

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 1928 AT 8:30 P.M.

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

From the City Clerk, Vancouver, forwarding the following resolution passed by the Council-elect of the Greater City of Vancouver, at a meeting held on Friday, December 7th, 1928:

“THAT this Council-elect is in sympathy with the matter of Amalgamation as affecting the Municipalities on the North Shore of Burrard Inlet, and will participate in the gathering of data to that end, but feel that the time is not yet opportune for the City of Vancouver to extend its territories across the Inlet”.

Mayor Morden reported that a most cordial reception was accorded to the Special Committee by the Mayor and Council-elect of Greater Vancouver. The question of amalgamation of the two Cities had been fully discussed, and the view taken by the Vancouver members is outlined in the above resolution. Time was required by Vancouver to consolidate amalgamation that had just been effected with South Vancouver and Point Grey, some members of the Council-elect expressing themselves in favour of creating a Metropolitan Area rather than developing the union movement any further along the lines just concluded. His Worship expressed the opinion that a plebiscite should be taken locally at the January elections, as the question of amalgamation was in the atmosphere and a vote so taken would remove the sense of uncertainty prevailing on the situation.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the City Solicitor prepare a resolution for submission to the next regular meeting of Council, and that following its adoption by Council a ballot be submitted to the Electors on the question of amalgamation between the Cities of Vancouver and North Vancouver, at the forthcoming elections.

From the Secretary-treasurer of the North Vancouver General Hospital requesting that the sum of \$15,000.00 Hospital Bylaw funds be allocated to the building account of the joint Hospital Board of Management.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the request be granted, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue a cheque in favour of the Joint Board of Management of the North Vancouver Hospital for the sum of \$15,000.00 for building account, and that disbursement of the amount be left in the hands of the Joint Hospital Board of Management.

A circular letter was read from the President of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities asking the Municipalities for a further subscription on 1928 account of 25% of the yearly levy. It was explained that the financial requirements of the Union for

1928 had been under-estimated, and that as is usual some outlying Municipalities had not paid their dues. There had also been some additional expense on account of the very large Convention this year. The dues paid by this City yearly amounts to \$50.00, and the call for an extra 25% would be an additional \$12.50 or a total of \$62.50 for 1928.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the amount be ordered paid, and the Treasurer be authorized to issue a cheque in favour of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for \$12.50 as additional dues payable for 1928.

From the Secretary of the Vancouver harbour Commissioners in regard to the Low Level Road (Moodyville) Agreement, advising that while the Commissioners do not see that further discussion of this matter would be of benefit in view of the fact that the terms of the agreement have already been carefully considered, they nevertheless, would be willing to receive a deputation from the Council and the B.C. Mills, Timber and Trading Co., to again review the whole question.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the matter of arranging a meeting at the earliest possible date be left in the hands of His Worship the Mayor, and as many members of the Council attend as possible.

From the Burrard Laundry Ltd., calling attention to the high water rates being charged by the City for metered water furnished at their Plant, also asking that a comparison be made with similar rates charged in Vancouver. They stated that their water bill amounted to about \$700.00 per year.

The Clerk submitted a statement from the Collector showing water rates unpaid by this Concern amounting to \$355.68.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the City Engineer check up on water rates charged laundries by surrounding Municipalities and report to the next meeting of the Water Works Committee of Council.

From the City Engineer, reporting as follows re application of Hector D. Ransom, and J. Lepore, for house lighting at the corner of 5th and 6th Streets:

"I have looked over the locality mentioned in the application, and am of opinion that the British Columbia Electric Railway Company should not hesitate to supply light to these two houses without any expense whatever to the owners. With the permission of Mr. Burt of 436 – 6th Street West to allow the wires to cross his property, it would only be necessary for the British Columbia Electric Railway Company to install one pole.

I would recommend that the British Columbia Electric Railway Company be requested to furnish this lighting without any expense to the owners, providing the written consent of Mr. Burt is obtained.

