

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE OFFICE OF MR. A. AITKEN GRAY, CITY SOLICITOR, 84 LONSDALE AVENUE, NORTH VANCOUVER, ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 1929 AT 4:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

His Worship Mayor Morden  
Alderman Anderson  
Alderman Bridgman  
Alderman Cartwright  
Alderman Vance  
Alderman White

Mr. Keeley and Mr. Beaumont, of the Canadian National Steamships, were present and spoke in connection with the construction of the Company's New Docks at the foot of Main Street, Vancouver, to be erected immediately East of the present Vancouver Ferry Terminal. Mr. Keeley stated that the development of the plans for the substructure by the Company's Engineer had reached the point where it had become necessary to definitely ascertain the wishes of the City in the matter of cooperating in the construction of the Dock.

It was possible at this time to arrange, in conjunction with the C.N.R. for a modern suitable landing Dock for the Ferries with a passenger way leading to Main Street, and a vehicular exit to Gore Avenue, the provisions of waiting rooms and all other necessary conveniences would cost approximately \$100,000.

Discussion brought forth a view that the City's heavy commitments in connection with the Ferries would prevent participation by the City on a basis of providing the actual capital cost. If an arrangement was to be arrived at, it must be on a leasehold basis, based on a percentage of the actual cost.

The Scheme undoubtedly presented advantages, and could properly be credited with whatever expense the City would have to bear in the betterment of existing facilities, against which must be considered certain losses that would have to be absorbed on the Ferry investment, at the Vancouver Terminal, and in other directions. The proposed establishment of an overhead landing at Vancouver meant the provision of similar facilities at North Vancouver, involving careful consideration of the present lease with the C.P.R. the exemption from taxes granted by the City of Vancouver on the present site etc.

General approval of the scheme was expressed, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with the C.N.R. on a lease or rental basis.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that the City Engineer cooperated with Major Swan, Engineer for the Company, in bringing down

sketch plans, showing the different problems involved, including that of grades, along with an estimate of the cost.

The City Engineer to submit a separate report to the Council setting forth in a comprehensive manner what portions of the present Terminal would have to be scrapped, or otherwise utilized under the proposals, the overall cost to the City, and any other necessary information relative to proper understanding of the scheme as a whole.

From the Local Manager of the B.C. Electric Railway Co. Ltd. in reply to request from the Council, advising that:

- (1) Street Lights would be burning from 5 a.m. until daylight, commencing December 19<sup>th</sup>.
- (2) Street Cars the regular service would be provided between 5 and 8 p.m. daily commencing December 18<sup>th</sup>, and on Saturday December 21<sup>st</sup>, Monday December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup>, a full normal service would be provided on all lines, to accommodate the public during the busy shopping hours.
- (3) Power Shortage that as soon as conditions have improved to an extent that the Company can with reasonable assurance be sure of giving continued normal services all restrictions will be removed.

Received and filed.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that a Special meeting of the Council to be held on Monday December 30<sup>th</sup> be called at 7 p.m. In the meantime the various committees of the Council carefully consider the provisions of the "City Officials By-law" with a view to a full consideration of the draft of the proposals to be incorporated in the By-law, which will be presented at that meeting.

Mayor Morden and Alderman Bridgman reported on an interview had with H.H. Stevens M.P. and Mr. Harvey in respect to the proposed establishment on the North Shore of Coal Bunkers and a plant for the extraction and treatment on a commercial scale of coal by-products.

The project had been under investigation for some time and was backed by substantial interests. The necessary capital would be available if the Principals decided to proceed with the undertaking. British interests in London, England, want an assurance that the City of North Vancouver would be prepared to give fair consideration to any reasonable proposals in the way of fixed assessment, and flat water rates, that may later have to be submitted for the approval of the ratepayers in connection therewith. The whole question was urgent and the following cable had been despatched on behalf of the City:

TAGGYOUNG      LONDON

"Having been apprised through Messrs Harvey and Stevens of proposed establishment coal terminals and treating plant we are pleased to advised

that council City North Vancouver welcomes you and assure you our sympathetic reception and most fair treatment in all matters mutual to us”

G.H. MORDEN      MAYOR

Moved by Alderman Vance, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the action be endorsed and His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Bridgman thanked for their interest in the matter.

Moved by Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that this meeting adjourn.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

G. H. Morden

MAYOR