 627 – 15<sup>th</sup> Street West, complaining of the condition the Ravine and paths were left in at Mahon Park by the cadets at the end of their annual camp, also advising that a copy of the letter had been sent to Captain Cummings, Officer Commanding, Esquimalt, and B.C.

Capt. Cummings reply to Mrs. Mason was also read, in which he stated he had asked Lieutenant E. Crute to utilize the services of the 6<sup>th</sup> Field Company Cadet Corps in the cleaning up of any debris left, due to the Cadets being in camp, and assuring Mrs. Mason that every care is usually taken to protect property in the camp area.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the communications be filed, and that Capt. Cummings be advised that the Council note with satisfaction that he had issued instructions to rectify any damage that was done along the lines complained of.

From the City Solicitor and City Engineer, re erection of signs between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets, on the west side of Lonsdale Avenue.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the two communications be received and adopted and that the Harry Duker Co. Ltd., be requested to submit a sketch showing the type of sign they propose to erect, also advising them that the consent, in writing, of the property owners must be obtained before a permit can be issued by Council for the erection of the signs, if approved.

From the City Clerk, Trail, with a questionnaire to be filled in re the delegates attending the annual Convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities at that City.

Alderman Bridgman stated that he was of opinion that another Alderman should be added to the City’s delegation, inasmuch as he was Vice-President of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and was probably entitled to have a seat by virtue of his office, which matter was now under negotiation with the Secretary of the Union.

His Worship Mayor Morden also stated that he though another Alderman should take his place in the delegation as he had already been absent from the City during the year for a longer period than was his custom.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that one more delegate be appointed, and that Alderman White be the additional delegate, also that Alderman Anderson be asked to attend in place of His Worship Mayor Morden and that the expenses of the entire delegation be charged to the City, and that the City Clerk of Trail be advised that the delegation will arrive by train, and that he be authorized to make the necessary arrangements for accommodation for the delegation while in the City.

A communication was read from the Clerk of the District of North Vancouver addressed to the City Engineer re the laying of a water main on Lynn Valley Road, stipulating that all road surfaces after construction be replaced to the satisfaction of the District Engineer, and that the lowering of the present water main be subject of an agreement between the City and District Engineers.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the matter be referred to the Water Works Committee with power to act.

An account was submitted from the David Hall Sign Co., for \$39.50 for Thirty banners on street cars re swimming race to be held in Burrard Inlet on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

His Worship Mayor Morden drew the attention of Council that expenses of this nature should not be incurred by the Chairman of the Committee in charge without full concurrence and consultation with each member of Council.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the account of David Hall Co., totalling \$39.50 be paid, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue a cheque therefore. 50% of the account to be charged to the Ferry Committee and 50% to the Publicity Committee.

From Alexander Philip, Mahon and Co., Ltd., calling attention to the fact that the annual Marine Insurance (\$55,000.00 on Ferry No. 2) expires on August 15<sup>th</sup>, and requesting the favour of Council's instructions regarding renewal.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Clerk be authorized to renew the Insurance with the present agents so that continuous coverage will be obtained from the expiry date, and that Philip, Mahon & Co., Ltd., be requested to use every effort in their power to see that the outstanding claim under the 1927 Policy is settled without delay, as Council are of opinion a settlement has been delayed too long.

His Worship Mayor Morden drew attention to a request from John Hay for a continuation of the sidewalk along the North side of 14<sup>th</sup> street East to Lonsdale Avenue where a new residence has recently been erected and the present sidewalk covers half the block.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the request be referred to the Board of Works Committee and City Engineer for report.

Alderman Tolmie conveyed to the Council his official apology for his absence at the last regular meeting of Council, stating that he had been unavoidably detained on account

of being subpoenaed in connection with an enquiry being held in the District of North Vancouver .

