

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH 1930 AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

The Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council, held on December 16th, and the Minutes of the Special meetings of Council, held on December 19th, December 20th, and December 30th 1929, copies of which had previously been furnished to each member of the Council, were taken as read, and on motion of Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Anderson, adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From Their Excellencies The Governor-General and Lady Willingdon, and the Council of the District of West Vancouver, reciprocating the Seasons' Greetings.
Filed.

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

City of Fernie
City of Vernon
City of Kamloops
District of Summerland
District of West Vancouver
City of Vancouver (referred to the Town Planning Commission for consideration and recommendation to the Council)
District of North Vancouver (communication ordered filed)

From the Secretary, being report of the proceedings of the 13th Annual Convention of the "Good Roads League" of British Columbia held at Harrison Hot Springs, October 14th and 15th 1929.
Received and filed.

From the Montreal Newspaper "La Presse" a letter and memorandum in favour of the development of Radio under private ownership and against Government control as suggest by the "Aird Commission".

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that the Directors of "La Presse" publication be advised that the Council is not sufficiently

informed on the control of the broadcasting of Radio to express a definite opinion on the question.

From B.G. Wolfe-Merton with further reference to the Septic Tank at his residence, 933 Ridgeway Avenue, requesting authority to construct a new tank on the property to replace the existing lay-out.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the application be referred to the Engineer for report later in the vening.

From the Inspector under the Coal Weighing By-law reporting for the month of December as follows:

R. Tones, 249 20th Street East, 3 sacks

Sack #1 111 lbs.
Sack #2 104½ lbs.
Sack #3 104 lbs.

Clarkstone Brothers 3 sacks

Sack #1 104¼ lbs.
Sack #2 103½ lbs.
Sack #3 104¼ lbs.

Morrow Fuel Supply 3 sacks

Sack #1 104¼ lbs.
Sack #2 103½ lbs.
Sack #3 103½ lbs.

Gross Weight

All sacks were dry when the coal was weighed and witnessed by a Constable. Received and filed.

From the Clerk advising that the 1930 Assessment totalling \$33,104.00 had been received from the District of North Vancouver, and that the Assessed values were the same as in 1929.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Assessment for 1930 be accepted, and the communication received and filed.

From the Clerk reporting that a cheque had been received from the Provincial Government on December 31st last for \$15,092.31, being the City's share of the Pari Mutuel Tax for 1929, and of Liquor Profits for the six-month's period ending September 30th. The amounts received at the same date during the past three years are quoted for comparison:

Pari Mutuel	1927	\$3,950.73	- \$501.80
	1928	\$4,450.24	
	1929	\$3,948.44	

Liquor Profits	1927	\$10,710.37	
	1928	\$12,824.24	
	1929	\$11,143.87	\$1,680.37
			\$2,182.17

A Reduction of \$2182.17 from the amount received in December 1928 is noted Pari Mutuel \$501.80 down, and Liquor Profits \$1683.37.

Liquor profits are affected by new legislation whereby a stated percentage is paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund before distribution is made to the Municipalities.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Clerk look up previous correspondence at which time it was understood that the amount available for distribution between Municipalities this year would not be less than the amount distributed last year.

From the Registrar of the County Court, Vancouver, being receipt for By-law numbered 1130 and 1131, "City of North Vancouver Highways Dedication By-laws numbered 3 and 4 1929".

Received and filed.

From the District of North Vancouver advising that the District Superintendent had been instructed to proceed with the necessary repair work on the Cemetery Road on a 50/50 basis, between the City and the District.

Received and filed.

From Geo. Read, 748 2nd Street East, applying for an extension of the existing sidewalks from Lot 17 to Lot 20, Block 10, D.L. 273, on which lot he has built a new residence.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the application be referred to the Board of Works Committee with power to act.

From J. Lunggren and Mrs. C. Level, owners of Lots 47 and 48, Block 112A, D.L. 548 and 271, applying for a sanitary sewer to be constructed on 5th Street West.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that the application be referred to the 1930 Council.