An alternative method would be to extend the pole line from the corner of Forbes and Sixth streets easterly to the said new houses, which would require two new poles."

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Engineer's communication be forwarded to the British Columbia Electric Railway Company and resolved that the Engineer's communication be forwarded to the British Columbia Electric Railway Company with the request that light be furnished to the

applicants at the earliest possible date along the lines indicated in the letter of the City Engineer.

Re Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

“Your delegation, together with reeve Fromme and Councillor Bryan from the District, and Jack Loutet, met the Provincial government last Wednesday morning, at 11 o'clock. Besides the Premier the following Members of the Cabinet were present: Messrs. Pooley, Hinchliff, MacKenzie, Schelly, Howe, Burdan and Atkinson,

In presenting our case, the Delegation pointed out that they were not so particularly exercised about stopping the service on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, except insofar as it had relation to abandonment. The Premier in reply, read from the printed Manifesto made during the Election Campaign to the effect that, if elected, his Government would fulfil the policy laid down by the Late Sir Richard McBride, in 1912, and complete the Pacific Great Eastern Railway as set out therein. This promise, he stated, would be carried out when he was in receipt of full information, after a thorough survey of the whole situation was in his hands.

The question was then asked by Councillor Bryan would the Government, in the event of a sale of the Road taking place, make the completion from Whytecliffe to Squamish part and parcel of the sale. At this juncture, the Hon. Mr. Hinchliff interjected some comments with respect to the route, which he stated was laid down in the original Statute of 119212, clearly setting out that the Railway commenced at Vancouver continuing via North Vancouver, How Sound, Squamish and Fraser River to fort George. The Premier had to attend another meeting and the question was not definitely answered.

Upon his retirement the Hon. Mr. Howe took his place, and after some discussion the meeting closed with the assurance that there was no question of abandonment and that our case would be submitted by us in writing to the Government”.

Signed: E.H. Bridgman, Delegate.

Mayor Morden stated in amplification of the report that the Committee had received a definite reply that the Government had no idea whatever of the abandonment of the North Shore section of the Railway. His Worship stated that it was to be expected that the Government could not tie itself down to an immediate policy on this portion of the Road until fuller information from Survey parties and other sources was in its hands. It was clearly evident from the remarks of the Premier that the present Government fully intended to carry out the original undertaking outlined in the Agreement of 1912.

There was some four or five offers to purchase the Railway to be considered, and the insertion of a clause calling for the construction of the Whytecliffe-Squamish link depended largely on whether a sale was affected and the nature of that sale. There seemed to be no question about the construction of the link provided the Government remained in his possession of the Railway.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the report of the Committee be received and minute, and the thanks of Council extended to the members of the Committee for their efforts.

A report was submitted by the Ferry Superintendent and George D. Curtis Architect, setting forth the result of the Ferry Committee's deliberations in a white print for the rearrangement of offices, traffic lines, etc., at the North Vancouver terminal, which showed street cars coming down the centre of Lonsdale Avenue, with offices, turnstiles, waiting rooms etc., moved over to the west side of the dock. The proposed new building there to be carried on reinforced concrete posts and beams. In this scheme outgoing passengers would cross one-way traffic a distance of 16 feet to ticket offices and turnstile, and passengers from Ferries would also cross one-way traffic for the same distance to the street cars. The estimates on the separate units of the scheme are set out below, and do not include the cost of reinforced concrete foundation and floor slab for the office building, or reinforcing the existing concrete dock the extra length required for continuing street car lines.

East Shelter	\$6,488.50
West Shelter	4,956.47
Waiting rooms etc.	10,074.04
Roof over centre roadway	17,533.20
Canvas awning over bridges	<u>1,589.20</u>
	\$40,641.41
Less Salvage	<u>1,076.50</u>
	\$39,654.91

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that further consideration be referred to Committee of the Whole.

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

Alderman Anderson was appointed Chairman.

IN COMMITTEE

IN COUNCIL

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

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

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

Signed: G.H. Morden, Mayor