

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, THURSDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 1929 AT 4:30 P.M.

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

The Clerk reported that Certificates had been filed with him by the Mayor and three Aldermen-elect, subscribing to the required as prescribed in Section 85 of the Municipal Elections Act.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the report be filed and minuted.

His Worship Mayor Morden expressed pleasure at seeing the retiring members of the 1928 Council returned as members of the present Council.

His Worship then proceeded to forecast the major issues that were likely to come up for consideration during the year 1929, which year he predicated would be an interesting one as regards Civic development.

Mention was made of the forthcoming report on Special Assessment of land values, Cement sidewalks, sanitary sewers, the purchase of a Grader, and the early adoption of a comprehensive scheme of general street improvement, for which a Bylaw for a reasonable amount would have to be submitted to the Ratepayers. In connection with the development of the Waterfront the mayor referred to the probability of the local lines of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway being operated by the Board of Harbour Commissioners in conjunction with their Terminal Railway, thus giving the City a trans-continental connection to all Industries along the waterfront. There was every reason to suppose that during the year Coal bunkers, a Tidewater Flour Mill, and other Industries would be established.

In his opinion the Council should act as if the City could afford any reasonable improvement, subject to sound policy, and he was quite satisfied that a progressive administration would commend itself to the general body of ratepayers.

The Mayor though it highly desirable that every effort should be made by Committees to adjust their expenditures so that the tax-rate would not exceed the 1928 figure.

The Aldermen, individually, felicitated the Mayor upon his election by acclamation for another term, and assured him of their united support in furthering the interests of the City.

The Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council, held in the Council Chamber on Monday, January 21st, 1929, copies of which had previously been supplied to each member of the Council, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman White, adopted.

The Standing Committees of the year 1929, as submitted by His Worship the Mayor, were read by the Clerk:

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Including Schools & Police)

Alderman W.H. Bridgman, Chairman
Alderman J.N. White
Alderman W.A. Tolmie

FERRY COMMITTEE

Alderman H.C.E. Anderson, Chairman
Alderman W.A. Tolmie
Alderman E.H. Bridgman

BOARD OF WORKS COMMITTEE (Including Sewers, Lanes and Public Safety)

Alderman Charles Cartwright, Chairman
Alderman W.I. Wilson
Alderman H.C.E. Anderson

FIRE & LIGHT COMMITTEE (Including Gas)

Alderman J.N. White, Chairman
Alderman E.H. Bridgman
Alderman W.A. Tolmie

WATERWORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman W.A. Tolmie, Chairman
Alderman C. Cartwright
Alderman W.I. Wilson

PARKS & BOULEVARDS COMMITTEE (Including Health & Cemetery)

Alderman W.I. Wilson, Chairman
Alderman H.C.E. Anderson
Alderman C. Cartwright

INDUSTRIAL & PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Alderman E.H. Bridgman, Chairman
Alderman H.C.E. Anderson
Alderman J.N. White

TAX SALE LANDS COMMITTEE

All members of Council

TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. A. Huggett
Mr. W. Brand Young

CITY REPRESENTATIVE ON BOARD OF APPEAL

(Under Section 16, Town Planning Act)

Mr. G.W. Vance

Alderman Tolmie said he could not assume the Chairmanship of the Waterworks Committee for conscientious reasons, and requested that he be excused from that position. Mayor Morden stated that he was quite prepared to relieve Alderman Tolmie of the duties of Chairman of the Waterworks Committee if he so desired, but that for the present he would prefer to leave the matter of the appointment of a Chairman to the Committee itself. It was therefore, left to the Waterworks Committee to take action in appointing its own Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the appointment of the Standing Committees as made by the Mayor for the year 1929 be, and are hereby, approved and confirmed.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From the Manager of the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company requesting that a second Director be appointed to represent the City on that Board. His Worship the Mayor being a Director Ex-officio.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that Alderman Bridgman be and is hereby appointed to represent the City of North Vancouver on the Board of Directors of the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company with the customary powers on that behalf.

Mayor Morden drew attention to the resolution of Council passed on January 21st, 1929, appointing him to vote on the Corporation shares at the Annual meeting of the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company, he was of opinion that the authority should properly be delegated to Alderman E.H. Bridgman as President of the Bridge Company, and wished Council to consider the matter in that way.

