# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1928 AT 8:00 P.M.

Present: His Worship Mayor Morden

Alderman Anderson
Alderman Bridgman
Alderman Cartwright
Alderman Tolmie
Alderman White
Alderman Wilson

The Minutes of an Informal Meeting of Council, called to consider tenders for repairs to Number 3 Ferry, and held in the Ferry Office on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 1928, were on motion of Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Cartwright, confirmed as the Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council duly called and regularly held.

The Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council, held August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1928, copies of which had previously been mailed to each member of the Council, were taken as read, and on motion of Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman White, adopted.

The Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council, held August 25<sup>th</sup>, 1928, copies of which had previously been mailed to each member of the Council, were taken as read, and on motion of Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Wilson, adopted.

The Minutes of a Special meeting of Council, held August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1928, copies of which had previously been mailed to each member of the Council, were taken as read, and on motion of Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Tolmie, adopted.

It was moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Clerk convey to Mr. W. Brand Young, Assistant City Engineer of Vancouver, and a member of the City of North Vancouver Town Planning Commission, the deepest sympathy of Council in his very sad bereavement through the death of his wife.

From the Inspector of Municipalities, Certificates of Approval of Bylaws numbered 955 and 985. "The City of North Vancouver Local Improvement Debenture Consolidation Bylaw No. 1" (955. "The City of North Vancouver Water Works Loan Bylaw, 1928" (985).

Filed.

From the Vancouver Publicity Bureau, requesting a further large supply of Road Maps, as the former lot provided had been exhausted.

The City Clerk reported approximately 6000 of these maps on hand. Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that 4000 Road Maps be delivered to the Vancouver Publicity Bureau at the earliest possible date.

From the Secretary of the Good Roads League, submitting a report of proceedings at the Eleventh Annual Convention of the good Roads League of British Columbia held at Nanaimo, B.C., on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 1927.

Received and filed.

From Hickman and Shakespeare, requesting a share of the City Fire Insurance business.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that Messrs. Hickman and Shakespeare be notified that the City has for some time past confined its Insurance business to those concerns having an established office in the City of North Vancouver, but should any departure be made from this rule their application will be favourably considered.

From the Deputy Minister of Finance, advising cheque for \$13,259.53, being the amount due on liquor profits for the period ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1928.

Filed.

From the Secretary of North Vancouver Oddfellows Lodge, No. 55, requesting that permanent marking posts be placed, and the roads improved in that portion of the Cemetery set aside for the sue of the Lodge.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the application be referred to the Parks Committee for report.

From Vincent Baynes,  $348 - 15^{th}$  Street West, requesting for the benefit of all passengers improvement to the sidewalk on the south side of Jones Avenue at the Street Car stop.

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

From W.H. Davies, 449 – 19<sup>th</sup> Street East, drawing attention to the poor condition of the sidewalk and streets adjacent to and in front of his residence.

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

From A. Hugget, 1533 Queensbury Avenue, drawing attention to the condition of the sidewalk adjacent to his residence, due to its heaving been removed on account of certain building operations.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the request of Mr. Huggett be referred to the Board of Works Committee and City Engineer with power to act.

From Robert J. Dixon, applying for the extension of a wooden sidewalk on the South side of Fifth Street, from the middle of Block 127 to the St. Andrew's Avenue end of that block.

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

From the District Clerk advising that water furnished the City from the Mosquito Creek Intake, by resolution of his Council, had been placed in a prohibited area for sprinkling. The City Clerk advised that water users in the Tempe Heights residential area, and 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets from Ridgeway Avenue to Sutherland Avenue, the areas affected by resolution of the District council, had been duly notified by circular and publication that sprinkling was prohibited.

Received and filed.

From J.W. Orr, 1352 Lonsdale Avenue, requesting that his water pipe for domestic service be changed without delay, from a half-inch to a three-quarter inch pipe.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the communication be referred to the Water Works Committee for consideration and report.

From the City Engineer recommending passage of a resolution under section 38 of the Water Works Regulation bylaw, limiting the hours of sprinkling from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

The Clerk reported that the required notice limited the hours of sprinkling had been published in the September 4<sup>th</sup> issue of the "North Shore Press" and that the regulations would continue in force during the dry spell.

