

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 30TH 1929 AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

Seasons Greetings and Cigars to the Mayor and Members of Council from W.F. Smith Ltd., and individual greetings from many others were read.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Cigars from W.F. Smith Ltd. and the greetings received from other sources be suitably acknowledged by the Clerk.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From Allan J. McColl, 409 14th Avenue West, Vancouver, on behalf of the family, acknowledging expression of sympathy, and floral tribute sent in remembrance of his father, the late D.H. McColl, a former Alderman of the City.

Filed.

From the Chairman of the "On-to-the-Peace" Association, advising that Organization plans had been completed, and appealing to the Council for a grant to foster and develop the movement.

From the Secretary of the Local Board of Trade requesting the Council to consider granting a contribution of \$250 towards the "On-to-the-Peace" campaign.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the application of the Association be referred to the 1930 Council, and the North Vancouver Board of Trade be advised that a grant will received the consideration of the Council.

From the City of Vancouver, submitting the following resolution on the question of unemployment for consideration and endorsement:

"WHEREAS it has been brought to the attention of the Council of the City of Vancouver that the present unemployment situation which prevails throughout the Dominion of Canada, more especially in the Western Provinces:

AND WHEREAS it is urgent that something should be done at once to relieve any suffering that may be caused by this condition of affairs:

AND WHEREAS the City of Vancouver finds it impossible to cope fully with the situation as it exists in the City:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dominion Government be urged to call a Conference of Representatives of Dominion, Provincial, and Municipal Governments, at an early date, to consider and deal with the unemployment situation, which at present exists in Canada.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the resolution as submitted be endorsed, and a copy forwarded to the Hon. The Premier of Canada as requested in the accompanying letter.

From B.L. Johnson Walton Co. Ltd. Vancouver, draft for \$960.55 in settlement of Particular Average Claim arising out of a collision to Ferry number 2 during 1927. The balance of the Claim amounting to \$910.25 for damage to the dolphins was now in the hands of the Solicitor who was arranging a submission to arbitration.
Received and filed.

From Canadian Bitumuls Co. Ltd. after examination of the proposed work, declining to submit an estimate for the treatment of that portion of the roadway on the East side of Lonsdale Avenue between 23rd and 25th Streets.
Received and filed.

From the District of North Vancouver endorsing the action of this council in requesting an improved postal service during the weekends, and stating that the Postmaster as Vancouver had been advised by them to that effect.
Received and filed.

Advice of the endorsement of the North West International Association's Town Planning Resolution by the:

- Municipality of Richmond
- The City of Nanaimo
- The City of New Westminster

Received and filed.

From the Assessor advising that 109 Tax Sale Lots had been sold during 1929 particulars as follows:

Assessed Value		\$127,605.00
Sale Value	\$22,042.17	
Commission paid	2,342.50	
Net	19,699.67	19,699.67

Received and filed.

From the Assessor returning the Assessment Roll for the year 1930, and advising that he had transmitted by post before December 31st Assessment notices to all persons named on the Assessment Roll.

	Land	Imts.	Total
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Gross Total	\$10998,137.00	\$8,951.841.00	\$19,949,978.00
Less Exemptions	3,306.004.00	735,395.00	4,041,389.00
Net Total	\$7,692,133.00	\$8,216,456.00	\$15,908,589.00

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that the return of the Roll be minuted, and the communication received and filed after a copy had been struck off and sent to each member of the Council.

From the Engineer in regard to amending the "City Officials By-law" and the "Ferry Regulation By-law" stating that charge of construction and maintenance of the Ferry Docks, etc. should be placed in accordance with the terms of the Engineer Act, and further recommending that in amending the by-laws provisions be made for a Foreman, who shall work directly under the Engineer, as to appointment and dismissal, suggesting that a substantial saving can be effected thereby.

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

From B. Clendon, 294 St. James Road East, North Vancouver, advising that the front axle, and the transmission casing on his car had been damaged on December 24th through colliding with a rock lying on the Low Level Road, requesting that the City pay for the damage done.

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

From A.E. Ames & Co. Ltd. Vancouver, confirming purchase of \$30,000 "City of North Vancouver Street Improvement and Construction Loan By-law 1929" 5% Bonds due June 15th 1949, at the price of 95.75 and accrued interest, delivery to be made January 15th next.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that the action of the Finance Committee in selling the bonds at the price stated be endorsed.

