

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 1928 AT 8:00 P.M.

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

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From the City Clerk submitting detailed reports of Staffs from the "Heads of Departments" in accordance with Council resolution of October 1st, 1928.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the communication be laid on the table.

From the City Solicitor, re Vancouver Harbour Commissioners' Low Level Road, stating that he had taken it upon himself to request the City Clerk not to send the proposed letter to the B.C. Mills, Timber and Trading Co., in accordance with the resolution of Council passed on October 15th, 1928. Also, submitting a copy of the proposed agreement between the Board of Commissioners, the City of North Vancouver, and the B.C. Mills, Timber and Trading Co. showing certain alterations made by the Board of Harbour Commissioners before signing the agreement. The effect of the agreement as amended by the Commissioners rendered the proposals quite unacceptable to the City.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the communication and the agreement be laid on the table.

From the District of North Vancouver, under date of October 25th, re the proposal of the Directors of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to abandon the railway service on the line running between North Vancouver City and Whytecliffe. The views of the District Council are embodied in the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT this, the Council of the Municipality of the District of North Vancouver goes on record as being strongly opposed to suggestions which have recently appeared in the Press to the effect that it is contemplated on the part of the Directors of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to abandon their service on the line running between North Vancouver city and Whytecliffe and either to take up the rails on that portion of the system or to totally abandon the railway service as in the past and at present furnished between those two points.

AND THAT WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT the continuing operation of this line is of very vital interest to the North Shore of Burrard Inlet in respect to its effect upon the future development of that territory and that any attempt to at this stage interfere with such operation would mitigate very seriously against the ultimate completion of the

Pacific Great Eastern Railway from North Vancouver to Squamish as was originally the intention when this line was built and as has been the expectation and hope of the residents of the North Shore every since then;

AND, FURTHER, regarding ourselves and the other two Councils of North Vancouver City and West Vancouver municipality, as being the guardians of the rights of the people of the North Shore, we deem it our duty to safeguard those interests to the limit of our ability, irrespective of any political influences or considerations, and, placing this matter outside of the realm of party politics and regarding it as one affecting the rights of our citizens as a whole;

WE hereby invite the said Councils of the City of North Vancouver and of the District of West Vancouver, to meet with us in common council and to there discuss the most practicable ways and means of placing our views before the proper authorities with a view to so protecting the interests of our communities in this matter”.

From the District of North Vancouver under date of October 29th with further reference to the above resolution, suggesting that a joint meeting of the City and District Councils be held in the City Hall on Wednesday, October 31st, 1928, at 8 p.m.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that a joint meeting of the two Councils be arranged at the time and place stated, and that the Council of West Vancouver, through its Clerk, be invited to send representatives to the meeting as the matter of considering ways and means of protecting the community interest is of urgent and vital importance to all sections of the North Shore.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that this Council notify the provincial Government and the Board of Directors of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway that it views with alarm the reported proposals to discontinue the train service on the North Vancouver - Whytecliffe section of the line, and further that this Council is strenuously opposed to any change being made that is likely to entail the abandonment of this branch of the Railway.

From Wrigley Directories Limited, in answer to a civic request, advising that they could complete a municipal census of the City before the end of the year, provided the Council decided to proceed with same at this meeting. The Clerk also read a reply that he had received from the Inspector of Municipalities expressing the opinion that the Finance Department of the Government would be guided by the census taken in the distribution of monies according to population, but that he could not guarantee same. The Clerk further reported that no reply had been received from the Department of Finance in answer to the question if the figures provided by Wrigley's would be accepted by the Government.

Alderman Bridgman stated that on the understanding that the Finance Committee of the Council had not the requisite funds at their disposal for this work, and that the money to pay for taking of the census would be provided from another source, it was moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that Wrigley's Ltd., be instructed to proceed at once with the taking of a census, and that they be requested as far as practicable, that North Shore men be employed on the job.

From W.J. Baird, Barrister, Vancouver, requesting compensation for his client, MR. J.D. Grant, who carries on business as a grocer, at 120 Esplanade West, Mr. Grant claims that his business losses extend to \$200.00 per month, due to the construction of a tunnel on Esplanade.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the communication be referred to the City Solicitor for reply.

