

**MINUTES OF THE STATUTORY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> 1930 AT 4:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

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

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that this Council extend its sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Gray in the loss of her husband, Major A. Aitken Gray, M.C. and to the members of his family, and record our unqualified appreciation of the service he rendered to the City at all times. Further that the Editorial appearing in the North Shore Press of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst. be spread upon the minutes as so fittingly expressing the esteem in which our late Solicitor and friend was held by us all.

“In the passing of A. Aitken Gray this City has been deprived of the services of an official whose work was always the acme of efficiency and has lost a citizen of the highest type.”

Mr. Gray had occupied the position of City Solicitor for a period of seven years and had acquired a breadth of knowledge and experience that entitled him to rank as an authority on Municipal law. His whole-hearted devotion to the duties of his office, his absorbing interest in all aspects of the legal affairs of the City, his faithfulness to the City's interests, his willingness to devote any amount of time that might be required to City affairs, his seemingly unbounded capacity for work, his innate kindliness and his unflinching courtesy all combined to make him invaluable as a Civic official and to create and maintain feelings of the sincerest personal regard for him upon the part of the members of successive aldermanic boards and of all members of the official staff of the City.

As a citizen, A. Aitken Gray was a man of high ideals and on who at all times manifested a keen and intelligent interest in public affairs. The call of duty at the beginning of the Great War was found prompt response upon his part and it was well nigh fatal wound that he sustained at Givenchy that was the primary cause of his demise at the comparatively early age of thirty-nine years. A. Aitken Gray was a citizen whose removal by death deprives civic life of one who had the privilege of being associated with him, as an incentive to carry on and to serve to the best of their ability those public interests to which he rendered such valuable service.

The Clerk reported that the necessary Certificates had been taken and filed with him by the Mayor and Aldermen Elect subscribing to the Declaration of office as prescribed in section 85 of the "Municipal Elections Act".

Received and filed.

Mayor Morden in his inaugural address extended a cordial welcome to both old and new members of the Council, and then proceeded to forecast some of the matters that would come up for consideration during the year 1930.

Reduction of the bank overdraft, by the early issue of Debentures for Local Improvement Work on Concrete Sidewalks, and Sanitary Sewers constructed and completed during 1929.

Provision of a modern highway, either on Third Street or the Low Level Road, to connect with Marine Drive, and sufficient to take care of the through traffic.

Extension of the Canadian National Dock at the foot of Main Street, Vancouver and its ultimate effect on the City Ferries.

To urge upon the B.C. Electric Railway Co. an early start in providing a gas supply in the City.

The location of industries on the waterfront, so that the system of shore trackage that is now available can be more fully utilized.

Support of the "On-to-the-Peace" and its organization.

A full sized programme of concrete sidewalks and sanitary sewers, and early consideration of dealing in a practical way with a large number of wooden sidewalks that in the interests of public safety should either be renewed or torn up.

The Mayor urged the members of the Council not to repress any ideas for the betterment of the City in whose interests they are all working, and he hoped that each member would voice his individual opinion when the occasion arose, and that the relations of the Council members would be harmonious throughout the year. Should any differences of opinion arise in the Council Chamber he hoped they would remain there and be forgotten.

The Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council, held in the Council Chamber, on January 20<sup>th</sup> 1930, copies of which had previously been furnished to the members of the Council, were taken as read, and on motion of Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright adopted.

His Worship Mayor Morden thereupon submitted his list of Standing Committees for the year 1930 as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Including Schools and Police)

Alderman E.H. Bridgman, Chairman  
Alderman J.N. White  
Alderman J. Loutet

FERRY COMMITTEE

Alderman H.C.E. Anderson, Chairman  
Alderman J. Loutet  
Alderman E.H. Bridgman

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

Alderman C. 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.I. Wilson

WATERWORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman W.I. Wilson, Chairman  
Alderman C. Cartwright  
Alderman J.N. White

PARKS & BOULEVARDS COMMITTEE (Including Health & Cemetery)

Alderman Jack Loutet, Chairman  
Alderman H.C.E. Anderson  
Alderman C. Cartwright

INDUSTRIAL AND 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. C.D. Curtis  
Mr. H.W. Taylor  
Mayor G.H. Morden       ) Ex-officio  
Alderman Jack Loutet     )

## CITY REPRESENTATIVE ON BOARD OF APPEAL

Under section 16 Town Planning Act

Mr. D. Cantelon

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the appointment of the Standing Committees as made by His Worship the Mayor for the year 1930 be and are hereby approved and confirmed.

### Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From the Manager of the Second Narrows Bridge, requesting that the Council appoint one of its members as a second Director to represent the City on the Bridge Company, Mayor Morden being a Director ex-officio.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that Alderman E.H. 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 co. for the year 1930.

From the Secretary of the North Vancouver General Hospital applying for a grant of \$1000 towards the current operating expenses of the Hospital.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the amount asked for be granted, and that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue a cheque in favour of the Hospital Board of Management, for the sum of \$1000.

From the Ferry Superintendent advising that the Certificate of Number 3 Ferry expires on February 16<sup>th</sup> next, and that he proposes to call for tenders covering the overhaul and other necessary work to be in the hands of the Clerk on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the tenders be called for as set forth in the communication, and submitted to the Council.

From the Ferry Superintendent requesting authority to hire the M.S. Harbour Princess during the annual overhaul of Ferries number 2 and 3.

The boat to be hired from the Harbour Navigation Co. Ltd. Vancouver, at the price of \$13 per hour (boat, engine room crew, and fuel provided) and that the same arrangements govern as in previous years.

The Chairman of the Committee stated that no other suitable boat for the work was available in Vancouver or vicinity.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the Superintendent be and is hereby authorized to hire the M.S. Harbour Princess at the price stated, during the time that Number 2 and 3 Ferries are off the run.

From the Engineer reporting on the complaint of the Canadian Transport Co. Ltd. Vancouver, stating that the Hydrants at the Japan Wharf, had been installed by the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners, and that the City had no responsibility in connection therewith. He therefore recommended that the operators of the Warf be notified to protect their fire service against frost, as in the event of the pipes freezing and busting and wasting water, the City would if necessary, cut off the water at the gate valve at the Low Level Road.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the recommendation of the Engineer be adopted and the Canadian Transport Co. Ltd. notified accordingly.

From the Postmaster, Vancouver, advising that the Post Office department had sanctioned a collection from the Street Letter boxes in the City of North Vancouver, commencing at 5 p.m. on Sundays also the despatch of mail (which will include the matter brought in by this collection) from the North Vancouver postal station to Vancouver by the Ferry leaving North Vancouver at 7:20 P.M. on Sundays.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the communication be received and filed and the Postmaster thanked for his prompt action in the matter.

From John Chivers, 224 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West, an employee of the City for 13 years, applying for immediate work on the City's Street gang.

The Clerk reported that the Engineer had stated to him that there was no work for Mr. Chivers at the present time, but that when the weather opened up and funds were available his case would receive consideration.

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

From Alfred Huggett, 1533 Queensbury Avenue, expressing the sincere regret of the Town Planning Commission in the passing of Alexander Aitken Gray, and conveying a warm appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him to the Community.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the communication be received and filed and a copy sent to Mrs. Gray.

From the Secretary of the School Board submitting the Statistical Statement and General Information Report covering the City Schools for the year ended December 31<sup>st</sup> 1929.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the report be received and filed for reference.

From M.J. Crehan, City Auditor, requesting that the City's Audit be transferred from the name of himself to that of his firm Crehan Mouat & Co.

The personnel actively engaged in the Audit will be the same as in the past.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the Auditing of the City records, and books of accounts be transferred from Mr. M.J. Crehan to the firm of Crehan Mouat & Co. 402 Pender Street West, Vancouver, who are hereby appointed City Auditors, and that the said firm of Crehan Mouat & Co. shall have Auditors rights at all times to the books, documents, accounts, and vouchers of the Corporation.

### ENQUIRIES

Alderman Wilson enquired if it was necessary to keep two Clerks employed in the office of the City Engineer.

The Comptroller said the matter had been gone into very thoroughly by the Engineer and himself, and it was considered advisable in the City interests that the services of both should be retained.

At the last conference Mr. Hanes had stated that if the Council wish to dispense with the services of the junior member of the Staff they could do so by resolution, but that essential work in the Engineering records of the City would suffer.

The position is that Mr. A. Peers has taken over the work formerly done by Mr. R. Hale, who is now engaged largely on arrears of maps and drafting work. In addition new maps are overdue, and urgently required, covering Waterworks, Street numbers, Street lights, also the 1930 programme of concrete sidewalks, and sewers, will no doubt entail a great deal of work on preparing lines, levels, grades, etc.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Engineer submit a complete report of the duties on which the members of his office staff are engaged, showing by comparison with the work of former years how the addition of another member to his office staff became necessary, and a general statement of exactly what is required to bring the work of his department up to date.