Alderman Bridgman drew attention to the necessity of the Board of Works Committee getting immediate action on the cutting of brush on the City streets generally; most of the weeds and other growth were now in full bloom, and by having it cut at this time the danger of spreading would be noticeably decreased.

Alderman Cartwright on behalf of the Board of Works Committee promised that the matter would receive immediate attention from his Committee.

Attention was drawn to a dangerous tree standing on Lot 16, Block 213, D.L. 545, the owner of which had been notified during the month of March to have same removed, but had failed to do so.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that removal of the tree be referred to the Board of Works Committee with power to act, and that the expense of removing same be charged to the owner of the property – William B. Currie, 1326 Burrard Street, Vancouver.

An application was considered from Agnes McKenzie to participate as a Municipal Ferry Employee under part three of the Superannuation Act.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that Agnes McKenzie be entitled to Superannuation provided she makes application therefore pursuant to section 42 of the Superannuation Act of the revised Statutes of British Columbia, and that the City of North Vancouver adopt the provisions of part three of the Superannuation Act in respect of this employee, and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign all necessary agreements for the same to take effect.

The City Treasurer advised that delivery had now been made by Pemberton and Sons of Stock Certificates numbered 4572 and 5504, covering a December 1927 Sinking Fund purchase of £3,100.00 Canadian Northern 4% Alberta Guarantee February 25<sup>th</sup>, 1939 Bonds, and £3,100.00 Canadian Northern 4% Saskatchewan Guarantee January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1939 Bonds.

The Treasurer further stated that the guarantee of delivery signed by the Canadian Bank of Commerce had been returned to Pemberton and Sons.

The communication was ordered filed.

From Ernest A. Ramage, 130 – 14<sup>th</sup> Street West, regarding his inability to pay taxes on Lot 16, Block 49, D.L. 548.

Mrs. Ramage is 73 years of age, and Mr. Ramage 67 years of age.

An old age pension of \$20.00 per month is being paid to Mrs. Ramage, and earnings of approximately \$2.00 per week by Mr. Ramage represents the entire support for this couple. The value of the building on the property is estimated at \$350.00 and the wishes of Council were asked for in connection with the application.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the City Clerk and Solicitor confer and arrange for the taking of a conveyance to the City of the Ramage property in consideration of aid being granted to him by the Corporation.

Attention was drawn to the unfortunate accident received by Mayor Taylor of Vancouver during the afternoon.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that resolution conveying the sympathy of Council be forwarded by the Clerk to Mayor Taylor and expressing the hope of a safe and speedy recovery.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the question of a reduction of the present penalty on taxes from 15 to 12 per cent be taken up on the floor of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities by the delegates to the convention.

Consideration was given to the report of the City Assessor on the net total of improvements in the City as at June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1928 - \$7,406,219.00.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the assessment on improvements as received from the City Assessor be accepted and filed.

Alderman Bridgman drew attention to the fact that the time was rapidly approaching when action must be taken on the question of a revision of the assessment to which Council were committed. He stated that his Committee had authorized the City assessor to interview Mr. D.W. Reeve and Major McKenzie in this connection, both gentlemen having special training in assessment values.

His Worship Mayor Morden asked the City Assessor if he considered that expert advice was required in the matter of the City's assessment. Mr. Wright stated that in view of the prevailing dissatisfaction with land values in certain areas of the City it would probably be in the best interests of all concerned if an independent party were to review all land values throughout the City.

Mr. Reeve had advised that on account of his special duties in connection with the City of Vancouver's assessment he would be prevented from entertaining consideration of North Vancouver's assessment at this time.

It was, therefore, moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the matter of interviewing Major McKenzie and a possible engagement of his service be left in the hands of the Finance Committee with power to act, on the understanding that any arrangements arrived at with Major McKenzie be conveyed by the Chairman of the Committee to all members of Council before definite action is taken.