Moved by Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the recommendation of the Engineer be adopted and the publication of the notice be confirmed.

From the Chief Engineer of the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners advising the City that work can now be proceeded with in installing the water main to the new Japan Dock, stating that for a period of two weeks there would be no interference with the City's constructional operations by railway traffic.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Water Works Committee and City Engineer be given power to act.

From the Secretary of the Harbour Board, advising concurrence by the Board of Harbour Commissioners in the report of the Special Committee that had been sent for the consideration of the Commissioners, and further stating that instructions had been issued by the Board of Commissioners to their Contractor in regard to consulting with the British Columbia Electric Railway Company as to the removal of the Street Railway tracks.

The Mayor and other members of the Special Committee were of opinion that the communication reflected in a general way the understanding arrived at with the Board of Harbour Commissioners, and that no further negotiations were necessary at this time. The letter was received and filed.

Applications from the following members of the Municipal Staff requesting that deductions from their salaries as contributions to the Superannuation Fund be at the

rate set opposite their respective names:

Peter Stewart	8%
George Gauld	7%
Water Teague Graham	8%
Alvin John Rufus Shannon	5%
Gideon Scott	8%
Robert Leckie Docherty	8%
Archibald Irwin	5%
Laurie D. Stephen Wheadon	5%
John A. Reed	5%
Christopher Irwin	5%
Robert Hedley	5%
William Murphy	5%

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the applications be referred for consideration to the Committee of the Whole.

From the City Building Inspector, reporting favourably on the condition of premises on City owned lots numbered 17, 18 and 19, Block 172, D.L. 274, Esplanade and St. Patrick's Avenue.

After a thorough investigation the Clerk recommended to Council for acceptance, that the buildings be allowed to remain on the property during the pleasure of the Council on the following terms:

Thompson to pay \$7.50 per month ground rental, and \$5.00 each month on arrears of \$50.00 incurred previous to June 1926, payment to begin September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1928 (2) buildings).

Reid to pay \$2.50 per month ground rental, payment to commence September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1928 (1 small building).

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the recommendation of the Clerk be adopted, and that a report on collections be furnished every two months by the City Collector.

The Clerk reported that Allan Boaq, of South Vancouver, in response to a letter had called at his office and advised that he is prepared to erect two four-roomed suites, with two separate garages, at the rear, on the lot west of the Quong Hob Chinese Laundry on 1<sup>st</sup> Street, provided that the Council will give him an assurance that the Laundry will be stopped from operating.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that Mr. Boag be requested to confirm, in writing, his plans, and the time he is prepared to commence building.

A report was submitted by the City Clerk on Laundries, as requested by the resolution of Council of August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1928.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the report be referred for consideration to the Committee of the Whole.

From the City Sanitary Inspector, and H.D. Haywood, Dominion Government Fox Inspector, approving of the sanitary conditions prevailing at the time of inspection of Mr. Brown's Fox pens, situation at  $256 - 4^{th}$  East, City. The communications made no comment or reference to the noise complained of by certain petitioners for removal of the foxes.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the communications be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

From the Vancouver Dry Dock and Salvage Co. Ltd., applying for a six inch connection off the City water main crossing the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners Tunnel directly in front of the Shell Oil Co.'s property on Esplanade West, the connection to be furnished to the edge of their property and there reduced for present needs.

Moved by Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the application be referred to the Water Works Committee and City Engineer for report.

From the City Treasurer enclosing report of collections for the month of August, totalling \$258,904.73. Also showing total collections for the period ending August 31<sup>st</sup>, \$518,205.61.

Filed for reference.

From the Scenic Highway Gun Club advising their annual Shoot for the Club trophies on Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 1:30 p.m. at the Grouse Mountain Traps, and asking that a team be entered by the City Council for competition in the North Shore Council trophy. Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that a team be entered by the City Council, and that Alderman Anderson be appointed leader

#### **PEITIONS**

A petition was read from the North Shore Realty Co., and thirteen other petitioners urging on Council the immediate enforcement of the Laundry Amendment Bylaw 1928 prohibiting the operation of a Laundry at  $124 - 1^{st}$  Street East, in the first block west of Lonsdale.

with power to arrange for the required number of expert marksmen.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the petition be received and referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration with other matters relating to the operation of laundries, and that in the meantime the signatures of the petitioners be checked as to their interest in the immediate neighbourhood of the laundry complained of.