From Colfix Pacific Ltd., submitting a price of \$1.49 per square yard and specifications for the paving of St. George's Avenue from Esplanade to 1st Street, by the Colfix penetration method of road treatment. Also covering the surface treatment of 2nd Street from St. George's Avenue to Chesterfield Avenue at a price of 8 1/2¢ per square yard. In this connection communications were also read from Ellis-Cotton Ltd., submitting for the consideration of Council proposals for the asphalt-macadam paving of St. George's Avenue from Esplanade to 1st Street, at a price of 85¢ per square yard. Asphaltic Concrete at a price of \$1.30 per square yard and Warrenite-Bitulithic at a price of \$1.40 per square yard.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the proposals be referred to the City Engineer for tabulation and report.

From the L & B.N.A. Co. Ltd. and C.A. Lett (Owner) Vancouver, regarding the smoke nuisance at the Mount Crown Block, 1st Street East, alleged to be caused by a low chimney on the garage building immediately at the rear, and thereby causing serious loss and inconvenience to the owner of the apartment block.

It was stated that a metal chimney, guyed to the Mount Crown Block approximately 35 feet high would remedy the trouble. The owner of the garage building, A.E. Foreman it is said, objected to the chimney of this height being constructed at his expense but was willing to provide an extension of about 14 feet, which the owner considered quite inadequate.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and r that the complaint be referred to the Building inspector and City Solicitor with power to act.

From the City Engineer, submitting an estimate of cost, \$600.00 covering the proposed improvements to dressing rooms, and proposed cricket practice pitches at the Boulevard Park on the application of the North Shore Cricket Club.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that this Engineer's report be referred for final consideration to the 1929 Council.

From W. Murphy, Secretary of St. John's Ambulance Association, applying for the use of the gymnasium at the Fire Hall to hold instruction classes in First Aid work one night per week. Beginning November 1st.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the application be granted.

Application from the following outside employees requesting that deductions from their salaries as contributors to the Superannuation Fund be made at the rate of 8% effective November 1928.

John McKeith
Tom Piper
Robert Nelson
Frank Davey
George Steele

The Clerk reported all the applicants qualified as to age under the act.
Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the request of the applicants be approved, and that future contributions from the City be authorized at the rate set forth on Form 13A, Section 6 of the Act.

From the Secretary of the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners advising that construction on the Subway is being prosecuted as rapidly as possible, considering the circumstances in which the work is being carried on, and the disadvantages of recent weather conditions.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the Board of Harbour Commissioners be advised that the Council is of opinion that the Contractor is not opening up communication as rapidly as might be done at the west end of the tunnel, if the work of backfilling from Rogers avenue towards Lonsdale Avenue was hurried on by the Contractor, access could be obtained and business conditions facilitated on that portion of the thoroughfare.

Reports from "Heads of Departments" were considered in the following order:

City Clerk

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the report of the City Clerk be adopted.

City Treasurer

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Treasurer submit a report showing time absent from duty by members of his staff on sick or other leave, during the current year, excepting in each instance the regular vacation period and leave of absence granted by Council.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the report of the City Treasurer be now adopted.

City Engineer

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Board of Works Committee, the Water Works Committee, and the Parks Committee bring in a report on the advisability of reducing the number of "Straw Bosses", and also look further into the system of paying a "Straw Boss" 25¢ extra per day when not in charge of some special work.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Parks Committee bring in a report concerning the employment of the Caretaker at the Cemetery, with particular reference to his work during the winter months.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Road Superintendent requested to exercise every possible care in arranging a balanced

division of labour as between “Straw Bosses” and labourers, as in the opinion of Council a small number of men did not warrant a sub-foreman or “Straw Boss” in a supervisory capacity only.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the report of the City Engineer be now adopted.

City Assessor

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the City Clerk, Treasurer and Assessor submit a report at the next meeting of Council in the matter of reducing the present staff of Stenographers to one.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the report of the City Assessor be now adopted.

Building Inspector

Moved by Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the report of the Building Inspector be adopted.

Ferry Superintendent

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the matter of receiving freight at the Ferry Terminals be investigated by the Chairman of the Ferry Committee, and the Ferry Superintendent, with a view to arranging a closing period at mid-day is done at other receiving depots so that the freight clerks can have regular daily time for meals.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the report of the Ferry Superintendent be now adopted.

Chief of Fire Department

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the report of the Chief of the Fire Department be adopted.

Re Colfix and Ellis-Cotton Proposals

The City Engineer reported as follows:

“There are two tenders for Asphalt Macadam Paving on St. George’s from esplanade to First Street:

Ellis-Cotton Ltd. – 600 square yards asphalt macadam penetration at 85¢ - \$510.00

Colfix Pacific Ltd. – 600 square yards asphalt macadam penetration at \$1.49 - \$894.00

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that Mr. A.S. Williamson of Colfix Pacific Ltd., be heard.

