

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>, 1928 AT 8:00 P.M.**

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

The Mayor stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of hearing the report of the Special Committee appointed to confer with the Board of Harbour Commissioners and the B.C. Electric Railway Company to discuss ways and means of excavating that portion of the subway across Lonsdale Avenue, and arranging a temporary stopping place for street car traffic during the construction period, so as to cause a minimum of inconvenience to the travelling public.

The Clerk thereupon read the following report from the Special Committee:

“Your Special Committee, appointed to confer with the Harbour Board with reference to the construction of the railway subway across Lonsdale Avenue held a conference with the Harbour Board this morning.

There were present, for the Harbour Board, Chairman F.R. McD. Russell and Commissioner Pound and for the City Council, Mayor Morden, Alderman Cartwright and Alderman Anderson and City Engineer, G.S. Hanes.

Mr. Dan King, who holds the contract from the Harbour Board for the construction of the subway, was also present.

The conclusion arrived at after lengthy discussion, which your Committee undertook to submit to the Council was as follows:

The Harbour Board's contractor to be allowed to proceed at once with the excavating across Lonsdale Avenue provided:

1. That the excavating be completed to a point within a safe distance from the storm sewer on the east side of Lonsdale Avenue, within a period of six days of commencement.
2. That the Harbour Board's contractor take care of all mains pipes, conduits, etc. to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.
3. That during the period of excavating, the B.C. Electric cars stop north of the Esplanade but that access to the foot of Lonsdale Avenue as at present be restored within a period not to exceed seven days.
4. That any expense incurred in providing a roadbed across the open cut for the British Columbia Electric Railway Company be a matter of arrangement between the Harbour Board and its contractor as to payment thereof.
5. That a bridge for pedestrian traffic be constructed at once. The eastern edge of this bridge to coincide with the western edge of Lonsdale Avenue and that a bridge for vehicular traffic be constructed immediately adjoining the pedestrian bridge on the east at the earliest practicable moment. Two bridges on east side of Lonsdale Avenue to be constructed in due course as already agreed.

6. That should the Council deem it necessary to employ "point men" for the purpose of directing traffic during the excavating across Lonsdale Avenue, the Harbour Board to pay the cost of this service if requested by the Council to do so.

7. The cars of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company to stop north of the Esplanade during the construction of the roof of the subway across Lonsdale Avenue but the Harbour Board and its contractor to shorten this period to the utmost by using a special quick-setting concrete and by every other available means.

Immediately following its conference with the Harbour Board, your Committee proceeded to the offices of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company in Vancouver, where a conference was held with Mr. A.G. Perry, Local Manger at North Vancouver and Mr. A.C. Eddy, Engineer of Maintenance of Ways.

Your Committee explained that it was proposed to allow excavating to proceed at once across Lonsdale Avenue and that if this were done it would be necessary to have the cars stop north of the Esplanade for a period of seven days at the present time and for a somewhat more lengthy period at a later date during the construction and the ripening of the roof to eh subway but that the Harbour Board and its Engineer had agreed as stated above to shorten this latter period to the utmost.

The representatives of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company agreed to this proposed arrangement stipulating however that should it be found necessary to operate additional cars during these periods, in order to maintain the schedule, the Company would expect to be reimbursed for any additional expenditures, thus incurred".

A communication was also read from the Local Manger of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company confirming the understanding arrived at between his Company and the Committee. The communication assured the City of the utmost cooperation on the part of the Street Railway Company, they in turn expecting that the City would use every endeavour to secure the speedy completion of the work on Lonsdale Avenue so that the usual street car service can be resumed as nearly as possible on the approximate dates agreed upon.

Alderman Anderson, Chairman of the Ferry Committee, stated that he had arranged with the Ferry Superintendent to speed up the boat service so that the additional time occupied by reason of ferry passengers walking to the North side of the Esplanade to the street cars, would be largely offset by the faster boat service, thus helping the street railway company to maintain its regular twenty minute car service.

It was moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the report of the Special Committee be received and adopted and a copy of same to be forwarded to the Harbour Board without delay.

It was then moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the communication from the British Columbia Electric Railway Company be received and filed and that a copy of the communication be sent to the Board of Harbour Commissioners for their information.

It was moved by Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Board of Harbour Commissioners be advised that the Council have no objections to the Harbour Board instructing its Contractor to immediately proceed with the subway cut across Losndale Avenue as per the understanding arrived at and embodied in the Committee report forwarded to them.

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

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

Signed: G.H. Morden, Mayor