

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1929 AT 8:00 P.M.

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

From Agnes McNabb, Secretary of the Mother's Pension Board, requesting that the usual City Grant of \$10.00 per month be made in the case of Mrs. Dorothy Ingram, 222 – 3rd Street East, who is to be allowed a pension by the Board of \$57.50 per month, beginning February 1929, on account of her husband, Charles L. Ingram, being incapacitated from any work. The Clerk reported that the family had been in receipt of relief from the City for some time.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that an allowance of \$10.00 per month be granted towards the upkeep of the family so long as the Pension is being paid by the Board.

From the Secretary of the Horticultural Society, offering on behalf of that Organization, subject to the City purchasing the material in quantities, to look after the distribution of a "Spray" to residents, suitable to combat Lecanium Scale which is affecting a considerable number of shrubs and trees throughout the City.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the communication be referred to the Parks Committee, for investigation and report.

From Harry Duker Ltd., requesting permission to rebuild existing sign-boards in line with their new standard of construction at the south-east corner of Bewicke Avenue and Keith Road, and on Losndale Avenue between 3rd and 4th Streets.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the application be referred to the City Engineer for report.

From John S. Cameron, 1870 Marine Drive West, Vancouver, claiming the sum of \$2.75 for the alleged destruction of a pair of spats, claimed to be due to an accident from poor light and a faulty sidewalk in the two or three hundred block, 12th Street East.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the communication be referred to the City Solicitor and Engineer with power to act.

From Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart, Secretary of the First United Church Sunday School, Vancouver, applying for the privilege of using Mahon Park for their annual Sunday School Picnic on Saturday, June 1st, 1929.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the application be granted subject to the Park not being already reserved on that date.

From the City Relief Officer, submitting a report of the proceedings, also a copy of the balance sheet, and the Bylaws adopted at the annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society of Vancouver, held in the Board of Trade Auditorium on Thursday, February 21st, 1929.

Income for the year was	\$65,141.83
Expenditures	<u>\$59,926.29</u>
the excess of Income over Expenditure for the period being	<u>\$5,215.54</u>

Assets of the Society are set down at	\$105,680.74
against which there are A/C's payable of	<u>\$6,225.37</u>
Credit balance at Surplus A/C at December 31 st , 1928	<u>\$99,455.37</u>

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the report be received and filed, and the thanks of Council extended to Mr. Wright for his attendance and report of the meeting.

From the City Assessor and Jack Loutet, President of the North Vancouver Real Estate Association, each submitting reports of 20 separate parcels of property, on which there was a slight difference of opinion as to the probable selling price. Analysis disclosed that the margin between the price set by the Association and the Assessor was not material, and largely a matter of opinion, being approximately \$1,000.00 spread over all the 20 properties.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the communication be referred to Committee of the Whole.

From the City Assessor reporting that 17 City properties on the prepare list, as submitted by the Real Estate Association had been cleared by the City about two years ago at an approximate cost of \$50.00 each. Small clumps of willows had grown up on the properties since that date, and most of them were now covered with bracken and other growth, and asking an opinion if any difference in price should now be made on account of the clearing that had been done in the past.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the communication be referred to Committee of the Whole.

From the City Relief Officer being a detailed list of prices submitted by sixteen local grocers in bidding for City Relief business.

The list comprised twelve selected lines of staples that are considered as more or less necessary in the average family, and showed a variation in price of approximately 20% between the high and low prices.

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

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the following communications in respect to Ferry matters be referred to Committee of the Whole:

- (1) Revision of wages of bookkeepers, ticket sellers and collectors, freight clerks and weight scales attendant.
- (2) Recommendation of Superintendent to consolidate positions of Wharf Foreman and Wharf Carpenter.
- (3) Ruling on sick leave to be allowed during a calendar year to:
 - a. Those employed on boats.
 - b. Those employed on shore.
- (4) Ruling at what age employees shall be retired under Superannuation.
- (5) A suggested scale of pay for all monthly employees, setting a minimum rate at commencement of service, with gradual increases merited by length of service and good conduct, to a specified maximum rate.
- (6) List of stores and materials required during 1929 for which tenders should be called.
- (7) Recommendation that the request of the two Chief Engineers for an increase of \$10 monthly be granted, supported by a letter from the Secretary of the National Association of Marine Engineers of Canada.

From Robert J. Trundle, Errington, Vancouver Island, enquiring the price terms and taxes payable on a five to ten acre tract of City property with access to a good road, that would be considered suitable for a chicken farm.

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

From the B.C. Motor Transportation Co. Ltd., extending a cordial invitation to the Mayor and Council to visit and inspect their new garage located at Cambie Street and 14th Avenue, Vancouver, on February 26th, 1929. Also advising that the Automobile Dealers Association will open the B.C. Automobile Exhibition at their new garage on that date.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the invitation be accepted with thanks, and as many members of Council attend as possible.

Two communications from the BC Motor Transportation Co. Ltd., addressed to the Chief of Police were read in respect to the transfer of the Licenses held by Soday and O'Hara operating the North and West Vancouver Stages.

The parking of the new and larger coaches at the parking space on the Ferry dock, formerly held by Soday and O'Hara, the seating capacity of the coaches to be allowed on the Ferry wharf, and regarding the temporary parking of stages at the foot of Lonsdale Avenue until arrangements can be completed for Parking and handling the business on private property.

Mr. Barnes and Mr. Neil, of the BC Motor Transportation Co. Ltd., were preset and asked to be heard.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that they be heard.