Mr. Williamson extended an invitation to members of the Council to be present at Frye’s Corner on the Pacific Highway on Wednesday Morning, October 31st, where a piece of “Colfix” road construction was to be inspected by the Minister of Public Works and others.

With reference to the Colfix proposals before Council, he was of opinion that his Company's engineer should have an opportunity of further discussing this matter with the City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the subject matter of the proposals be left in the hands of the City Engineer to discuss with the Engineers representing the respective parties, and that a report based on that conference be submitted by the City Engineer at the next meeting of Council.

Re Low Level Road at Moodyville

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the City Engineer be requested to draw a map to scale showing the entire slope as it is today in relation to its position before the work was commenced in front of the operations conducted by the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners in connection with the construction of this Road and works adjacent thereto.

From the City Treasurer requesting that a temporary loan be authorized either from the City Ferry reserve account, or from the Royal Bank of Canada.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that a transfer or loan in the sum of \$20,000 be made by the Treasurer from the City Ferry Reserve account to carry interest at the rate of 5%.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Clerk write to the District of North Vancouver requesting that they make financial arrangements at the earliest possible date to pay the amount of \$12,822.07 due at June 30th, 1928, for High School and Manual Training Fees, now in arrears.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson:

WHEREAS an agreement bearing date the 27th day of June 1928, and made between the Corporations of the City and District of North Vancouver of the one part (referred to as "The Owner") and H.C. Redmond of the other part (referred to as "The Contractor") the Contractor agreed to erect a hospital in Block 60, District Lot 549, City of North Vancouver, at a price of \$175,980.00 for the said Owner, as therein set forth;

AND WHEREAS the said agreement contained a schedule of substitutions and deductions in and from the work shown on the original drawings and specifications, which were taken into account and received effect in arriving at the said price of \$175,980.00;

AND WHEREAS it was agreed that if the Owner desired to cancel one or more or all of the said substitutions and/or deductions the Contractor would carry out the work and supply the materials contemplated and provided in the said drawings and specifications prior to substitutions,, and/or deductions on payment to him by the owner in respect of the cancellation of such substitution or substitutions deduction or deductions, the respective amount or amounts set opposite the said substitution or substitutions,

deduction or deductions, in the schedule attached to the Agreement, in addition to the said price o \$175,980.00;

AND WHEREAS it was agreed that the right on the part of the Owner to revert to said drawings and specifications to the whole or a partial extent, and on payment of the said respective amount or amounts only, might be exercised within 90 days from the date of said agreement;

AND WEHREAS the Contractor and owner agreed to extend the time for exercising said right for a further period of 30 days;

AND WHEREAS the owner has decided to cancel the following substitutions and deductions contained in the said Schedule attached to the said agreement, namely:

1	Cancel item in specification for driveways and rough grading as more fully described in said Schedule	\$4,000.00
2	Eliminate all silent signals throughout with combined light switches and receptacle outlet over bed locations, as more particularly described in said Schedule	\$970.00
3	Omit all pipe curtain rods in wards called for in plumbing specifications	\$455.00
4.	Entire third floor to be regarded as "future" by eliminating all interior partitions etc.; as more fully set forth in said Schedule	\$5,235.00
	TOTAL	\$10,660.00

AND the Corporations of the said City and District have agreed to confirm said decision by separate resolutions of their respective Councils.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the substitutions and deductions contained in the said Schedule and hereinbefore particularly described be and the same are hereby cancelled, and that the Contractor be notified to proceed with the contract entered into between him and the said respective Corporations in accordance with the original drawing and specifications as these may be and are, after giving effect to the foregoing cancellation, the price to be added to the said sum of \$175,980.00 in respect of such cancellation to be \$10,660.00, or \$186,640.00 in all.

Alderman Bridgman gave notice of the following motion:

THAT the City Engineer and Ferry Superintendent arrange to place before Council a detailed report, of a fairly comprehensive nature, along with the estimated cost of continuing the Street Car Terminal from its present location at the foot of Lonsdale Avenue on to the Ferry Wharf.

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

Alderman was appointed Chairman.

IN COMMITTEE

IN COUNCIL

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

Alderman Bridgman, Chairman of the Fire and Light Committee, reported that the Mayor had advised him he had extended the privilege to the Contractor for the subway of keeping the Standard lights at the foot of Lonsdale Avenue burning when all night work on the part of the Contract at the Subway cut rendered this necessary. The estimated cost of burning would approximate \$5.00 per night. The Council confirmed the action.

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

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

Signed: G.H. Morden, Mayor