#### **INQUIRIES**

His Worship the Mayor inquired if anything had been done towards the repayment of the funds borrowed sometime ago from the Ferry Account.

It was explained that the proceeds of certain Local Improvement Bonds, totalling \$6,357.32 would be available for that purpose later in the week. The matter as left over with the understanding that the Treasurer would complete the accounts at the first opportunity and report, in writing, to the Council exactly what had been done.

#### PLANS FOR APPROVAL

From the City Engineer enclosing plan of subdivision of Lot 10, Block 39, D.L. 548/9, on the east side of Lonsdale Avenue (between 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets) Lot 10 is a 60 foot lot, and the northerly portion is now divided into one Lot 35 feet in width, and the southerly portion into one lot 25 feet in width.

The Engineer recommended that the said plan of subdivision be approved as the property in question is in a business area.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that he proposed subdivision be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further consideration.

## **DUE ACCOUNTS**

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, School, Police, Board of Works, Waterworks, Fire and Light, Ferry, Parks and Health Committees, on due accounts were submitted by the respective Chairmen and read to the meeting and the Treasurer was authorized to pay the accounts to the amounts following:

Finance	\$1944.83	
	<u>1644.74</u>	\$3,589.57
Police		\$1,452.65
School		\$1,130.00
Ferry		\$9,545.79
Board of Works	\$481.25	
	<u>2434.73</u>	\$2,915.98
Water Works	\$361.25	
	<u>2772.98</u>	\$3,134.23
Parks	\$235.00	
	<u>509.92</u>	\$744.92
Fire & Light		\$1,660.00
Health	\$340.00	
	<u>140.00</u>	\$480.00

# REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Alderman Anderson reported on behalf of the Special Committee appointed to interview Mr. R.E. Macnaghten, representing the Macnaghten Estate, stating as a result of the Committee's representations to Mr. Macnaghten he had consented to convey to the City, free of charge, the westerly ten feet of Lot 6, of Lots 9 to 13, Block 38, D.L. 548/9 (property at north east corner of 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Lonsdale Avenue) for lane purposes, and recommended that the necessary documents to convey title to the City be prepared and mailed for signature.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mr. Macnaghten for his grant of a lane allowance, and that the report of the Committee be adopted.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Mayor Morden and resolved that the following report of the Finance Committee be adopted:

RECOMMEND that the following Minutes of the Finance Committee held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 1928, at 9:15 p.m. at which were present His Worship Mayor Morden, Alderman Bridgman, Alderman White and Alderman Tolmie, be confirmed, and spread on the Minutes as part of the business of this meeting:

"RECOMMEND that the following bond offers for sinking fund investment be accepted:

A.E. Ames and Co., Vancouver.

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£200.0.0	City of North Vancouver 5% Bonds due July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1963 at 100, yielding 5%
\$1,000	City of North Vancouver 5% Bonds due March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 1963 at 100, yielding 5%
\$500	City of North Vancouver 5% Bonds due April 15 <sup>th</sup> , 1957 at 100, yielding 5%
\$1,000	City of North Vancouver 5% Bonds due July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1959 at 100, yielding 5%

# Pemberton and Son, Vancouver

\$10,000	City of North Vancouver 5% Bonds due June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1958 at 99.50,
	to yield 5.03.

#### R.P. Clark and Co. (Vancouver) Ltd.

£600.0.0	City of North Vancouver 4 ½ % Bonds due September 1st, 1931
	payable Can. & Lon. at \$98.35 and accrued interest, to yield
	5.10%

## Royal Financial Corporation Ltd.

£200.0.0	City of North Vancouver 5% Bonds, due 10 <sup>TH</sup> July 1961 at a price
	to yield 5%
£100.0.0	City of North Vancouver 4 ½ % Bonds, due 11931 to yield 5%

# Re letter from City Collector re Sundbakken property

In March 1926 Nicholas Sundbakken purchased from the City Lot 24, Block 131, D.L. 274, the net amount received by the City on account being \$75.00.