From Mrs. R. Anderson 329 4th Street West, complaining of the very bad condition of 4th Street, West of Mahon Avenue, immediately opposite her residence, and urging repairs without delay.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the application be referred to the Board of Works Committee with Power to Act.

From A.G. Perry, 324 10th Street in regard to a promise made that the cost of sewer connections on the north and south side of 10th Street would be equalized irrespective of where the sewer was in fact laid.

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

From the Superintendent of the Provincial Home for Incurables advising that it is customary for all pensioners in the Home to be allowed 10% of their monthly old age

pension cheques and asking the same consideration be given to Mrs. Candlin, a City patient.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the privilege be granted, effective January 1930.

From the Clerk recommending that the petition submitted for the repeal of the "Grocers Early Closing By-law" be received and filed.

On the broad grounds that the petition cannot be considered representative of the Grocers doing business in the City, and the fact that on the premises of the majority of the petitioners more than one class of trade is being carried on unhampered by the provisions of the By-law. There is also evident in the matter a marked difference of opinion among the shopkeepers themselves.

Moved by Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the recommendations be adopted, and the correspondence filed.

From the Vancouver harbour Commissioners, urging the desirability of settling the following items before December 31st 1929.

- (1) City pay \$4000, being proportion of cost of replacing water-mains, sewers, and sewer connections, in accordance with Clause 11 of the Agreement made 23rd February 1928.
- (2) Harbour Board pays \$3586.55 debenture debt, and interest in respect to Local Improvements charged against the property abutting on Crescent Street, for storm and sanitary sewers in accordance with Clause 12 of the Agreement dated July 12th 1926.

From the Treasurer stating he proposed to place the amounts in "Sundry Accounts" until the adjustments can be properly analyzed and completed.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the exchange of cheques be authorized in settlement of the accounts, and the necessary book entries made in accordance with good accounting practice.

From the Secretary of the Board of School Trustees requesting Council to authorize the necessary arrangements to be made between the Secretary-Building Inspector of the Board, and the Engineer in connection with the installation of sanitary sewer connections at the City Schools.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that the Engineer be and is hereby empowered to have the work completed as a School expense in accordance with the understanding arrived at between the Council and the Board.

From Harron Bros & Williamson, 122 6th Street West, drawing attention to the very bad condition of the Cemetery road.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that the Chairman of the Board of Works Committee be given power to act in having the

road fixed on a 50/50 basis in conjunction with the Chairman of the Board of Works Committee for the District of North Vancouver.

From W.B. Lees, Boscobel Block, applying for a reduction on the half yearly License Fee of \$7.00 on account of irregular tenancies in the Building.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that Mr. Lees be advised that his request cannot legally be granted by the Council, as the fees charged are not prescribed by By-law, and in any case the fee is considered most reasonable considering the number of suites in the Building.

From A.E. Ames & co. Vancouver submitting through the Treasurer a proposal to transfer \$25,000 City of North Vancouver 5% bonds for £5,200 Guaranteed Railway Bonds at an uninteresting yield.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the proposal be not accepted, and the Bond Dealers firmly advised that the City is out of the market for some time.

From the Ferry Superintendent reporting that the following prices are the highest offers for discarded machinery and junk at the City Ferries:

Pacific Junk Co.

1 Fairbanks Pump	\$36.00
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W.I Iverson

1 Sirocco Vertical Steam Engine, and 15kW Generator	\$150
Old Rope	\$.02 per lb.

J.P. Young

2 Plumber Pots	\$15.00
10 Toilet Hoppers	\$15.50

North Shore Junk Co.

Brass	\$.11 per lb.
Scrap Iron	\$16.50 per ton

Machinery Jobbing Co.

Furnace Bars	\$18.00 per ton
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Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that the bids be accepted and the respective tenders notified accordingly.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that an old safe now at the Ferry Terminal be transferred to the office of the Treasurer, and that the Ferry Department be credited therefore with the sum of \$5.00.

ENQUIRIES

Mrs. Edgar Hill spoke relative to the bill of expense incurred for the treatment of her husband at St. Paul's Hospital, stating her inability to pay same, and suggesting that the Council undertake to pay a portion of the bills. She also advised that on a rehearing the Workmen's Compensation Board had again rejected the claim for further compensation in the matter of Mr. Hill's present illness, and that on account of her general dissatisfaction in the matter she was consulting Mr. R.L. Maitland, Barrister, Vancouver on the subject.

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

Alderman Bridgman enquired if that portion of the East side of Lonsdale Avenue, recently rock and rolled from 23rd Street North was to be left in its present unfinished state during the winter months.