Moved by Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Minute (Paragraph 7, Page 452 of the Minute Book) referring to the appointment of Mayor G.H. Morden to represent the Corporation's shares at the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company, to be held on Friday, 25th day of January 1929, be reconsidered. Whereupon the matter was reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that Alderman E.H. Bridgman be appointed to represent the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver and to vote in respect of the Corporation's shares

at the annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company, to be held on Friday, the 25th day of January 1929, and that in the alternative His Worship Mayor Morden be appointed to represent and vote on the shares of the Corporation.

From C. Anstie, Vancouver Manager of the Shell Oil Co. of California, proposing to lease from the City twenty-five feet of a street allowance directly west of their North Vancouver plant on the south side of the 100 Block, Esplanade West.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the communication be referred to the City Engineer and the City Assessor for investigation and report.

From Allan Boag, 2011 – 56th Avenue East, Vancouver, in respect to a proposed building he intends to erect at a later date on Lot 29, Block 166, D.L. 274, immediately west of the Quong Hob Laundry in the 100 Block, 1st Street East, provided the business of the Chinese laundry is discontinued.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Clerk and Solicitor confer in regard to Mr. Boag's communication and that a suitable reply be sent indicating the policy of the Council.

The Clerk reported that Quong Hob, the owner of the property upon which the laundry is situated had made application for a Laundry license, for the 1st half of 1929, he had been advised that a license would not be granted as there was a City Bylaw in force prohibiting the operation of laundries in the first blocks east and west of Lonsdale Avenue. It was suggested to him that he should endeavour to find new premises in a suitable location and that it was quite probable Council would grant a period of 60 days time at his present location in which period he could make other arrangements.

From the Executive Assistant of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway advising that the Board of Directors had no intention of selling or leasing any of that Company's lands at the present time in the City of North Vancouver.

Received and filed.

From the City Engineer recommending:

1. That a six-inch water main be laid along 18th Street from Queensbury Avenue to Moody Avenue, a length of 550 feet and that a Hydrant be installed at Queensbury and Moody respectively. (J.H. Thompson, 426 – 18th Street East)
2. That a four-inch water main be installed on Ridgeway Avenue, from Tempe Crescent to 26th Street and along 26th Street from Ridgeway Avenue westward a distance of 400 feet. Also that a Hydrant be installed at the corner of Ridgeway and 26th Street. (John Sparrow, 356 – 26th Street East).

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that tenders be called for 40 tons of Double Screened Nanaimo Wellington Lump Coal, to be delivered at the City Hall.

From Muriel Marshall, acknowledging the sympathy of Council sent at the time of the death of her Father.

Received and filed.

From M.M. Pollok, 2368 Kingsway, Vancouver, agreeing to the proposal of Council as recited in the Clerk's letter of November 23rd, 1928; "I beg to advise that Council have agreed to build a culvert 3' x 4 on the portion of the Street allowance acquired from you. Clear the brush remaining in the block, and grade off the higher portion of 18th Street to the westward, filling the dirt in over the culvert, at an expenditure of \$400.00.

If this is acceptable to you the City will have the property surveyed, plans prepared, a Conveyance drawn, and Documents registered at its own expense, provided you convey the required road allowance to the present southerly line of 18th Street."

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the offer be accepted and that the Clerk, Solicitor and Engineer proceed to draw up the necessary Plans and Documents in connection therewith.

From the City Treasurer reporting on applications received for the Stenographer's position vacant in that office, recommending in the following terms that the appointment be given to Miss Reta Lindsay:

"The applicant seems to me to fulfil all the requirements of the position, being fully conversant with switchboard and the general office work. It appears that during 1926 she substituted for four months in the Treasurer's office and gave good satisfaction. Since that time she has been fairly regularly employed by Messrs. Clarke and Stuart Ltd., of Vancouver under Mr. J.C. Todhunter on switchboard as a general stenographer and bookkeeper. She has a neat appearance, a clear voice and enjoys first class health, and I consider that she would be an acquisition to the Office staff, her business experience alone giving her qualifications not possessed by the remainder".

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the recommendation of the City Treasurer be adopted and that Miss Reta Lindsay be and is hereby appointed to the vacant position at a salary of \$75.00 per month.

From D. Brown, 157 – 27th Street East, requesting that some rocks be removed from the Boulevard in front of his residence, as he is planning to improve same in the spring.

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

Alderman Bridgman referred to resolution of Council (paragraph 3, page 456 of the Minute Book) passed on January 21st, 1929, that all members of the City Hall staff report for duty at nine a.m. prompt. This resolution was caused through a report having been made to him of laxity on the part of the inside staff in reporting for duty in the morning. He had through the source of the report reliable, and it was in the interests of the City, Council and employees that he had broached the subject at the previous Council meeting, and no personal reference had been, or was, intended. It transpired that the report received by Alderman Bridgman was not in accordance with fact, and he took this opportunity of explaining the situation.