Since the date of purchase no taxes have been paid on the property.

Mr. Sundbakken now requests that the \$75.00 paid be applied to arrears of taxes due by him on Lot 25, Block 131, D.L. 271.

RECOMMEND that Nicholas Sundbakken be advised that his request cannot be complied with and that he be further advised to return his copy of the agreement covering Lot 24, or if registered that he sign a release to the City, failing which the property to be foreclosed in the usual manner.

RECOMMEND that the report of the City Relief Officer showing disbursement of \$380.00 through his office for the month of August be received and adopted.

RECOMMEND that the following Securities be purchased for Sinking Fund Investment from:

## The Royal Financial Corporation

\$24,000	City of North Vancouver 5% Bonds, due 1958 at 99.48 to yield
	5.03.

#### Nesbitt, Thompson and Co.

£500.0.0	City of North Vancouver 4 ½% Bonds, due September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1961
	at 91.96 and accrued interest to yield 5%.

The Clerk advised that an Order in Council had been passed providing that Crushed Stone produced by any Municipality exclusively for use in building and maintaining its roads or sidewalks, and not for sale, be exempt from Sales Tax, and further that the said Tax be remitted in respect of these commodities heretofore produced by Municipalities and used for the construction or maintenance of Municipal road and sidewalks.

RECOMMEND that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Commissioner of Excise for this equitable concession, and that the Treasurer is hereby instructed to file with the Department a claim for refund for the amount of tax already paid by the City.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the following report of the Board of Works Committee be adopted:

RECOMMEND that the application of H.W. Metcalf and G. Bullock, to have the lane opened in Block 29, D.L. 273, be granted, by making some small repairs where necessary in the lane, which is already opened.

RECOMMEND that the application of Mr. Elliott of 228 – 24<sup>th</sup> Street West be granted to have the Boulevard on either side of the new concrete walk sloped where required, and that any repairs necessary be made to the roadway between Chesterfield Avenue and Mahon Avenue.

RECOMMEND that the application of Mr. M. Pigou to have the lane opened at the rear of Lot 16, Block 230, D.L. 546, be laid over, as the Board of Works have

already graded a roadway into the front of the lot, which gives access for taking in lumber for building purposes; the expense of opening the lane at the present time being considered too high.

RECOMMEND that the application of Ernest W. Fane of 2608 Chesterfield Avenue be granted to have a boulder removed from the boulevard at a cost not to exceed \$25.00. This is found necessary owing to improvements to the Boulevard which Mr. Fane is making.

RECOMMEND that the application of Bell-Irving, Creey & Co. Ltd. be granted by constructing a three-plank sidewalk on the south side of 26<sup>th</sup> Street from in front of house No. 253, westward a distance of about fifty feet, to the entrance of the house adjoining, at an estimated cost of \$40.00. The question of opening the lane to stand over for a future date owing to the outlay required.

RECOMMEND that the application of M. Guiliani of  $151 - 6^{th}$  Street East, be granted insofar as grading the lane from St. George's Avenue westerly to his house is concerned, the lane being already opened buy requiring some regarding.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the following report of the Ferry Committee be adopted:

RECOMMEND that the request of Mr. Chalmers, Ferry Superintendent, for ten days special leave of absence be granted, on account of his wife recovering from a serious illness, but is desirous of taking her away for a change. The Committee expressed sympathy with Mr. Chalmers, and assured him that if necessary the period could be extended for a full two weeks on application to the City Clerk.

RECOMMEND that the Marine Insurance on Number Two Ferry, in the amount of \$55,000.00 on the terms and rates quoted in the letter of Philip, Mahon and Co., of August 15<sup>th</sup>, be accepted, and that the local agents be requested to immediately instruct their London agents to cover for that amount.

Alderman Anderson reported a further interview with Philip, Mahon and Co., regarding the delay in settlement of an Insurance claim for damages to Number Two Ferry through colliding with the Dolphin at the East Lead on the Vancouver Wharf on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 1927.

The agents reported that one of the companies were still holding out on a "no liability issue", but the agents believed the matter was now very close to a full settlement, and the Ferry Committee were of opinion it would not be good business to accept at this time a partial settlement of the Claim.