From R.L. Williams, 860 Boulevard, complaining of the lack of drainage adjacent to his property, on the South East corner of 9th Street and Queensbury Avenue, alleging damage to his residence and the undermining of his cement walks.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Engineer prepare an estimate of the cost of putting the entire drainage of that neighbourhood in repair and submit same to the incoming Council.

From the Engineer submitting plans of the proposed new C.N. Steamship Dock, and reporting on an interview with Major Swan the Company's Engineer, the Engineer in part reports as follows:

“Contracts have already been let for the dock, buildings, and everything complete as shown, and it therefore resolve itself into a problem as to whether the buildings and approached suitable for their purpose would be suitable in addition for ferry approaches and terminals.

For auto traffic, the City requires and uninterrupted lane some thirty feet wide from the nearest street clear through to the ferry bridges and at least twenty or twenty-five feet in clear for passengers without any interruption. The Engineers estimate a cost of \$90,000 for two ferry slips at the end of the C.N. Dock on which the annual charges to the City would be from eight to nine thousand dollars.

Owing to the narrowness of the C.N. property and the layout required for the coast service, the Engineer finds that it is not suitable for Ferry traffic purposes and recommends accordingly.

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

From the Engineer estimating that the following sums are immediately required for new work at the Ferry Terminals:

Vancouver Side

New leads opposite C.N. Dock Extension	\$8,000.00
Anchor chains, anchors etc.	2,000.00
Dredging to prevent grounding of floating dock	1,500.00
Replacing part of timber portion of stationary dock	3,000.00
Protection work on concrete dock	500.00
	\$15,000.00

North Vancouver Side

Timber floating dock	\$12,000.00
Two new creosote timber dolphins	2,000.00
Dredging	2,000.00
Overhauling anchorages	1,000.00
New West lead with passenger accommodation	5,000.00
Work on concrete dock	2,000.00
New Marine ways for repairing pontoons	4,000.00
Sand-blasting equipment, installed	1,000.00
New buildings on float	1,000.00
	\$30,000.00

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

From W.R. Bookhout, 3136 13th Avenue West, Vancouver, alleging damage was done to his automobile on December 24th last, due to a boulder rolling from the embankment on to the Low Level Road.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the communication be referred to the Solicitor, for action along the same lines as in a similar complaint at a former meeting of the Council.

From Edgar Hill, a City employee, applying to be superannuated under the terms of section 44 of the Superannuation Act – Joint Life and Last Survivor plan – 15½ years service.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the application be granted, and Mr. Hill, with the approval of the Commission, be superannuated in accordance with the prescribed tables that are in force.

From the Treasurer, Cash Statement for the month of December 1929.

Receipts	\$99,776.69
Expenditures	116,967.59

Received and filed.

From G. Chalmers, Ferry Superintendent, submitting his Annual report on the general condition of the Ferries and the property attached thereto, for the year ending December 31st 1929.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the report be referred to the 1930 Council, to be considered at the same time as other departmental reports.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that a Renewal Note promising to pay to the Royal Bank of Canada at North Vancouver, the sum of \$145,000 with interest thereon at 6% per annum, be authorized signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

ENQUIRIES

Alderman White referred to complaints received regarding a lack of heat on Number 2 Ferry during the early morning runs.

The Superintendent promised that the matter would be remedied forthwith.

Alderman Wilson complained about the absence of heat in the Ferry Board Room when he had attended meetings of the Town Planning Commission.

The Superintendent explained that there was a difficulty in heating the room under the present arrangements, but if he were advised when the meeting was to be held, it could be arranged to have an electric heater placed in the room.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the Engineer investigate the heating arrangements at the Ferry Wharf, and that same be considered in connection with the other contemplated improvements.

Alderman Anderson enquired what was the position of the proposed sanitary sewer on 6th Street from Lonsdale to St. David' Avenues.

The Clerk reported that the proposal had been laid on the table indefinitely.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the matter be reported on by the Clerk at the first Regular meeting of the incoming Council

DUE ACCOUNTS

Report and recommendation from the Ferry Committee on due accounts was submitted by the Chairman, read to the meeting and that Treasurer was authorized to pay the accounts to the following amounts:

Ferry	\$8927.31	
	180.27	\$9107.58

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the following report of the FINANCE COMMITTEE be adopted:

RECOMMEND that the December report of the Relief Officer totalling \$970.43 be adopted.

