

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH 1930 AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

The notice convening the meeting was read and filed.

Alderman Anderson reported the steps taken to implement the Ferry Service rendered necessary by the temporary closing of the Second Narrows Bridge to traffic, expressing the opinion that the problem was essentially one of proper handling of automobile traffic.

In this connection the following proposals had been considered by the Committee:

1. From the Canadian Pacific Steamships

Hire of the S. S. Motor Princess with full crew on a twelve hour daily service basis for the sum of \$8500.00 per month.

This was not recommended – the traffic offering did not warrant a commitment of this magnitude.

2. From Captain Trueman

A convertible scow 90 x 30 capable of transporting sixteen cars per trip at the rate of \$55.00 per day – Approval of authorities, hiring of tug and conversion costs of \$100.00 to be arranged and borne by the City.

The Committee considered this a workable scheme and should be considered as an alternative to plan number three.

3. From the Puget Sound Navigation Co. Seattle

Diesel Ferry “Washington” on bare boat basis, including services of engineer for a period of one to six months on flat rate of \$1500.00 per month plus expense of moving vessel, Seattle to Vancouver and return, together with insurance against all marine risks for \$25000.00. The “Washington” is a double-ended ferry, used for handling automobiles and foot passengers, with a capacity of thirty cars and has been operated in the States with three men.

The Committee recommended this as the most likely proposal submitted, if the boat is found suitable and Government approval to the transfer can be obtained.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that Mr. Chalmers, Ferry Superintendent, be and is hereby instructed to proceed to Seattle on tonight's boat and interview the officials of the Puget Sound Navigation Co. inspect the "Washington" and any other suitable boat that may be available, get the fullest particulars possible and report to the Council on his return.

From the Ferry Superintendent, submitting preliminary information on a proposed new ferry – Classification to be x A1 at Lloyds

Dimensions

Length	B.P.	185 feet
Beam		34 feet
Depth moulded		15 feet
Draught		10 feet

Maine deck to carry two rows of vehicles on each side of engine room casing, passenger accommodation on top deck – four cylinder triple expansion engines of 1200 HP

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the communication be laid on the table pending the outcome of the present negotiations.

From the Adjutant of the B.C. Regiment, Vancouver, applying for fifty free militia tickets for use by the members of the Unit in travelling to and from the Dollarton Rifle Range.

The Clerk reported that it had been a customary practice for the Militia units to be accorded the privilege of free passes on the Second Narrows Bridge for members travelling to and from the rifle range. On account of the bridge being closed to traffic it was most likely that a number of similar applications would require to be dealt with and a ruling was asked from the Council in the matter.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the privilege be granted to Militia units when application is made or endorsed by the officer Commanding or Adjutant of the regiment.

From the Town Planning Commission protesting against the infringement of the "Interim Zoning By-law" by the operation of a store at 829 Ridgeway Avenue, Lot 11, Block 99, D.L. 550.

The Clerk reported that the Corporation's cheque for the amount of the license fee had been returned without comment by the tenant and that the Attorney for the owner had

reiterated his former statement that the tenant was in possession before he became aware that the premises had been rented.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that consideration be laid over until the next regular meeting of the Council.

Moved by Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that this Special meeting of Council do now adjourn.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

G. H. Morden

MAYOR