### TENDERS

From A. Smith & Co. agents for Douglas Rennolf, offering to purchase Lot 23, Block 11, D.L. 273 at the price of \$125 cash.

The Assessor reporting on the property stated the Lot was 50x159, and is situated on the North side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street near St. David's Avenue.

Lots in the same Block, the Assessor said, had been sold last year by the City at \$110.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the offer of A. Smith & Co. as agents, for Lot 23, Block 11, D.L. 273, be accepted, subject to the customary procedure being taken in posting the Lot for sale at the price of \$125 cash. Also that the necessary by-law be prepared and submitted to the Council.

### MOTIONS

Moved by Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Bridgman 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 1930, and to hear

complaints made by any person against the Assessment Roll as prepared by the Assessor and that the first sitting of the said Court of Revision shall be in the Council Chamber, City Hall, City of North Vancouver, on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 1930, at 10 o'clock a.m. and that His Worship Mayor Morden, Alderman Anderson, Alderman Cartwright, Alderman Loutet, Alderman White, and Alderman Wilson, be and they are hereby appointed to constitute the said Court of Revision.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that the members of the Court of Revision for the purpose of hearing complaints against the Assessment on 25 Concrete Sidewalks, and 6 Sanitary Sewers constructed and completed as Local Improvements during 1929, be constituted as follows:

His Worship Mayor Morden, Alderman Anderson, Alderman Bridgman, Alderman Loutet, Alderman Wilson, and Alderman Cartwright.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Standing Committee of the Council meet on the first and third Mondays in each month at 7 o'clock p.m.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman 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 at Vancouver Ferry Terminals for the year 1930.

(The Clerk to arrange date of meeting and notify members of the Committee)

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Assessor prepare lists of all tax sale lands held by the City, and submit same with recommendations for the approval of the Council.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that Tax Sale Lands owned by the City be sold free of taxes for the year 1930.

(This confirms the practice of past years).

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson 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 Wilson and resolved that the renewal of Marine Insurance on the Ferry Boats be referred to the Chairman of the Committee and the Clerk to arrange and report to the Council before the expiry dates.

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

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Mayor and Treasurer be and are hereby authorized to issue cheques in payment of monthly 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 the Council.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that all monthly salary cheques be made out and signed in sufficient time to issue on the morning of the last day of each month. Should the last day fall on a Sunday or holiday, the 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 Day. (Ferry cheques excepted).

Moved by Alderman Anderson, 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, when certified by the Comptroller.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that Alderman Loutet be and is hereby appointed representative on the Capilano Parks Board for the year 1930.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that regular outside employees as certified by the Engineer, be paid for Dominion Day, Labour day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day as in former years. Payment to be made on or as near as possible to the first regular pay day after the holiday.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that passes on the City Ferries when revised by the Committee be issued for the year 1930 in accordance with the 1929 list – In the case of Administrative bodies with necessary changes to be made where another person holds the appointment.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that at the same time as Ferries number two and three are on the ways for their annual overhaul the "Oertz Rudder" be installed on each end of each boat at an approximate cost of \$700 per boat, price to include the cost of the rudder and installation, and the full license fees payable to the patentee of the rudder, subject to a satisfactory agreement being entered into with the City, by the Agent representing the manufacturer.

#### BY-LAWS

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of Council, a By-law entitled "THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER KATE SYKES SECURITY BY-LAW 1930" and that the said By-law receive three readings at this meeting of Council and that the occasion for such three readings be deemed an urgent one within the meaning of the Procedure By-law.



Whereupon the By-law was introduced and read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the By-law entitled "THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER KATE SYKES SECURITY BY-LAW 1930" be now read a second time.

Whereupon the By-law was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Committee Proceedings with respect to the By-law entitled "THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER KATE SYKES SECURITY BY-LAW 1930" be dispensed with.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the By-law entitled "THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER KATE SYKES SECURITY BY-LAW 1930" 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 Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue a cheque in the amount of \$500 in favour of Mrs. A. Aitken Gray, being salary in full to the date of death, and in recognition of the valuable services rendered by the late Solicitor, A. Aitken Gray.

His Worship the Mayor reported that Dugald Donaghy K.C. had agreed to act for the City in connection with Appeals against the Assessment Roll of the City as prepared by the Assessor, and any other urgent matters arising before the appointment of a permanent City Solicitor.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the action of the Mayor in arranging with Mr. Donaghy to act in this matter be endorsed.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that the appointment of a permanent City Solicitor be placed on the Agenda of the regular Council meeting to be held on Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1930.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that this meeting adjourn.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

G. H. Morden  
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MAYOR