SUMMARY

Relief to Indigents	\$894.59	
Less credit by work done	385.00	\$509.59
Monthly Pensions		80.00
Payments to Institutions		380.84
Total		\$970.43

RECOMMEND that the action of the Solicitor in arranging prosecution of A.G. Olsen for desertion be confirmed, his wife being a charge on the City.

RECOMMEND that, in the case of further relief being applied for by Leslie Hunt, 229 5th Street West, he be prosecuted for non-support, his wife and two children being a charge on the City. (Hunt got a lot to clear from the City on November 25th last at a price of \$50, and on January 6th 1930 had only done the equivalent of two days' work).

RECOMMEND that following a review of the case of J. Eadis 428 Keith Road East he be offered a room in the "Old Man's Home" at 1st Street and Mahon Avenue.

RECOMMEND that the case of Mrs. Bedford, 2539 Lonsdale Avenue, and Jack Cobb, 215 1st Street East, be allowed to stand for the present. Dr. Verner reports Bedford is improving and likely to be in a position to start light work soon, and Cobb is doing section work for the City sufficient to offset the relief that is being granted to his family.

RECOMMEND that H. McElheron, Grocer, 262 1st Street East, be given a share of the City Relief orders distributed in that neighbourhood.

RECOMMEND that the matter of employment for Jas. L. McEwan 392 Keith Road East, in the event of his release on parole from Nelson Jail be left in the hands of the Comptroller.

No assurance can be given by the City to the Dominion Parole Officer in that regard.

RECOMMEND that Mrs. Hutchinson, 1341 Lonsdale Avenue be advised that the North half of Lot 35, and the East half of Lot 34, Block 136, D.L. 271, with the residence thereon at the price of \$400 cash be not considered, D. Andersons, an intermittent City Relief case, with seven of a family is residing in the premises and removal in their present circumstances is out of the question.

RECOMMEND that Mrs. R. baker, 123 26th Street East be advised that the city is prepared to accept her offer of \$5 for the removal of lumber from the building recently destroyed by fire at the South East corner of Lonsdale Avenue and 27th Street, whenever a settlement has been effected by the City with the Insurance Company.

RECOMMEND that a "Torrid Zone" Steel plate, guaranteed furnace of 45,000 cubic feet capacity, be installed at the South end of the City Hall Buildings, at an estimated cost of \$375.00, the present furnace being certified as beyond repair.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the following report of the FERRY COMMITTEE be adopted:

RECOMMEND favourably to the 1930 Council the installation at the annual overhaul of Ferries number 2 and 3 that the "Oertz Rudder" be attached to each end of the boats at an approximate cost of \$700 per boat.

In February 1929, the Local Ship Yards advised that the cost of installing the Rudder would be about \$500 for each boat, a License Fee of 50 cents per indicated horse power is payable at the time of installation.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the following report of the BOARD OF WORKS COMMITTEE be adopted:

RECOMMEND that the application of Harry Ward, 128 13th Street West, be granted to have lane opened, graded and gravelled at the rear of Lot 14, Block 62, D.L. 548, at an estimated cost of \$50.00.

RECOMMEND that the application of G.G. Sinclair, 351 19th Street West, be granted, to have the lane opened from Jones Avenue, easterly about 140 feet at

the rear of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 21, D.L. 547, in order to give access to a garage which it is proposed to construct. The estimated cost of the work is \$70.00.

RECOMMEND that the application of J.A. McCance of 429 27th Street West be granted, to have the brush cut on the roadway on 27th Street between Jones and Larson Road, and that some repairs be made.

RECOMMEND that the application of Irwin & Billings be granted to have the lane extended about 50 feet westward from rear of Lot 6/417/549 to rear of Lots 1 & 2/5/17/549 for use of vehicles, and an estimated cost of \$100.00.

RECOMMEND that the application of the City School Board be granted to have sidewalk removed on the south side of 9th Street from Ridgeway Avenue to the school entrance, and brush cut and boulders removed from the boulevard.

RECOMMEND that necessary repairs be made to the following sections of roadway by the Engineer.

