

MINUTES OF AN INFORMAL MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR, 84 LONSDALE AVENUE, NORTH VANCOUVER, ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, 1928 AT 4:30 P.M.

Present: His Worship Mayor Morden
Alderman Anderson
Alderman Bridgman
Alderman Cartwright
Alderman White
A.A. Gray, City Solicitor

A proposed agreement between the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver, and the British Columbia Electric Power & Gas Company Limited, was considered, whereby the City proposes to give the Company authority to enter, construct, lay down, operate and maintain under the streets and lanes and other public places in the City of North Vancouver over which the City has control, a system of mains and pipes for the purpose of conveying gas into and through the said City of North Vancouver and for distributing gas to consumers within the said City and to operate the business connected therewith and to re-enter upon such streets and lanes and other public places from time to time as may be necessary for the purpose of repairing operation maintaining or removing such mains and pipes or any part of same.

The Company agrees that it will within the period of twelve months (12) from the date of execution of this Agreement expend a sum of not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in the construction of a gas system in the City and District of North Vancouver, the allocation of such expenditure to be left to the discretion of the Company it being understood between the parties hereto that mains and services will be installed in localities which the Company considers productive of the greatest business. The Company further agrees that after the expiration of said period of twelve months (12) it will give service to any building in the City in respect of which service is applied for, provided such building is located on land abutting on a graded road and such service will not require an extension of the Company's then existing mains for a distance of more than seventy-five feet (75') along a graded road and provided the applicant pays the Company its standard connection charge for connecting such buildings from any mains or extended. The Company further agrees to continue during the currency of this Agreement the business of supplying gas to the residents of the said City in the territory in which any mains and pipes are laid under the terms of this Agreement, until such time as the annual consumption of gas within the City of North Vancouver amounts to more than fifty (50) million cubic feet, its rate to consumers of gas within the City will not exceed by more than 15 cents per thousand cubic feet, the rates charged in Vancouver. When the annual consumption amounts to more than sixty (60) million cubic feet, the rate will not exceed by more than ten cents per thousand, the charged for like quantities of gas in Vancouver, and that after such annual consumption of Sixty (60) million cubic feet has been reached the rates to consumers of gas within the City shall not exceed by more than five cents (5¢) per thousand, the rates charged to consumers of gas in like quantities in Vancouver. The agreement further provides

that at the expiration of thirty years the City will have the option to assume the ownership of the whole gas system.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the City Solicitor and Clerk check up former resolutions of Council in connection with the negotiations leading up to the present agreement, if these are found in order that a Bylaw be prepared for submission to Council, provided a clause is inserted in the agreement that Vancouver rates will apply in the event of Amalgamation between the City and the City of Vancouver.

His Worship the Mayor stated that Mr. McGow, representing strong interests had conferred with him regarding the establishment of an Elevator and Flour Mill on the North Shore in the vicinity of Kennard Street, provided sufficient inducement as regards fixed assessment and nominal water rates were forthcoming from the City.. His Worship stated that the project was one of major importance, and as other sites were being considered by those acting for the Capital interested he was of opinion that a strong effort should be made to get the Industry located in t eh City.

The proposed capacity of the Elevator and Flour Mill would be:

Elevator – 75,000 bushels

Flour Mill – 2,500 barrels daily.

Storage capacity in Plant – 25,000 barrels flour, 25,000 barrels Bran and Shorts.

A warehouse on the wharf would store 20,000 barrels flour.

The plant would employ 100 men, the maximum use of water would be 1,000 gallons per hour at the peak period – October to April – that being the period of they year when the City had water to spare, and not more than 10,000 gallons would be used in any one day.

Following discussion it was moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the Mayor and Solicitor confer on the matter of a fixed assessment , with a guarantee of 50% only of the actual value of improvements being assessed, should the City at anytime impose a tax on improvements, and free water up to a stated number of gallons daily, the insertion of a clause to ensure the employment of local labour, and that if definite arrangements are completed a bylaw be prepared for submission to the ratepayers.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that Alderman Bridgman be appointed to act with the Mayor in carrying out negotiations with the interest proposing to erect the Elevator and Flour Mill.

Communications were read from the Resident Engineer, and the Chief Engineer for the Harbour Commissioners, relative to the speed at which heavy traffic is crossing the planking that has been placed across the subway on Lonsdale Avenue, reference being made to the Heavy Motor Stages used in connection with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway bus service.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the Chief of Police be instructed to have signs placed limiting all traffic to a speed of not more than ten miles per hour.

A letter was also read from the Chief of police stating that the Pacific Stages Ltd. were violating traffic regulation by driving busses on the Ferry Wharf and suggesting that they pick up their passengers on Esplanade West, or some other point.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Pacific Stages Limited, be prohibited from using the North Vancouver Ferry Wharf for the sue of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Motor buses, the vehicles being over size according to Bylaw regulations, also that the Chief of Police be given power to act in recommending a suitable and reasonably convenient location for the stages to pick up and disembark passengers for the Ferry.

A communication was read from the Chief Engineer of the B.C. Fire Insurance Underwriters Association in regard to the replacement of the water main from Lonsdale to St. George's on Esplanade East, stating that if the Commissioners Contractor did not commence the work forthwith and rush through to completion his association would take up the question of increasing the rates on the property affected.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that a copy of the letter from the B.C. Insurance Underwrites Association be sent to the Board of Harbour Commissioners.

Alderman Bridgman drew attention to the District Council having passed a resolution at their last meeting to submit a plebiscite to the ratepayers of that Musicality stating whether they are in favour of the Council of the District of North Vancouver negotiating with the Council of the City of North Vancouver with a view to amalgamation. Alderman Bridgman expressed the opinion that the City should submit the same question to the ratepayers at the January elections.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the City Solicitor confer with the District Solicitor and arrange fro a bylaw being submitted to Council to permit of the ratepayer's opinion being taken at the election on the question of amalgamation of the City and District of North Vancouver .

Alderman Cartwright drew attention to the very onerous duties of the Captains of the Ferry boats in Foggy weather, it was agreed that excellent service was being rendered by the present Staff. Alderman Anderson stated that during 1929 it was possible some changes might be made that would relieve the Captains of the Pilot House duties and given them more time to attend to the general supervision of the boat.

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

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

Signed: G.H. Morden, Mayor