Ferry Superintendent Chalmers reported that the carpenter work on Number Three Ferry was completed, and he further advised that the "San San" work on the floor of the same boat would be started on Wednesday morning. Some painting would also have to be done, but he fully expected the damaged portion of the boat would be ready for passengers about the first of the following week.

Moved by Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the following report of the Water Works Committee be adopted:

RECOMMEND that the application of Arthur Goodwin for a telephone connection on the City Water Works Intake line be granted, only during the pleasure of the Council.

RECOMMEND that a one-inch service pipe be extended to the corner of Cotton Road and Brooksbank Avenue at an estimated cost of \$140.00 from the Service main now being installed to the Gas Station on Lot 1, Block 30, D.L. 272. This will temporarily serve the two houses (Araki and Reid) in this area until the section is further built up.

RECOMMEND to the favourable consideration of Council, the adoption of the Engineer's recommendation to permit sprinkling from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily during the continuance of the dry weather.

Alderman Tolmie drew attention to the water situation on Tempe Heights, enquiring if water could not be pumped to this section on completion of the en water main from Rice Lake, and thus ensure a more satisfactory service than was now provided to the residents in that section.

The Engineer stated that pumping was quite feasible, but might prove more costly, and the service would probably not give any more satisfaction in dry weather than the present connection with the District system at Mosquito Creek.

Moved by Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the following report of the Fire and Light Committee be adopted:

RECOMMEND that the following Arc lights be installed, following an inspection of the locations by the Committee and the City Fire Chief;

18<sup>th</sup> Street and Boulevard

18<sup>th</sup> Street and Mahon Avenue

21<sup>st</sup> Street and Mahon Avenue

25<sup>th</sup> Street and Mahon Avenue

9<sup>th</sup> Street and Sutherland Avenue

Ninth Street and Sutherland Avenue being a boundary light that application be made by the Clerk to the District Council for their consent.

RECOMMEND that the application for a light at the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and St. George's Avenue be not granted as the present lighting at this location is considered adequate.

RECOMMEND in connection with the application for a light at the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and St. George's Avenue that the Committee further reconsider the question of instilling a light nearly opposite the "Colonial Apartments", as it appears that much confusion prevails at this point on dark nights, due to three streets converging near that location.

RECOMMEND that an Arc Light be installed on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Forbes Avenue and Bewicke Avenue, approximately 100 feet east of the Bridge. This light is recommended by the Fire Chief and urged as a necessity by the Police Department.

Mayor Morden suggested to the Committee that some action be taken to provide lighting at some of the street corners intersecting on the Low Level Road. RECOMMEND that the Fire and Light Committee make an early inspection of required street lights on the new road at Moodyville.

Alderman White reported that Mr. Harron of Harron Bros. Undertaking Parlours had discussed with him the advisability of placing a light opposite his place of business on 6<sup>th</sup> Street West.

The Committee did not look with favour on the application, for the reason that if granted a precedent for establishing lights opposite other business premises in the City would be sure to follow. The Committee, however, suggested that Alderman White again interview Mr. Harron and state that they would be prepared to consider installing a light opposite the premises at his expense, as was done in the case of the Lonsdale Theatres.

Mr. H.C. Wright addressed the Committee and suggested that the light on the northeast corner of 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Williams Avenue be changed over toe the southeast corner of the same street intersection, as Maple Trees had grown up in front of a residence at the Northeast corner completely obscuring the present light, with the result that the light was not service the purpose for which it was erected.

#### **MOTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that one of the customary warning signs signifying "School – Go Slow" be placed at the intersection of Lonsdale Avenue and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, for the protection of pupils attending the High School.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that it be left in the hands of the City Engineer and the Chief of Police to cause to be erected at a suitable place on Lonsdale Avenue, a sign indicating that north of the Esplanade on Lonsdale Avenue "Parking" is permitted for a period of one hour only, and machines must be parked at an angle of 45 degrees.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the attention of the Board of Police Commissioners be called to the danger to pedestrian traffic on the east side of Lonsdale Avenue in the vicinity of the street car stopping place due to automobiles from the Ferry Wharf passing the open sewer trench at an altogether too high a rate of speed, and suggesting to the Commissioners that special attention be given by the Police to the traffic situation at this point.

## NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Anderson suggested that Council should notify the Board of Harbour Commissioners that the understanding arrived at between the City and the British Columbia Electric Railway Company to reimburse them for extra cars if found necessary on account of the subway cut, would be for the actual increase of wages paid only, and that the City for the time being was assuming this responsibility on behalf of the Board of Harbour Commissioners. Any charges paid by the City on this account to be refunded by the Board of Commissioners if called upon to do so.

It was agreed by Council that this should be done.

His Worship the Mayor speaking to a question of privilege referred to a recent letter from Alderman W.A. Tolmie that appeared in the "North Shore Press", in which he considered two statements reflected on the conduct of the Chair.

- 1. That Alderman Tolmie's letter seemed to imply that a Special meeting of the Council had been called by the Mayor for the purpose of hearing the report of the Finance com in connection with the appointment of a Special Assessment Officer, with the knowledge and because Alderman Tolmie was out of town. The Mayor stated this was quite contrary to the facts of the case, as all members of the Council knew.
- 2. That uncalled for haste was shown in the appointment of Major A.R. McKenzie to the position; again the facts were contrary to the implication. The appointment was discussed in the fullest manner by every member of the Council present, and in an earnest desire of Council to expedite the business of the City it was unanimously resolved by the meting that the appointment be given to Mr. McKenzie as a person fully qualified for the work to be done.

Alderman Tolmie explained that in writing the communication referred to, it was far from his thought or intention to cast any reflection on the action of the Mayor, he was, however, of opinion then, as he is now, that a more suitable man could have been secured for the position by further delay, and inasmuch as the appointment was a closed incident by the action of Council at a meeting at which he was not present, his only recourse to explain his attitude to the interested ratepayers was through the Public Press.

#### **BYLAWS**

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of the Council, a Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Highways Dedication Bylaw, No. 3, 1928" 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 Tolmie and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Highways Dedication Bylaw, No. 3, 1928" be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Committee proceedings with respect to the Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Highways Dedication Bylaw, No. 3, 1928" be dispensed with.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Highways Dedication Bylaw, No. 3, 1928" be now read a third time.

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The letter from Alderman E.H. Bridgman, addressed to Council, with reference to a letter that recently appeared in the local press from Alderman W.A. Tolmie, dealing with the appointment of a Special Assessment Officer and laid on the table at the last meeting of Council, was further considered.

Alderman Bridgman, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated it was manifestly unfair of Alderman Tolmie to seek to convey the impression that he was an insignificant member of the Finance Committee, he had been treated at all times by his fellow members with courtesy and respect, and he thought it most unfortunate that a member of the Council, which had gone on record as a body to make a wholehearted effort to revise the assessment roll in respect to equity and the correction of anomalies, should prejudge the work of the man appointed in the manner indicated by the last paragraph of his letter. He invited Alderman Tolmie, as a member of the Special Committee appointed to confer with the Special Assessment Officer, to spend some time investigating the work that was being done by Mr. McKenzie, and he believed he would be satisfied with the result shown.

Alderman Tolmie reiterated his dissatisfaction with the appointment made, he was mindful that the Council was on record to secure equity in the revision of the Assessment Roll, but was still of opinion that this could not be secured by an appointee with the limited practical experience that Mr. MacKenzie possessed, so much so that he believed further effort should have been made to secure the services of an expert that was beyond question; that was his reason for stating through the Press that he was of opinion the final results would be unsatisfactory to the general body of ratepayers.

The Clerk drew attention to a resolution passed at a meeting of the Joint Councils, authorizing the Committee appointed to gather available data in connection with the

suggested Airport site east of the Seymour River, to incur minor expenditures to be shared jointly by the three municipalities in getting the information necessary, and asked the consideration of Council in voting a sum of money on this account.

His Worship the Mayor, as a member of the Committee, stated he did not think that any money should be voted at this time, if any funds were needed application would be made in due course.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that this Council do now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole.

Alderman Bridgman was appointed Chairman.

**IN COMMITTEE** 

#### IN COUNCIL

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

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the meeting adjourn.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

Signed: G.H. Morden, Mayor