19th Street and Boulevard – Culverts at intersection of the Quarry Road.

Corner of Sutherland and Keith Road – Bewicke Avenue just North of 15th Street.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the following report of the FIRE AND LIGHT COMMITTEE be adopted:

RECOMMEND that following an interview by the Committee with Mr. Perry of the B.C. Electric railway Co. Ltd. when voltage, electric pressure, charges payable in respect to units of current used on Street Lights etc. were discussed an appointment be requested through the Local Manager, between the City Engineer and Company's Engineer, at which all matters under review may be considered, and a statement prepared by the Company setting forth their view point.

The Engineer to check up on the charges paid by Burnaby and Vancouver for 400 Arc or any similar Street Lights used by them that is in use in this City.

RECOMMEND that the application of the Firemen for one day off in seven be laid over for consideration by the 1930 Council.

MOTIONS

A statement was submitted by the Treasurer showing the standing of Committee accounts at December 31st as follows:

Committee	Estimates for 1929	Chargeable to Estimates	Balance to spend	Amount Overspent
Finance	\$60,900.00	\$58,472.35	\$2,427.65	
Board of Works	52,000.00	51,008.76	991.24	
Waterworks	13,900.00	15,139.54		\$1,239.54
Parks	11,500.00	12,184.18		684.18

Health	18,500.00	17,396.02	1,103.98	
Fire & Light	42,200.00	41,127.22	1,072.78	
Police	24,000.00	23,568.54	431.55	
	\$223,000.00	\$218,896.52	\$6,027.20	\$1,923.72
Or				
\$4,103.48 underspent				

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that the Treasurer complete the necessary adjusting entries on a proportionate basis between Committee accounts overspent and the Committee accounts with a balance in hand, and that the final estimates of expenditures of the respective Committees for the year 1929 be set as follows:

Committee	Final Estimates	Final Expenditures	Unexpected Balance
Finance	\$59,804.45	\$57,138.41	\$2,666.04
Board of Works	51,771.94	51,008.76	763.18
Waterworks	15,139.54	15,139.54	
Parks	12,184.18	12,184.18	
Health	18,246.00	17,396.02	849.98
Fire & Light	41,953.18	41,127.22	825.96
Police	23,900.71	23,568.45	332.26
	\$223,000.00	\$217,562.58	\$5,437.42

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman that all Ferry Passes issued during 1929 be honoured until cancelled by the issuance of the 1930 passes.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that Tenders be called for printing 300 copies of the 1929 Financial Statement, and 3000 water notices for the current six months' period.

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

Alderman Cartwright was appointed Chairman.

IN COMMITTEE

IN COUNCIL

Moved by Alderman Anderson, 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 "paragraph 2" of the Minute of Council under date of April 7th 1924, and "The Board of Works Committee" Minute under date of April 22nd 1924, which are herein quoted be and hereby rescinded.

Paragraph (2) "Resolved that Mr. McCreedy, Superintendent of Works continue in the carrying out of his duties as heretofore, reporting at Council meetings and carrying out the Council's instructions as to repairs, maintenance and such other work as they may direct."

Board of Works Committee

"Resolved that Mr. Hanes be recognized as the head of the Engineer's Department, and further that he assign maintenance work to Superintendent of Works and that both the Engineer and Superintendent of Works attend Council meetings."

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Road Superintendent or Superintendent of Works shall carry out the duties of his office as to construction, repairs, maintenance and such other City works as the Engineer may direct, under the instruction, direction and supervision of the Engineer, who shall have full charge and control of all work on the roads, streets, lanes, bridges, buildings, sewers, drains, culverts, and generally all public work in the City, for which he shall be directly responsible to the Council.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that standing instructions be given to the Engineer that following a snowfall all streets and sidewalks must be cleared for traffic as expeditiously as possible, and during frosty weather all the main hills, thoroughfares, and sidewalks sanded, pressing into service equipment, outside of the City's, if that is considered necessary at such time and hours of the day or night as the occasion may demand.

Moved by Alderman Vance, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that this meeting stand adjourned to reconvene in the Council Chamber, City Hall at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 13th 1930.

G. H. Morden

MAYOR