The Engineer stated the road could be put in shape for traffic at any time with reasonable weather conditions.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that the Engineer bring in a report and recommendation at the next meeting of the Council.

Moved by Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that Mr. W.B. Shakespeare be heard.

Whereupon Shakespeare said he appeared, on behalf of the First Church of Christ Scientists, to enquire why the privileges hitherto extended at the Ferry Terminals for the free distribution of the "Christian Science Monitor" a non-religious paper, has been curtailed.

It was pointed out in the subsequent discussion that the policy of the Council in this matter was of general application,, and moreover was in accordance with the established custom at the terminals of other transportation Companies.

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

Mr. Shakespeare tendered his appreciation for the attentive hearing given to the Delegation.

Alderman Wilson enquired if the Engineer Act of the Province provided that a Professional Engineer had to be engaged for the supervision of construction work only at the Ferry Dock, or did the terms of the Act specifically stated that a Professional Engineer had to be engaged to supervise ordinary maintenance where the safety of the public was concerned.

The Solicitor pointed out that no duty was cast upon the Council to employ an Engineer. It was therefore agreed to refer the matter to Committee of the Whole to be taken up at the same time as the letter from the Engineer.

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DUE ACCOUNTS

Reports and recommendations were submitted from the Chairmen of the Finance, Police, School, Ferry, Board of Works, Waterworks, Fire and Light, Health and Parks Committees on due accounts and the Treasurer was authorized to pay the accounts in the following amounts:

Finance	\$1345.93 2923.00	\$4268.93
School		12117.59
Police	1520.00 756.11	2276.11
Ferry		2297.37
Board of Works	2071.73 538.23 2277.69	4887.65
Fire & Light	7887.05 1660.00	3547.05
Waterworks	377.80 194.18 47.44	619.42
Parks	254.69 59.25 107.65	421.59
Health	601.46 346.78 141.12	1089.36

REPORTS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Alderman White reported that on account of the holidays, the Fire and Light Committee had not met with the Local Management of the B.C. Electric Railway Co., in regard to Low Voltage, and the difference in charges for current in the 400 Arc Lights, as against the old type of carbon lamp. The matter, however, would be taken up by the committee early in the year.

Completing the work of the Special Committee, lease drawn by the Solicitor between the City and the Astbury Lumber Co. Ltd. was read and approved.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the lease as read and adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and sealed with the Corporate Seal, delivery of the lease not to be made before January 31st 1930, the agreed upon date on which all lumber in the east of the Hotel Building shall have been removed by the Astbury Lumber Co. to the new leasehold area.

Alderman Anderson stated that the Ferry Committee did not have enough information at hand to report on the merits or other wise of having the "Oertz Rudder" installed on the Ferries, and suggested that the Clerk arrange an appointment with Mr. Robert Allan agent to further discuss the matter with the Committee.

MOTIONS

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the write-off for depreciation on all City Plant and Equipment be the same as in 1928.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the write-off for depreciation on all Ferry Plant and Equipment in 1929 be the same as in 1928.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that in the absence of direct advice regarding the indefinite postponement of his promised visit to North Vancouver, a letter be forwarded to the Hon. N.S. Lougheed, Minister of Public Works, enquiring what progress had been made by the Government, towards assuring the City that financial assistance for road and bridge improvements would be considered at the forthcoming session of the Legislature,

The road situation was serious, and a large sum of money must be expended in 1930 to provide and maintain a Highway through the City to take care of the traffic.

BY-LAWS

Moved by Alderman Vance, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the By-law entitled "THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER HIGHWAYS DEDICATION BY-LAW NUMBER 4 1929" be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the By-law was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the said By-law as read and reconsidered, be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, and sealed with the Corporate Seal No. 1131.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the By-law entitled "THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER TOWN PLANNING LOAN BY-LAW 1929" be now read a third time.

Whereupon the By-law was read a third time and passed by the Council subject to reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the vote of the City of North Vancouver be taken on the 16th day of January 1929 between the hours of 8 o'clock A.M. and 8 o'clock p.m. on "THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER TOWN PLANNING LOAN BY-LAW 1929" at 116 1st Street East and at the Horticultural Hall, 22nd Street, in the City of North Vancouver, and that Geo. S. Shepherd be appointed Returning Officer to take the vote of the said electors with the necessary powers in that behalf.

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

Alderman Vance was appointed Chairman.

IN COMMITTEE

IN COUNCIL

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

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

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

G. H. Morden _____
MAYOR