TENDERS

Tenders were received as follows for binding Four Collector's Rolls, folioed, and lettered on back ad sides:

G.A. Roedde Ltd. - \$72.50

Clarke & Stuart Ltd. – 4 at a time \$75.00; 2 at a time \$77.50

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the lowest tender be and is hereby accepted, namely that of G.A. Roedde Ltd., at the price of \$72.50.

MOTIONS

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that a Court of Revision be held as required by Statute for the purpose of considering and dealing with the Assessment Roll of the City of North Vancouver for the year 1929, and to hear complaints made by any person against the Assessment Roll as prepared by the Assessor, and that the first sitting of said Court of Revision shall be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, North Vancouver, on Friday, 8th February, 1929, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the said Court of Revision be constituted of His Worship Mayor Morden, Alderman Anderson, Alderman Cartwright, Alderman Tolmie, Alderman White and Alderman Wilson.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the members of the Court of Revision for the purpose of hearing complaints against proposed Assessments on 19 Concrete Sidewalks and 2 Sanitary Sewers constructed during 1928 be as follows: His Worship Mayor Morden, Alderman Anderson, Alderman Bridgman, Alderman Cartwright, Alderman Tolmie, and Alderman White.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Standing Committees meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays in each month at 7 o'clock p.m.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Ferry Committee be and is hereby appointed to interview the Finance Committee of the Vancouver City Council with respect to exemption of Taxes on the Vancouver Ferry Terminals for the year 1929, the Clerk to arrange date of meeting and notify the members of the Committee.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the City Assessor prepare lists for the approval of Council of all Tax Sale lands held by the City and that same be priced at the time the report of the Special Committee on Tax Sale Lands is dealt with.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that during the year 1929 Tax Sale Lands owned by the City be sold free of Taxes for the year 1929.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Clerk be and is hereby authorized to renew Indemnity Bonds of City Employees as they mature at the best possible prices.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the matter of renewal of Marine Insurance on the Ferry boats be referred to the Clerk to arrange and report to Council before the expiry dates. In view of the time taken to negotiate satisfactory marine coverage it was urged that renewals be discussed at least three months before the expiry date.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that Mayor Morden, Alderman Anderson, Alderman Bridgman, Alderman Cartwright and Alderman White be and are hereby appointed members of the Hospital Board of Management as representing the City of North Vancouver.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Mayor and Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to issue cheques in payment of month salary payrolls, also of Committee payrolls for labour when same have been properly certified by the Head of each Department, and the Chairman of the Committee concerned. The payrolls so paid to be submitted at the next regular meeting of Council.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that all monthly cheques be made out and signed in sufficient time to issue on the morning of the last day of the month, should the last day fall on a Sunday or Holiday, cheques to be issued on the previous day, and should said previous day fall on a Saturday, cheques to be issued on the Friday, December cheques to be issued before Christmas (Ferry cheques excepted).

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that any person leaving the employ of the City between payrolls and parties requiring interim payments, be paid on the written order of the Executive Officer in charge of the Department.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that this Council recommend to the District Council that Alderman Tolmie be appointed Honorary Auditor of the Hospital Board for the year 1929 and that this Council records its appreciation of Alderman Tolmie's services in that capacity during 1928.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that Mayor G.H. Morden and Alderman Wilson be and are hereby appointed members of the Town Planning Commission for the year 1929.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that Alderman Wilson be and is hereby appointed representative on the Capilano Parks Board for the year 1929.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that regular outside employees as certified by the City Engineer, be paid for Dominion Day, Labour Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day, as in former years.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the Ferry passes issued during 1928 be honoured until cancelled by the issuance of 1929 passes, which are under consideration.

BYLAWS

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of the Council, a Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver General Borrowing and Hypothecation of Taxes Bylaw 1929" 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 Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver General Borrowing and Hypothecation of Taxes Bylaw 1929" be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the Committee proceedings with respect to the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver General Borrowing and Hypothecation of Taxes Bylaw 1929" be dispensed with.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver General Borrowing and Hypothecation of Taxes Bylaw 1929" be now read a third time.

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

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Highways Dedication Bylaw No. 1, 1929" be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Bylaw as read and reconsidered, be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal. No. 1021.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the consideration of Ferry Passes for 1929 be laid on the table until members of the Council have studied the list of passes issued during 1928.

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

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

Signed: G.H. Morden, Mayor