Mr. Barnes stated that they had recently purchased the transportation business of Soday & O'Hara, and it was their intention to carry out certain improvements in the

vicinity of the Railway Depot at Lonsdale Avenue to meet the immediate needs of their organization and maintain the efficiency of its service. To this end it would be necessary to have access to and from the street from private property, and he requested that stages be permitted to run over the sidewalk via Lonsdale Avenue, either going or coming from their Depot. Their business was here to stay, and was likely to be of considerable volume, he therefore, asked for the favourable consideration of Council.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Chief of Police be empowered to make satisfactory temporary arrangements sufficient to cope with the needs of the present traffic.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Tolmie and resolved that the City Solicitor, City Engineer and Chief of Police be a Committee to investigate and report on the matter to Council, and that they be authorized to consult, if necessary, with representatives of the BC Motor Transportation Co. as to the cost of any street changes required, the schedule to be maintained, and any other matters connected therewith.

Mr. Robert Allen, representative of the Marine Navigation Co. Ltd., of London, England, agents for the Oertz Stream-Line Rudder was present, and asked to be heard in connection with same.

Permission being granted, Mr. Allen stated briefly the principles of construction and claimed that if this rudder were fitted on the Ferries it would, among other things, give a better steering effect, an important gain in speed, better stability of course and a substantial reduction in coal consumption if the present speed was maintained. The cost of installing would be subject to a bid from the local yards, plus a price of 2/- (two shillings) per I.H.P.

Mr. Chalmers, Ferry Superintendent, stated he was satisfied that the principle was sound, and he believed the installation of the rudder would be a great help to the Skippers in making landings and running the boats in foggy weather.

Alderman Anderson stated that he had consulted the Wallace Shipyards about the cost of installing the rudder, and had been advised that it would cost approximately \$250 each end, or \$500 for each boat, plus \$200 for the use of the patent. He believed the principle was sound and that installation should be seriously considered on Number Two Ferry. In his opinion it was now too late to consider installation of Number Three at the present overhaul.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that this Council endorse the principle of the Oertz Rudder, and that tentative prices be obtained for installing same on Number Two Ferry at the forthcoming overhaul of that boat.

Alderman Bridgman stated that Mr. J. Wardlaw, local photographer, was present at his request, and asked that he be heard regarding publicity plans for the current year.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that Mr. Wardlaw be heard.

Mr. Wardlaw briefly outlined the work that had been done in the past on the Pacific Coast, and emphasized the importance of continually advertising the North Shore. His plans this year were on different lines, he was to proceed east to Montreal

and would show local moving pictures at selected towns on the way through from Vancouver to the Easter Seaport. There was also to be considered the value of pictures place din Hotel Lobbies, and the placing of coloured enlargements in transcontinental trains. If sufficient inducement was offered it would be possible that an arrangement might be made with some of the large Transatlantic Steamship lines to carry pictures telling of the beauties and advantages of the North Shore.

Alderman Bridgman was of opinion that the City had received good value for money spent in the past through the work done by Mr. Wardlaw, and felt that the sum of \$300 might be considered as a grant.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that further consideration be given the matter before the Estimates are finally passed.

From Soday & O'Hara, advising Council that they had sold their local Stage Line to the Pacific Stages Ltd., and expressing their thanks for the support accorded them while in business in North Vancouver, and placing a box of cigars on the Council table as a token of good-will.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that Soday & O'Hara be thanked for their terms of appreciation and the cigars.

From J.T. Moriarty, 600 Queensbury Avenue, North Vancouver, with an "Application for Franchise" for the establishment of a Refuse Disposal and Power Plant, and more particularly asking for an expression of opinion from Council on the proposal outlined in circular memorandum.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the communication be referred to Committee of the Whole.

From E. Crute, 1612 Lonsdale Avenue, through His Worship the Mayor, being a letter intended for publication in the Press under the pseudonym of "Black Diamond" requesting suitable action by Council in finding a remedy for alleged shortage in coal deliveries made in the City by local Merchants, and suggesting a system of inspection, or that delivery rigs be compelled to carry a weighing machine.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the communication be referred to Committee of the Whole.

From the Minister of Railways through the Mayor, acknowledging receipt of a letter from the Joint Committee of Councils of the City and District of North Vancouver, confirming the case as verbally presented through the executive Council in connection with the discontinuance of Railway Service by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway on the North Shore.

Filed.

From K.A. Ray, Zahle, Lebanon, through His Worship the Mayor, stating that he intends to exercise his lease option for a further period of two years on the Refreshment Stand at the Vancouver Ferry Terminal, but that on account of his Mother's illness he will probably be unable to reach Vancouver by the date set down in the lease for renewal. He requests Council to adjourn consideration until he gets back to Vancouver, or if that

cannot be done, stating that his sister, Mrs. White, will appear on his behalf if so advised.

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

PLANS FOR APPROVAL

From the City Engineer submitting plans conveying a portion of Lot 5, Block 17, D.L. 519, as a street allowance (18th Street between St. George's and St. Andrew's Avenues) and recommending that the plans be approved and registered.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the plans as submitted be approved and registration effected when the necessary conveyance has been secured by the City from the owner.

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. 2, 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 Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Highways Dedication Bylaw No. 2, 1929" be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Tolmie, and resolved that the Committee proceedings with respect to the Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Highways Dedication Bylaw No. 2, 1929" be dispensed with.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Highways Dedication Bylaw No. 2, 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 Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson 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 White and resolved that the
aforementioned report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

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

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

Signed: G.H. Morden, Mayor