The City Engineer submitted a report on the proposed construction of a concrete pavement on the East side of Lonsdale Avenue from the south side of Lonsdale Avenue from the south side of 19<sup>th</sup> Street to the North side of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. The total estimated cost of the work being \$11,180.00;

The City's proportion for street and lane intersections representing 632 feet at a cost of \$2,300.48, the owner's share or the cost to be borne by the land abutting directly on the work representing 2444 feet at a cost of \$8,532.02.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Local Improvement report as presented be received, and that a Bylaw be prepared

providing that an additional 25% of the owners' cost be charged to the City in view of the fact that Losndale Avenue is a main thoroughfare and a trunk road to the northern boundary of the City.

Alderman Wilson brought up the question of vacations not being taken by certain of the Ferry employees. The Chairman of the Ferry Committee reported that in the two cases drawn to his attention it had been found that special permission had been given by the Ferry Superintendent to the employees to draw vacation pay while remaining at their usual work, he however, had made it clearly understood that such arrangements must not be made in the future.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the action of the Chairman of the Ferry Committee be endorsed, and that a letter be sent to the Ferry Superintendent stating clearly the attitude of Council in this regard.

In the case of Mr. Dickenson, a Ferry ticket seller of long service, the Chairman of the Ferry Committee reported that he was advised by the Ferry Superintendent that on account of his particular knowledge of the entire Ferry Ticket System, and especially the selling of Pacific Great Eastern Railway tickets, it was not considered advisable to grant him a vacation during the period from the 24<sup>th</sup> of May to about the middle of September, and in view of the shorter days, and the bigger chance of unsettled weather the Superintendent had recommended that he be given a yearly vacation for a period of three weeks.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Chairman of the Ferry Committee go further into this matter to see if an interchange of some other ticket seller could not be arranged for in the usual way to take the place of Mr. Dickenson, and further report the opinion of his Committee on the advisability of establishing a three week vacation period.

Alderman Anderson drew attention to the complaint of an outside employee named D.G. Patterson, who had informed him that under his application for superannuation he was only to be credited with five years service, when he (Patterson) was of opinion that his credit for service should be more or less continuous since 1912.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the matter be referred to the Board of Works Committee and City Engineer for report.

## BYLAWS

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of the Council, a Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1928, No. 95" and that the said Bylaw receive three readings at this meeting of the Council, and that the occasion for such three readings be deemed an urgent one within the meaning of the Procedure Bylaw.

Whereupon the Bylaw was introduced and read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1928, No. 95" be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Committee proceedings with respect to the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1928, No. 95" be dispensed with.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1928, No. 95" be now read a third time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a third time and passed by the Council subject to reconsideration.

Voting for: Mayor Morden, Aldermen Bridgman, Anderson, Cartwright, White and Wilson.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of the Council, a Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1928, No. 96" and that the said Bylaw receive three readings at this meeting of the Council, and that the occasion for such three readings be deemed an urgent one within the meaning of the Procedure Bylaw.

Whereupon the Bylaw was introduced and read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1928, No. 96" be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Committee proceedings with respect to the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1928, No. 96" be dispensed with.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1928, No. 96" be now read a third time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a third time and passed by the Council subject to reconsideration.

Voting for: Mayor Morden, Aldermen Anderson, Bridgman, Cartwright, White and Wilson.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of the Council, a Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1928, No. 97" and that the said Bylaw receive

three readings at this meeting of the Council, and that the occasion for such three readings be deemed an urgent one within the meaning of the Procedure Bylaw.

Whereupon the Bylaw was introduced and read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1928, No. 97" be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the Committee proceedings with respect to the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1928, No. 97" be dispensed with.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1928, No. 97" be now read a third time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a third time and passed by the Council subject to reconsideration.

Voting for: Mayor Morden, Aldermen Anderson, Bridgman, Cartwright, Tolmie White and Wilson.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Parking Bylaw 1928" be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Parking Bylaw 1928" as read and reconsidered be finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal. No. 987.

Moved by Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the meeting adjourn.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

Signed: G.H. Morden, Mayor